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## Moving time

**BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS** workers have become tree movers recently. In this new phase of their job, workers have moved approximately 12 trees since the beginning of last month. The trees are being moved from the property being cleared on Fifth Avenue. They will be placed where they will have the best appearance and the best growth, according to Steve C. Szekey, superintendent of buildings and grounds.

## Want government position?

By **TOMMIE DENNY**  
Staff Reporter

Friday is the deadline for applications for Student Government positions, according to Jane Clay, Charleston junior and student body president.

Miss Clay is now conducting interviews with approximately 60 applicants for positions as commissioners, coordinators, sec-

retaries, and committee members.

Available appointments include business manager, executive secretary, press secretary, and Student Court secretary.

Under the academic affairs commissioner fall the following committees: Academic Standards, Book of Semester, Fireside Chats, Forum, Freshman Activ-

ities, IMPACT, Who's Who, and Departmental Student Liaison.

The publications and public relations commissioner is in charge of these committees: Freshman Handbook, Information Agency, Publicity, State Awareness and Hospitality, Student Directory, and Communications.

The social affairs commissioner will handle these committees: Blood Drive, Civil Service, Community Action, Governmental Relations, High School Visitation, Leadership Seminars, Lobbyist Group, and Athletic Affairs.

The newly formed Election Commission, taking the place of the Athletic Commission which was made into a committee, will be in charge of the following committees: Freshman Elections, Homecoming Elections, and Student Government Elections.

Also to be chosen are Student Court justices, a bailiff, a secretary, and a prosecutor.

Under the heading of special projects in the Clay-Foy platform come the following committees: Beer Cellar, Book Exchange, Hyde Park Forum, and MU Statue.

A secretarial pool will be chosen to attend to extra secretarial duties.

According to Miss Clay, other projects to be instituted are not on the application now, so there is a chance to be appointed to a position later.

Miss Clay is asking for the involvement of "lots and lots of students."

Any student wishing to apply for a position may pick up an application in the Student Government office. The student should make a copy of his schedule available.

Questions concerning the duties of each officer should be directed to Miss Clay.

## Greek Week includes games, dance, project

By **ANN JOHNSTON**  
Society Editor

Campus Greeks began Greek Week Wednesday with a clean-up and tree planting project at Fairfield School, according to Ed Deane, Huntington junior and president of Interfraternity Council which sponsors Greek Week.

The next scheduled activity will be a jiff at Fraternal Hall from 3-5 p.m. Friday. The jiff, which is sponsored by Junior Interfraternity Council, will cost \$1 and a live band will furnish music.

## Graduation dinner slated for seniors

A dinner for all graduating seniors will be given Saturday at 6:30 p.m. in the basement of the Dining Hall by the Office of Alumni Affairs, according to Nick McGrath, Huntington senior and class president.

Those seniors wishing to attend must contact Harry M. Sands, director of alumni affairs by Friday. There will be no charge.

A scholarship, the "Class of 1968 King Scholarship Fund," has been set up. Seniors will discuss how this should be financed and awarded.

Each person attending will receive a gift, and all seniors excelling in scholarship and athletics will be honored.

The dinner will last about an hour and a half, according to McGrath.

Three events are slated Saturday to climax the week.

A Chariot Race will begin at 10 a.m. from 12th Street up Fourth Avenue to 16th Street. Each fraternity will enter its self-built vehicle and Mayor Owen L. Duncan is scheduled to officiate.

Greek games, starting at 1:30 p.m. at the Intramural Field, will include a tug-o-war, barrel race, football throw, etc. Only fraternities will participate and first and second place trophies will be awarded.

A semi-formal dance at the Field House will end the week. Beginning at 8 p.m. and featuring the Torques from Lexington, Ky., the dance will cost \$5 per couple.

According to Deane, the outstanding Greek from each fraternity and sorority will be announced at the dance's intermission. They will each receive a plaque and a surprise gift.

## Humphrey slates 5-hour visitation

By **NANCY HINCHMAN**  
Staff Reporter

Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey will be in Huntington approximately 5 hours for his scheduled IMPACT 1968 appearance next Wednesday.

The vice president is tentatively scheduled to arrive at Tri-State Airport at 4 p.m.

According to IMPACT Coordinator Jim Slicer, there will be a reception for the vice president at the airport. Governor Hulett C. Smith and other state officials will be at the airport to greet the vice president. Slicer said students are encouraged to attend the reception.

After the airport reception, Mr. Humphrey will travel in a motorcade to the Uptowner Inn where a private reception will be held for state officials, delegates to the Democratic Convention and members of the press.

Mr. Humphrey will arrive at Gullickson Hall at 7 p.m. for his scheduled appearance on the IMPACT 1968 program.

Rather than giving a speech, the vice president will be questioned by a panel of Marshall students. The panel consists of: Katura Carey, Portsmouth, Va. junior; Edward Gartin, Logan senior; Dan Fields, Lavalette senior; Edward Hinson, Huntington graduate student; Kathy Kelley and Charles Kincaid, Huntington seniors, and Barbara Farrell, Frank Cummings and Gregg Terry, Huntington juniors.

Any Marshall student may submit a question to be asked of the vice president. A student may do this by filling out the coupon appearing in The Parthenon and delivering it to the Student Government office this week. Questions submitted by students will be considered and the selected ones will be asked during the panel discussion.

According to Slicer, all security measures for the vice president's visit to campus will be handled by the Secret Service.

Tickets for the Mitchell Trio concert, April 27 are on sale at the Student Government office and the stage erected on the lawn of the Student Union. Tickets are \$1.

## IMPACT schedule

**APRIL 24**, Hubert H. Humphrey, "The American Dream: Fulfillment or Failure?", Gullickson Hall, 7 p.m.

**APRIL 25**, Lester Kirkendall, "New Morality: Ethical Responsibility or Moral Decay?", Old Main Auditorium, 11 a.m.

**APRIL 26**, Ervin Duggan, "The Great Society: Boom or Bust?", Student Union lawn, 11 a.m.

**APRIL 26**, Max Lerner, "Pax Americana: War or Peace?", Old Main Auditorium, 7 p.m.

**APRIL 27**, Allen Ginsberg, "Free Expression in America: Fact or Fiction?", Student Union lawn, 1 p.m.

**APRIL 27**, Dick Gregory, "Black Power: Revolution or Evolution?", Student Union lawn, 4 p.m.

**APRIL 27**, Mitchell Trio, Gullickson Hall, 8 p.m.

## Band to give concert tonight

The Marshall University Symphonic Band will present a concert tonight at 8:15 p.m. in Evelyn Hollberg Smith Music Hall.

The student woodwind quintet, the brass sextet, and baritone soloist Dr. Paul Balshaw, associate professor of music, will be featured. Dr. Eddie C. Bass, assistant professor of music, will be guest conductor.

Members of the student woodwind quintet are flutist Mary Lusk, oboist Bernie Finrock, clarinetist William Warfield, bassoonist Tom Thompson, and French horn player James Spencer.

Brass Sextet members are trumpeters Larry Tolerico and Dianna Shinn, French horn player John Jones, trombonist Cantrell Miller, baritone horn player Paul Dempsey, and tuba player Ralph Byrd.

"Arioso" by Bach, "Festive Overture" by Shostakovich, "Proclamation" by Persichetti, and two songs from "Songs of a Wayfarer" will be among the selections played.

The concert is open to the public and admission is free.

## CADET VISITS ACADEMY

Harry Jones, Wheeling senior, attended the West Point Orientation Visit April 4. The purpose of the orientation is to acquaint ROTC students with West Point.

## IMPACT QUESTIONNAIRE

Student .....

Classification .....

Home address .....

Question to Vice President:

(Submit to Student Government office)



# 13 of 16 Greek units improving houses

By GREG CARANNANTE  
Sports Writer

Construction on the Marshall campus is booming, and a major part of it concerns additions for new houses for 13 of the 16 fraternities and sororities in the near future.

Some type of construction is planned for all the fraternity houses:

Tau Kappa Epsilon recently had new doors installed throughout the house and grass planted in the front lawn. "We are also starting a building fund for a new house, which we will be needing in a few years," fraternity President Bob Browning, Barboursville junior, said. "But for now, our house is quite adequate."

Alpha Sigma Phi fraternity

members are "re-doing the basement completely. We are adding a new room, paneling, new ceiling, brick bar, and a sound system," said Ed Avant, Baileysville junior and secretary. "We are also planning to asphalt half of our back yard to provide extra room for parking and for a basketball court. It should be completed by May 1."

The Alpha Sigs also have plans for a new house. "The plans are drawn up, but we must get our membership up to 60 actives before national headquarters will permit us to build," according to Avant.

New doors have been installed throughout the Kappa Alpha Order house. "We also have been working on some other minor additions," according to Bill

Leith, Martinsburg junior and fraternity president.

Lambda Chi Alpha members plan to extend their dining room towards the rear of the house by late next year, or rebuild the house entirely by the following summer, according to Mike Robinson, Joppa, Md., junior and president. "We are basically having a money problem right now."

Pi Kappa Alpha members' plans for a new house are indefinite now. "We are thinking of building or buying something this semester," fraternity President Ed Gee, Madison junior, said.

The members of Zeta Beta Tau are adding to the back of their house by "this summer, hopefully. The basement will be built first, and then two more

levels will be added to that possibly in five years," said Robert Salsitz, Parkersburg sophomore and president. "We may be hindered by lack of space. We are currently in the process of raising money."

The Phi Kappa Tau house will have its attic remodeled to provide more study rooms and its basement changed into an active chapter room, according to Frank Johnson, Huntington senior and house manager. "We hope everything will be completed by next fall."

There has been a change of plans for the new Sigma Alpha Epsilon house, President Craig Westfall, Huntington senior, said. "Our actions are not definite at the present time."

Five of the seven sororities are planning house construction:

Alpha Chi Omega sorority members will be landscaping their lawn within a few weeks, said Barbara Willey, Hinton junior and house president.

Alpha Sigma Alpha, which had new living room furniture installed in its house, is second on its national's list for a new house. "We will secure some land this spring and probably start construction on the new house during the spring of next year, Pledge Trainer Paula Cyrus, St. Albans sophomore, said. "This summer we will also have new roofing and paneling put in our basement."

Construction has begun on the new Delta Zeta house, located at the corner of 17th Street and Sixth Avenue. The two-story brick structure will cost approximately \$222,000, according to Tommie Denny, Nitro freshman.

"The basement will have laundry facilities, storage rooms and a furnace."

"The first floor will consist of a combination chapter - recreation room, guest room, bathroom, housemother's suite, kitchen, powder rooms, and a large formal sitting and dining room."

"The second floor will have 10 bedrooms, each accommodating four girls, a large bathroom, and a soundproof study room."

"It will be the first air-conditioned sorority house on campus. There will also be an asphalt-paved lot in the rear."

The Phi Mus, who had a lot of construction done on their house last summer, have rough and indefinite plans for a new house located on Sixth Avenue, President Nancy Smith, South Charleston junior, said. "It should be completed by the 1970 school year."

Sigma Kappa members have plans drawn up for a new home on 17th Street and Fifth Avenue, according to Cathy Willey, St. Albans junior. "Construction may possibly begin next year."

Sigma Sigma Sigma and Alpha Zeta Delta members currently have no major construction plans.

## Mission of campus church given

By ASHOK MALHOTRA  
Staff Reporter

The church's mission on campus is to help and guide all men to be men, said the Rev. George L. Sublett, campus pastor sponsored by the American Baptists.

The Rev. Sublett said university students are worried about the draft, on what vocation to follow and sex. Students are worried about how to get along with their parents and almost everyone has that problem at one time or another.

Students also have a problem with developing their general philosophy of life and a rational understanding for the being.

"There are a lot of forces which make a human being less than a man," said the pastor. Economic and political practices and personal habits which tend to deny another human being his dignity is one of the forces which make a human being less than a man.

How many people per week attend the Campus Christian Center (CCC)?

In a recent survey taken by the CCC the Rev. Sublett said 11 per cent or about 900 of Marshall's total student body attend the various activities at the CCC.

All of the things done at the CCC: worship, the various study

groups and the various issues that the students study are part of helping a man be a man, said the Rev. Sublett.

"I hope that in the future that the programs of the church will reflect by genuine participation in the crucial movements of our day by Marshall students," said the Rev. Sublett.

The concern for persons in our society and the forces which tend to draw and bind all men together are the most significant goals of the churches efforts.

### Campus comment!

By ANITA GARDNER  
Staff Reporter

Jane Clay and Carey Foy, student body president and vice president, are now taking applications for Student Government positions.

Last Monday, Miss Clay lectured on the positions open. By Wednesday she had received 61 applications.

It is interesting that none of those courageous souls who contested the March 13 election have applied for any of the positions.

I would like to know where the people who so bitterly criticized the entire Student Government system are now. These people, it seems to me, can do a fine job of pointing out the faults of Student Government, but when it comes to finding solutions to the problems these same people can offer no help.

Now is your chance, students, to become involved in your Student Government, rather than just sit back and criticize the work of others.

## Students given chemistry awards

The Chemistry Department has presented awards to outstanding freshman and senior students at the annual student awards dinner of the Central Ohio Valley Section of the American Chemical Society.

Edward Bart, Ashland, Ky. senior, was awarded an 18-month student membership to the American Chemical Society and an inscribed plaque for permanent display in the Chemistry Department. Charles Hagan, Huntington freshman, was presented two books of selected readings in chemistry.

Joe Browning, technical director of the U.S. Naval Ordnance Station at Indian Head, Md., was the featured speaker. The 1947 MU graduate was a member of the team that developed the Polaris Missile. His topic was "The Technical Explosion."

Outstanding high school chemistry students from the tri-state area were also recognized.

## European tour deadline here

Today is the reservation deadline for the European Tour originated jointly by the two state universities and co-ordinated by Marshall's alumni office.

The group will leave New York May 26 and return 22 days later after visits to Spain, Italy, France, Germany, Switzerland, Denmark and England.

"He have engaged a professional agent to arrange the details of this trip," said Alumni Director Harry Sands. "This assures first-time and veteran travelers alike that reservations, dining, transportation connections and other details are being handled by experts. Even professional guides are furnished which solves the problem of language barriers. We are going all out to provide the group an exciting travel and educational experience."

According to Sands, about 25 reservations are being held. Since the tour only has room for 45 persons, he urged alumni and friends to make reservations now to assure themselves a place on the tour. Further details are available at the Alumni Office.

## MU to host area meeting April 20

The seventh annual spring meeting of the West Virginia Conference of the American Association of University Professors will be held April 20 in the Science Hall.

The morning session will begin at 10 a.m. in Room 320. Included in the session are reports by conference committees from West Virginia Tech, West Virginia State College, Concord College, and Marshall. Dr. Alfred D. Sumberg, from the Washington AAUP office, will speak on "The View from Washington". This topic will present issues at the national association level.

The afternoon session will be at 1:30 p.m. in the Science Hall Auditorium and Dr. Leslie Martin, administrator of higher education of the West Virginia Board of Education will discuss proposals to reorganize higher education in West Virginia.

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# The Parthenon SPORTS

## 'Like the people,' says new cager

By JOHN BLACK  
Sports Writer

"I liked the people. They're behind the team."

Those are some of the reasons junior college All-American Joe Taylor gave for deciding to come to Marshall to play basketball.

Taylor is the third basketball player this year to sign a grant-in-aid to attend Marshall.

Taylor is a 1965 graduate of Dayton Roosevelt High School, where he was a teammate of MU freshman star David Smith, and is currently completing his final year at Bismarck Junior College in North Dakota.

Taylor chose Marshall over "about 40 or 50 offers from other schools." Eastern Kentucky, Morehead, Miami, Bowling Green, Kent State and Southern California were among those seeking Taylor's services.

Taylor also said of MU: "It's close to home, and everything seemed to fall in place."

Taylor first chose a junior college because he was "at first not going to go to school." "After working for a while, I decided that I would have to go somewhere to get my grades up so I could get in a big school," Taylor said.

He also runs hurdles and high jumps in track season. He is undecided whether he will participate in the track program at Marshall.

Taylor doesn't care which position he plays as long as he plays. "I like forward," he said. "I was thinking about playing guard, but now I think I'll stick

to forward." He is 6-6½ inches tall, and tips the scales at 185 pounds.

Head Coach Ellis Johnson doesn't know which position he prefers Taylor to play. "It will probably be forward or center," said Johnson. "But he will most likely be a corner man." Taylor will be eligible to play varsity ball next season.

Taylor had nothing but praise for Coach Johnson. "He's a fine coach. He's straight with the players, and he wants to win."

Taylor's goal is to "go down there (MU) and have an undefeated season, and then go back to the Garden (Madison Square Garden) and win all those games."

Taylor joins Russ and Eugene Lee as Marshall's newest basketballers.

Taylor averaged 25.5 points and 22.8 rebounds per contest last season. He is the all time scoring leader at Dayton Roosevelt. He earned All-Conference and All-American honors at Bismarck. Taylor said that he averaged about 23 or 24 points a game in high school and 16 or 17 rebounds.

When Taylor visited campus during basketball season, he came with his fiancée. Tentative wedding plans are set for August 3.

Taylor, a physical education major, will visit campus again sometime in June.

To stay in condition in the off-season, Taylor will "play a lot of park ball this summer."

## Frosh open season Saturday

Freshman baseball season begins Saturday at Ohio University. Team members and Coach Mike Fullerton made the following comments.

"So far I enjoy college ball much better than high school. We have to work and practice a lot harder but I think it's worth it," said Bob Amendola, Irvington, N. J., freshman.

"I am looking forward to the first game to see what we can really do under pressure," added Darrell Riggs, Sitka, Alaska, freshman.

"I hope I don't get butterflies before the first game and mess up," said Rodney May, Barboursville freshman.

Peter Ingram, New York City freshman, believes that, "The coaching is a lot better. The facilities are better and I like it because the player gets more individual attention."

"College ball is a lot different but I enjoy it a lot and hope that all of us work well together as a team," said Glen Verbage, Huntington freshman.

Freshman baseball coach, Mike Fullerton, had this to say about the team:

"We have a fine group of boys. They are from all over the country including Alaska. Right now there is a great deal of competition at all positions, but we hope to have it worked out by our first game.

"We have a lot of work to do, but we're looking forward to the Saturday game at Ohio University."

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# Awards to be given Friday to winners of intramurals

By LARRY GRIMSLEY  
Sports Writer

Intramural awards will be presented at 2:45 p.m. Friday at the baseball game with Bowling Green University at St. Cloud Commons.

Plaques will be awarded to the following organizations: shuffleboard was won by Tau Kappa Epsilon, Tom Belville, Huntington junior, and Ed Radjunas, Ashland, Ky., senior accepting; swimming was won by South Hall, Jon Saari, Wellsburg sophomore, accepting; Pi Kappa Alpha won the basketball championship and Dave Klevan, Weirton sophomore, will accept the award.

Sigma Alpha Epsilon won the handball singles championship and Dave Greathouse, Huntington senior, will accept the award; basketball foul shooting was

won by the Exiles, and Lambda Chi Alpha, with Chris Hutchison, St. Albans sophomore, accepting for Lambda Chi Alpha and Tom Hoskins, Huntington junior, accepting for the Exiles, and Zeta Beta Tau won the bowling championship with Warren Rose, East Rockaway, N. Y., junior, accepting the award.

In other intramural action, the handball singles championship, played April 8, was won by Dave Greathouse, member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon. He defeated Bill Cyrus, South Charleston graduate student, and member of the Exiles by a score of 0-11, 11-6, and 11-5.

Don Rockhold, Parkersburg senior, and Bill Pfeil, Austin Penn., graduate student played Tuesday to determine third and fourth places in the handball singles. Both are members of the Exiles.

"There were 57 participants in

the handball singles tournament, and to my knowledge, this is the largest turnout ever," said Ronald Crosbie, intramural director.

"There is an increase in intramural participation because the intramural program is interesting to the individuals, and they can participate on their own time," he continued. "I was greatly impressed with the turnout."

Softball play resumed Wednesday. Teams should check the intramural bulletin board for time and place of play.

Tennis play resumed Wednesday also. If the tennis matches are not played at scheduled times, they must be played by the end of the week in which the original match was scheduled. Failure to do this will result in a forfeit and a loss of five points to the organization.

## Baseball is better--Coach Cook

By ARNOLD MOLLETTE  
Teachers College Journalist

"College baseball is much better now. It is on a higher plane," said the 1952 Thundering Herd baseball captain.

Who was captain of the 1952 diamond squad? None other than Jack Cook, present MU head baseball coach.

"Everything is better now," Coach Cook said. "We have scholarships, a better schedule and other innovations."

A Huntington native, Coach Cook is in his second season as head diamond mentor. In his initial campaign the Herd's record

jumped from 5-16 to 11-12 and fourth in the MAC. (4-5 in conference play).

Coach Cook, a '52 MU graduate (he received his MA degree here in 1953) coached at Huntington High School for nine years, immediately prior to his move to the college ranks. His Pony Express teams won three state baseball titles.

Some of the present Marshall players played for Coach Cook in high school. He said, "By having had these boys, I know them and what they can do. Our relationship has always been good."

In the two years he has been here, several changes have been made. One of these is fall practice.

"Fall practice has been beneficial in that we can find out what ability the boys have, find out their best position and work on it. There isn't enough time in the spring."

Concerning recruiting, Coach Cook said, "The recruiting of baseball players is similar to basketball and football, except we can't give full scholarships. We can only manage partial aid. One full grant would take our whole budget."



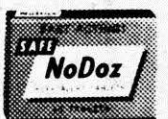
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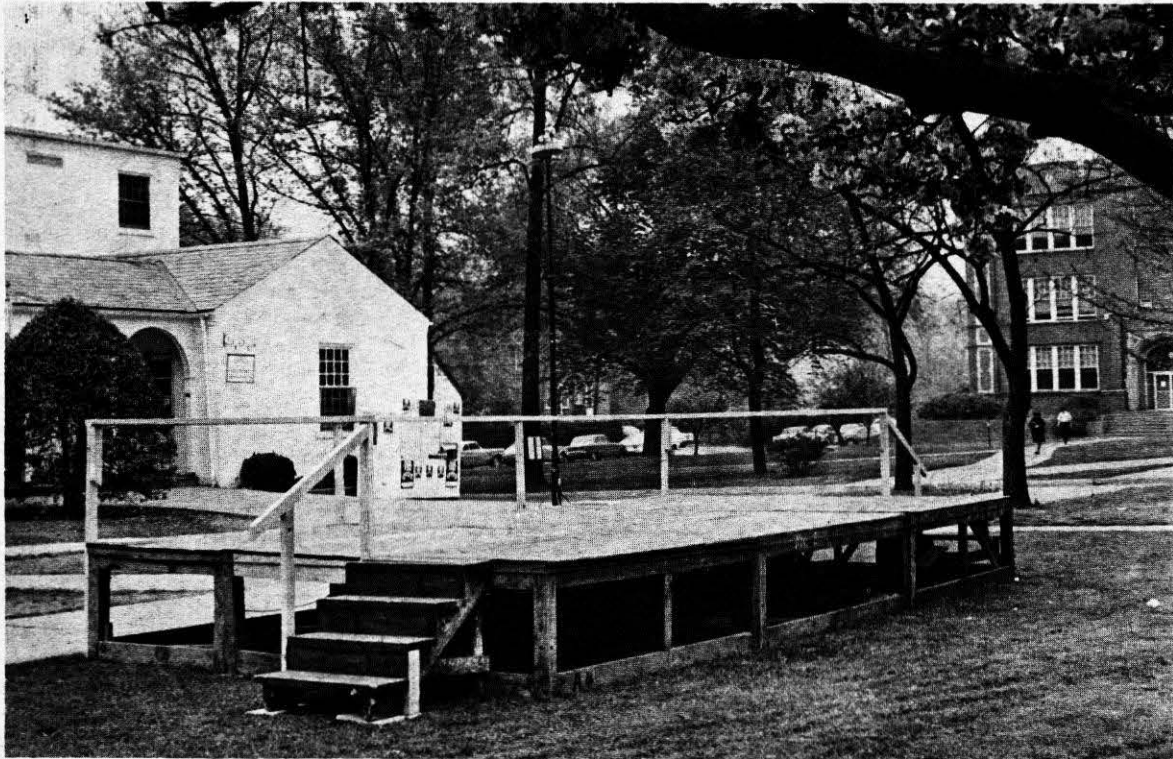
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Stage is set

STUDENTS RETURNING from Easter vacation found a new addition to the Student Union lawn. This stage will serve as the focal point for an important part of the Impact Week activities. Both Dick Gregory and Allen Ginsburg will deliver their speeches from this platform. Tickets for the Mitchell Trio concert are now being sold on the stage and in the Student Union.

# Campus briefs

### VISTA TO RECRUIT

Volunteers in Service To America (VISTA) will conduct a recruitment drive on campus Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. A booth will be set up in the Student Union with VISTA information and movies also will be shown at a place yet to be announced. VISTA is known as the domestic Peace Corps and is financed by the federal Office of Economic Opportunity.

### MAJORETTE TRYOUTS

Majorette tryouts for the Big Green Marching Band will be April 27 at 10 a.m. All women interested in auditioning should meet on the lawn of the TV Building this week and next week from 4 to 5 p.m. Further information will be released at those practice sessions.

### ASSEMBLY TO MEET

The second meeting of the John Marshall Assembly will be 7:30 to 9 p.m. Tuesday in Room 154 of Smith Hall. The discussion topic is "The Student Body At Marshall University Should Be Given Significantly More Voice in Administrative Policy." Awards will be presented to the top four speakers.

### MEASLES REPORTED

There have been two cases of measles reported by the Student Health Center. However, University Physician Dr. Donald Klinefelter says that he doubts if this is an indication of an outbreak of the disease on campus.

### SENATE MEETS TODAY

The Student Senate will meet today at 4 p.m. in Science Hall Auditorium.

### SUMMER REGISTRATION

Advance registration for the summer session will continue today through April 26 between the hours of 8:15-11:30 a.m. and 1-4 p.m. Students unable to advance register during this period will be able to register on April 27 between 8:30-11 a.m.

### TENNIS REVISION

The tennis team will play at 2:30 p.m. today at Dayton. The match will replace the previously scheduled May 4 meet.

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## On Campus with Max Shulman

(By the author of "Rally Round the Flag, Boys!"  
"Dobie Gillis," etc.)

### WAS KEATS THE BOB DYLAN OF HIS DAY?

Who was the greatest of the English Romantic Poets—Byron, Shelley or Keats? This question has given rise to many lively campus discussions and not a few stabbings. Let us today try to find an answer.

First, Keats (or The Louisville Slugger, as he is commonly called.) Keats' talent bloomed early. While still a schoolboy at St. Swithin's he wrote his epic lines:

*If I am good I get an apple,  
So I don't whistle in the chapel.*

From this distinguished beginning he went on to write another 40 million poems, an achievement all the more remarkable when you consider that he was only five feet tall! I mention this fact only to show that physical problems never keep the true artist from creating. Byron, for example, was lame. Shelley suffered from prickly heat all winter long. Nonetheless, these three titans of literature never stopped writing poetry for one day.

Nor did they neglect their personal lives. Byron, a devil with the ladies, was expelled from Oxford for dipping Nell Gwynne's pigtails in an inkwell. (This later became known as Guy Fawkes Day.) He left England to fight in the Greek war of independence. He fought bravely and well, but women were never far from his mind, as evidenced by these immortal lines:

*How splendid it is to fight for the Greek,  
But I don't enjoy it half as much as dancing cheek to cheek.*

While Byron fought in Greece, Shelley stayed in England, where he became razor sharpener to the Duke of Gloucester. Shelley was happy in his work, as we know from his classic poem, *Hail to thee, blithe strop*, but no matter how he tried he was never able to get a proper edge on the Duke's razor, and he was soon banished to Coventry. (This later became known as The Industrial Revolution.)

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But I digress. Byron, I say, was in Greece and Shelley in England. Meanwhile Keats went to Rome to try to grow. Who does not remember his wistful lyric:

*Although I am only five feet high,  
Some day I will look in an elephant's eye.*

But Keats did not grow. His friends, Shelley and Byron, touched to the heart, rushed to Rome to stretch him. This too failed. Then Byron, ever the ladies man, took up with Lucrezia Borgia, Catherine of Aragon, and Annie Oakley. Shelley, a more domestic type, stayed home with his wife Mary and wrote his famous poem:

*I love to stay home with the missus and write,  
And hug her and kiss her and give her a bite.*



Mary Shelley finally got so tired of being bitten that she went into another room and wrote *Frankenstein*. Upon reading the manuscript, Shelley and Byron got so scared they immediately booked passage home to England. Keats tried to go too, but he was so small that the clerk at the steamship office couldn't see him over the top of the counter. So Keats remained in Rome and died of shortness.

Byron and Shelley cried a lot and then together composed this immortal epitaph:

*Good old Keats, he might have been short,  
But he was a great American and a heck of a good sport.*

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