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## Break with tradition

### *Saturday Commencement planned*

In a break with tradition, Marshall University will have a Saturday Commencement this spring, President Robert B. Hayes announced.

The 1976 Commencement program will be held Saturday, May 15, at 11 a.m. in Memorial Field House. It originally had been scheduled for Sunday afternoon, May 16.

Marshall Commencement programs traditionally have been held on Sunday afternoon. Hayes said the new date, recommended by the Commencement and Honorary Degrees Committee, will be more convenient

for all concerned—graduating students, families, faculty members and others participating in the graduation ceremonies.

The Sunday Commencement tradition dates to a period when travel was much more difficult for families of the students and when the graduation ceremonies were preceded by Baccalaureate (religious) services on Sunday morning. Because of a lack of attendance, Marshall and other schools dropped Baccalaureate services several years ago.

## Committee picked to screen for new dean

Carlton Smith, administrator of the Huntington Veterans Administration Hospital, will serve as chairman of a 12-member search and screening committee to help select a dean for the Marshall University School of Medicine.

The committee will solicit applications, invite qualified candidates to be interviewed, and make recommendations to President Robert B. Hayes on filling the dual position of vice president for health science and dean of the medical school.

Smith also is vice chairman of Marshall's Advisory Board of Medical Education.

Others named to the committee were:

-Dr. Rowland Burns, chief of medicine at Cabell Huntington Hospital and chairman of Marshall's Advisory Board of Medical Education.

-Kenneth Wood, administrator of Cabell Huntington Hospital.

-Steve Soltis, executive director of St. Mary's Hospital in Huntington.

-Dr. Werner Laqueur of Beckley, clinical professor of pathology on the medical school faculty.

-Dr. Charles Turner of Huntington, a member of the Advisory Board of Medical Education.

-Dr. Thomas Holbrook of Huntington, also a member of the Advisory Board on Medical Education.

-Dr. Forrest Goodall, professor of biochemistry-cell biology on the medical school faculty.

-William C. Campbell of Huntington, vice chairman of the Marshall University Advisory Board.

-Dr. Guy Hollifield, associate dean for clinical affairs on the Beckley campus and professor of medicine.

-Dr. Robert Marshall of Morgantown, professor of medicine in the West Virginia University School of Medicine.

-Dr. Paul Stewart, dean of the Marshall Graduate School.

Working with the committee will be Paul H. Collins, executive assistant to the president for medical school affairs, who will serve as secretary of the committee; Dr. Robert W. Coon, vice chancellor for health education for the West Virginia Board of Regents who currently is functioning as dean of the medical school, and President Hayes.

### *'Fashion,' 1845 comedy, set for MU Theatre*

Marshall University Theatre's Bicentennial Theatre Season production of the five-act musical comedy "Fashion" will be presented Feb. 18-21 at 8 p.m. in Old Main Auditorium.

Tickets will be on a reserved seat basis only at \$2 each, according to Dr. N. Bennett East, associate professor of speech and director of the play. Students may reserve seats by activity card. Tickets may be reserved by calling 696-2306 or obtained at the door.

Dr. East said the play, featuring old tunes such as "She's Only a Bird in a Gilded Cage," is regarded by theater critics as one of the best American plays of the 19th Century.

The production, highlighted by lavish sets and costumes, depicts the efforts of socialite Mrs. Antony Tiffany to impose European modes of fashion upon New York society, and the resulting conflict between false fashion and "true" American ideals.

"Fashion" was written in 1845 by Anna Cora Mowatt Ritchie, the first professional woman playwright of America. Dr. East said the comic foibles in the snobbery of that day still are present and make the play timely.

## **Gab Session Tuesday**

The next Faculty Gab Session is scheduled for Tuesday, Feb. 17, at 3 p.m. in the Presidents Room of Memorial Student Center.

The session will be open to all interested faculty members. Gab Sessions are designed to provide for informal discussions between members of the faculty and President Hayes.

## **Word team thunders to national ranking**

The Marshall University "Thundering Word" debate team's junior varsity has a sixth-place national ranking as a result of a tournament in Ohio last weekend.

Competing in the second annual National Junior Varsity Debate Tournament at the Stark County branch of Kent State University, Becky Skeen, Ripley sophomore, and Beth Bower, Princeton freshman, won three of six debates on the topic of the federal government developing a comprehensive program of land use. The undergraduate duo debated both for and against the resolution during the three-day tournament.

Marshall won decisions over Northern Arizona University, Clarion College of Pennsylvania and Hiram College of Ohio.

The University of North Carolina at Greensboro won the event, the University of South Dakota placed second, and Suffolk College of Boston finished third. Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University ended fourth and Hiram was fifth.

## **Faculty, students off Monday**

Marshall University faculty and students will observe the Presidents Day holiday Monday, but university offices will be open and members of the non-teaching staff and administration are to be at work.

That also will be the case on Good Friday, April 16.

The two holidays were canceled for non-teaching employees when four holidays were added during the Christmas-New Year's period in an effort to conserve fuel.

## **Absences excused...**

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

JAN. 29-31—Peg O'Brien, Ed Miser, Charles Wright, Dwight Erwin and Greig Hein.

FEB. 2—Thundering Herd track team.

FEB. 3—Junior varsity basketball team.

### **EMERITUS CLUB TO HEAR CLAGG**

The Emeritus Club of Marshall will meet at noon Wednesday, Feb. 18, at the Up Towner Inn for luncheon and a Bicentennial address by Dr. Sam Clagg, chairman of the Department of Geography.

## **MU faculty and staff achievements, activities...**

DR. CHARLES V. PEBBLE, assistant professor of mathematics, spoke on "Derivation of Some Fundamental Trigonometric Relations by Using Complex Numbers," at Huntington High School on Feb. 11.

DR. CLAIR W. MATZ, assistant professor of political science, participated in a national conference on the New International Economic Order held at the Johnson Foundation, Racine, Wis., Feb. 2-4. Co-sponsored by the U.S. Department of State, the League of Women Voters in the U.S. and several multinational corporations, the conference considered the claims of poor nations against the rich. Matz presented "The Case for the Generalized System of Preferences."

DR. RICHARD O. COMFORT, professor of sociology and anthropology, attended a meeting of the Southern Association of Agricultural Scientists in Mobile, Ala., Feb. 1-4, and presented a paper on the utilization of social science research at the rural sociology section session.

## **Dr. Gilmore co-authors newly published book**

Dr. Richard A. Gilmore, associate professor of biochemistry in the School of Medicine, is co-author of a newly published book, "An Approach to Problem Solving in Genetics."

Formerly a member of the Southern Illinois University faculty, Gilmore wrote the book with two other faculty members at the Illinois school, Oval Myers Jr. and DuWayne C. Englert. It has been published by Stipes Publishing Co. of Champaign, Ill.

Gilmore also is co-author of an article published recently in the professional journal "Genetics" on "Mapping and Gene Conversion Studies with the Structural Gene for Iso-1-cytochrome with Yeast."

## **Suggestions are requested**

Department chairmen have been notified and all faculty are requested to submit suggestions for the improvement of Graduate School policies. These suggestions are requested prior to March 15. The Graduate Council will review all ideas received in the effort to establish the best practices at Marshall.

Paul D. Stewart  
Dean, Graduate School

## **New alumni unit to meet**

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

All Marshall alumni living in the Huntington area are being invited to attend, according to Donald D. Ferguson, alumni association president.