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News Letter

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'Chief Justice' going to capital

The Chief Justice is going to Washington.

The Marshall University-produced musical epic, "The Chief Justice: John Marshall," has been selected to represent West Virginia in the Bicentennial Parade of American Music series of "state days" in John F. Kennedy Concert Hall in Washington, D.C.

Announcement of the honor was made by Dr. Wendell Kumlien, chairman of the Department of Music. The production will be presented in Kennedy Center on May 11.

Selection of the Marshall musical epic to represent West Virginia was made by the National Music Council and the National Federation of Music Clubs. The two organizations are sponsoring the Parade of American Music as part of the Bicentennial observance.

"The Chief Justice," written by Marshall's award-winning composer-in-residence, Dr. Paul W. Whear, had its world premiere last April 7 in the university's Smith Music Hall Auditorium. Reviewers were unanimous in their acclaim of the production.

Kumlien said about 160 performers will be making the trip to Washington, including students, faculty and townspeople. The epic requires two narrators, two solists, choir and orchestra. The commissioned production tells the story of the life of John Marshall, the great Chief Justice of the Supreme Court for whom Marshall University was named, and the foundations of the law in a developing United States. The time period covered is 1775-1835.

Kumlien said West Virginia's "state day" will be unique in that one musical work has been selected for the entire concert, since no other state is being represented in this fashion. West Virginia's appearance originally was scheduled for July 19, but

the date was advanced to May 11 in order that the musical epic might be presented during the normal academic year when the performers are available.

"We're tremendously pleased about the honor bestowed upon Marshall and its Music Department," Kumlien said. "We're also looking forward to the opportunity of staging this major production in one of the finest concert facilities in the entire nation. It will be a real showcase for what we consider to be a magnificent musical work."

Choral Union seeks singers

The Marshall University Choral Union will begin spring semester rehearsals Monday evening, Jan. 26. Dr. Paul A. Balshaw, director, said rehearsals will be conducted each Monday from 7:30 to 9 p.m. in Room 150 of Smith Music Hall.

Persons interested in singing with the group should report to the first rehearsal, Dr. Balshaw said. The Choral Union is open to talented townspeople as well as to Marshall students. No audition is required.

The major in which the group will be involved is "The Chief Justice," a Bicentennial musical epic written by Dr. Paul Whear, Marshall's composer-in-residence. Three performances of the work are scheduled for this spring.

Noted performers to headline Jazz Festival

A trumpet virtuoso, his orchestra, and three other influential jazz performers will highlight the Marshall University Department of Music Jazz Festival Jan. 29-31.

Maynard Ferguson and Orchestra and jazz specialists Bob Morsch, Bunky Green and Dave Sporny will appear at the seventh annual festival sponsored by the music department.

Ferguson and his musicians will present a jazz clinic at 3 p.m. and a formal concert at 8 p.m. on Jan. 29. Both events will be at the Keith-Albee Theater.

The clinic is open only to festival participants and the concert is open to the public by Artists Series ticket. MU students will be admitted to both events by activity card.

Twenty high school ensembles and four collegiate groups, including Marshall's Jazz Ensemble directed by J.D. Folsom, assistant professor of music, will perform in Smith Recital Hall during the festival. The musicians represent schools in West Virginia and southern Ohio.

All performances in Smith Hall are open to the public without charge.

Morsch, Green and Sporny will adjudicate high school and college jazz ensembles performing Jan. 30 and 31 in Smith

Recital Hall. They also will perform with the Marshall Jazz Ensemble at 8 p.m. Jan. 31 in Smith Hall.

The festival schedule follows:

Jan. 29--noon, open rehearsal, Marshall Jazz Ensemble with guest artists, Smith Recital Hall; 3 p.m. Jazz Clinic, Maynard Ferguson and Orchestra, Keith-Albee; 6 p.m., open rehearsal, Marshall Jazz Ensemble, guest artists, Smith Recital Hall; 8 p.m., Maynard Ferguson and Orchestra, Keith-Albee.

Jan. 30--All events at Smith Hall, 8:30 a.m. to noon and from 1 to 5:30 p.m., jazz ensembles; from 7 to 9 p.m., guest ensembles from Fairmont State College, West Virginia Wesleyan College, and West Virginia University; at 9 p.m., the Marshall Jazz Ensemble.

Jan. 31--All events in Smith Recital Hall, 9 to 10:30 a.m., high school jazz ensembles; 10:30 a.m., open rehearsal, Marshall ensemble and guest artists; 1 p.m., jazz trombone clinic, Dave Sporny; 2:30 p.m., improvisation clinic, Bunky Green; 4 p.m., jazz rehearsal techniques, Robert Morsch with Huntington High School; at 8 p.m., final festival concert, Marshall ensemble and guest artists.

The Marshall University Foundation will honor Marshall President Robert B. Hayes at its annual meeting Thursday, Jan. 29, Foundation President Harry Wolfe Jr. announced. The event will be held in Memorial Student Center, starting at 6:30 p.m.

Dr. Kenneth E. Young of Washington, D.C., president of The Council on Postsecondary Accreditation, will be the featured speaker.

Wolfe said the foundation's board of directors had decided to honor President Hayes at its annual meeting because Hayes had declined to have a formal inauguration following his appointment in November, 1974.

"We felt there should be some sort of formal recognition of the tremendous impact Dr. Hayes has had and is having on the growth and development of Marshall," Wolfe said. "It seemed appropriate that the foundation sponsor such an event and that it be a part of our annual meeting and dinner."

The recognition dinner will be open to the public as well as to members of the Marshall faculty and staff. Marshall retirees are especially invited, Wolfe said. The price of the dinner is \$6.50 per person and reservations should be made by telephoning the Foundation's office, 696-6440.

Retirement board nominations sought

Willard M. Ansel, executive secretary of the West Virginia Teachers Retirement Board has submitted the following memorandum concerning the 1976 Teachers Retirement Board Membership Election:

This is to advise that the current term of Mrs. Velma B. Allen as an elected member of the Teachers Retirement Board will expire on July 1, 1976.

Subject to provisions of the School Laws of West Virginia, Chapter 18, Article 7A, Section 5, an election will be held for teacher member of the Teachers Retirement Board for a six (6) year term to begin July 1, 1976.

The nomination of candidates for election as a teacher member must be by petition signed by at least one hundred members (100) of the State Teachers Retirement System. ANY CONTRIBUTING MEMBER OF THE TEACHERS RETIREMENT SYSTEM IS ELIGIBLE TO BE NOMINATED AS A CANDIDATE.

The nomination petitions must be filed with this office not later than March 20, 1976. This date is important to note and to understand.

The petitions should be headed up as follows:

"WE THE UNDERSIGNED MEMBERS OF THE WEST VIRGINIA TEACHERS RETIREMENT SYSTEM, HEREBY NOMINATE _____ FOR THE POSITION OF BOARD MEMBER, TEACHERS RETIREMENT SYSTEM, FOR THE SIX (6) YEAR TERM BEGINNING JULY 1, 1976".
(SIGN NAME IN FULL)

PETITIONS SHOULD BE RETURNED TO THIS OFFICE BY CERTIFIED MAIL.

Absences excused...

Excused absences have been approved by the respective colleges and-or the Graduate School for the following on the dates listed:

Jan. 14-Kim Humphreys, Tim Meadows and Joe Hickman.
Jan. 16, Feb. 11-13-McHenry Ellis, Vernon Varnum, Richard Thompson, Allen Perry, Mark Paxton, Allen Insko, David King, Robert Mesite, William Dull, Ricky Penix, Ronald Keller, Jack Adkins, David Waybright, Danny King, Mark Morgan, Richard Tiller, Richard Turner, Clifford Riley, Carl Fields and Nancy Hill.

NEWCOMERS

Newcomers to the campus include:

DORA J. MOSCATELLO, clerk in payroll; THOMAS R. DRUMMOND, advertising manager for The Parthenon; SHIRLEY JEAN FLETCHER, main desk supervisor in Memorial Student Center, and THOMAS E. HOWARD JR. AND L. E. McCLINTON JR., night supervisors in Memorial Student Center.

Welcome to Marshall!

Second annual 'Herd' celebration scheduled

The second annual "Bring Back The Herd" celebration, in which Marshall University honors its former basketball lettermen, is scheduled for Feb. 6-7.

This year, the 1955-56 Mid-American Conference Championship team will be especially honored in this 20th anniversary season of that achievement. Last year's first "Bring Back The Herd" celebration attracted more than 50 former lettermen.

Joe Hunnicutt, a player for the 1955-56 MAC champions, is chairman of the event, co-sponsored by the Marshall University Department of Athletics and the Alumni Association.

The schedule of events includes a special dinner for the 1955-56 team on Friday night, Feb. 6, a luncheon for all lettermen Saturday, Feb. 7, campus tours following the luncheon, an Alumni vs. Alumni game as a preliminary to the 8 p.m. Marshall varsity game with Fairleigh Dickinson, and a post-game reception in which former players will meet this year's team.

In the Alumni vs. Alumni game slated for 5:45 p.m., the former lettermen who wished to participate in the game will be divided into two teams coached respectively by Ellis Johnson and Stewart Way, two former head coaches as Marshall.

The Friday night dinner for the 1955-56 team will be held at the Downtown Holiday Inn, the Saturday luncheon at the Marshall Memorial Student Center and the post-game reception at the Memorial Field House.

CJ educators meet at MU

The West Virginia Criminal Justice Educators' Association met at Marshall University on Jan. 16.

Dr. David Patterson, chairman of the Marshall Department of Criminal Justice, presented a working draft comparing course offerings at state institutions handling criminal justice education from which the group is to develop a system of transferring course credits from one institution to another.

DR. CHARLES M. WOODFORD, associate professor of speech, is author of an article, "Static Acoustic Impedence of the Chinchilla Middle Ear: Awake and Seated," published in the November issue of the Journal of the Acoustic Society of America.

DR. WILLIAM P. SULLIVAN, professor of English, attended the 10-state Legislator/Faculty Seminar at Warrenton, Va., Dec. 11-13. The seminar was sponsored by the Education Commission of the States, the Society for Religion in Higher Education, and the American Association of University Professors. On Dec. 14, Sullivan testified before the joint subcommittee on Higher Education of the West Virginia Legislature. He also served as a panelist on the American Issues Forum program on labor organizations on WMUL-TV, Channel 33, on Jan. 18.

DR. DAVID E. FIELDS, assistant professor of mathematics, spoke on "The Cardiac Computer," at Braxton County High School, Sutton, W. Va., on Jan. 7.

DR. DAVID A. CUSICK, assistant professor of mathematics, discussed the topic, "Teaching Your Pocket Calculator Some New Tricks," at Gilbert (W. Va.) High School on Jan. 12.

DR. W. THURMON WHITLEY, associate professor of mathematics, spoke to an in-service workshop for Wood County, W. Va., mathematics teachers at Parkersburg on Jan. 15. His topic was "Mathematicians are Human."

The Office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs has confirmed that BETTY R. ROBERTS, assistant professor of health, physical education and recreation, has completed all requirements for the Doctor of Education degree in physical education at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro.

DR. JOAN F. ADKINS, associate professor of English, attended the annual convention of the Modern Language Association, Dec. 26-29, in San Francisco. She presented a paper, "Extentionalist Themes and Motifs in 'New Writing in India,'" to the seminar on South Asian Literature. Her review of R.K. Narayan's "Reluctant Guru" appeared in the November issue of World Literature Written in English.

JANE B. SHEPHERD, professor of music, was soloist in

Mozart's "Vesperae solennes de confessore" with the Charleston (W. Va.) Civic Chorus on Dec. 7. She also was soloist in Beethoven's "Ninth Symphony" presented at Oberlin (Ohio) College on Dec. 13.

James H. Houck named rehabilitation counselor

James H. Houck, 27, has been named rehabilitation counselor at Marshall University by West Virginia Division of Vocational Rehabilitation.

Houck succeeds Jerry L. Meadows, 33, who was promoted to a supervisory position with the district Vocational Rehabilitation offices in Huntington.

Houck is the only full-time rehabilitation counselor operating a service office on a West Virginia college or university campus under a program started at Marshall in 1973. The program is a cooperative effort of the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation and the university.

Marshall was selected for the on-campus rehabilitation office in 1973 because of its concern for the handicapped, accessibility to students, excellent student personnel services and undergraduate program in rehabilitation education, according to state rehabilitation officials.

Houck said Marshall now has 170 handicapped students on campus and the number is steadily increasing. In addition to working with handicapped students, Houck will assist rehabilitation field counselors in their activities.

Houck, a native of Gallipolis, Ohio, received a bachelor of science degree from Rio Grande College and a masters degree in counseling and rehabilitation at Marshall. He taught English and history at Circleville (Ohio) High School prior to entering the masters degree program at Marshall.

He and his wife, Sharon, a registered nurse at Cabell Huntington Hospital, reside in Huntington.