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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. 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.

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.

Dorothy 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.
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 is kept in the normal range, complications drop to about the same rate as for non-diabetics and the outcome usually is a healthy baby. "We think that human insulin may provide better control, and also that it may be better for the baby." Chertow said the proposed research, which involves 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 want to see if less antibody is produced when human insulin is used." Chertow said that if they can develop human insulin, the purest form available, free of charge. They will also receive free dietary counseling and be monitored closely by a diabetes nurse throughout their pregnancy. Women who want more information about the study may ask their doctor, or call Dr. 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 smaller sticker will be issued. Inquiries should be directed to the Parking Office. Second half stickers must be placed next to the original decal in order to be considered valid.

For your convenience, payments may also be made through the campus mail, and the validation stickers will be returned by campus mail within 10 business days. Send a check or money order 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.

Registration underway for MDA Superdance

Pre-registration for the 1984 WKEU/NUM 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, Friday, March 23.

"In the past, students were required to obtain sponsors as an extra step to their participation, but with our system the students will collect the money themselves; however, they may dance together in couples," Tammy L. Rice, Radnor junior and co-chairwoman of the MDA Superdance.

The eighth annual Superdance will be in the Memorial Student Center March 30 at 7 p.m. and will feature a variety of entertainment, including a cash prize of $200.00 in MD.A.

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: "Growth of 'Staphylococcus aureus' and 'Streptococcus faecalis' on a new synthetic medium containing 10% human serum," "Growth of 'Staphylococcus aureus' in a medium containing 10% human serum," and "Growth of 'Staphylococcus aureus' on a new synthetic medium containing 10% human serum." The papers will be presented at the meeting in Denver, Colorado, on April 24, 1984.

Newcomers

Dr. Gary L. Witters, assistant professor of accounting, has joined the faculty of the College of Business Administration. He earned his Ph.D. degree from Michigan State University in 1983. Dr. Witters will be teaching courses in financial management, financial statement analysis and auditing.

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.


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home was located adjacent to the campus. The home site 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. His Ph.D. degree is from New York University and later served 3½ years in the Army Air Corps in the South Pacific during World War II, among the ironclads.

He became acting chairman of the Physical Education Department (1929-1930) and the Department of Health, Physical Education and Recreation (1957-1958). He retired in 1967, later was named chairman. He broadened the work of the department, developing programs in youth education, driver's education and health education.

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