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 book "A Portrait 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 "Durable Fire," "As We Are Now" and "The House by the Sea."

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!

NEWCOMERS

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

Reserve 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 "open enrollment period" during which non-enrolled 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 protection program, here are some points the University Council has suggested you consider:

(1) Benefits have been increased and the benefit now is 66% 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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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.

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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 personnel development, will present a 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, university director of Business. Cavinato's topic will be "The Rate Bureau Abolishment: Is It A Good Idea? A Practical Assessment."

...astronomer Frank O. Clark

As astronomer of the University of Kentucky will discuss interstellar, possible career opportunities, and a free, public lecture in the Science Hall Auditorium at Marshall University on Tuesday, April 1 at 7:30 p.m.

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 dimethylthelyoxirane, an 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 Battleille 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, 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 'Alve!'

The women's jazz group Alve!' 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 Edegio, MU student affairs specialist.

Each member-carolyn Brady on percussion, Susanne Vincenzo on bass and cello, Janet Small on piano and vocals, and Barbara Allen Folk on vocals and percussion-has a solid background in classical music.

Theresa 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. James 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, Pace and Pace University and is the author of more than 50 articles on various business subject.

MU faculty and staff achievements, activities...