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Dick Gregory to lecture here Wednesday

Social satirist Dick Gregory will present a free, public lecture at Marshall University at 8 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 3, in the Multi-Purpose Room of Memorial Student Center.

Gregory, who wears the labels of author, lecturer, critic, philosopher, actor and human rights activist, will discuss current social problems.

His appearance on campus, the third in the past five years, is sponsored by the MU Student Activities Office's Contemporary Issues Committee.

Gregory, who grew up in a St. Louis (Mo.) ghetto, gained

national attention during the 1960s as one of the first black comedians to cross the color line.

Best known today for his political and social activism, Gregory also has become involved in the fight against drug abuse in the United States. This involvement included a 71-day fast to focus attention on the problem.

The author of nine books, including his autobiography, "Nigger," Gregory has recorded several comedy albums for United Artists.

Two continuing education classes to start

Two short, non-credit courses, entitled Basketball Officiating and Challenge of Being Single, will begin during October under the sponsorship of the Continuing Education Department at the Community College of Marshall University.

Designed for beginners who wish to become registered officials, Basketball Officiating provides the necessary information to pass the basketball officiating test. Already-established officials also may enroll to sharpen their skills.

Basketball Officiating will be taught from 6 to 9 p.m. on Wednesdays and 9 a.m. to noon on Saturdays from Oct. 17 to

Nov. 12. Classes will be held in Room 437 Smith Hall, and the instructor will be Willard Hunter. Cost will be \$30.

Challenge of Being Single deals with the problems of living alone through lectures, discussions and examples of how other people have handled problems. It will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesdays from Oct. 9 to Nov. 27 in Room 211 Science Hall. Instructor will be Nancy Matthews, and cost will be \$20.

Those wishing more information or to register may contact Robert Lawson, Continuing Education director, by calling 696-3646.

Irish debaters Here Tuesday

Two students from University College in Dublin, Ireland, will visit Marshall University Monday, Oct. 1, and will appear in a debate with two members of the Marshall Debate Team. The debate is scheduled for 4 p.m. in Room 2W22 of Memorial Student Center and will be open to the public.

Topic of the debate will be "This House Favors the Death Penalty for Terrorists." The Marshall team will take the supporting position and the Irish team the negative.

The Irish students, Donal O'Donnell and Conor Gearty, are participating in a two-month tour which will take them to more than 30 campuses in the United States under sponsorship of the Committee on International Discussion and Debate of the Speech Communication Association.

Since first being paired in 1977, the two have been undefeated in debate competition. Both plan law careers.

Representing Marshall in the debate will be Rita Sowards, senior speech education major, and Carol Proctor, graduate student in the College of Business. Both are veteran participants in the Marshall forensics program.

Dr. Bert Gross, director of forensics and assistant professor of speech, will serve as moderator.

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'Decade of Progress' at midpoint

Marshall advances outlined

Approximately \$50 million worth of physical improvements have been completed, are underway, or are in the planning stages as Marshall University reaches the midpoint of its "Decade of Progress," Marshall Provost Olen E. Jones Jr. told the Huntington Kiwanis Club Tuesday.

Jones said Marshall President Robert B. Hayes launched the "Decade of Progress" shortly after being appointed to the position in November, 1974.

The MU provost also cited a number of gains made in academic programs, highlighted by the successful establishment of the School of Medicine and the Community College.

Noting that Marshall is taking courses to communities across the region, he said the university also offers nearly 400 evening courses on campus to provide educational opportunities to people who are not able to attend during the day. "We have more courses in the evening than most of the other state schools have in their complete schedules," he added.

"The idea of providing courses people want and need at times and places convenient to them is paying dividends," Jones said. "The State Board of Regents will announce enrollment figures for all of our schools next month, but I can tell you today that Marshall University's figure will exceed 11,500—some 300 more than our previous record enrollment."

Jones said the \$18 million Henderson Center physical education and athletic facility, now under construction, highlights the \$50 million worth of campus improvements. He

also cited Academic Building B, to be completed next spring at a cost of \$6 million; the Medical Education Building at the Veterans Administration Medical Center for which ground was broken earlier this month, \$9.1 million, and plans for an addition to and renovation of the Science Hall at a cost of at least \$8.5 million.

He also noted completion of the Harris Hall classroom building in 1975, acquisition and renovation of the Doctors' Memorial Building for the medical school, renovations of the Community College Building and Fairfield Stadium, plans to renovate Old Main, and a major land acquisition program.

He indicated the university's next improvement target: "One project very close to our hearts is a Fine Arts Building to house, among other things, a University Theatre. Following the Science Hall project, that is our next major priority. Marshall needs it and our area needs it."

Outlining other areas of change in the academic and administrative organizations, Jones said, "We have done these things with only one objective in mind. That objective is to provide the people in the region the best possible university we can give you."

"In trying to reach that objective," he concluded, "we have had a lot of help—help from the Legislature, from the Governor's Office, and particularly from the much-maligned Board of Regents and the board staff."

Nursing dean resigns for national post

Dr. Virginia O. Allen, dean of Marshall University's School of Nursing, has accepted an appointment with the National League for Nursing as the director of the Division of Associate Degree Programs.

In her new position with the New York City-based nursing education group, Dr. Allen will be responsible for coordinating activities related to associate degree nursing education nationwide.

Her resignation will become effective in mid-December, according to Dr. Robert W. Coon, MU vice president for Health Sciences. A search committee will be appointed shortly to look for a successor, the vice president said.

"My decision to leave Marshall and my associates here was not an easy one," Dr. Allen said. "The nursing programs here are among the best anywhere, but I could not resist the challenges of affecting nursing education at another level."

"I had mixed emotions upon learning of Dr. Allen's resignation," said Coon. "As dean of the School of Nursing, she is contributing greatly to our programs and things are going well; however, I can understand her reluctance to turn down the challenges afforded her through her new position with the National League for Nursing."

"In fact, that the League would seek her out is testimony to her abilities as an administrator and program developer. We wish her well and look forward to working with her in her national role," Coon added.

Prior to assuming her post at Marshall in July, 1978, Dr.

Allen was professor of nursing and head of the University of Vermont School of Nursing's two-year associate degree program at Burlington, where she had taught since 1968.

She earned her B.S. in Nursing degree from Seton Hall University, Newark, N.J. She holds Master of Arts in Nursing Education Administration and Doctor of Education degrees from Columbia University.

Dr. Allen established the University of Vermont's two-year nursing program and is credited with establishing New England's first two-year nursing degree program at Newton Junior College, Newtonville, Mass., in the early 1960s.

She has served as a two-year nursing education program consultant for various states, for the United States Public Health Service, the New England Board of Higher Education and the Southern Regional Education Board.

A former health coordinator for the Mid-Pacific Institute in Honolulu, she also spent a year as an associate director and consultant with the National League for Nursing.

Graduate faculty to meet

The Graduate Faculty will meet on Wednesday, Oct. 3, at 4 p.m. in Smith Hall 154. One necessary item of business is the nomination of a member of the Graduate Faculty to serve on the Physical Facilities Committee replacing Dr. David Walton.

Members who would like other items on the agenda are asked to contact Dean Paul Stewart.

Newcomers

New to the campus are:

JUDY ANN BORSTEIN, Secretary II, Athletic Department; ALICE O'NEILL, Secretary IV, College of Business; DALE OSBURN, carpentry trainee, Carpentry Shop; CYNTHIA L. CLARK, laboratory Medical Technologist II, Biochemistry Department of the School of Medicine;

LINDA S. THOMAS, Secretary I, Internal Medicine Department of the School of Medicine; DONNA GILKERSON, Clerk III in the Payroll Department; EVA ELICE TRAYLOR, Clerk II in the Payroll Department; DENISE KAREN WHITE, Secretary II in the Psychology Department.

Welcome to Marshall!

Excused absences...

Absences have been excused by the respective college deans for the following:

SEPT. 28-29—Marching Band, after 11 a.m. Friday through Saturday.

SEPT. 25—Patricia Prunty, Rick Woods, Rosalind Peggs, Jennifer Oldaker, Jennifer Warth and James Gearhart, from 1 to 3 p.m.



Huntington Alloys gift to aid students

Betty F. Hunt, college relations coordinator for Huntington Alloys, Inc., presents a \$6,000 check to Marshall University President Robert B. Hayes. The firm's annual gift to the Marshall Foundation is earmarked to provide scholarship

assistance to students working toward careers in science, mathematics or engineering. (Marshall University photo by Frank Byrne)

Honorary degree nominations now being accepted

The Commencement and Honorary Degrees Committee is now accepting recommendations from faculty, staff, and students for persons to receive honorary degrees from the university at the May 1980 Commencement.

Names of recommended individuals should be submitted to Professor Claire Horton, Department of Sociology, on or before Friday, Oct. 19.

Persons submitting names should include for each a brief statement as to why the individual should receive the honor, along with the name, address, and phone number of the person submitting the name, so that the committee can secure additional information as needed.

W. C. Felty
Committee Chairman

Purchasing office has catalogs

The new 1980 catalogs from Stationers, Inc. are available and can be picked up at the Office of Purchasing Room 206 M.

Othello auditions set

Auditions for Marshall University Theater's second production of the 1979-80 season, "Othello," will be held Monday, Oct. 1, from 3 to 5 p.m. and from 7 to 10 p.m. in Smith Hall Auditorium.

There are roles for 23 males and three females, according to Dr. Elaine A. Novak, MU professor of speech, who will direct the production. "All Marshall students are welcome to audition for roles," Dr. Novak said.

"Othello," perhaps Shakespeare's best known tragedy, will be presented Nov. 14-17 in Old Main Auditorium.

Jones to address AAUP

Provost Olen E. Jones Jr., will be the guest speaker for the first general American Association of University Professors meeting at 3 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 3.

Dr. Jones will make some preliminary remarks concerning the provost selection procedure, administrative response to personnel committee recommendations, AAUP censure of Marshall and the future of extension courses in area high schools.

He also will be available to answer other questions from the audience. All faculty are invited.

Carol Klecka
(Psychology Department)
Vice President, program planning
AAUP

'La Traviata' scheduled Tuesday

One of the world's most applauded operas will come to Huntington Tuesday, Oct. 2, when the Eastern Opera Theatre of New York will present "La Traviata." The performance, part of the Marshall Artists Series (Baxter Series), is scheduled for 8 p.m. at the Keith-Albee Theater.

Reserved seat tickets are \$8 and \$10. Marshall University students with a valid ID and activity card will be admitted free. Tickets for Marshall students with a valid ID, but no activity card are \$4 and \$5. Youth up to 17 years old get a 50 per cent discount on balcony seats only.

The Lexington (Ky.) Philharmonic Orchestra, directed by Dr. George A. Zack, will provide the accompanying music.

"La Traviata" is the tragic love story of Violetta, a beautiful courtesan, and Alfredo, a young gentleman. Alfredo confesses to Violetta that he has loved her from a distance. The emotional impact of their love affair, Violetta's self-sacrifice and the couple's reconciliation, make the presentation an enjoyable one for lyric theatre enthusiasts.

The opera, based on Alexander Dumas' novel, "La Dame aux Camelias," is set to the music of Giuseppe Verdi. Set in mid-19th century Paris amid the nightly party circuit and casual affairs of cafe society, the opera will be sung in English.

Founded in 1972, the Eastern Opera Theatre of New York is operated by its founder and current general manager, Donald Westwood.

The company's immediate acceptance has enabled it, along with its sister company, the Manhattan Savoyards, to develop a number of national touring and residency programs.

"La Traviata's" principal players have a number of performance credentials.

Douglas Dunnell (Alfredo) has been performing principal roles with Eastern Opera and the Manhattan Savoyards for the past four seasons. He has appeared with the company in engagements that include the Savannah Symphony, Lexington

Philharmonic and American Shakespeare Theatre. Dunnell performed the lead tenor role in the world premier of "A Christmas Carol," written by American composer Gregory Sandow and commissioned by the Eastern Opera Theatre.

Bruce Fifer (Germont) makes his first appearance with Eastern Opera in this production of "La Traviata." Fifer has performed with many of the country's leading orchestras and conductors, including the Boston Symphony, Buffalo Symphony under Michael Tilson Thomas, New York Philharmonic under Pierre Boulez and the Atlanta Symphony under Robert Shaw.

Mary Elizabeth Poore (Violetta) made her Eastern Opera debut as Violetta in last season's "La Traviata" production. She later played that part with the Michigan Opera Theater. She is a graduate of Indiana University, with a master's degree in Voice Performance, and was a national winner of the National Federation of Music's "Young Artists Competition."

Those wishing additional information on tickets may call or stop by the Marshall Artists Series office, Room 2W38 of the Memorial Student Center at Marshall University, 696-6656.

Reports available

Copies of two publications of interest to Marshall faculty members are available at the Reserve Desk in James E. Morrow Library, Director of Libraries Kenneth T. Slack announced.

They are:

--"Support, Performance and Protection of Higher Education in West Virginia," prepared by the Academy for Educational Development for a committee of the West Virginia Legislature.

--"Profile of Progress, Higher Education in West Virginia," prepared by the West Virginia Board of Regents staff.

Faculty and staff achievements, activities...

W. RICHARD LEMKE, assistant professor of music and director of bands, received his Ph.D. degree in music from the University of Iowa on Thursday, Sept. 20.

MICHAEL J. GALGANO, associate professor of history and director of the University Honors program, represented Marshall at the installation of Dr. John E. Thomas as chancellor of Appalachian State University in Boone, N.C., on Sept. 14.

Public employees pension hearing set

The West Virginia Legislative Commission of Pensions and Retirement has designed a tentative comprehensive new public employees pension system for employees hired after a date to be specified later.

Copies of a synopsis of the proposed new system, which will be recommended for adoption by the Legislature during its 1980 session, are available for review from the MU Personnel Office, Old Main Room 207.

Also, public hearings on the proposed system have been scheduled statewide. The hearing nearest the Marshall campus will be in Charleston at 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 21, in the House Chamber of the State Capitol.

Persons wishing to present a statement related to the new system under consideration may contact Kermit Moore, Legislative Services, Room E-132, State Capitol, Charleston, W.Va. 25305, or telephone 348-2040 to request scheduling of testimony.

DR. JOHN H. MEAD, associate professor of music, was recitalist, assistant conductor and brass coach for the annual Weekend Retreat of the Kanawha Valley Youth Orchestra. The event was held Sept. 14-16 at Cedar Lakes in Ripley.

DR. JOSEPH S. LaCASCIA, professor and chairman of the Department of Economics, was the after dinner speaker Sunday, Sept. 23 for the Westminster Fellowship group of the First Presbyterian Church of Huntington. His topic was "Inflation and the U.S. Economy."

CCC sponsors Communion every Thursday afternoon

An ecumenical Holy Communion will be celebrated every Thursday afternoon at the Campus Christian Center.

Faculty, staff and administrative personnel, regardless of denomination affiliation, are invited to participate. The 4:30 p.m. worship is being jointly sponsored by three campus ministers, the Rev. Hugh B. Springer, the Presbyterian Churches, The Rev. E. Moray Peoples, Jr., the Episcopal Church and the Rev. Martha Loyd, the United Methodist Church.

"Worship will follow the Consultation on Church Union (COCU) liturgy each week and will occasionally involve music, dance or drama in lieu of a sermon," the Rev. Peoples said.

Following each service there will be a fellowship supper at the Center. It is optional for anyone attending the Holy Communion to have dinner as well. A one dollar contribution for the meal is requested.