Choral Union to present Bach oratorio

The Marshall Choral Union will present Bach's oratorio, "The Passion According to St. John," at 8 p.m. Monday and Tuesday, April 4-5, in Smith Recital Hall.

The work, written to be performed as the Good Friday devotion service, will feature a 120-voice choir, nine soloists and orchestral accompaniment. The concerts are free and open to the public.

"This monumental composition dramatically depicts the events of the betrayal, trial and crucifixion of Jesus as recorded in the Gospel according to St. John," said Dr. Paul Balshaw, professor of music, who will conduct the Choral Union's Easter season presentations.

James Pugh of Oak Hill, a graduate of the MU Music Department, will be the principal soloist, appearing in the role of the Evangelist.

Singing the role of Jesus will be Leo Imperi, MU associate professor of music. Appearing in soprano solo roles will be Peggy Hoffman, Huntington Valley, Pa., junior, and Kathy Moyer, Ashland Ky., junior. Tenor soloists will be Samuel Munoff, Fort Edward, N.Y., graduate student, and Allen Whitesides, Huntington sophomore.

Baritone solos will be presented by Ross Hudson, South Charleston junior, and Rick Woods, Huntington sophomore. Edward Harkless, Charleston graduate student, will be the bass soloist.

"Interspersed between the various solos and choruses are chorales, the 'hymns' of Bach's time, which were sung by the congregation to focus people's attention on the story," Balshaw noted. "In order to add this dimension to our performance, the chorales will be printed in the program and the audience will be invited to sing them with us," he said.

Dr. Richard Mund
resigns effective Aug. 1

Dr. Richard G. Mund, vice president for student affairs at Marshall University, has submitted his resignation, effective Aug. 1.

Mund, who has held the vice presidency since July, 1971, noted in his letter of resignation that "I have accomplished my initial objectives of developing a strong and effective organization that can meet the needs of students and there is little more that I can now do or offer Marshall. I believe it is a time in my life when I need to give careful thought to my career and it is for this reason I feel it imperative that I seek new challenges.

The student affairs area was cited for its strengths during visits by evaluation teams from the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools both in 1973 and in 1976.

Mund said he has several career opportunities under consideration but has not yet made a final decision as to his future course.

"Dr. Mund and Mrs. Mund have made a significant contribution not only to Marshall University, but to the community as well," President Robert B. Hayes said. "They are fine people and we will miss them."

Theatre West Virginia

The musical, "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown," will be presented by Theatre West Virginia at Marshall University at 8 p.m. Monday, April 4, in the Multi-Purpose Room of Memorial Student Center.

Theatre West Virginia, the state's only professional touring repertory company, also will conduct a workshop, "Improvisation, a Tool of the Actor," at 4 p.m. Monday in the Multi-Purpose Room. Both events are free and open to the public.

The campus appearance of the repertory company is sponsored by the Cultural Arts Committee of MU's Student Activities Office and has been made possible in part by a grant from the West Virginia Arts and Humanities Council.

Noted anthropologist

to speak here Tuesday

Dr. Frank E. Poirier, professor of anthropology at Ohio State University, will speak at Marshall University at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 5, in Smith Hall Room 154.

He will discuss lessons derived from human fossils of earlier geological ages, specifically from the Olduvai Gorge and other parts of East Africa. The slide-illustrated lecture, which is free and open to the public, is entitled "Pleistocene Hominids: Some Lessons for Human Evolution."

Poirier's campus visit is sponsored by the American Anthropological Association's Visiting Lecture Program and the Marshall Foundation's Distinguished Lectureship Series.

While here he will meet informally with students and faculty from the Department of Sociology and Anthropology.

Poirier, well known in anthropological circles, has been at Ohio State since 1968. He previously taught in the Department of Psychiatry/Anthropology at the University of Florida at Gainesville, where he also was an associate of the Neurobiological Center. In 1974-75 he served as consultant to the University of Illinois and Illinois State Pediatric Institute.

Easter Break

Marshall University faculty and students will observe Good Friday, April 8, and Easter Monday, April 11, as holidays. University offices will be open with members of the non-teaching and administrative staff at work.

The News Letter will not be published next week. Publication will resume with the Friday, April 15, issue. Items for the News Letter should be delivered to the Office of Informational Services either in person or through campus mail by 10 a.m. on the Wednesday prior to publication.
Grant information
Information is available on University Teaching and Advanced Research Grants under the Fulbright-Hayes Act for 1978-79. Anyone interested may stop by the office of the College of Arts & Sciences.

Spring golf tournament set April 8
The 1977 Spring Invitational Faculty Golf Tournament, sponsored by the Marshall University Faculty Golf Club will be held Friday, April 8th, at Sugarwood Golf Club with tee off time scheduled at 10 a.m.
Tournament Director Joseph S. La Cascia said the tournament is designed as an activity to bring together the new faculty, staff and administrators with the old, as well as the emeritus faculty, "to compete in an environment of congenial friendship and happy socializing."
Golfers interested in participating in this first tournament of the year should send their name, handicap and $1 for prizes to La Cascia, Northcott Hall, Room 213, phone 6492, or see La Cascia on the first tee before 10 a.m.

Excused absences...
Absences have been excused by the respective college deans for the following:
MARCH 25—Varsity baseball team members;
MARCH 28—Students enrolled in C&I 421/521;
MARCH 30—APRIL 1—Women's intercollegiate golf team;
MARCH 30—Men's intercollegiate tennis team;
MARCH 31—April 1—Peg O'Brien, Terry Adkins and Sharon DeBerry;
APRIL 1—4-Bernie Hensley, Randy Erwin, and Dale Brum;
MARCH 19—22—Varsity golf team members.

MU student SDX chapter to co-host regional meeting
Professional journalists, journalism educators and student journalists from five states will be in Huntington today and Saturday (April 1-2) to discuss "Ethics in the Profession."
The meeting at the Holiday Inn Downtown is one of 12 regional conventions of The Society of Professional Journalists, Sigma Delta Chi (SPJ,SDX). The Region 4 convention in Huntington is sponsored by the Marshall University student chapter and the professional Ohio Valley-Kanawha chapter of SPJ,SDX.
Expected to attend are representatives from eastern Kentucky, Michigan, Ohio, western Pennsylvania and West Virginia.
"The purpose of the regional is to bring professional and student journalists together to revitalize the spirit of SDX, in terms of what it stands for," Dr. Deryl R. Leaming, chairman of the MU Department of Journalism and president of the professional chapter, said.

Model UN meet draws 11 area schools
Eleven Tri-State Area schools will participate in the 4th annual High School Model United Nations Security Council at Marshall today and Saturday (April 1-2).
The Model UN, sponsored by Marshall's Political Science Department, provides students the opportunity to "role play" the actual positions and policies of the 15 nations comprising the council, according to Dr. Clair W. Matz Jr., assistant professor of political science.
The keynote speaker for the two-day event will be Dr. Maurice A. East, associate director of the University of Kentucky's Patterson School of Diplomacy and International Commerce.
A specialist in African political systems, Dr. East will discuss "Southern Africa, the UN and World Peace" at 7:30 p.m. Friday in the Multi-Purpose Room of Memorial Student Center.
Assisting the students with their role playing will be members of Marshall's Model UN Club. The university model group competes in collegiate level model competition throughout the year, said Matz, the club advisor.

Faculty and staff achievements, activities
DR. DONALD C. TARTER, professor of biological sciences, is the co-author of a paper, "Mayflies, or Ephemeroptera, of West Virginia with Emphasis on the Nymphal State," accepted for publication in Entomological News. Jerry Faulkner, a former biological sciences graduate student, is senior author.
DR. WESLEY SHANHOLTZER, associate professor of physics, attended the annual American Physical Society-American Association of Physics Teachers meeting in Chicago, Ill., Feb. 6-9. Several workshops for college teachers were included in the meeting program.
DR. DARRELL SCHMIDT, assistant professor of mathematics, presented a paper entitled "The Dependence of Strong Unicity Constants on Dimension" at the University of Arkansas Lecture Series in Mathematics, March 14-18.
DR. C. ROBERT BARNETT, assistant professor of health, physical education and recreation, presented a paper before the West Virginia Historical Association at its annual meeting March 18-19 at Morris Harvey College. The title of Dr. Barnett's paper was "Recreation in Colonial Virginia."
LOUISE S. BAILEY, assistant professor of English, attended the National Conference on Remedial-Developmental Studies in Post-secondary institutions on March 17-18 in Chicago. More than 500 registrants from 41 states and three Canadian provinces attended the conference sponsored by Chicago State University.
DR. RICHARD B. BONNETT, associate professor of geology, and DR. JOSEPH S. LA CASCIA, departmental
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chairman and professor of economics, spoke on "West Virginia Coal and the U.S. Economy" on the Marshall University Report program aired Friday, March 25, at 7 p.m. on WMUL-TV, Channel 33.

ROBERT P. HUTTON, assistant professor of art, has had works included in the following exhibitions: the 152nd annual exhibit of the National Academy of Design in New York City, Feb. 26-March 20; the 53rd annual National Art Exhibit, Springville (Utah) Museum of Art, March 27-33.

Death claims administrator's father

Funeral services were held today in Morgantown for Albert B. Spencer, father of Reginald Spencer, Office of Career Planning and Placement coordinator. Burial was in Lawnwood Cemetery, Morgantown.

Well-known in state golfing circles, the 85-year-old Spencer died early Wednesday, March 30.

Often referred to by sportswriters as the "dean of West Virginia golf professionals, Spencer was golf pro and greens-keeper at the Morgantown Golf and Country Club from 1925 until it closed in 1967. He was scheduled to give golf lessons at the New Pines Country Club in Morgantown this spring.

State philosophy group to meet at Concord

The West Virginia Philosophy Association will meet at Concord College Friday and Saturday, April 15-16.

The conference theme will be Latin American philosophy as a tribute to the late Dr. Jose Fanquis of West Virginia Wesleyan College.

The two-day sessions are open to all interested faculty members or students. Additional information can be obtained from the Philosophy Department by calling 6739.

May 1, and the 19th annual National Exhibition of Prints and Drawings, Oklahoma Art Center, Oklahoma City, Okla., April 3-May 1.

DR. WARREN W. WOODEN, associate professor of English, has been notified that his article, "Anti-Scholastic Satire in Sir Thomas More's 'Utopia'," has been accepted for publication in a special issue of The Sixteenth Century Journal which will be devoted to the theme "Early 16th Century Humanism" and will be published later this year.

NICHOLAS C. KONTOS, assistant professor of economics, DR. JEFFREY T. YOUNG, assistant professor of economics, and DR. J. W. MARONEY, Jr., chairman and professor of economics, attended the annual meeting of the Mountain State Economics Association March 24-25 at Morris Harvey College.

Alumni Association names award recipients

James Michael Maroney, a Charleston area native now living in Washington, D.C., will be the 1977 recipient of the Marshall University Alumni Association's Distinguished Service Award, Donald D. Ferguson, association president, announced today.

A 1959 graduate of Marshall, Maroney is a public health advisor with the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

The Distinguished Service Award is given annually for "loyal and unselfish service" to Marshall, Ferguson said.

"Mr. Maroney not only has been supportive financially, but has given freely of his own time to further the causes of the university," Ferguson said.

Maroney will be honored at the association's Alumni Weekend banquet, Saturday, April 23, at 7 p.m. in Memorial Student Center. He will share honors with Charleston journalists J.D. Maurice, this year's Distinguished Alumnus, and recipients of the 1977 Community Service Awards.

Names of the latter award winners will be announced later.

Maroney's contributions to Marshall include the establishment of the Maroney Merit Scholarship Endowment Fund. He has given several rare books and manuscripts to the James E. Morrow Library, including a fragment of a 13th Century parchment of the Justinian Code.

He has presented the MU Foundation with various art works, including a copy of the J.W. Jarvis portrait of John Marshall. He also is a life member of the Marshall Alumni Association.

"He was instrumental in promoting Marshall's highly successful presentation of 'The Chief Justice' at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington last May," Dr. Everett Roush, MU alumni affairs director, said.