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Curriculum in Teachers College viewed

By **DONNA RIFFE**
Staff Reporter

What has happened to the educational curriculum at Marshall University?

Many students complain about the rigidity of their educational program here.

"Because of all the courses I have to take, there's no time for me to take what I want to take," remarked one coed.

"Marshall University, like many other colleges and universities, has fallen away from being an educational institution for higher learning to a training institution," said Robert F. Morris, assistant professor of education. He blames the present situation on long lists of courses students, especially those in Teachers College, have to take before they can graduate.

At MU 128 hours are required for an A.B. degree and a professional certification in education. This includes a minimum of 22 hours for those in elementary education and 67 hours for those in secondary education in specialization or subject fields. General requirements amount to 106 hours for elementary majors and

67 for secondary majors (These hours may vary according to which catalogue students are required to follow). These general requirements include basic courses of English, social studies, science, art, music, physical education, math education, speech and professional education.

Dr. Robert Hayes, dean of Teachers College, said the present program is the result of in-depth studies of 28 statewide committees which several years ago met to draw up criteria for program-building in general education, professional educational, areas of specialization, and administration and supervision.

These committees were composed of college teachers, selected by their deans for their proficiency in a given field of knowledge, specialists in the State Department of Education, public school teachers, superintendents, principals, supervisors and lay people. Then, the West Virginia Board of Education approved the program submitted by the committees in September, 1963.

This outline, listing the minimum standards necessary for

certification in West Virginia, was sent to state schools. Each institution then set up courses to meet the standards. Dean Hayes explained the general and specialized fields requirements were designed by the MU faculty. "In both areas, the department concerned made up the courses it thought would at least meet the minimum standards. Then the

First of a series

Academic Planning and Standards Committee made the final approvals."

There are some evident deviations between the minimum standards setup by the state and course requirements at MU. Dr. Harold E. Ward, chairman of the Academic Planning and Standards Committee, explained: "The people here sometimes feel they should add courses to the minimum standards. At the state level they decide what is required for certification and at the local level they think about what would involve certification."

As far as specialization re-

quirements are concerned, he said, "What you likely have to do to understand this rationale is to see what the administration considers as the adequate preparation to teach in a certain field."

Those responsible for the formation of the present program and other professors in the Department of Education have cited several reasons for the necessity of a standard curriculum.

The educators and the state Board gave the necessity of this program in these objectives:

"1) Foster individual fulfillment and nurture free, rational and responsible adults;

2) Activate appreciation for the values associated with life in a free society and encourage a wise use of the power which accompanies citizenship;

3) Develop leaders who are intellectually competent, imaginative and vigorous;

4) Contribute fundamentally and give direction to the use of professional knowledge;

5) Stimulate scholarship that will give understanding to concepts . . . and help prepare people for rapid adjustment to essential change; and

6) Develop the ability to identify the values inherent in foreign cultures to the end that a clearer understanding of other peoples will reduce world tension."

Dean Hayes said committees based the general requirements upon what they thought was necessary for a professional certificate. "These competencies must be developed through spelled-out curriculums. Unlike Arts and Sciences College, it must prepare the student for a specific job."

Dr. Woodrow Morris, chairman of the Department of Education, says these courses are set up as general courses in order to make all teachers able to communicate with each other. Also the University must assure parents and pupils in public schools that their teachers are qualified. He added if students took what they wanted then there would be trouble in certification by the present state standards.

Another associate professor of education, Dr. Bernard Queen, pinpointed the necessity of taking courses to meet the requirements (Continued on Page 2)

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Daily Digest

Here's what's happening on campus today:

10 a.m.- 2 p.m. — Scabbard and Blade, ROTC honorary, will be recruiting and counseling any interested individuals on the two year ROTC program in the student union.

8 a.m.-4 p.m.—Student Government will be collecting money to aid Biafrans at various places across campus.

4:30 p.m. — Women's Recreation Association meeting in the Women's gym.

7 p.m. — Interdormitory Council will meet upstairs at the student union.

7:30 p.m. — Alpha Kappa Psi, professional business fraternity, will meet in the Campus Christian Center. The meeting is open to all students.

8 p.m. — Student union mix featuring "The Bathtub Ring," a group of MU fraternity men.

8:15 p.m. — Marshall University Theatre will present "Picnic" by William Inge in Old Main Auditorium. Admission for students is by activity card.



(WHAT'S THIS? SEE PAGE 4.)



Poorly dressed?

THE MU MARCHING BAND didn't march in the Inaugural Parade in honor of Governor Arch A. Moore because, according to Director Robert R. Clark uniforms aren't adequate for that type of celebration. Clark emphasized that military styled uniforms such as those WVU's band wore Monday to lead the parade, would be better for the MU band and said new uniforms would cost at least \$12,000.

ETV start said in jeopardy

"It seems inconceivable to me that two years of intensive development and construction for a project designed to serve hundreds and thousands of West Virginians could be allowed to go down the drain," said Richard D. Settle, WMUL-TV station manager, about the recent cut in the television station's budget for fiscal year 1969-70.

He continued, saying there would be no question that if Marshall University's share remains at approximately \$90,000, it would be necessary to postpone the first year of broadcasting.

Settle said he "looked at the budget that was submitted as a

routine procedure of the outgoing administration. I feel that the large amount of time, money, and effort spent on the project will produce a re-examination and re-adjustments of the budget by the incoming administration."

The \$350,000 budget requested by WMUL-TV was cut to \$90,000 on being submitted in Gov. Hullett C. Smith's proposed budget.

"A number of points should be cleared about the \$350,000 budget request from the state," said Settle. "First, this amount of money is Marshall University's share of the project's first year's operating cost. The balance of

the budget is made up by Wayne, Cabell, and Kanawha Counties. Secondly, this \$350,000 is not a Marshall University budget line item. It is requested for Marshall by the West Virginia Broadcasting Authority. The University is acting as a partner in a project designed to serve the state, just as they are the three counties."

According to Settle, the schedule programming was to include classroom instructional television, ninety minute dramatic presentations, leisure time programming and in-depth news analysis from throughout the nation and the world.

MU students not expected to join march

Few, if any, students from Marshall will be attending the anti-war march in Washington during the inauguration. One main reason is final exams start Jan. 20, inauguration day.

Scheduled by the National Mobilization Committee to End the War in Vietnam, a "massive march" will be held Jan. 19, the day before Richard Nixon takes office. Mobilization officials in New York are coordinating the demonstration and a "counter-inaugural ball" that will feature music by The Doors.

Few Marshall students will be there. Finals start the next day.

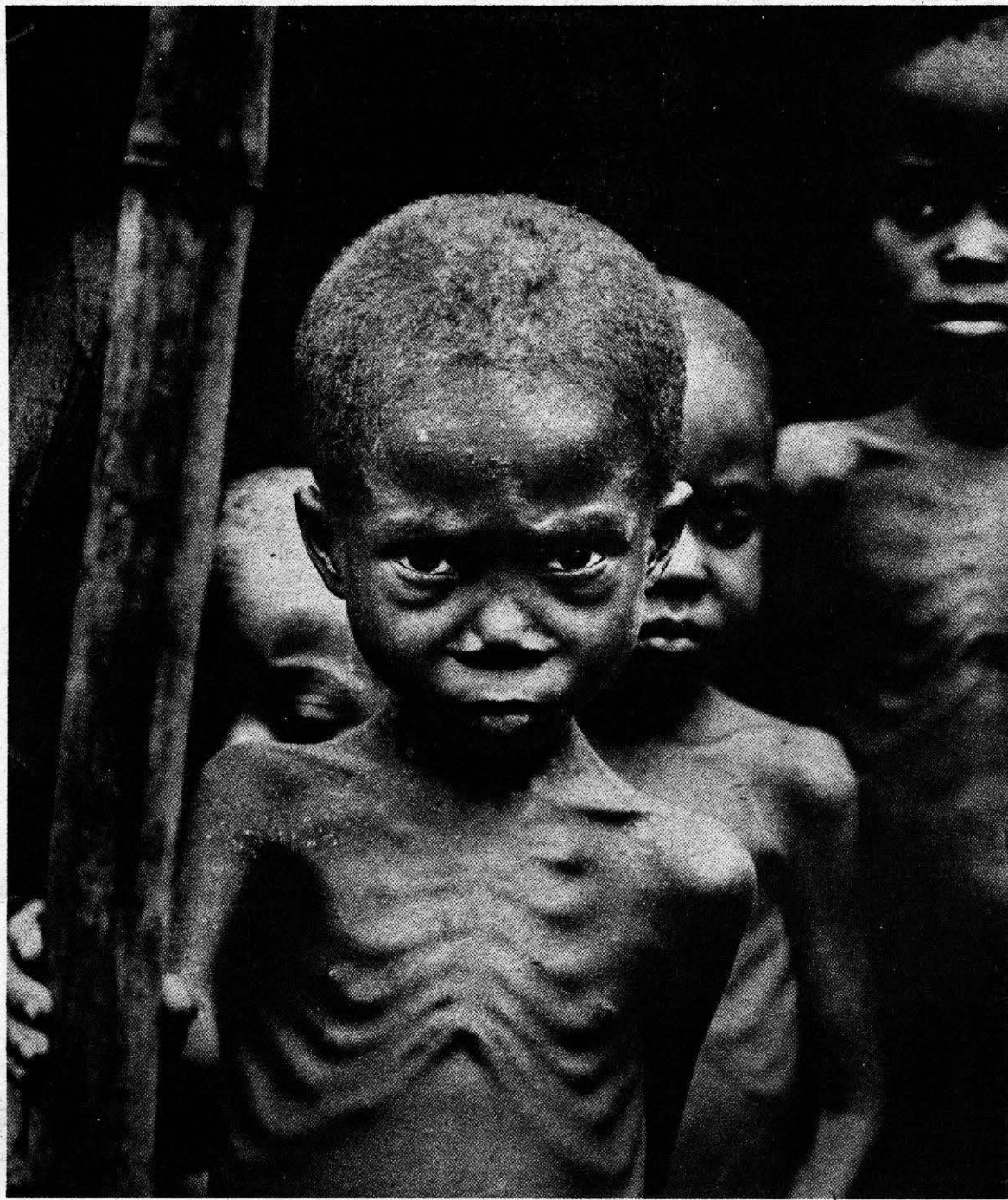
According to Dave Kasper, Clayton, N. J., senior and president of the Students for a Democratic Society, SDS chapters are not in agreement over the scheduled protest.

"The national council of SDS failed to endorse the inaugural march because many of the delegates no longer think large demonstrations are effective. Most of them believe our work is at home, educating against the war and the draft," Kasper said.

Speech convocation

The Speech 103 Contest will be sponsored by the Department of Speech in Thursday's Convocation at 11 a.m. in Old Main Auditorium. Four finalists from the 44 Speech 103 sections will compete for the championship.

Three winning readers from the classes will present their readings at the Convocation. Richard Mbiad, speech instructor, is director of the contest. Judging will be done by members of the Department of Speech faculty.



STARVED BIAFRAN CHILD
(Photo from Life magazine)

Education courses discussed

(Continued from Page 1)
for certification. "Students should think — when they leave here — that they should not only want to meet certification in this state but also in all the other states. Our State Board of Education keeps in close contact with boards in the other states so as to keep requirements up-to-date."

Dr. Queen supported the general requirement program because it gives students a base on which they can make future decisions.

Several of the professors interviewed said students should be required to take certain classes because a student might discover an area he likes. If it had not been required, he might have skipped over this particular area.

Dr. Queen summed up the situation by comparing a required program to difficult teachers in high school. "While in high school you hated them, but now, several years later, you realize it is better that you had them."

VOLTAGE BOOSTED

Closed Circuit TV had a high voltage power line installed during the Christmas holidays. It circles the campus. Dr. Stephen Buell, director of closed circuit television, has said the line has the strength of "somewhere around 38,000 volts" which was installed to provide sufficient electrical power to campus buildings to prepare them for the overload television might otherwise cause. According to Dr. Buell, most campuses have this problem since as the campus expands, the increased demand for electricity must be met.

The Teachers College requirements may be "necessary," but aren't necessarily the best according to several professors in the Department of Education.

Robert Dingman, associate professor of education, said, "I think there is a minimum education quality that each teacher should show. I am not sure that any technique will do it. This educational program certainly is not foolproof."

Labeling Marshall as being more conservative in its innovative practices than most schools, Professor Dingman feels the situation of a program with comprehensive requirements is more critical now than in the distant past because there is so much more to learn. "When you set up requirements that are so unbendable as these, some students get nothing out of these general

courses."

Dr. Morris remarked that state standards are just too tight because they leave very little opportunity for electives.

A strong critic of the present situation at MU and other colleges, Professor Morris picks as his biggest concern the inflexibility of the Teachers College curriculum from the beginning of a student's college career. He explained this opinion with — "as soon as a student gets here he has to immediately decide what he is going to pursue as to college because requirements are different for the different colleges. The same predicament eventually affects his specialization field. "This may all be fatal because a high school graduate is coming here without a lot of background and judgment on the matter."

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Editorials

Students united in worthy cause

A coalition of student groups has formed to sponsor a fund-raising drive for starving Biafrans. They will be collecting money at various points on campus today in a continuation of the drive which began yesterday.

It's certainly something to sit up and take note of when Student Government, Interfraternity Council, Interdorm Council, SDI, SDS and Panhellenic Council all join forces to support a cause. And when the cause is as worthwhile as this one, students should be overwhelming in their response.

Funds will be turned over to the International Red Cross, which is running flights to Biafra, the Eastern Region of Nigeria which seceded May 30, 1967, declaring itself the independent Republic of Biafra.

The Nigerian federal government termed the move "an act of rebellion" that would be met by force. The session was the culmination of a bloody struggle between the predominantly Moslem Northern Region of Nigeria and the Christians of the Eastern Region.

Active fighting between Nigerian Federal troops and the rebel Biafran army began July 6, 1967. Since then a vicious starvation campaign has been waged against Biafrans by Nigeria. The Nigerians have cut off the area, about the size of the state of Louisiana, making it impossible to transport supplies in or out of Biafra except through airlifts.

And those most often affected are women and children. Masses of innocent natives are being literally starved to death by the federal troops.

It has been estimated by Student Senator Tom Hunter that 25,000 Biafrans die each day in this region which once had a population of 12 million.

"It does seem like a little thing in a country where overweight is a bigger problem than starvation," Hunter said. "But this is something that everyone should want to donate to, and not just a nickel or a dime. Give up the price of a meal a day; or even give up a beer."

If one dollar can feed a Biafran family of four, as Hunter suggests, bargain-minded Marshall students should certainly take advantage of this opportunity to get four meals for the price of one.

GINNY PITT,
News Editor

Basketball scheduling not done for students

The average student basketball fan would do well to buy tickets anywhere else, for this year's schedule is obviously not designed with the student in mind.

Of the 13 home games scheduled, four have been played when school was closed for the holidays. This, of course, includes the invitational tournament which is a holiday event at most schools.

But the worst remains. Of the next four home games, one will be played right in the middle of the exam schedule and then three straight games over semester break. Totals for the entire season show the average student will miss eight of the 13 home games simply because classes are not in session.

Admittedly scheduling is a difficult process which must give prime consideration to the schedules of other schools. But it seems likely that something a little better than eight for 13 could have been worked out.

In the first place, student attendance — the kind that can't be given by just anyone — has been and will be lacking at too many home games. The team needs this support and poor scheduling is one reason it may be lacking.

Also students are being slighted in that part of the activity fees goes toward admission to athletic events.

The MU athletic program admittedly needs money but often it seems to cater toward Huntingtonians for this purpose. This year's schedule, along with the traditionally unsatisfactory seating allocation for students, is unfairly slanted away from the students.

Regardless of whether the poor scheduling was inevitable or not, we hope that future schedules, like those of the past, will be more considerate of the Marshall student.

SUZANNE WOOD,
Managing Editor

Herd dropped to 4-8 by Northern win

By TOM MURDOCK
Sports Editor
and
KIM JAMES
Sports Writer

The Thundering Herd went down to its eighth loss in 12 starts Monday as a last half rally fell short giving the Northern Illinois Huskies a 75-70 victory in Dekalb, Ill.

The Herd had another cold shooting night hitting 26.8 per cent of its shots in the first half. However, MU's shooting improved in the second half—enough to finish the game with a 32.6 per cent.

"Man am I tired," said forward

ward Bernard Bradshaw after the Herd arrived back in Huntington Monday night. "This was a very bad weekend. I went most of the first half without scoring. The story was the same for me as it was for the others, we shot but just couldn't hit".

The Herd went into both last Saturday's Western Michigan game and Monday's Northern contest with hopes of raising its record at 6-6.

"We ran into some very tough sledding at both Western and Northern," commented forward Ricky Hall. "But, when we begin to hit we are going to win some basketball games."

Guard Dan D'Antoni lead the Herd scorers with 17 points. The senior playmaker now feels that the team is coming to life.

"We had two bad games," he said, "but there in the final minutes of the game at Northern we showed signs of coming to life. I feel we are going to snap out of it and begin to play much better basketball."

A second half effort by junior Joe Taylor sparked the Herd come back. The 6-6 forward scored 10 points during the final minutes of play.

MU found themselves behind 60-40, but rattled off 15 straight

points to pull within 5 points before the Huskies scored a basket making it 62-55.

MU's defense, which had been spotty lately, turned in a good performance during the late surge.

"It's just too bad we couldn't have gone on and won it," said Coach Ellis Johnson after the game. "That would have been wonderful for the kids."

The Herd's rebounding also improved. Center Dave Smith pulled off 17 and Bradshaw grabbed 12. However, the Huskies held a slight edge in team rebounds with 52 as compared to MU's 50.

Sports comment

Recruiting is key to coaching

By TIM BUCEY
Feature Writer

Ellis Johnson must know exactly how Perry Moss feels.

For it wasn't long ago, five years to be exact, that the Marshall basketball mentor was in the same situation the football coach is now experiencing.

Johnson, like Moss, was brought to Huntington with instructions to rebuild a basketball program that was in dire need of a new foundation.

Johnson's first three years here saw his teams win only 22 games and lose 49. It wasn't until his fourth year the cagers had a winning season when they won 20, dropped eight, and placed fourth in the National Invitation Tournament.

The first two years were especially rough on a coach who was not use to losing. In the initial season, the Herd had a 6-17 record and in the following year his team won 4 and lost 20, setting a school record for defeats. They finished last in the Mid-American Conference both years.

But 1965 was the last time Johnson coached a losing team. The 1965-66 team broke even at 12-12, followed by a 20-8 season and last year a 17-9 mark and a return trip to the NIT.

Patience is the key for a coach who must rebuild from scratch and produce teams that can compete in the tough MAC.

When Johnson left the insurance business to become head man, he said, "There are a lot of fellows who can coach basketball. The difference is in recruiting."

In his first year of recruiting,

the former basketball All-American at the University of Kentucky brought in George Stone, Bob Redd and Bob Allen, all of whom were drafted by professional teams once their college days were over.

It is mainly due to his recruiting of these three along with seniors Jim Davidson and Dan D'Antoni, that Marshall has compiled the best record in the conference over the past two seasons.

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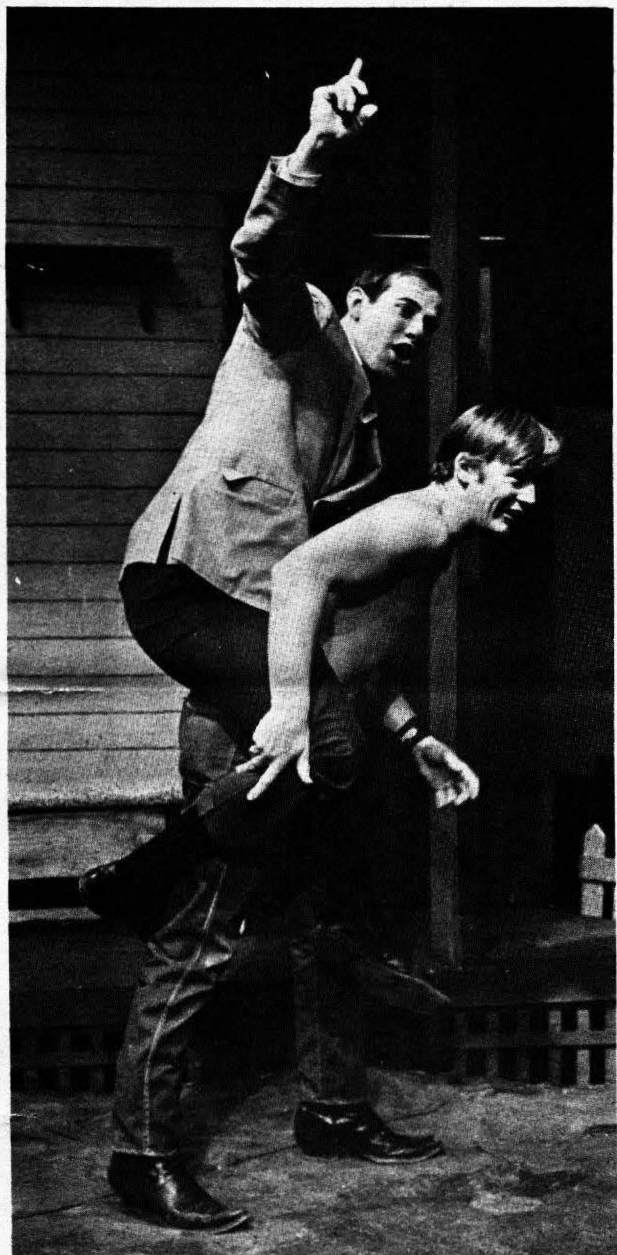
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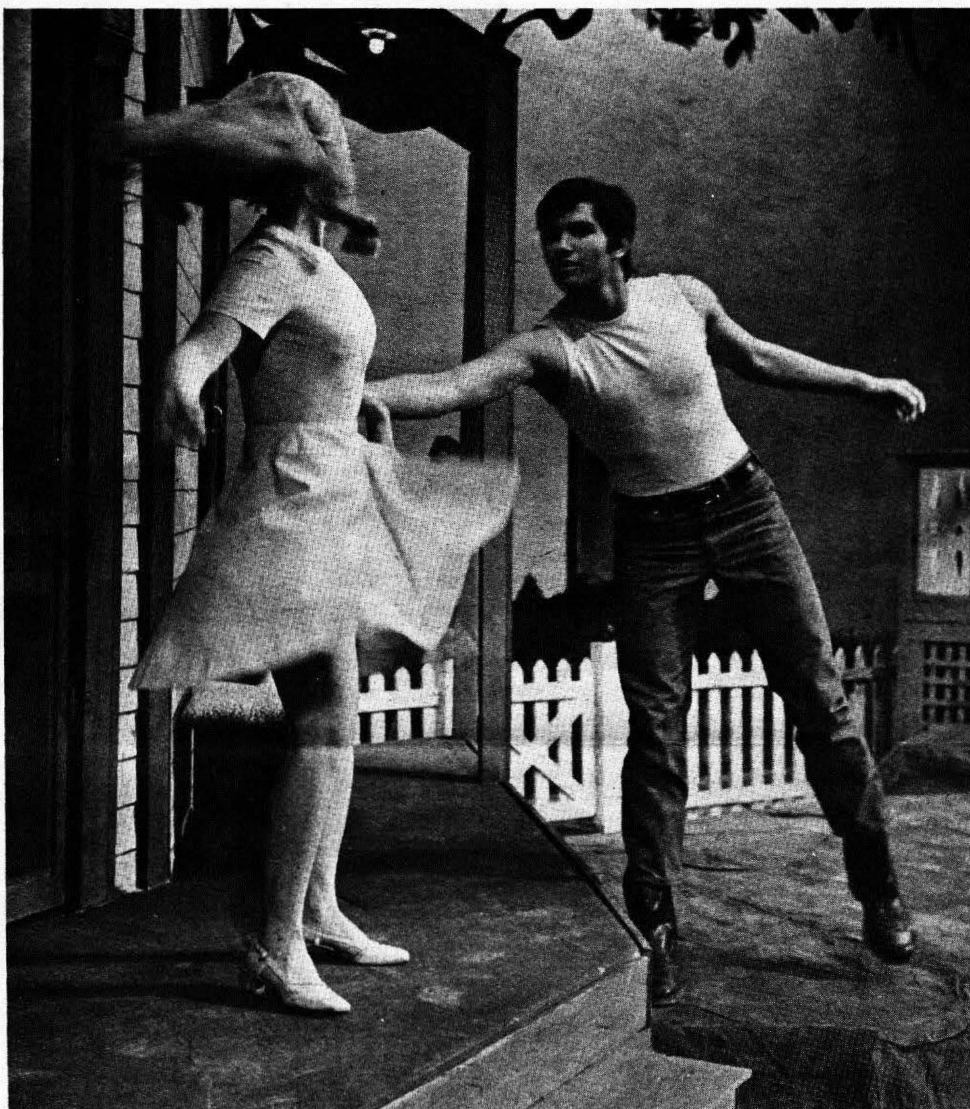
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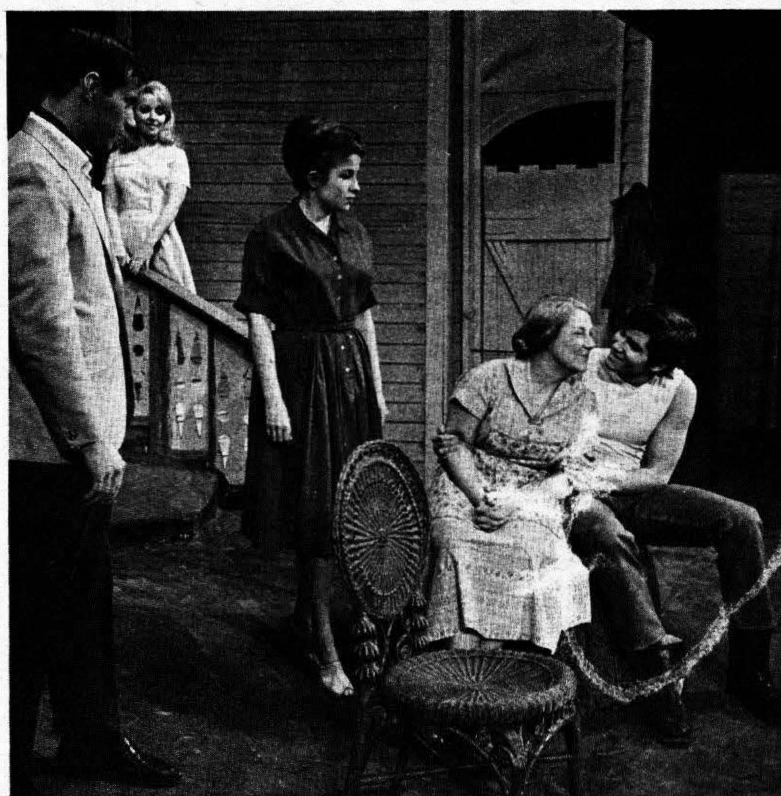
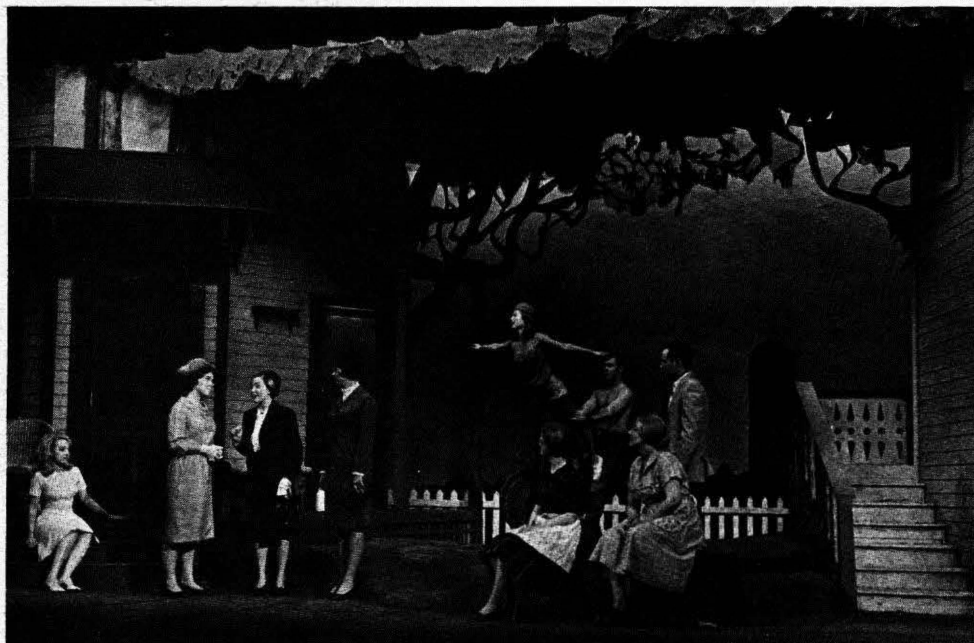
ROGER DRUMMOND, Huntington senior, and Karl Reitz, St. Albans sophomore, practice action scene — a piggy back ride.



SHOWN HERE are Bill Forbes, Charleston freshman, and Penny Mosser, Elkins senior.

**Photos by
Doug Dill**

THE CAST rehearses for William Inge's summer romance "Picnic," to be presented today through Saturday in Old Main Auditorium by the University Theater.



ROGER DRUMMOND, Penny Mosser, Toni Edwards, Huntington senior, Suzanne Stephenson, Spencer junior, and Bill Forbes take part in a tender scene.