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News Letter

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Fitch Natatorium dedication set Saturday

Marshall University's large swimming and diving complex will be named the "Frederick A. (Doc) Fitch Natatorium," MU Acting President Sam Clagg announced this week.

Dedication ceremonies honoring the former Physical Education Department chairman will be conducted Saturday, Feb. 18, at 6 p.m. in the Big Green Room of Henderson Center. The nearby natatorium will be open for inspection, Clagg said.

Fitch retired in 1971 after a Marshall teaching career that began in 1930.

Clagg said the naming of the natatorium in Fitch's honor was recommended by the university's Physical Facilities and Planning Committee. The committee's chairman, Dr.



Fred Fitch

Kenneth P. Ambrose, will preside at the ceremonies and unveil the plaque to be mounted in the natatorium.

Clagg, a faculty colleague of Fitch's for many years, will present a tribute to the retired professor. Fitch, who still lives in Huntington, also will speak briefly.

"Doc Fitch has devoted most of his life to serving Marshall University and its students," Clagg said. "I'm truly delighted that his dedication and service can be recognized in such a significant manner."

Fitch's association with Marshall goes back to 1908 when he was two years old. His father, a doctor, moved his practice here from Washington, D.C., and the family
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Speech chairman is presented Stanton Fellowship

The International Radio and Television Society (IRTS) has presented its prestigious Frank Stanton Fellowship to Dr. Dorothy R. Johnson, chairman of the Marshall University Speech Department.

The presentation was made by CBS President Emeritus Frank Stanton during the opening dinner of the recent annual faculty/industry and college conference of the IRTS in New York.



Dorothy Johnson

The fellowship, instituted in 1973, pays tribute to Dr. Stanton's "contribution to broadcasting and professional education." As president of CBS for more than 20 years, Stanton is considered one of the most distinguished leaders in broadcasting. The award is

given annually "to an outstanding communication professor who reflects this contribution by Dr. Stanton."

For the first time since its inception, Stanton himself presented the 1984 award. Dr. Johnson also addressed the dinner audience.

IRTS is a 44-year-old organization which offers an educational forum for expression of ideas on communication issues. The fellowship provides an expense-paid trip to the conference at the Glen Cove Conference Center on Long Island, as well as a standing invitation to future IRTS conferences.

Dr. Johnson, who was selected in 1981 for the Woman of Achievement award by the West Virginia Press Women, has been chairman of the Marshall Speech

Department since 1974. She has been a member of the faculty since 1965.

A native of Schenectady, N.Y., she received her bachelor's degree from Wheaton (Ill.) College, earned masters degrees from the University of Pennsylvania and Northwestern University, and received her doctorate from Ohio State University.

She is the editor of a textbook, "Fundamentals of Speech Communication," and did her doctoral dissertation on "Broadcasting in Appalachia."

She and her husband, C. Bosworth Johnson, are the parents of five children.

'Emergency' guidelines

The Counseling Service reports there has been an increase in the number of students being referred on an emergency/crisis basis recently. Kenneth Blue, associate dean of student affairs, has offered the following guidelines for faculty/staff in case of an emergency:

1. Call Student Counseling Service 696-3111 or 3164. Provide brief explanation of emergency situation to receptionist.
2. If you know student is a client of a certain counselor, ask for that counselor. Otherwise, the receptionist will have you talk to the counselor on intake duty.
3. If student needs to be seen immediately, person making referral should be prepared to escort student to the Counseling Service or make arrangements to ensure contact.
4. If situation arises after 4:30 p.m., call the Department of Public Safety 696-6406 and inform them you need the assistance of a counselor. They will make necessary contact with the counselor on call.

Classified Employees Council considers proposal

The Board of Regents Advisory Council of Classified Employees (ACCE) met last week in Charleston to discuss several important topics in relation to Classified Staff Employees.

Ray Welty of Marshall University submitted a draft of a new grievance procedure. While rejecting civil service coverage in 1983, the Advisory Council did so based on the following four conditions:

1. Holidays will become equal in number with other state employees.
2. The grievance procedure for the Board of Regents Classified Employees will be improved.
3. Standardization of the Board Classification System will be studied and implemented.
4. A better salary scale with in-step raises be put in place.

The council is now considering Mr. Welty's proposal and will discuss it further at its next meeting. No recommendation has been made to the Board of Regents at this time. The main problems with the present system are: (1) Length of time to settle a grievance. (2) Onedness of the procedure.

A committee was also formed to study the present classification system and suggest recommendations for change. The committee is comprised of four personnel officers and four Classified Employees. The Classified Employees are Ms. Margaret Taylor, West Virginia Institute of Technology; Mr. William Bickerstaff, Fairmont State College; Ms. Connie Dziagwa, Parkersburg Community College, and Mr. Ray Welty, Marshall University.

Ray asks that anyone wishing to submit ideas regarding the changes in the Classification System submit them to him in care of the Office of Housing and Conference Facilities, 115 Old Main. Once the committee has met, Ray plans to sponsor an open meeting for general discussion concerning the committee's work.

At the Jan. 10, 1984, meeting of the Board of Regents, the new policy regarding holidays was adopted. The Advisory Council of Classified Employees had been working on this new plan for several months and was very pleased to hear that it had passed this policy increasing the number of holidays so that Classified Staff now receive the same number as other State Employees.

Severe weather schedules and several legislative concerns were also discussed at the meeting. Mr. Welty urges all Classified Employees to obtain a copy of the Board of Regents booklet, "Facts and Budget Request," from the Office of University Relations as we all need to be aware of the Board's proposal.

Mr. Welty also made a presentation to the Advisory Council on the "Academy of Computers," a public broadcasting program that staff should be aware of.

(Report submitted by Ray Welty)

Registration underway for MDA Superdance

Pre-registration for the 1984 WKEE/MU Student Government Association Superdance to benefit the Muscular Dystrophy Association is now underway. Anyone interested in participating may register between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. weekdays in the Memorial Student Center lobby until March 21.

A fee of \$2 per person will be required. Each dancer is also expected to collect at least \$30 in donations from sponsors. The money collected is to be presented at final registration March 30.

"In the past, students were required to obtain sponsors as a couple. This year they are encouraged to gather sponsors by themselves; however, they may dance together in couples," Tammy L. Rice, Radnor junior and co-chairman of the fund-raising committee said.

The eighth annual Superdance will begin in the Memorial Student Center March 30 at 7 p.m. and will end 24 hours later on March 31. The committee hopes to collect \$20,000 for MDA.

Faculty and staff achievements, activities...

DR. JOHN W. FOSTER, assistant professor of microbiology, will present three papers at next month's national meeting of the American Society for Microbiology in St. Louis. They are: "Starvation-regulated genetic loci of *Salmonella typhimurium*," Michael P. Spector, graduate student, coauthor; "NAD biosynthesis in *Salmonella typhimurium*: expression of *nad-lac* gene fusions," Elizabeth A. Holley, graduate student, coauthor, and "Pyridine nucleotide cycle genetics of *Salmonella typhimurium* utilizing *pnc-lacZ* fusions," Dennis Kinney, Jean Hill, and Spector, graduate students, coauthors. Foster also will represent the local ASM as councilor for the meeting.

DAVID GILLMORE, general manager of Instructional Television Services, addressed the Huntington Optimist Club Feb. 1 on "Television Broadcasting in the Peoples' Republic of China."

Campus briefs...

Two music education majors have scheduled senior piano recitals this weekend in Smith Recital Hall.

Teresa E. Spurgeon of Hurricane will have her recital Saturday at 8 p.m. Patricia Cobb of Clendenin will present her recital Sunday at 3 p.m.

Miss Spurgeon's program will include works by Mendelssohn, Brahms, Haydn and Shostakovich. Accompanying her as second pianist in a concerto by Mendelssohn will be Professor James Taggart.

Miss Cobb will include works by Beethoven, Chopin, Schumann and Ginastera in her program.

The recitals are open to the public free of charge.

UPDATES REQUESTED

The editors of "Current Research" are asking for updates of faculty and staff research activities for the next issue. Please send a short description of your research activities to David Woodward, 781 Smith Hall, or Corey Lock, 205 Jenkins Hall.

MARRIAGE IN NIGERIA

Black History Month will continue with an open forum today (Feb. 16) at 7 p.m. in the Don Morris Room, Memorial Student Center. Henry Eke, president of the MU Nigerian Student Union, will discuss "Marriage in Nigeria." A display including pictures of men and women in traditional dress will also be presented. The program, sponsored by the Minority Students Program, is open to the public.

GIFT TO FOUNDATION

The Marshall University Foundation has received an unrestricted gift of \$3,000 from Huntington Federal Savings and Loan, Dr. Bernard Queen, foundation executive director, announced.

The check, presented by Kermit E. McGinnis, president of Huntington Federal, will be placed in the University's Greatest Needs account, according to Queen.

"Funds in that account are used wherever flexible funding is needed, especially for faculty development and for student-oriented programs," he said. "We are most grateful to Mr. McGinnis and his board for their generosity."

DR. C. ROBERT BARNETT, associate professor in the Department of Health, Physical Education and Recreation, is the author of "The Spartans and the Tanks," a re-created media guide for the Portsmouth Spartans and Ironton Tanks. The 42-page guide was published by the Pro Football Researchers Association as part of its historical media guide series. Barnett also wrote an article titled "Clark Hinkle: Life After Pro Football," which appeared in the Feb. 2 issue of "Green Bay Packers Report."

DR. ALLAN STERN, assistant professor of education, OAS Department, has been granted professional certification as a Certified Hazard Control Manager by the Board of Hazard Control Management.

NEWCOMERS

New to the campus are:

MARY SANDRA STEVENS, research associate, School of Medicine; BRENT A. HAMLIN, police officers I, Public Safety; DONALD S. EWANUS, night supervisor, Recreation Center, Memorial Student Center; JACQUELINE M. WOOLFOLK, secretary I, Radiation Safety; WANDA KAY BILLUPS, accounting clerk I, Accounting; DANNY KESSICK, GREGORY ALLEN BEACH and JOSEPH TURLEY III, all building service worker I, Plant Operations.

Welcome to Marshall!

Doctorate is awarded

Gordon P. Henderson, instructor in political science at Marshall University, has earned the Ph.D. degree from Purdue University, according to the MU Provost's Office.

The degree was conferred Dec. 17. Dr. Henderson's dissertation is entitled "Patterns of Political Thinking in the Debate over Government's Role in the Economy: An Interpretation of Newspaper Commentary, 1969-1974."

Henderson, who joined Marshall's faculty in 1981, received his B.A. degree from Eisenhower College and the M.A. degree from Purdue.

Fitch dedication Saturday

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home was located adjacent to the campus. The home site now is occupied by Marshall's Harris Hall classroom building.

He earned his bachelor's degree from Marshall in 1929.

Fitch left Marshall only twice after joining the faculty in the Spring Term of 1929-30 and before his 1971 retirement. He left briefly to study for his master's degree at New York University and later served 3½ years in the Army Air Corps in the South Pacific during World War II, attaining the rank of major.

He became acting chairman of the Physical Education Department (now the Department of Health, Physical Education and Recreation) in 1950 and later was named chairman. He broadened the work of the department, developing programs in safety education, driver's education and health education.

Study will involve pregnant diabetics

Human insulin might make pregnancy safer for diabetic women and their babies, a Marshall University School of Medicine doctor believes, and he is seeking pregnant diabetics to help study this possibility.

"Pregnant diabetics run an increased risk of still birth and babies with birth defects," said Dr. Bruce Chertow, professor of medicine and chief of the school's endocrinology section. "Recent studies have shown that if the mother's blood sugar levels are kept in the normal range, complications drop to about the same rate as for non-diabetics and the outcome is usually a healthy baby."

"We think that human insulin may provide better control, and also that it may be better for the baby."

Chertow said most insulin now comes from pigs or cows. Because it is non-human, the body produces antibodies against it.

"If the mother's body builds up resistance to the insulin, the insulin doesn't work as well," he explained. "Those antibodies can also pass to the baby and interfere with its production of insulin. We're trying to see if less antibody is produced when human insulin is used."

Chertow said patients in the study will receive human insulin, the purest form available, free of charge. They will also receive free dietary counseling and will be monitored closely by a diabetes nurse throughout their pregnancy.

Women who want more information about the study may ask their doctor to call Chertow, or may call him or Lois Morrison, R.N., at 526-0694.

Parking payments due

Second half payments for parking permits which expire Feb. 29, 1984, may be made in the Parking Office in the Public Safety Building, 1819 Fifth Ave.

Upon payment of the second half fee, a small sticker will be issued to validate the expired permit. This validation sticker must be placed next to the original decal in order for the permit to be valid during the second half.

For your convenience, payments may also be made through the campus mail, and the validation stickers will be returned by mail. Checks should be made payable to Marshall University and sent to the Parking Office. Fees are \$20.00 per half for all parking areas except Area H, which is \$30.00 per half. Please indicate your parking area when paying by mail.