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# News Letter

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## MU Commencement changed

A change in procedures for the 1976 Marshall University Commencement program has been announced by President Robert B. Hayes. The change was recommended by two faculty groups, the Commencement and Honorary Degrees Committee and the Academic Planning and Standards Committee.

Under the new procedures, all persons recommended by the deans of the respective colleges as prospective graduates will be permitted to participate in Commencement, although the final determination of whether the participants completing their work in the second semester have met all graduation requirements will be made after all grades are submitted. The deadline for submission of grades is May 17. Commencement is to be held May 16.

Diplomas will not be awarded at the Commencement ceremony, but will be mailed in July. These procedures are followed in a number of other institutions, Hayes said.

Also involved is the scheduling of final examinations and reporting of grades for second-semester graduating students. Their examinations and grades will not be scheduled early, as has been the practice in the past, but will be processed at the same time as those for all other students.

The Academic Planning and Standards Committee is being asked to recommend the manner in which the honors graduates will be recognized at the Commencement ceremony, Hayes said.

## It's official -- they're Harris, Buskirk Halls

Marshall University's newest building is Arvil E. Harris Hall. The name was selected in honor of the late dean of Marshall's Graduate School.

The West Virginia Board of Regents gave formal approval Tuesday to the name, recommended by Marshall President Robert B. Hayes. The four-story building, opened last fall, previously was designated Academic Building A.

At the same time, the board approved Hayes' recommendation to change the name of West Hall, a women's dormitory completed in 1965, to Lillian H. Buskirk Hall in honor of the former Marshall dean of women.

Dr. Harris came to Marshall in the fall of 1936 as a political science instructor. He was appointed dean of the Graduate School in 1948 and served in that capacity until shortly before his death on Dec. 29, 1964.

## Nominations now open for honorary degrees

The Commencement and Honorary Degrees Committee is asking faculty and staff to submit names of persons believed to merit consideration as recipients of honorary degrees from Marshall University at the 1976 Commencement, according to Dr. Michael J. Galgano, committee secretary.

The committee has adopted as a guideline for consideration the following statement:

*"The recipient of an honorary degree from Marshall University should be a person whose contribution to humanity clearly merits recognition."*

Complete data on the candidate proposed must accompany the recommendation so the committee can give the candidate full consideration, Galgano said. All data must be sent to the Office of Academic Affairs, Old Main 110, no later than Feb. 20.

A native of Braxton County, Dr. Harris was a rural school teacher for several years. He earned a diploma from the Academy Division of Glenville State Normal School, now Glenville State College, in 1923. He received his A.B. from Marshall, his M.A. from the University of Pennsylvania and his Ph.D. from the State University of Iowa.

Dr. Harris also was active in church and community affairs and served as a member of City Council and mayor of Huntington.

Mrs. Buskirk served Marshall from 1937 until her retirement July 1, 1970. During most of that 33-year period she was dean of women.

A native of Hinton, she received her A.B. degree from Marshall and her M.A. degree from Columbia Teachers College.

Mrs. Buskirk still makes her home in Huntington.

Hayes said the names were selected on the basis of recommendations by the university's Physical Facilities and Planning Committee. He said plans for formal dedication ceremonies will be announced later.

## Holidays, non - holidays

Monday, Feb. 16, Presidents Day, will be a holiday for students and faculty. No classes will be held. However, university offices will be open and members of the non-teaching staff and administration will work that day.

The same will be true of Good Friday, April 16.

The two scheduled holidays were canceled for non-teaching employees of the University when four holidays were added during the Christmas period in order to conserve fuel.

Marshall University faculty, staff and students are being asked to participate in the annual Career and Job Fair to be held in the Multi-Purpose Room of Memorial Student Center from 1 to 4 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 10.

Reginald A. Spencer, coordinator of the Office of Career

Planning and Placement, said 53 businesses and government agencies already have agreed to participate. The event is sponsored by Alpha Kappa Psi professional business fraternity, the Marketing Club, the Huntington Rotary Club and Career Planning and Placement.

"As the title indicates, we cover a double mission and would welcome your participation," Spencer said. Faculty and staff who are unable to participate directly are urged to encourage student participation, he said.

The event will be held in an informal setting in which prospective employers will be assigned tables where students can stop for brief chats on either careers or jobs.

Faculty and staff who wish to participate or gain additional information may call Spencer at 696-2370.

## NEWCOMERS

Newcomers to the campus include:

PHYLLIS JEAN NAPIER, secretary in the Community College; GLENNA S. ALLEN, secretary in Reading and Early Childhood Education; MARY PATRICIA CARROLL, clerk-dispatcher in Security, and LESTER CARL WADDLE JR., operator in the Computer Center.

Welcome to Marshall!

## Dr. Dorothy A. Fisher retires from Marshall

Dr. Dorothy A. Fisher, professor of biological sciences at Marshall University, has retired following a 29-year career at Marshall, Dr. George J. Harbold, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, has announced.

A native of Hartford, Conn., Dr. Fisher joined the Marshall faculty in the fall of 1946. She had taught previously at Keuka College in New York, Moravian Seminary and College for Women in Pennsylvania, Ashville (N.C.) College and Biltmore College in Ashville.

Dr. Fisher earned her B.S. degree in botany from Keuka College and her M.S. and Ph.D. degrees from Cornell University.

She taught at Meshed University in Iran in 1961-62 under a Fulbright Fellowship. She also received a National Science Foundation study grant to do additional graduate work at Stanford University's Pacific Grove Marine Station in California.

"Dr. Fisher has served Marshall well in her 29 years here," Dean Harbold said. "We are going to miss her as a dedicated teacher and an outstanding person."

## Miss Anna Laura DeNoon dies in Connecticut hospital

Miss Anna Laura DeNoon, 88, retired professor of mathematics at Marshall, died Jan. 26 in a Fairfield Conn. hospital, following a long illness. Graveside services were held Jan. 28 in Spring Hill Cemetery, Huntington.

Miss DeNoon served 38 years at Marshall, beginning in 1909. She was chairman of the Department of Mathematics from 1940 until her retirement in 1947.

A graduate of Marietta College, she received her masters degree from Columbia University. She was awarded an honorary Doctor of Science degree from Marietta in 1945.

Miss DeNoon had made her home in South Norwalk, Conn., since her retirement.

### JONES' ART IS EXHIBITED

Recent art works by George Bobby Jones, assistant professor of art at Marshall University, are on exhibit at Sunrise Art Gallery in Charleston through Feb. 21.

## Recruitment schedule...

The Office of Career Planning and Placement has announced the following recruitment schedule for graduating seniors:

FEB. 10--Peat, Marwick, Mitchell and Co. of Cincinnati, Ohio, staff accountants; Price Waterhouse and Co. of Columbus, Ohio, staff accountants, and Montgomery Ward of Charleston, W.Va., retail store management trainees.

FEB. 11--Montgomery Ward, retail management trainees, and Aetna Life and Casualty Co. of Charleston, W.Va., group representatives.

FEB. 12--Health, Education, Welfare Audit Agency of Charleston, W.Va., auditors and accountants; Cooperative Extension Service, West Virginia University, county extension staff for adult and youth education programs; West Clermont (Ohio) Schools, classroom teachers, and Coopers and Lybrand of Columbus, Ohio, staff accountants.

FEB. 13--Coopers and Lybrand, staff accountants.

FEB. 17--Ernst and Ernst of Charleston, W.Va., staff accountants; Firestone Tire and Rubber Co. of Akron, Ohio, positions in industrial management, industrial relations, operations research, accounting and chemistry; B.F. Goodrich Co. of Akron, Ohio, positions in non-technical sales and Chillicothe (Ohio) Schools, classroom teachers.

FEB. 18--West Virginia Civil Service Commission to offer career information; Kimbleton, Baugham and Co. of Ashland, Ky., staff accountants for Ashland, Huntington and Point Pleasant, and Hill's Department Stores of Canton, Mass., management trainees.

FEB. 19--Fidelity Union Life Insurance Co. of Huntington, agents, district managers and regional directors.

## Reminder to faculty...

Joseph Vance, director of the Marshall University Bookstore, reminds faculty who wish to order rental caps and gowns for use at Commencement that their order cards should be returned to the Bookstore immediately.

## Mininnis parents of son

Dr. and Mrs. Frank J. Mininni are the parents of a son, Paul Lars, born Jan. 27 at Cabell Huntington Hospital. The child weighed 3.73 kilograms and measured 52 centimeters in length at birth.

Dr. Mininni is an associate professor of philosophy. Mrs. Erika Mininni is an instructor in German.



DR. GEORGE J. HARBOLD, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, was in London and Cambridge, England, last week to consult with British officials on the exchange of professorships. In London, Harbold met with Ms. Judith Hemery and her staff at the Central Bureau for Educational Visits and Exchanges, and at Cambridge he met with Principal Mumford, president of Cambridgeshire College of Arts and Technology. DR. RALPH OBERLY, chairman of the Department of Physics and Physical Science, is teaching at Cambridgeshire College this year.

DR. ROBERT D. OLSON, director of the Speech and Hearing Center, has been appointed to a two-year term as a member of the Committee on Quality Assurance of the American Board of Examiners in Speech Pathology and Audiology, the professional accreditation body of the American Speech and Hearing Association. The appointment is effective March 1.

DR. SOO BOCK CHOI, professor of political science, is to

## **Local alumni chapter to hold first session**

The first general meeting of the new Huntington Chapter of the Marshall University Alumni Association will be held Friday, Feb. 13, at 7:30 p.m. in the Alumni Lounge of Memorial Student Center.

Announcement of the meeting was made by Donald D. Ferguson, president of the alumni association. Ferguson will conduct the meeting until chapter officers are elected, at which time the person selected as chapter president will take charge.

President Robert B. Hayes will address the group. Dr. Everett Roush, director of alumni affairs, also will speak.

A social hour will follow the formal meeting and refreshments will be served.

Ferguson said all alumni of Marshall living in the Huntington area are being invited to attend.

## **Absences excused...**

Excused absences have been approved by the respective colleges for the following students on the dates listed:

JAN. 29-31--Jack Austin, Jerry Smalley, Carolyn Kitchen, Jody Whitten and Linda Wentzell.

give a talk on Korean unification for the upcoming regional conference to the Association for Asian Studies to be held at the University of Virginia. The text of his talk has been requested by the Library of Congress for possible use in its special reference section.

DR. HAROLD E. NEELY, associate professor of political science, participated in a day-long series of events as part of the Ivor F. Boiarski Memorial Address held Feb. 4 at the State Capitol. Neely and two political science students were invited to participate.

## **Dr. Stewart reports on Graduate Council**

The Marshall University Graduate Council met Jan. 28, 1976, and conducted the following business:

Associate graduate faculty status was awarded to a number of part-time faculty.

Council denied a student request to permit the transfer of more than 12 hours from another institution.

Council also expressed the view that the cumulative quality point average for candidacy or graduation should not extend beyond an eight year period.

Submitted by:  
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## **'Thundering Word' team wins four Julep trophies**

Marshall University's "Thundering Word" individual events (IE) speaking team drank from the cup of success at the Georgetown (Ky.) College Julep IE Tournament last weekend.

The Marshall team won four trophies on the way to a seventh-place finish among 29 competing schools.

Two of the awards came in the duo interpretation contest. Ken Steele, Ansted senior, and Danny Cooper, Huntington junior, finished fourth and Anne Moore, Huntington junior, and Connie Day, Chesapeake, Ohio freshman, placed sixth.

The other two awards were in poetry where Steele placed second in the varsity division and Day finished first in novice competition.