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### Birke Fine Arts Symposium brings writers

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Her latest works include a novel, "A Reckoning," and a volume of poetry, "Selected Poems." Her novel, "Mrs. Stevens Hears the Mermaids Singing," originally published in the 1960s, was reissued in 1974 and is widely used by colleges in women's studies programs. Ms. Sarton's "Journal of a Solitude" has become a "cult" book among young readers.

Although she never attended college, she frequently lectures at universities throughout the country, and has taught creative writing at Harvard and at Wellesley College.

Among her other works are "I Knew a Phoenix," "A Durable Fire," "As We Are Now" and "The House by the Sea."

The appearances at Marshall of Wilbur and Ms. Sarton were made possible by grants from the Birke Fine Arts Symposium Fund and the Arts and Humanities Division

### **NEWCOMERS**

New to the campus are:

BETTY J. BURK, lab tech II. Diagnostic Virology; ERNEST R. CHAFFIN, grounds service worker, Buildings and Grounds: ESTHER BERGMANN, lab tech II. Diagnostic Immuno-Virology: WILLIAM L. STEWART, assistant football coach, Athletic Department; FRED J. DOOLEY, programmer III, Computer Center; DENNIS G. TURNER, receiving clerk, Receiving Department.

Welcome to Marshall!

of the West Virginia Department of Culture and History. Established in 1974 by a gift from the William D. Birke

family of Huntington, the Birke Symposium each year helps to bring programs in the fine arts to the Marshall campus.

### Middle East Current Crises to be offered this summer

A special topics course entitled The Middle East Current Crises will be taught by Dr. Jabir A. Abbas from 8 to 9:45 a.m. Monday through Friday during the first summer session.

The political science professor said the course will include the current Iranian crisis, the Camp David accord, the Afghanistan crisis and the prospect of peace and stability in the Middle East.

The course is Political Science 401 for undergraduates and 501 on the graduate level, and will meet in Smith Hall Room 435.

### Easter holiday library schedule

The library will observe a regular schedule of hours through Saturday, April 5.

EASTER, SUNDAY, APRIL 6	CLOSED
Resume Regular Schedule - Monday,	, April 7:
Monday through Thursday	7:45 a.m 11 p.m.
Friday	7:45 a.m 5 p.m.
Saturday	9:00 a.m 5 p.m.
Sunday	1:00 p.m 10 p.m.

## **TIAA:** Changes in disability benefit program begin Tuesday; Open enrollment will end Monday for joining plan

Monday, March 31, at 4:30 p.m. is the deadline for the protection program, here are some points the University "open enrollment period" during which non-enrolled Council has suggested you consider: (1) Benefits have been increased and the benefit now Marshall employees may join the TIAA Long Term Disability Plan without health questions. One year of employment with the university is required.

As a result of work with a university Fringe Benefits Study Committee, TIAA has approved changes in the disability benefit program which will go into effect April 1. For faculty members, the monthly premium is \$16.44 and benefits would begin after three months of disability. Staff members pay a monthly premium of \$9.66 and benefits would begin after six months of disability.

If you are not now taking advantage of this excellent

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### **Richard Wilbur, May Sarton to appear in April**

Pulitzer Prize-winner Richard Wilbur and May Sarton, a major figure in American letters, will appear in April on Marshall University's Birke Fine Arts Symposium, presented in conjunction with the Arts and Humanities Division of the West Virginia Department of Culture and History.

The Symposium, conducted by the MU English Department, began earlier this spring with appearances by noted American authors Galway Kinnell and Jack Matthews and is exploring the state of creative writing in America today, according to Dr. William P. Sullivan, professor of English and department chairman.

Wilbur, who received both the Pulitzer and the National Book Award for Poetry in 1957 for his volume, "Things of This World," will be on campus Monday and Tuesday, April 7-8.

Informal readings of his works and discussions of problems in translating others' works are scheduled, in addition to a public reading of his poems at 8 p.m. Tuesday, April 8, in Old Main Auditorium.

Ms. Sarton, who has become the symbol of the "loner" woman to the feminists, will appear Monday and Tuesday, April 14-15. Her first public session, scheduled at 3 p.m. April 14 in Smith Hall Auditorium, will be highlighted by the showing of the film, "World of Light: A Portrait of May Sarton," followed by her commentary.

A public lecture, "Proteus-the Joys and Hazards of Being a Poet," will be given at 3 p.m. April 15 in Old Main Auditorium.

"Both of these distinguished writers will be conducting smaller, informal sessions with Marshall students and faculty and Tri-State Area high school students and teachers," Dr. Sullivan said. "Area residents interested in obtaining additional information on these events may call the English Department, (304) 696-6600 for times and locations," he added.

Wilbur earned his M.A. degree from Harvard Uni-

is 60% of monthly salary to a maximum benefit of \$3,000 a month. (2) In addition to monthly disability benefit, TIAA will also place an amount equal to 12% of your monthly base salary into your annuity account each month. (3) Benefits are paid on a 12 months basis even though a faculty member may never have a summer school contract. (4) Finally, what income would a disabled faculty member have without the program?

If you have questions or wish to enroll, contact Katherine Coffey in the Personnel Office, 207 Old Main, before 4:30 p.m. Monday, March 31,

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**May Sarton** 



**Richard Wilbur** 

versity and also taught English there for seven years. He has won numerous awards for his poetry and his translations from French poets, including two Bollingen prizes from the Yale Library.

His verse translation of Moliere's "The Misanthrope" was produced off-Broadway and a later award-winning translation of Moliere's "Tartuffe" was produced by New York City's Lincoln Center Repertory Company.

A former president of the American Academy of Arts and Letters and a former chancellor of the American Academy of Poets, Wilbur currently teaches at Smith College. His works have appeared in such periodicals as "The New Yorker," "The New England Quarterly," "Atlantic Monthly" and "Kenyon Review."

The daughter of Harvard historian George Sarton, Ms. Sarton is considered to be at the height of critical acclaim in a literary career that has spanned four decades and seen more than 30 books published.

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### Speakers, band to appear at Marshall, including...

#### ... business educator Cavinato

Dr. Joseph L. Cavinato, a nationally-known authority in the field of transportation, will conduct a free, public seminar at Marshall University Wednesday, April 2, at 7:30 p.m.

The seminar will be held in Smith Hall Room 154, according to Dr. William F. Ashford, chairman of the Marketing Department in the university's College of Business, Cavinato's topic will be "Rate Bureau Abolishment: Is It a Good Idea? A Practical Assessment."

An assistant professor of business logistics at Pennsylvania State University, Cavinato also is education director of the American Society of Traffic and Transportation. He is the author of a book. "Finance for the Transportation and Distribution Manager," and currently is involved in quantifying the dollar impact that might arise in the event of certain forms of transportation deregulation.

He was selected "Man of the Year" for 1977 by Delta Nu Alpha, national transportation fraternity, and serves on the organization's national education committee.

The seminar will be open to any person working in or interested in the field of transportation, Ashford said. Those attending may park in Marshall Lot "F" across Third Avenue from Smith Hall and should leave a note under their windshield wipers stating that they are attending the Transportation Seminar.

The seminar is partially funded under Title I of the Higher Education Act of 1965 and those attending will be entitled to Continuing Education Unit (CEU) credit.

Additional details may be obtained by telephoning Ashford at 696-2313.

#### ... columnist Jack Anderson

Syndicated columnist Jack Anderson, whose "Washington Merry-Go-Round" appears daily in more than 970 newspapers, will speak at Marshall University at 8 p.m. Tuesday, April 1, in the Multi-Purpose Room, Memorial Student Center.

The program is sponsored by the Contemporary Issues Committee of Marshall's Student Activities Office and will be followed by a reception and question and answer session with Anderson in the Alumni Lounge under the auspices of the campus chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists (Sigma Delta Chi).

Tickets will be available at the door prior to the lecture and the general admission fee will be \$2. MU students with ID and Activity cards will be admitted free. while those with ID Cards only pay purchase tickets at \$1 each.

Anderson received a Pulitzer Prize in 1972 for articles he wrote showing that the public had been misled concerning the United States' favoritism toward Pakistan in the India-Pakistan conflict.

Anderson, who freely describes himself as a "muckraker." took over the "Washington Merry-Go-Round" column after the death of his employer Drew Pearson in 1969. According to Anderson, he writes the column not to sensationalize, but to reform, and he is often sympathetic to the public officials he criticizes.

Anderson was the first to report that the CIA, Secret Service, FBI and other law enforcement agencies where engaged in surveillance of American citizens and reported their activities as early as four years ago.

#### ...astronomer Frank O. Clark

As astronomer from the University of Kentucky will discuss "The Possibilities of Extraterrestrial Life" at a free, public lecture in the Science Hall Auditorium at Marshall University on Tuesday, April 1 at 7:30 p.m.

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Dr. Frank O. Clark also will discuss interstellar molecules at 11 a.m. April 1 in Room 320 in the Science Hall.

Dr. Clark is the co-discoverer of interstellar dimethylether, interstellar ethyl alcohol and interstellar cyanoacetylene.

An associate professor of physics and astronomy at the University of Kentucky, Dr. Clark also is a research consultant to the Battelle Northwest Observatory in the state of Washington.

Dr. Clark received his A.S. degree in electrical engineering technology in 1963 from Southern Technical Institute in Marietta, Ga.; his B.S. in physics in 1969 from Augusta (Ga.) College, and his M.S. and Ph.D. degrees in 1971 and 1973, respectively, from the University of Virginia in Charlottesville.

Dr. Clark's visit is sponsored by the Department of Physics and Physical Science at Marshall University.

#### ...women's jazz group 'Alive!'

The women's jazz group Alive! will perform at 8 p.m. Monday, March 31, in Old Main Auditorium at Marshall University.

Signers will be on hand at the concert to sign some of the lyrics for the deaf, according to Rhonda Egidio, MU student affairs specialist.

The five-member band combines jazz, classical, behop, gospel and Afro-American music to make each concert one of progressive jazz.

Each member-Carolyn Brandy on percussion, Susanne Vincenza on bass and cello, Janet Small on piano and vocals, Barbara Borden on drums and Rhiannon on vocals and percussion-has a solid background in classical music.

Therese Edell, recording artist with Sea Friends Records, will emcee the concert and sing the opening set.

Admission is free to students with Marshall I.D. and activity card; \$1 for those with I.D. only and \$2 for the general public.

#### ...medical executive Murray Spitzer

Murray M. Spitzer, vice president of Thompson Medical Company, Inc., of New York City, will address two Marshall University marketing classes Monday, March 31.

Dr. William F. Ashford, chairman of the Marketing Department, said Spitzer will discuss promotion and advertising for two sections of the Principles of Marketing class, at 10 a.m. and 11 a.m.

Spitzer has held high-level positions with Revlon, Helena Rubinstein, Roux and Posner. He has taught at Long Island University and Pace University and is the author of more than 50 articles on various business subject.

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

DR. ROBERT R. CLARK, associate professor of music, Writing in the South" should submit it to him by June 1. DR. GREGG BROWNELL, assistant professor of education, PAT JONES, education instructor, and DR. RUTH DR. WAYNE MORGES, assistant professor of WELLMAN, professor of education, conducted a workshop at Peyton Elementary School March 18 for kindergarten teachers and aides. The workshop theme was "Sensing the Skills."

served as an adjudicator for the Virginia State Band Competitions/Festival on March 8 in Lynchburg, Va. microbiology, is the author of an article entitled "Plasmodium yoelii: The Role of the Thymus-Dependent Lymphocyte in Malaria-Induced Immunodepression" DR. JOHN L. HUBBARD, assistant professor of which will appear in the April issue of Experimental Parasitology. chemistry attended the 179th National Meeting of the

DR. WILLIAM A. McDOWELL, associate professor of American Chemical Society in Houston, Texas, March counseling and rehabilitation, spoke on "Death and Dy-24-28 and presented a paper. "Rapid Reaction of ing" for the Hospice Program in Ashland, Ky., on March Trialkylboranes with Lithium Aluminum Hydride in the 4. On March 10, as part of MU's Lets Celebrate People Presence of Triethylenediamine. Facile and Quantitative Month, McDowell conducted an afternoon human rela-Synthesis of Lithium Trialkylborohydrides Including tions group and spoke in an evening session on "Let's Derivatives with Exceptionally Large Steric Re-Celebrate Differences." McDowell also was a discussion guirements." Co-authors of the paper were Professor Herbert C. Brown and Dr. Bakthan Singaram of Purdue leader on the topic "Family Crises" on March 13 for the state White House Conference on Families. University.

DR. JOHN W. LARSON, director of animal resources, DR. JABIR A. ABBAS, professor of political science, spoke on "Middle East Oil and American Policy" Friday, DR. JAMES E. DOUGLASS and DR. ARTHUR R. LEPLEY, March 21 during a week-long Energy Seminar in Logan. both chemistry professors, attended the 11th annual West Virginia Higher Education-Chemical Industry Con-DAN O'HANLON, Legal Assistant coorinator for the ference at Hawk's Nest State Park March 13-14. Lepley Community College, will participate in the state Departorganized the program. ment of Culture and History's "Poets Corner" April 17. DR. LEONARD J. DEUTSCH, associate professor of He will be one of three poets reading their works at the English, will serve as secretary at a session of the South biweekly poetry reading.

Atlantic Modern Language Association meeting in Atlanta, Ga., Nov. 6-8. Anyone with a paper on "Ethnic

### MU Wind Symphony to give public concert

The Marshall University Wind Symphony will present a free, public concert at 8 p.m. Wednesday, April 2, in Smith Recital Hall.

The symphony, conducted by Richard Lemke, MU assistant professor of music, is comprised of Marshall music students and will perform eight selections.

The program includes "Festive Overture" by Dmitri Shostakovich, "Variations on a Korean Folk Song" by John Barnes Chance, "Dixie Parade" by Vaclav Helhybel, "El Salon Mexico" by Aaron Copland, "Overture for Band" by Felix Mendelssohn, "To Be Fed by Ravens" by W. Francis McBeth, "Variations on America" by Charles Ives and "The Stars and Stripes Forever" by John Philip Sousa.

Principal players in each symphony section are Kimberly Ellis of Huntington, flute; Lee Ann Stover of Beckley, oboe; Barbara Edelmann of Gallipolis, Ohio, bassoon; Anne Lee Hardy of South Charleston, B-flat clarinet; Keith Meadows of Benton, alto saxophone; Kimberly Chapman of Hurricane, cornet; Richard Crowley of Clarksburg, trumpet; Anita Campbell of Crown City, Ohio, French horn; James Groscup of St. Albans, trombone; Chester Madden of Huntington, tuba, and Kenneth Johnson of Lucasville, Ohio, percussion.

Excused absences...

Absences have been excused by the respective college deans for the following: MARCH 18-30-Women's golf team. MARCH 18-22-Men's golf team.

MARCH 19-24 and 27-28-Bowling team.

DR. THOMAS MANAKKIL, professor of physics, participated in the second session of the National Science Foundation Chautaugua Short Course on "Alternate Energy Technologies" at Michigan State University Feb. 21-22. The course was conducted by the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

### Personnel personals...

Meredith Lynn Lutz, daughter of Paul and Mary Lutz and a fifth grader at Meadows School, recently earned a first-place ribbon in the school's Social Studies Fair. Her project topic was "The E.R.A.: Who Needs It? (A Study of American Women of Courage)." Her father is assistant director of development at Marshall.

Proud of a family member's accomplishment? Is there a new baby at your house? Is there something you'd like to share with your colleagues? The News Letter's "Personnel Personals" is another channel open to you. Send your information to Ruth Nerenberg, University Relations, Old Main 102.

### NOTE OF APPRECIATION

Dear Friends:

Steve, Ruthann, Mark and I want to let you know how much we appreciate the concern so many of you have expressed for Ruth during these past few weeks. You showed in many, many ways that you cared, and each demonstration of your kindness was very important to us.

The support our family has received from you in the Marshall community is a continuing source of strength as we attempt to accept and adjust to our loss.

Thank you, very much.

Sincerely, **Bob Hayes** 

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