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The theme of the June convocation will be "Marriage, Morals and Sex in America," the title of one of Ditzion's books.

Jointly sponsored by President Robert E. Marshak of the City College and the Doctoral History Program of the City University Graduate Center, the convocation will provide an opportunity for scholars to present papers evaluating various facets of the women's rights movement, family relationships and changing social forces affecting morality.

A memorial service for Ditzion, with key remarks by Professor Merle Curti, will

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be held the evening preceding the convocation at 5:00 p.m., also at the City University Graduate Center, 33 West 42nd Street.

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