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Amendment 4 passage important to MU

NOTE: Buried amid the many issues of the election campaign is an issue of great importance to West Virginians: Proposed Constitutional Amendment No. 4, also identified as the “Better Schools, Roads and Public Works Amendment.” This amendment, if approved by the voters in the November 6 election, can have a tremendous impact on improving educational opportunities in this state—a matter of extreme importance to Marshall University and its people.

Because of the significance of this issue, we are reprinting below an article written by State Superintendent of Schools Roy Truby which outlines the major provisions of the proposed amendment and its ramifications.

Celebration set for College of Fine Arts

A showcase of Marshall’s talented fine arts students, appearances by Phyllis Curtin and Douglas Fairbanks Jr., an arts tent fair and a special evening at the Huntington Galleries are on tap next weekend to welcome the newly-established College of Fine Arts.

Leo V. Imperi, professor emeritus of music, will be master of ceremonies for the Showcase of Marshall Arts on Friday, Sept. 28, at 8 p.m. in Smith Recital Hall. The program will include a dance sculpture, performances by a flute trio and the MU Percussion Ensemble, and a preview of the upcoming student production of the musical “Camelot.”

Following the program, there will be a reception in the Birke Art Gallery, where an exhibit of the work of MU alumnus George Snyder is on display. Also there will be a slide exhibit on Marshall’s arts and a videotape of this summer’s dance residency by Footpath.

Phyllis Curtin, former Metropolitan Opera star and now dean of the College of Fine Arts at Boston University, will be the speaker for the Fine Arts Convocation scheduled at 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 29, in Smith Recital Hall. That afternoon from 1 to 3:30 p.m., an arts tent fair will be set up along Hal Greer Boulevard and the campus, featuring workshops, demonstrations and entertainment.

Douglas Fairbanks Jr. will be the speaker for a dinner at 7 p.m. Saturday at the Convention Center Hotel, which will be preceded at 6 p.m. by a cocktail hour. Fairbanks will discuss “In Search of Adventure.” Reservations for the $22 per plate dinner may be made in the College of Fine Arts Office, Old Main 112, or by calling 696-6433 or 696-3107.

Sunday, Sept. 30, at 8 p.m. community and university artists will combine for Huntington Night at the Galleries which will feature the first performance of “High Flight.”

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INVITATION

President and Mrs. Nitzschke cordially invite all faculty, staff and retirees and their spouses or guests to a reception on Monday, Oct. 1, from 5 to 7:30 p.m. in the Morris Room, Memorial Student Center. Individual invitations will not be mailed.
CC announces schedule for noncredit classes

Marshall University’s Community College will offer more than two dozen noncredit courses this fall, ranging from aerobic exercise and horticulture techniques to computer programming and financial management.

“There’s a wide variety of classes to appeal to different needs and interests,” said Robert L. Lawson, Continuing Education director for the Community College. “We offer some classes designed as pure fun, others to develop special skills, and still others for knowledge,” Lawson added.

The classes, mainly taught in the evening, will begin later this month. Cost for enrolling will vary with the class selected. The enrollment fees range from $12 to $90 but most of the classes carry a $35 fee.

Donations necessary to continue services

Dear Colleagues:

The primary function of your Faculty Service Committee is to provide funeral and hospital flowers to faculty and administrators and their immediate families. Other services include furnishing wedding and new born baby gifts to faculty and administrators in addition to get well, birthday and sympathy cards to our retired faculty.

The financial source of our budget comes exclusively from faculty and administration contributions. During the past academic year, only 119 of 547 faculty and administrators contributed to the Faculty Service Committee Funds. At the present time, our bank balance is extremely low (under 100 dollars). This situation has arisen simply because last year’s financial contributions were insufficient to meet flower and gift requests. The rising cost of flowers, cards and gifts combined with substantial increase in requests and minimal faculty participation have nearly depleted our funds. Our outstanding expenditures for the 1983-84 academic year included 23 funeral and hospital flower arrangements ($696) and three memorials ($40).

If the Faculty Service Committee is to continue providing services as established in the University Constitution, we must have your help! We are asking for at least a $5 donation to carry us through this academic year. Please make your tax deductible check payable to Marshall University Faculty Service Committee and send to Professor Phil Modlin, Biology Department. A receipt will be provided upon your request.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,
Mack H. Gillenwater, Chair
Faculty Service Committee

Informational meeting on issue

The League of Women Voters of Huntington will sponsor an informational meeting on the Better Schools, Roads and Public Works Construction Amendment (4) on Tuesday, Sept. 25 at 4 p.m. at the Cabell County Board of Education on 20th Street. The meeting is open to anyone interested in learning more about Amendment 4 and its implications for the future of public education in the state.

The schedule will include the following:
- Aerobic Exercise, Tuesday and Thursday, 5:15 to 6:15 p.m., Sept. 25-Nov. 1, Fairfield West Community Center, $25 fee, Sandy Walls, instructor.
- Basketball Officialing, Wednesday and Saturday, 6 to 9 p.m. and 9 a.m. to noon, Sept. 26-Oct. 17, Harris Hall 139, $45 fee, Willard Hunter, instructor.
- Basic Photography, Tuesday, 7 to 9 p.m., Sept. 25-Nov. 13, Harris Hall 446, $45 fee, Willis Cook, instructor.
- Microwave Cooking, Tuesday, 6 to 8:30 p.m., Nov. 13-Dec. 11, Corbly Hall 103, $35 fee, Janet Yost, instructor.
- Beginning Ballroom, Disco and Country Style Dancing, Thursday, 7 to 9 p.m., Sept. 27-Nov. 15, Henderson Center 2003, $30 singles/$45 couples fee, Jack Austin, instructor.
- Advanced Ballroom, Disco and Country Style Dancing, Wednesday, 7 to 9 p.m., Sept. 26-Nov. 14, Henderson Center 2003, $30 singles/$45 couples fee, Jack Austin, instructor.
- Chinese Cooking, Wednesday, 7 to 9 p.m., Sept. 26-Nov. 14, Corbly Hall 103, $40 fee, Mrs. Cho, instructor.
- Conversational German, Monday, 7 to 9 p.m., Sept. 24-Nov. 12, Harris Hall 442, $40 fee, Erika Mininni, instructor.
- American Popular Culture, Wednesday, 7 to 9 p.m., Oct. 3-Nov. 7, Smith Hall 443, $35 fee, JoAnn Urofsky, instructor.
- Prolongevity: Enhancing the Quality and Duration of Life, Wednesday, 7 to 9 p.m., Oct. 3-Nov. 7, Smith Hall 437, $35 fee, Dan Wedding, instructor.
- Introductory Grantmanship, Tuesday, 6:30 to 9 p.m., Sept. 25-Nov. 13, Smith Hall 433, $75 fee, Carter Seaton/Jonathan Williams, instructors.
- Computer Programming Basic/Part II, Tuesday and Thursday, 4 to 6 p.m., Sept. 25-Nov. 15, Corbly Hall 438, $90 fee, Frederick Reenstjerna, instructor.
- Computer Fundamentals/Parts I, II, III, Tuesday and Thursday, 4 to 6 p.m., Sept. 25-Nov. 15, location to be determined, $90 fee, Frederick Reenstjerna, instructor.
- Computer Lab/Part III, Tuesday and Thursday, 4 to 6 p.m., Sept. 25-Nov. 15, Corbly Hall 438, $90 fee, Frederick Reenstjerna, instructor.
- Energy I, Monday through Thursday, noon to 1 p.m., 2 to 3 p.m., and 7:30 to 8:30 p.m., Oct. 1-Nov. 2, Henderson Center 1002, $12 fee, Anderson/Trisler, instructors.
- Energy II, Monday through Thursday, 5 to 6 p.m. and 7:30 to 8:30 p.m., Oct. 1-Dec. 7, Gullickson Hall 210, $23 fee, Anderson/Trisler, instructors.
- Word Processing I, Friday, 5 to 7 p.m., Sept. 26-Nov. 14, Corbly Hall 438, $50 fee.
- Word Processing II/Section II, Friday, 2:30 to 4:30 p.m., Sept. 26-Nov. 16, Corbly Hall 438, $50 fee, Cynthia Prunty, instructor.
- How to Start Your Own Small Business, Tuesday, 7 to 9 p.m., Sept. 25-Nov. 13, Corbly Hall 306, $40 fee, Frederick Reenstjerna, instructor.
- Dog Training, Monday, 7 to 8 p.m., Sept. 24-Oct. 29, Blue Barn Boarding Kennels, $30 fee, Toni David, instructor.
- Painless Public Speaking, Monday, 7 to 9 p.m., Sept. 24-Nov. 12, Smith Hall 232, $35 fee, Bill Demm, instructor.
- Financial Management, Monday, 7 to 9 p.m., Oct. 1-Nov. 5, Corbly Hall 212, $40 fee, Robert Russell, instructor.
- General Horticultural Techniques, Thursday, 7 to 9 p.m., Sept. 27-Nov. 15, Harris Hall 442, $35 fee, Daryl Samples, instructor.
- Property Investment Strategies, Wednesday, 7 to 9 p.m., Sept. 26-Nov. 14, Smith Hall 413, $40 fee, De Thornton, instructor.
- Safety, Security and Survival, Wednesday, 7 to 9 p.m., Oct. 3-Oct. 24, Harris Hall 446, $25 fee, Allen Stern, instructor.
Amendment is key to educational expectations

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basically a pay-as-you-go plan. A 1 cent sales tax will pay the full cost, including the road bonds. But what about educational needs other than buildings? What about textbooks, supplemental materials and supplies? And how do we recruit and keep high quality teachers?

Amendment 4 also addresses these questions. In fact, the primary benefits of the amendment are for our state's most important resource, its children and youth. Quality education is the door to opportunity, the key to success. But such quality education must be available for all students, regardless of where they live or which school they attend.

Amendment 4 calls for a statewide, 100 percent supplemental school levy. Currently, 28 counties, some rich, some poor, have such a 100 percent levy. Sixteen other counties have levies of less than 100 percent, and 11 counties have no supplemental levies.

Upon passage, all property owners will be paying "their fair share." For example, the owner of a $50,000 home in Kanawha, Clay, Hancock, Jefferson or McDowell County will be paying the same tax.

It is important to note, however, that each county presently having a supplemental levy will forever continue to receive at least the number of dollars that its levy generates in its last year.

Although it will take a number of years, the amendment also provides for an equalization of funding so that the children living in poorer counties will be able to have adequate books, workbooks, physical education equipment, science labs, and so on. All students will have the opportunity to acquire a quality education.

If I had to list the most important problems that we have faced in West Virginia over the years, I would say that it is low expectations. We have expected too many children to go into the mines or steel mills because their parents did. There's nothing wrong with working in the mines or steel mills but that's not a good enough reason.

We have expected too many of our students to quit high school. We are now living with the fact that 45 percent of all adult West Virginians (over age 25) have less than a 12th grade education.

We have expected too few of our students to go on to college. Twenty-eight percent of our graduating seniors are entering college. This is either the lowest or next to lowest (next to Arkansas, depending on which statistical data we use) in the country.

We must raise our expectations and we must not be afraid to dream. My dream is that 10 years from now we will be considered the Mayo Clinic for education in the country.

A 1-cent increase in the sales tax is not too much to expect from our people in order to provide high quality facilities over the next 40 years.

It is not too much to expect all West Virginians to pay their fair share so that we can raise educational standards and provide for equity with respect to teachers' salaries.

This is a historical opportunity and I encourage all West Virginians to support Amendment 4.

Cabell assessor here Sept. 28

As a service to Marshall University faculty and staff, Deputy Cabell County Assessor Glen Lynch will be on campus Friday, Sept. 28, to help with annual tax assessments.

Lynch will be available in the West Hall of Old Main Basement from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Only Cabell residents are eligible to participate.

Services of counseling clinic open to university community

The Counseling Clinic operated by the Department of Counseling and Rehabilitation offers counseling services to the Marshall University community. Counseling services are provided to assist with a range of problems including personal concerns, marital and family difficulties, educational and vocational planning and decision making, and school related problems for children. Counseling is provided by advanced graduate students under faculty supervision. All services are confidential.

There is no charge for Marshall University faculty, students, staff or members of their families. The Counseling Clinic in Harris Hall is open on Monday afternoons and on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. Appointments can be made by calling extension 2382.

Gala weekend planned

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A work by MU Composer-in-Residence Paul W. Whear, by the Huntington Chamber Orchestra and the Musical Arts Guild. Also scheduled to appear are the Huntington Dance Workshop and the Community Players.

"We think we have planned an exciting gala weekend to launch the College of Fine Arts," said Dr. Paul Balshaw, dean of the new college. "All programs are open to the public and—with the exception of Saturday's dinner—are free, thanks to the generous support of the Arts and Humanities Division of the State Department of Culture and History, the National Endowment for the Arts and the Marshall University Foundation," he added.

As a prelude to the weekend's extensive activities, the Marshall Artists Series' Student Division will present The Acting Company, the touring arm of the Kennedy Center, with "Pieces of 8," a series of one-act contemporary plays at 8 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 25, in Old Main Auditorium, and WPBY-TV will air the tape of University Theatre's production of "Miss in Her Teens" at 10 a.m. on Friday, Sept. 21, and the 1984 MU Jazz Festival at 10 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 25.
Artists Series to present ‘Pieces of 8’ on Tuesday

The Marshall Artists Series’ Student Division will open its 1984-85 season with a performance of one-act contemporary plays presented by The Acting Company, the touring arm of the Kennedy Center, at 8 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 25, in Old Main Auditorium.

“Pieces of 8,” conceived and directed by the late Alan Schneider, met with critical acclaim during its 1983-84 tour and has been remounted by Charles Newell for another touring season.


“These works by eight of the most celebrated modern playwrights have been combined into a cohesive and fascinating look at relationships,” MU Cultural Events Coordinator Nancy Hindsley said. “Each play, although complete itself, complements and contrasts with the others,” she added.

General admission tickets are available at $5 for adults and $2.50 for youth age 17 and under and may be purchased from the Artists Series Office on the first floor of Memorial Student Center or at the door. Tickets also may be reserved by calling the Artists Series Office, 696-6656.

New edition available

A new edition of the ITV Sourcebook has been published and distributed to all full-time Marshall faculty members, according to Gail Sheets, Sourcebook editor, Instructional Television Services. Over 1,700 program titles are described in the new printing, almost 50% more programs than appeared in the previous edition of the Sourcebook. (Faculty members should discard old Sourcebooks, which are now obsolete.)

All programs are for the exclusive use of Marshall faculty in the performance of their teaching assignments. To preview programs, or to schedule transmission into Marshall classrooms, please contact ITV Services at 3150.

If any full-time faculty member has not yet received a copy of the new Sourcebook, please notify ITV Services.

NEWCOMERS

New to the campus are:
SUE HIBBS, financial aid advisor, Financial Aid;
VINCENT WINTERLING, trainer, Autism Training Center;
DEBORAH LYNN FRASHER, secretary, Financial Aid;
LINDA K. ELLIOTT, cashier, Cashier’s Office;
JANIS RANKIN, library clerk, Morrow Library;
VONDA J. TEETS, laboratory medical technologist, Pharmacology Department, and MARTHA J. NEWBERRY, women’s volleyball and track coach, Athletic Department.
Welcome to Marshall!

Campus job openings...

The Personnel Office has announced the following job openings on campus which have an application deadline of Friday, Sept. 21:

Laboratory Assistant I, Physiology, Pay Grade 1.
Secretary III, Career Planning and Placement, Pay Grade 5.

For additional information or to apply, stop by the Personnel Office, Old Main 207, or call extension 6455.

Marshall faculty and staff achievements, activities...

TIMMY MILLER, director of medical instructional television, and DAVID GILLMORE, general manager, Instructional Television Services, presented a seminar for high school teachers of television production on Aug. 30. Entitled “Techniques of Television News Production,” the session was arranged by the Cabell County Board of Education.

NANCY K. STUMP, assistant professor of French, conducted an in-service workshop for secondary foreign language teachers in Wayne County on Aug. 27. Activities included communication exercises, biographical loto, student interviews and the use of ink blots and crossword puzzles in the classroom.

DAVID GILLMORE, general manager, Instructional Television Services, recently participated in a Videodisc Design and Production Workshop held at the University of Nebraska in Lincoln. The session emphasized methods of producing instructional video materials using microcomputers and laser videodiscs.

Personnel personals...

Vickie Crager, Biological Sciences Department secretary, was the pitcher for the K-N Women’s Slo-Pitch Softball Team that won the West Virginia Class D State Championship, played Sept. 1-2. The team defeated Bluegrass of Fairmont 3-0 in the title game.

Proud of a family member’s accomplishment? Is there a new baby at your house? Is there something else you’d like to share with your colleagues? “Personnel personals...” is just the place. Send your information to Judith Casto, University Relations, Old Main 102.

Excused absences...

Absences have been excused by the respective college deans for the following:
SEPT. 12—Penny Hall and Pamela Wilkinson.
SEPT. 14-15 Women’s Volleyball Team.