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'Iliad' spoof to be presented Monday

The Marshall University Artists Series' Student Series will present the National Theater of the Deaf in 'The Iliad, Play by Play' at 8 p.m. Monday, March 2, in Old Main Auditorium.

A spoof of Homer's classic epic, "The Iliad," this production takes place in a football stadium as a major league football game complete with sportscasters and cheerleaders.

The lines are given in sign language, but there are three actors, including two who portray TV commentators, who provide the spoken lines.

In addition to the stage production, members of the National Theater of the Deaf will conduct a 90-minute workshop on visual theater-theatrical expression through use of the total body—at 2:30 p.m. Monday in Memorial Student Center Multi-Purpose Room.

Dr. Carole Vickers to assume post at end of semester

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A native of Huntington and a graduate of Marshall, Dr. Vickers joined the Marshall faculty in 1966, after having taught at Concord College, Barboursville and Logan High Schools.

She earned her doctorate from Ohio State University in 1969 and has been a visiting professor at the University of Alabama and a visiting lecturer at Ohio State University.

She has taken active leadership roles in the American Home Economics Association (AHEA), West Virginia Home Economics Association and the American Council on Consumer Interests. She also was elected to the executive committee of the Consultative Council of the National Institute of Building Sciences.

Dr. Vickers has served as a curriculum consultant to the Ohio State Department of Education and Ohio State University's home management program. She received two West Virginia Board of Regents Consumer Education grants under Title I of the Higher Education Act and was awarded a U.S. Department of State Agency for International Development grant from the AHEA in 1973.

Dr. Bennett, who earned her Ph.D. degree from Purdue University, was honored by the West Virginia Dietetic Association in 1973 as the "Outstanding State Dietitian."

Jeanette Rowsey to represent MU at leadership conference

A Marshall University student has been selected to attend the National Women's Leadership Network Conference to be held March 26-29 in Washington, D.C.

Jeanette Rowsey, Huntington junior, was one of 150 participants selected from throughout the country, and one of 100 to receive grants to attend. Participants will learn to organize for sex equity in higher education.

Miss Rowsey is a student assistant in the MU Student Development Center, and is a graduate of Barboursville High School. Dr. Nell C. Bailey, MU dean of student affairs, said "This is a great honor for Miss Rowsey and for the university."

Participation in the workshop will be limited to 25 people, but spectators are encouraged, according to Nancy P. Hindsley, MU cultural events coordinator. The workshop is free. Additional information on the workshop may be obtained by calling the Artists Series Office at ext. 6656.

Tickets for the production are available at the Artists Series Office, located in Memorial Student Center 2W38, and may be reserved by calling the office. Public admission tickets are \$5 each for adults and \$2.50 each for youth through age 17 and MU students with ID cards only. Marshall students with ID and Activity cards will be admitted free.

John Marshall Tournament winner is Wheeling Park

Wheeling Park and Parkersburg high schools placed first and second, respectively, among the 30 schools which competed in the 13th annual John Marshall Forensics Tournament Feb. 20-21 at Marshall University.

Dr. Craig Monroe, MU associate professor of speech and tournament director, said 399 junior high and high school students participated in the tournament.

As first place winner, Wheeling Park won the John Marshall traveling trophy for outstanding achievement. The school's team also placed first in the public address division sweepstakes.

Parkersburg finished second in the team standings, won the debate division sweepstakes, and placed second in the public address division sweepstakes.

Lisa Hellstrom, a student at Duval High School in Grifithsville, won the trithon (best composite results in three contests), finished first in duet acting with Cindy Galyon, and won the television broadcasting, poetry and prose interpretation events.

Duval won first place and Wheeling Park won second place in the interpretation division sweepstakes.

Seminars set in conjunction with CSP's Business Fair

Julius Berry of Ashland Oil, James McDowell of Huntington Alloys and DeWayne Lyles, MU Minority Students' Program coordinator, will conduct three half-hour seminars starting at 2 p.m. Wednesday, March 4 in the Memorial Student Center Multi-Purpose Room.

The seminars will be held in conjunction with the Career Services and Placement office's Business Fair.

Areas of seminar discussion include the interview process, the resume, black women, tips for minorities seeking jobs, employment benefits, job longevity, proper attire and employment opportunities.

Personnel personals. . .

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 University Relations, Old Main 102.

Vickers to chair Home Economics

Dr. Carole A. Vickers, Marshall University professor of home economics, has been appointed chairman of the Home Economics Department, effective at the end of the current semester, said Dr. Philip J. Rusche, MU College of Education dean.

"The present chairman, Dr. Grace Bennett, has expressed a desire to fully devote her energies to the department's dietetics program, which is her area of interest," Dr. Rusche said.

"Since joining the Marshall faculty in 1965 as department chairman, Dr. Bennett has worked diligently to keep the university's home economics program in step with the current demands in the field. Her efforts are greatly appreciated," the dean said.

"Marshall is fortunate to have in Dr. Vickers the leadership necessary to continue the program's growth," Rusche added.

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'Red letter day'

MU Medical School receives earliest full, two-year accreditation

The Marshall University School of Medicine, which graduates its first class in May, has received full accreditation from the Liaison Committee on Medical Education (LCME).

This was the earliest that the MU medical school was eligible for full accreditation. New schools normally become eligible when their first class is ready to graduate.

The announcement was made jointly by MU President Robert B. Hayes and Dr. Robert W. Coon, dean of the school.

"This is a red letter day for the medical school," Dr. Hayes said. "The medical education accrediting organization's approval of our school is the result of a great deal of work on the part of everyone involved," the president said, praising Dr. Coon and his faculty for their efforts. "We said at the beginning that we would settle for nothing less than a quality program and this is confirmation that we have such a program," he added.

"As is the case with any new school, the accreditation will be for a two-year period during which the LCME will continue to observe our progress in developing programs," Dr. Coon said. "There is every reason to believe

that our accreditation period will be increased then," he noted.

The dean said he had received word of the LCME's approval in a telephone call from a LCME official in Washington, D.C. "We expect to receive full details on the accreditation in a letter within the next two weeks," Coon said.

"We are excited about the news, but not totally surprised, as our program received high marks from the LCME team which was on campus last fall making an on-site review of the school," the dean said.

"Marshall shares the credit for the school's successful development with many others, including the region's medical community, the West Virginia Board of Regents which has been very supportive, and federal and state lawmakers who realized the need for this school," Coon said.

"Marshall has made excellent progress in developing this medical school," Hayes said. "We were told by authorities that normally it takes 10 years to develop a medical school, but our first class was enrolled in less than six years from the program's inception," the president added.

NIMH awards research grant to study Valium

A Marshall University psychologist is part of a three-man research team which has received a \$250,000 grant from the National Institute of Mental Health to study the affect of diazepam—commonly known as Valium—on human memory.

Conducting the study will be Dr. Steven P. Mewaldt, MU assistant professor of psychology; Dr. James V. Hinrichs, University of Iowa professor of psychology and the principal investigator, and Dr. M.M. Ghoneim, professor of anesthesiology at the University of Iowa School of Medicine.

"Valium is the most frequently prescribed drug in the United States," Mewaldt said. "It has a wide variety of

uses, such as a sleeping aid, tranquilizer and a muscle relaxant," he added.

"Because Valium is such a highly used drug, it is extremely important that we understand both its behavioral and its physiological affects," said the 33-year-old psychologist who joined Marshall's faculty in 1975. "It has been estimated that 10 per cent of this country's population will take Valium over the course of one year," he added.

"The Federal Drug Administration (FDA) studied Valium's physiological affects before approving it for human use and considers it one of the safest drugs

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Honors convocation slated Tuesday

Honor students from 22 Tri-State Area high schools and academically outstanding Marshall University students have been invited to attend the annual MU Honors Convocation at 11 a.m. Tuesday, March 3, in Memorial Student Center Multi-Purpose Room.

Dr. Karl Haas, host of National Public Radio's "Adventures in Good Music," will be the guest speaker, according to Dr. Michael J. Galgano, MU Honors Program director. Haas will discuss "The Arts in Our Time," presenting a survey of 20th Century artistic trends.

The Honors Convocation is sponsored each year by Marshall to recognize superior students at the university and from the region's high schools, Galgano said. The program is open to the public.

Marshall students to be honored include full-time students who achieved a 3.5 grade average or better during the first semester, Honors Seminar students, honors readers in various departments and recipients of special departmental awards.

MU Provost Olen E. Jones Jr. will bring the university's greetings to those attending, according to Galgano, who will preside. Dr. Michael E. Cerveris, MU Institute for the Arts director, will introduce the speaker, who is conducting a "Musical Residency" at Marshall.

Haas' appearances during Feb. 26-March 3 in Huntington are sponsored by the Institute, the Honors Program, the Marshall Artists Series, the West Virginia Humanities Foundation and West Virginia Public Radio. Information on residency events, all of which are open to the public, may be obtained by calling the Institute for the Arts, ext. 6615.

Secretary course), 6:30-9:30 p.m. March 4-May 6, Corbly Hall 336, Brenda Ford, \$40;
—"Understanding Automobiles," 7-9 p.m. March 18-May 6, Harris Hall 135, Dr. Allan Stern, \$35.

THURSDAY
—"Beginning Photography," 7-9 p.m. March 5-April 23, Harris Hall 229, Willis Cook, \$40;
—"Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation," 7-9 p.m. March 5-March 26, Red Cross Building on Veterans Memorial Boulevard, Phyllis Curry, \$6;
—"Chinese Cooking," 7-9 p.m. March 5-April 23, Corbly Hall 103, Tina Battis, \$35;
—"Microwave Cooking," 7-9 p.m. March 5-April 23, Corbly Hall 270, Janet Yost, \$40;
—"Ballroom and Disco Dancing," 7-9 p.m. March 12-April 30, Women's Gym, Jack Austin, \$35 for singles and \$50 for couples;
—"Multi-Media Standard First Aid," 7-9 p.m. April 2-April 23, Red Cross Building on Veterans Memorial Boulevard, Phyllis Curry, \$7;
—"Update on Mainland China," 7:30-9 p.m. April 2-May 21, Harris Hall 402, Dr. Ben Fuson, \$35.

FRIDAY
—"Fly Tying," 7-9 p.m. March 2-May 20, Harris Hall 137, Byford Osburn, \$30;
—"Exercise, Body and Figure Control," 5-6 p.m. March 16-May 18, Women's Gym, Dr. Robert Case, \$30.

TUESDAY
—"Personal Survival Tactics," 7-9 p.m. March 3-April 21, Harris Hall 137, Glenn Crouse, \$40;
—"Wall Street Semester," 7-9 p.m. March 10-April 28, Corbly Hall 407, John Riley, \$35.

WEDNESDAY
—"Office Procedures" (a Certified Professional Secretary course), 9 a.m. to noon March 7-May 9, Corbly Hall 106, Kathleen Gross, \$40.

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Non-credit Continuing Education courses listed

Continuing Education courses offered through the Community College of Marshall University this semester will get into full swing soon, according to Robert Lawson, director of Continuing Education for the Community College.

Forthcoming non-credit courses, along with times, locations, instructors and costs, are:

MONDAY

—"Fly Tying," 7-9 p.m. March 2-May 20, Harris Hall 137, Byford Osburn, \$30;

—"Exercise, Body and Figure Control," 5-6 p.m. March 16-May 18, Women's Gym, Dr. Robert Case, \$30.

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Library schedule given

SPRING BREAK

Saturday, March 7 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Sunday, March 8 CLOSED

Monday-Friday, March 9-13 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 14 CLOSED

Resume Regular Schedule March 15 Through April 16

EASTER HOLIDAY

Friday, April 17 (Good Friday) 7:45 a.m.-5 p.m.

Saturday, April 18 CLOSED

Sunday, April 19 (Easter) CLOSED

Resume Regular Schedule April 20

Monday through Thursday 7:45 a.m.-11 p.m.

Friday* 7:45 a.m.-10 p.m.*

Saturday 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Sunday 1 p.m.-10 p.m.

*New schedule of extended hours on Friday begins March 20.

Valium's memory effects to be studied

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around. However, its behavioral implications need further investigation," Mewaldt explained.

Noting that he and his colleagues had been studying Valium for six years, Mewaldt said that their previous research had indicated Valium interfered with human memory in some very specific ways.

"It seems that while the recall ability for previously learned material is not impaired, taking Valium may impair the ability to learn new material," he said.

"This may be related to the dosage," he said, pointing out that the studies involved "fairly large doses" which were typically larger than the normally prescribed patient dose.

"On the other hand, we discovered that after daily doses given over a three-week time span apparently the body develops a tolerance to the drug and memory impairment lessens," he said.

Commenting that much of his previous research had been done under Marshall University Summer Research

Grants, Mewaldt said that the present project was a direct outgrowth of those studies.

The current research proposal, according to Mewaldt, calls for studies designed to provide a better theoretical understanding of the tranquilizer's affect on memory. "We also will be looking at some of the variables that haven't been studied," he added.

One of these is the time of day that the tranquilizer is taken. "There may be differences between taking diazepam at 8 a.m. and taking it at 8 p.m. There could be an optimum time for relieving anxiety with minimal memory impairment," said Mewaldt, who earned his Ph.D. degree from the University of Iowa.

"There is also a possibility that 'state dependent memory' may occur," he added. "That's a condition where when you learn something while taking a drug, you may recall it better on the drug," he explained.

Other areas that the research team intends to explore include the affects of diazepam on problem solving skills and its interaction with alcohol.

MU faculty and staff achievements, activities. . .

DR. ROLAND L. MADISON, associate professor of accounting, and WILLIAM J. RADIG, assistant professor of accounting, have had their article, "File on Fear Update: Realists Respond," accepted for publication in The Accountant's Magazine of London.

DR. RICHARD O. COMFORT, professor of sociology/anthropology, attended a meeting of the advisory committee for the West Virginia Institute on Aging at Jackson's Mill Feb. 19. The institute will be held at West Virginia University. The advisory committee planned the 1981 institute and discussed the 1982 institute program.

DR. C. ROBERT BARNETT, associate professor of health, physical education and recreation, reviewed Doug Gilbert's book, "The Miracle Machine," in the Feb. 15 edition of the Huntington Herald-Dispatch and in the Fall-Winter edition of the Journal of the West Virginia Association of Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance.

DAN O'HANLON, assistant professor of Legal

Upward Bound program has four summer job openings

The Upward Bound program will have four full-time temporary positions open from June 17 through August 4.

One is a staff position, the minimum qualifications for which are a bachelor's degree in a helping profession or vocational/career education.

The other three are teaching positions in mathematics, oral and written communication and science. Minimum qualifications are a bachelor's degree in the field to be taught.

Those wishing additional information should contact Sandra Cavendar, Upward Bound director, at 6456. Applications should be submitted to the Office of Personnel, Old Main 207, by March 20.

Assisting, addressed Huntington police officers on "Testifying in a Criminal Trial" on Feb. 24.

DR. CHARLES MABEE, associate professor and Religious Studies Department chairman, is the author of "Benjamin Franklin's Literary Response to Dogmatic Religion" to be published this year in the American Journal of Theology and Philosophy. Research was conducted with the assistance of an MU Summer Research Grant, and was conducted at the Huntington Library in San Marino, Calif., which houses the autographed copy of Franklin's autobiography.

Young People's Concert programs scheduled this week

The Marshall University Music Department, in cooperation with the Woman's Club of Huntington, will present its annual Young People's Concert programs this week (March 2-5).

The concerts will feature the MU Symphony with James McWhorter as conductor and pianist Thomas Kenaston of Huntington, winner of the 1981 High School Concerto competition, sponsored by Marshall and the Woman's Club.

Kenaston will be heard with the Symphony as soloist for Haydn's "Piano Concerto in D Major." Also on the program will be selections by Copland, Khachaturian and Dvorak.

The Symphony will present a free, public concert at 8 p.m. on Thursday, March 5, in Smith Recital Hall. Sixth graders from 31 Cabell County elementary schools will be transported to Smith Recital Hall for morning concerts scheduled on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Also, according to McWhorter, MU instructor in music, the Symphony will present a benefit concert at 8 p.m. Tuesday, March 3, at Milton Senior High School with the proceeds going to the Milton Junior Strings program. Tickets, which may be purchased at the door, will be \$1 for adults and 50 cents for children.