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A Signal Honor for Mary H. Marshall

A lecture hall in the soon-to-be renovated Hall of Languages at Syracuse University will bear the name of Mary Hatch Marshall, Professor Emeritus. A gift of $100,000 to honor Dr. Marshall and all fine teaching has been pledged by an anonymous donor.

Professor Marshall had an office in the Hall of Languages during her many years as a member of the English department (1948-1970). She became the Jesse Truesdell Peck Professor of English Literature four years after joining the Syracuse University faculty. Since she retired from full-time teaching in 1970, Professor Marshall has been teaching at the Humanistic Studies Center at University College, concentrating on her favorite subject, dramatic literature in English.

Professor Marshall has won two Guggenheim fellowships to study medieval drama, and she continues the scholar’s habit of preparing thoroughly for each lecture by reading critical essays, history, and works contemporary with the topic at hand.

Professor George P. Elliot is quoted in the Syracuse University weekly, The Record: “Mary Marshall always held to the very highest intellectual and academic standards in her teaching and collegiate roles.... For this, she earned the greatest respect as a colleague and a teacher.”

Her students at University College honored her in November 1977, when Professor Marshall received one of the first two annual awards for fine teaching from this division of Syracuse University. (Mr. Gary Trento, from the School of Visual and Performing Arts also received an award.)

Chosen by student ballot, Professor Marshall was given a scroll citing the many reasons that students judge her a great teacher. They mentioned the depth and range of her scholarship, the insight which she brings to interpretation, and the humor which enlivens her lectures.
Old Scrapbooks Anyone?

Do you remember the scrapbooks which were donated to our first book auction? They contained, among many interesting items, two Lincoln autographs. Those scrapbooks were found in the garage attic of Dr. and Mrs. Joel Potash. (See The Courier, XIV, 1)

An Antiquarian Book Auction is scheduled again, for October 13, 1978. We need donations of things to auction. Books, of course, but also anything on paper, from calling cards to calendars.

Please do check the odds and ends you have been saving because you can’t bear to throw them out. Perhaps what some may think is worthless junk will contain papers of historical value, such as the diaries and letters of someone who lived through a time very different from our own. Perhaps you have a relative who achieved distinction and there are papers relating to his or her work, or letters from other distinguished persons. A collector will care for and appreciate these things, which may not be true of your descendants. Very old photographs, especially if there is a date, can be collector’s items. (We must all have some, of people whose names and faces mean nothing to us.) Pamphlets may be collectible in some cases, so might certain theater programs and posters. Works of art, invitations, leaves from old manuscripts, — the list is long.

The auction in 1976 raised $5,000.00 for the Syracuse University Libraries, all of which was spent for library acquisitions.

We need “collectibles.” Keep us in mind when you go through your desk, your basement, or your attic. What we earn depends on what you donate.

Information about donations can be had from our office (315) 423-2830. If you have nothing else to donate — money, new or old, will do!

Audio Archives

The National Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences honored Mr. Walter L. Welch for his outstanding work in the field of re-recording. At the Syracuse University Symposium Honoring the Centennial of Recorded Sound, in November, J. William Denny, president of the National Academy, presented Mr., Welch with a plaque “to acknowledge his achievements and devotion” in the field of recorded sound. The citation said, “Your imagination and unique techniques in helping to preserve, and in some cases even to restore, so much of our recorded heritage, are invaluable contributions.”

The symposium was jointly sponsored by the S.I. Newhouse School of Public Communications, the College of Visual and Performing Arts, and the University Libraries.
Literacy Volunteers Board Member

Library Associates member Mr. Daniel W. Casey has added a seat on the national Board of Directors of Literacy Volunteers of America, Inc. to his list of library interests. (See The Courier, XIV, 4, Fall 1977, p. 28.) The president of Literacy Volunteers of America, Dr. Jane H. Root, said that Mr. Casey would bring “his many years of experience in communication and in library service to the program we conduct.”

More Honors

Mrs. J. Howland Auchincloss joins the group of Library Associates members who have been honored in recent years as Syracuse Post-Standard Women of Achievement. Mrs. Auchincloss, who was recognized for accomplishment in the field of human rights, has long been committed to working for others. She served on Library Associates Board of Trustees from 1969-1975, only one of several Board level appointments she has earned in educational, cultural, and medical organizations.

Mr. John S. Mayfield, Lieutenant Commander, U.S. Navy, Retired, has been appointed, most appropriately, club librarian at The Army and Navy Club in Washington, D.C. There are, says Mr. Mayfield:

14,669 volumes, atlases, booklets, brochures, and pamphlets in the Library. There is also a mass of original letters, manuscripts, rare photographs, memorabilia, and ephemera not yet inventoried.

Mr. Mayfield is Curator Emeritus of Manuscripts and Rare Books, Syracuse University, and a former editor of The Courier.

The Courier Listed

The Division of Historical Services of the State Education Department of the University of the State of New York is now listing and describing The Courier in its Research and Publications in New York State History. The State Historian’s office provides a comprehensive resource service essential to those engaged in the study of state and local history.

The Modern Language Association has added The Courier to its Master List of Journals and Series regularly searched for inclusion in the MLA International Bibliography.
In Memoriam

Mr. Solomon Spector, who gave Syracuse University the large seminar room on the sixth floor of the E.S. Bird Library, died in January 1978. The beautiful room, which is heavily used, is an excellent memorial to a man who gave so generously to Syracuse University.

Miss Bessie L. Eldridge, who had been a member of the faculty of the Syracuse University School of Library Science for thirty-two years, will be missed by her friends in Library Associates. Miss Eldridge retired in 1958, then served as librarian of St. Paul's Episcopal Cathedral for seventeen years. She died in November, 1977.

Mrs. Wayne M. Nelson left a legacy of outstanding achievement in community service upon her death in January 1978. She was a leader in many organizations concerned with helping people, from the Girl Scouts to the New York State Recreation Council for the Elderly, of which she was a founding member. She founded the Meals on Wheels program for the housebound ill or elderly. Among the many awards she received were the Syracuse Post-Standard All Time Woman of Achievement, the Rotary Club Community Service Award, and the Civic Award for Community Service from Colgate University.
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