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Libertarian petition replaces students' votes in primary

by ALYSON WALLS
reporter

Many students who signed a petition on campus last week to help the Libertarian party get placed on the election ballot unknowingly lost their right to vote in the primary election.

Students walking across campus in front of Memorial Student Center and Morrow Library last week observed a group of people soliciting names for a petition to have the Libertarian party placed on the

ballot for the primary election.

Thinking they were only allowing the party to be placed on the ballot and not casting a vote, some students signed the petition willingly. Now they say they did not know that by doing so they forfeited their right to vote in the primary election.

"They told me if I signed, it wouldn't require me to become a libertarian or vote for a libertarian," Laura B. Roberts, Elizabeth sophomore, said. "Now I feel they were being

deceitful."

Roberts said she did not realize that by signing she automatically cast a vote for the libertarians in the primary, but Mary Miller, Cabell County voter registration supervisor, said that's exactly what happened.

"The law is set up so that when you sign a petition to vote for a third party, that is

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OUTside



**TODAY:
sunny skies**

**HIGH: upper 40s
LOW: 25**

Education majors given interview opportunities

98 education systems expected at Educator Expo '96

by AUDRA JEYARAJ
reporter

Education majors will have their last opportunity to sign up for the Educator Expo '96 Wednesday from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. at the 2nd floor ballroom of the Memorial Student Center.

Sue E. Wright, assistant director of the Placement Services Center, said the fair will take place from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Ninety-eight education systems are expected to be represented, Wright said. Participants include Cecil County Public Schools, Maryland; Elizabeth City-Pasquotank, North Carolina; Halifax County Public Schools, Virginia; St. Joseph Central Catholic High, Huntington; and Logan-Hocking Local Schools, Ohio.

A wine-and-cheese party is scheduled at the Radisson Hotel for recruiters and job

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Sue E. Wright
Assistant director of
Placement Services

candidates Tuesday night, Wright said.

"It's a wonderful opportunity for them to meet and network in an informal setting. Students can use that time to find out about the community these various school districts

are situated in," she explained.

Recruiters have had very positive things to say about Marshall's education majors, she said. "School recruiters have said that our College of Education produces high calibre teachers and job candidates who are well prepared for interviews.

The fields that are highly sought after are foreign language, speech pathology and special education.

"The majority of College of Education students surveyed want to stay in West Virginia and teach, but schools in the state are reducing staff due to student population decrease," Wright said.

This fair provides an opportunity for students to interview with a large number of recruiters, she said.

"The interviews that take place are mainly a screening type. Students are then invited to do a follow-up interview at a later time," Wright said.

It's a bird! It's a plane!



Jim Sands

John Harrison, Weston junior, performs a "superman air" Sunday, March 29, at Harris Riverfront Park.

Bonds to help pay for new library bought up quickly

by DEBRA LUCAS
reporter

All \$15 million of the state secured bonds needed to finance construction of the new library/information center have apparently been sold.

Although university officials could not officially confirm the

information Monday, it is believed that the entire amount has been purchased. The bonds went on the market Thursday, March 21, and \$13 million worth had been sold by 2 p.m. that day.

Frank P. Justice, vice president for development, said there are a number of reasons

for the bond's popularity. He said a West Virginia resident receives both a state and federal tax exemption on the bonds. "A lot of people would like to add this to their investment portfolio."

He said another reason for the quick sale of the bonds is because people felt secure in

the investment. "The bonds are backed by the revenue of the income of the university and investors felt confident they would be paid."

Additionally, he said, the bonds are insured and therefore guaranteed to pay the full amount. "The investor could not lose. They were very

highly rated and prime investment material."

The bonds attracted an average interest rate of 5.62 percent and carried a prized AAA rating from Standard & Poor's, according to a university press release. The bond issue

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this & that

Binge and drive habit persists

CHICAGO (AP) — They belly up to the bar, then slide behind the wheel.

Five percent of the young adults responding to a new drinking survey said they drive every time they consume alcoholic beverages.

The American Medical Association survey of 18- to 30-year-olds also found 40 percent drink to levels that impair judgment and physical performance and about one in every five are binge drinkers.

Although more than a third of the 800 people questioned in the survey said they do not drink, 19 percent said they are frequent binge drinkers and 7 percent say they binge every time they drink alcohol.

Binge drinking is defined as the consumption of five or more drinks in one sitting by a male or four or more by a female.

The survey found that while college graduates are more likely to drink than

those who only finished high school, high school graduates are more likely to drink heavily. The 19- and 20-year-old age group appeared to be most vulnerable.

Mary Dufor, deputy director of the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism in Bethesda, Md., wasn't surprised by the survey's

results. "Not only are young people more inexperienced drinkers but inexperienced drivers, as well. That tends to be a deadly combination."



Mad Max and plucky pig 'unlikely' kin

LOS ANGELES (AP) —

"Babe" producer George Miller says the plucky little pig is the unlikely soulmate to another of Miller's characters: "Road Warrior" Mad Max.

"I don't see Babe and Mad Max as very different," Miller told the Los Angeles Times in an interview published Sunday.

"They're both individuals wandering in unknown landscapes trying to find meaning, overcome a number

of obstacles ... and through courage effect change in the world they inhabit. It's essentially the hero story told again."

"Babe," the tale of a pig who wants to be a sheep dog, was a surprise hit, earning an Oscar nomination for best

picture.

Miller gave up his practice as a physician in the 1970s to direct and co-write the Mad Max trilogy, which starred Mel Gibson as a loner roaming the Australian outback after a nuclear holocaust.

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off campus

New-looking 'Ben' arrives

Redesigned U.S. paper currency is going into circulation. Nearly 850 million \$100 bills bearing an enlarged, off-center portrait of Benjamin Franklin were in banks Monday. It's the first redesign in more than 70 years.

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Manchin's vow on jobs not legal, official says

CHARLESTON (AP) — Federal law would prevent state Sen. Joe Manchin, a gubernatorial candidate, from keeping a campaign promise, according to a state official.

In a campaign television advertisement, Manchin promises to keep highway contracts in West Virginia if he is elected governor.

Department of Transportation Secretary Fred VanKirk said. "Under current law, we are required to award those contracts to the lowest responsible bidder."

Manchin, D-Marion, said he would ask for a waiver of those rules so West Virginia companies could be assured the work.

Almost one-third of last 14 months contracts have gone out of the state.

Supreme Court agrees to hear the language issue

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court Monday agreed to study whether states can make English their official language and require most government actions to be taken in English.

Arizonians for Official English is making the appeal in response to the invalidation of Arizona's "English only" constitutional amendment.

About 20 states have constitutional amendments or laws designating English as the official state language.

Languages other than English can only be used to help students learn English, teach foreign language, comply with federal laws, protect rights of criminals or crime victims or protect public health or safety.

In the appeal, the official-English group's lawyers said governments can regulate their employees' speech while they are on duty.

Chinese end testing, Taiwan wants trade

TAIPEI, Taiwan (AP) — Taiwan announced a plan Monday to ease its decades-old ban on direct trade with China, offering this major concession the same day Beijing wound up a series of menacing war games off Taiwan's coast.

Both sides have tried to warm relations following President Lee Teng-hui's decisive victory in Taiwan's first direct presidential election Saturday.

Economics Minister Chiang Pin-kung said the government will submit a plan to the legislature in June to create special districts licensed to have direct trade links to China. He did not say when the trade ban would be eased.

Beijing mounted two sets of military exercises and eight days of missile tests to scare Taiwanese voters away from Lee, whom Beijing suspects of leading Taiwan toward independence.

Lee, however, took a healthy 54 percent of the vote. Celebrating his re-election, Lee pledged to work on improving relations with the mainland government.

China has tried to strike a more conciliatory tone with the man it had demonized only days before.

Taiwan's United Daily News quoted Beijing officials Monday as saying the United States was worsening strained China-Taiwan ties.

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our VIEW

Always read before you sign

Well, it looks like they finally got us down.

Last week, members of the Libertarian Party asked us to sign a petition to get them on the ballot in West Virginia. They had a good sales pitch. Although we didn't really read the petition for content, we signed anyway.

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We got stuck. We figure some of you did too.

As it turns out, there was a little clause in the petition that now prevents us from voting in the state's primary election this May. We, unknowingly, have already cast a vote for the Libertarian Party.

Had we read the petition, like our parents always told us to, then we would have realized this was going to happen.

But we just signed on the dotted line and went about our business.

It was dumb. Very dumb. We gave up one of the most sacred of all American rights, the right to vote, that quick.

The Libertarians never told us that we would lose our right to choose. Granted, they didn't have to, but it would have been a kind gesture on their part. After all, we were just trying to help a group of individuals introduce their platform to the public. We feel like we were tricked, even though we weren't.

It was very, very dumb.

But we did get one good thing out of it. We learned a very valuable life lesson: read before you sign. It's that easy.

We hope those of you who also signed the petition without reading it learned a good lesson from all of this too.

We're just sorry we didn't find out about what was going on sooner so we could warn you of what might happen.



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your VIEW

Librarian tells the other side of the story

I am the person Christopher Marsh wants fired from the library.

I have read his comments several times and so have my student employees. I have purposely been silent until this point but now I feel that those who have heard Mr. Marsh's complaint should also hear the "other side" of the story.

Yes, there was a mix-up or mistake or what ever you want to call it when Mr. Marsh's books were returned. We have from 500-1000 books a day coming in at the end of the semester and we are human beings. We also search the stacks for items that are reported to have been turned in and are still showing on a patron record. Last summer, I was the employee who went into the stacks on several occasions to search for the books.

Part of the problem was that they were paid for before the books were actually found by credit card. The library had no record of the lost-paid until after the items were found. I

could not say that the amount charged to the credit card was for library books. By this time all Mr. Marsh's records were clear and I had no way of knowing that he had actually paid for them until much later. Once I was aware that the items had been paid for and were in fact on the shelves, I immediately initiated the process to refund the money.

I did apologize to Mr. Marsh, again and again. I also explained that once the refund request has left my department it goes through our business office then on to Old Main. Neither I nor my department took 5 months to right our mistake. I am sure that the fact that there was no receipt from the library was part of the delay. We had no proof of how much to refund without the credit card statement. The total of the items had to match the amount paid. It was in fact a rare incident.

Mr. Marsh says that others have had the same problem. I won't deny the possibility. Anything is possible. We try to keep accurate records and we do checks to control mistakes. We apologize for inconvenience and clear the obligations as soon as we find the mistakes.

We do take precautions to prevent reoccurring problems. Mr. Marsh is one student among many. Most of our patrons are more understand-

ing than some.

As I said in an article last August, the computer automatically adds the fines to the patron records and sends out overdue notices. The staff does not randomly pick out a student to "pick on". I do not like to put blocks on patron records, it is my job and I do my job to the best of my ability.

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ROTC S.C.O.R.E.S. with students

by LORIE JACKSON
reporter

While most of the other 3,000 high school students on campus Saturday for the S.C.O.R.E.S. academic festival were taking tests or comparing writing assignments, one group donned swimming attire and jumped into the Henderson Center pool.

But they were competing, too, in an event called the

poncho raft relay.

The event is one of the most favored events for contest participants sponsored by the ROTC, Cadet Tom Perry, Huntington senior, said.

"During the relay, teams of two students had to grab a raft with one hand and swim from one side of the Henderson Center pool to the other as quickly as possible," Perry said.

The rafts, constructed by the ROTC cadets, were made from

two Army green rucksacks with waterproof bags.

Imitation M-16 rifles with Army boots stuffed on the ends were placed along the sides to make the raft more stable.

The relay was part of the 18th annual S.C.O.R.E.S. event that took place March 22 and 23, when about 3,000 high school students from West Virginia, eastern Kentucky and southeastern Ohio competed in academic contests.

"This type of event shows high school students the different fields at Marshall and encourages students to pursue their education."

— Tom Perry
ROTC cadet

(Ohio) High School; Michelle Lockard of Paul Blazer High School in Ashland, Ky.; Eric Luster of Pike County (Ky.) Central High School; Jeremy Parsons of Ravenswood (W.Va.) High School; Jill Whittington of Poca (W.Va.) High School; and Sara Wigal of Wirt County (W.Va.) High School.

Schools were divided into five divisions with division one being the smallest.

First place winner in division one was Huntington St. Joseph Central High School, division two Greenbrier (W.Va.) West High School, division three Fairland (Ohio) High School, division four Huntington High School, and division five Paul Blazer High School.

Students also had a map reading contest and a physical training test to compete in.

Cadet Jason Happe, South Charleston senior, said, junior ROTC students from high schools also competed.

"These students are in junior ROTC programs in high school, which helps them become officers in the ROTC," Happe said.

"The individuals compete for four-year scholarships that carry over to college."

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Tickets now on sale for Moscow ballet performing in April

by BRIAR HARMON
reporter

Tickets are now available in the Office of the Artists Series in Smith Hall for the April 8 performance of The Bolshoi Ballet of Moscow at the Keith-Albee Theatre.

Bolshoi, known for its grand productions, means "big" in the Russian language. The performance will be at 8 p.m.

The ballet of Moscow's Bolshoi Theatre employs 250 dancers and a huge staff to guide and sustain its performances. This is the backbone and life blood of Russian dancing, according to the Marshall Artists Series, sponsor of the performance along with Guyan International and Ashland, Inc.

The performance will include 40 principal dancers of the Bolshoi Ballet. The program features two classic ballets. "Chopiniana, (Les Sylphides)," with music by Frederic Chopin, will be performed in the first half. Act II of "Giselle," with music by Adolphe Adam will be performed in the second half.

The Bolshoi Ballet's performance brings the 1995-96 Baxter Series to its close.

Two centuries of history have molded and formed the Bolshoi Ballet. There is an awareness and sense of pride among the company's choreographers and dancers in past and present creativity and attainments, according to an Artists Series spokesperson.

The Moscow Ballet and the Bolshoi Ballet had their beginnings in 1776 when young children from the Moscow orphanage were trained by the Italian ballet master Filippo Beccari, formerly a dancer in the St. Petersburg court theatres, according to a series spokesperson.

A rivalry exists between Moscow and St. Petersburg style of dance, according to promotional material. The Moscow style favored a more exuberant and dramatically vivid dance. The Moscow style was open to emotion and more free in its understanding of academic rule while the czars favored a more elegant and mannered style, promotional material stated.

A credit to the company's prowess is the director of the Bolshoi Ballet. Yuri Grigorovich was appointed chief choreographer and artistic director in 1964 when he was 37 years old, a remarkable tribute to his gifts and certainly a credit to the ballet, according to a Columbia spokesperson.

Reserved seat tickets are \$22 and \$26. Full-time Marshall students are admitted free with valid Marshall ID. Part-time students, faculty, staff and youth 17 and under are admitted half price.

PETITION

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considered your vote in the primary," she said. "The names are sent to the secretary of state and then to voter registration."

Miller said there was no formal procedure for removing names from the petition that she knew of, but signers could call the secretary of state's office if they want their names removed.

Steven W. Hensley, associate dean of student affairs, said the group did not have to get permission to solicit signers on campus. "This is a free campus

and a free country, and we cannot abridge their rights," he said. "Since they weren't asking for money and it wasn't a formal gathering, it was certainly allowable."

However, the group did have to file voting credentials with the county clerk's office to ensure they were registered voters, and according to Miller, "they did file properly." She also said college students are a specific target for this kind of solicitation, and many solicitors are college students themselves.

"I don't think they necessarily tricked people into signing because there is a clause in the petition that

states they are voting for the libertarians in the primary, but I think most people don't understand that," Miller said.

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BONDS

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was underwritten by Ferris Baker Watts, Inc. of Charleston as senior managing underwriter and Banc One Securities Corp. as co-managing underwriter. The final maturity date for the bonds is 2016.

Justice said he expected the bonds to be popular. "Over the years, I've bought education bonds.

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Donovan candidate for Florida job

According to the Tampa Bay Tribune, MU head basketball coach Billy Donovan is the frontrunner among four candidates to replace Lon Kruger as the head coach of the Florida Gators. Kruger left last week to take the head job at Illinois. Donovan interviewed for the job yesterday in Gainesville, Fla. The second-year coach served as an assistant at Kentucky, which along with Florida, is a member of the SEC.

Tennis team grabs two and drops one last week

by DAN LONDEREE
reporter

Last Friday the Marshall tennis team faced the toughest team in the Southern Conference.

Georgia Southern was coming off two significant wins, Coach Laurie Mercer said. The Eagles had defeated the University of Virginia and Virginia Tech in the week leading up to the match with Marshall. The Herd lost the match 6-1.

Mercer said there were several reasons for the loss. "Georgia Southern has had a tough team for the past few years so they have experience," Mercer said. "They recruit all foreigners, and that's an easy way to get a good team quick."

Jen Mele recorded Marshall's

one victory of the match in the number five spot. Mercer said the middle seeds continue to be strong, even when the team loses.

Marshall had Saturday off and then traveled to Pittsburgh Sunday to face Duquesne and Robert Morris. The Herd won both matches 8-1.

"Our team has been playing better this year," Mercer said. "We're playing a lot better in doubles matches so far this season."

Freshman Erin Russell recovered from her knee injuries and returned to play last weekend. She lost her singles matches but recorded a doubles win.

"Erin lost her singles matches, and she's a little rusty," Mercer said. "But she'll be ready to go for singles soon."

Mercer said doubles play takes longer to develop when players get to the college level. "Players play mostly singles in high school," Mercer said.



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RUSSELL

"Our team has been playing better this year."

—Laurie Mercer
Tennis coach

"Doubles play is more emphasized on the college level than on the junior level."

Mercer said the team's doubles play is just now becoming even with the level of singles play. "Last year we had all freshmen and sophomores," she said. "With experience and practice the doubles skills are developing."


Marshall's record is now 9-4, and Mercer said the Herd will have a busy weekend on the road.

"We have an important weekend coming up against UNC-Asheville, Furman and UNC-Charlotte," she said.

Marshall leaves this Friday and will play a match each day as the team travels through North Carolina. After this weekend Marshall will have six matches left before the Southern Conference Tournament April 19-21 at Davidson, N.C.

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7 p.m. Workshop
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MSC Alumni Lounge
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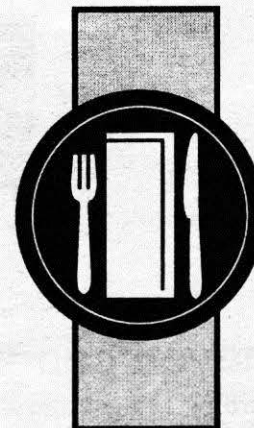
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Annual campus activities are designed to dispel myths

Members of the gay and lesbian community are taking a new approach to Pride Week this year.

An annual event since 1990, activities will focus on quality speakers and educating others rather than imagery.

Pride Week kicked off Sunday with a Rainbow Volleyball game in the Henderson Center. An opening ceremony followed at the Memorial Student Center plaza 7 p.m. Monday. The ceremony was followed by speaker, Julia Hagan, a representative of Parents, Families, and Friends of Lesbians and Gays.

"There is going to be an aggressive non-physical attempt to focus on quality rather than imagery," Barry Macciocca, Philadelphia sophomore and Lambda Society co-president, said.

"The first Pride Week was very controversial. There was a counterdemonstration and open hostility. 'Jeans Day,' one of the events from the first Pride Week, leaked into the community. High School students refrained from wearing jeans because they thought if they did it meant that they supported gay rights.

"We have put our money where it counts this year. It has been used to get quality speakers." He said, for example, Paul Siegel, professor of communications at Gallaudet University in Washington, D.C., will speak 7 p.m. Wednesday on lesbian and gay rights as a free speech issue.

Pride Week means a variety of things to people. Macciocca said, "It is an opportunity to feel like part

Pride Week Activities

Tuesday:

- 1 p.m. National AIDS quilt display
Joan C. Edwards Theater main lobby
- 5 p.m. Self-esteem and identity concerns
Memorial Student Center 2W22
- 7 p.m. Gay bashing and hate crimes legislation
MSC Alumni Lounge

Wednesday:

- 5 p.m. Black perspectives on homosexuality
MSC, Room 2W22
- 7 p.m. Lesbian and gay rights as a free speech issue, Smith Hall, Room 154

Thursday:

- 5 p.m. Religious perspectives on homosexuality
MSC, Room 2W22
- 7 p.m. Same sex marriages & gay and anti-gay legislation

Friday:

- 6 p.m. Invitational banquet at the
Holiday Inn-downtown
Workshop- "Building pride through community"
(follows banquet)

* All meetings are open to the public and free of charge except for the banquet

Week brochure, and some professors are even giving extra credit to students who attend the lectures given by Pride Week speakers.

"The student body has also been supportive of Pride Week. We haven't had any negative calls or heard any negative remarks from students.

"Many students are looking forward to the Pride Week activities. We want everyone to know that you don't have to be gay to attend the events."

Many people in the "straight" community have

of the community. It is a group of friends showing concern for one another.

"As an officer, Pride Week is a way to enlighten and enhance the community. We have productive things to offer."

Maura Conway, Huntington senior and co-president of the Lambda Society, said, "Pride Week represents pride of being who you are in a society that doesn't allow it. It represents diversity."

Macciocca said, "We are here and we have concerns. We just want people to understand what we are all about."

When asked about problems faced at Marshall and in the surrounding community concerning gay and lesbian life, Conway and Macciocca expressed very few.

"Other than a few jokes in the classroom, I haven't had any problems," Conway said.

Macciocca said "University officials have been very supportive and helpful. They helped design the Pride

myths and misconceptions concerning gay and lesbian life. "I try to dispel myths," Conway said. "Some may be true, but only selected incidents."

Macciocca said, "When I hear misconceptions that people have about gays, I try to replace myth with truth. Some myths may have basis in fact, but many don't, such as all gays are promiscuous."

Families of homosexuals often go through a period of questioning, Macciocca said.

"Is it something I did?" or "Is it something I didn't do?" are among the most popular questions asked by parents, he said.

Macciocca said, "Homosexual emotions are the same as those of heterosexuals, except they are oriented towards members of the same sex."

"We want people to know that we are a service to Marshall," Macciocca said. "We hope everyone, not just gays and lesbians, will stop by the events."

Story by Ashley J. Bland

