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Yeager Symposium scheduled Oct. 13-15

"Conflict in Our Times" is the theme for the second annual Yeager Symposium, scheduled at Marshall University Thursday through Saturday, Oct. 13-15.

The symposium, sponsored by Marshall's Society of Yeager Scholars, will be open to all Marshall students and to the general public, free of charge, according to Dr. William Denman, director of the Yeager Scholars.

Speakers and topics Thursday, Oct. 13, will be:

—Thomas J.R. Kent, world services editor of Associated Press, who will speak on "Reporting Conflict," Old Main Auditorium, 11 a.m.

—Morris D. Busby, U.S. Department of State special envoy for Central America, "Foreign Policy and Conflicts

Abroad," Old Main Auditorium, 1 p.m.

—Cyrus H. Tahmassebi, chief economist and director of marketing research for Ashland Oil, Inc., "Oil and the Middle East: Doing Business in Areas of Conflict," Smith Hall 154, at 8 p.m.

Speakers and topics Friday, Oct. 14, will be:

—Hume A. Horan, research professor of diplomacy, Georgetown University, and former ambassador to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, "The Middle East and the United States," Old Main Auditorium, 9 a.m.

—Brigadier General Roy K. Flint, dean of the Academic Board, U.S. Military Academy, "Conflicts Abroad: How Americans React to Wars Overseas," Old Main Auditorium, 11 a.m.

—Faculty panel, responses and reactions on the problems of conflict, Old Main Auditorium, 2 p.m.

Saturday at 2 p.m., Hollywood producer John Fiedler and two cast members of his latest production, "The Beast," will discuss "Putting a Foreign Conflict on Film" in Memorial Student Center 2W22. Scheduled to appear with Fiedler, a Marshall graduate, are actors George Dzundza and Erick Avari, two of the principals in the film.

"The Beast" will have its Huntington premiere at 8 p.m. Saturday at the Keith-Albee Theatre with proceeds going

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Dr. Walker named to national advisory panel

Dr. Robert B. Walker of the Marshall University School of Medicine is one of 20 rural health care experts nationwide selected to act as an advisory panel for a congressional study on rural health.

Walker's advisory panel will help guide a study by the Office of Technology Assessment, a joint congressional agency which analyzes public policy issues related to science and technology. The OTA's Technology Assessment Board, led by Rep. Morris K. Udall, will assess rural health care, examine ways through which new medical technologies can be provided in rural areas, and identify policies to improve rural health care's quality, affordability and accessibility.

"When it set up this study, the Office of Technology Assessment expressed concern about the large numbers of rural hospitals that have been forced to close, the problems associated with recruiting and keeping health-care providers, and the difficulty in providing rural people with the new medical technologies that are so readily available to folks who live in rural areas," said Walker, who is chairman of Marshall's Department of Family and Community Health.

"In a nutshell, the OTA and our advisory panel will be trying to develop ways to make rural health care better," he said.

The advisory panel will help define the study, critique it as it is being prepared, and review the final report before it is released. The first advisory panel meeting will be Oct. 28 in Washington, D.C.; the report is expected to be completed in December 1989.

Walker said he's pleased that West Virginia has a direct voice in the report's preparation.

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Dr. Madan devises test

A Marshall University School of Medicine doctor has helped discover a cheaper, much faster way to identify the cause of an often-serious form of diarrhea.

Dr. Elio Madan, a pathologist at Marshall, said the test helps doctors quickly identify bacteria known as *Clostridium difficile*.

"The currently used test for this bacteria takes at least 72 hours to do because it requires culturing bacteria from a stool sample," Madan said. "This is a difficult and expensive procedure that often has to be done by out-of-town specialized laboratories.

"The new procedure, which tests the sample directly, uses equipment found in many medium-sized hospitals and provides results within one hour," he said. "Although I would encourage doctors to go ahead and have the 72-hour test done as confirmation, the one-hour test can let them know they're on the right track and allow them to start proper therapy immediately."

In recommending the 72-hour test as a back-up, Madan said that the one-hour test might sometimes miss the bacteria in the very early stages of the illness or if the sample is mishandled.

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Walker will serve on advisory panel

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"The Marshall School of Medicine has been recognized in the past for its contributions to rural health care, and even received a national award for them, but this is just as important," he said. "Now people are turning to us to find out what central Appalachia needs in terms of health care, and this gives us significantly greater opportunities to improve health care in our region."

Others serving with Walker on the advisory panel include Kevin Fickenschler, president of the National Rural Health Association; Robert Graham, executive vice president of the American Academy of Family Physicians; and Jeffrey Merrill, vice president of the Robert Wood

Johnson Foundation.

In addition to Udall, the Technology Assessment Board is composed of Sens. Ted Stevens, Orrin G. Hatch, Charles E. Grassley, Edward M. Kennedy, Ernest F. Hollings and Claiborne Pell, and Reps. George E. Brown Jr., John D. Dingell, Amo Houghton, Clarence E. Miller, and Don Sundquist. The agency's director is John H. Gibbons.

Walker became chairman of the Department of Family and Community Health in 1986, and joined the School of Medicine's faculty in 1979. The Florida native came to West Virginia to serve at the Lincoln Primary Care Center in Hamlin as part of the National Health Service Corps. He received his undergraduate and M.D. degrees from the University of Florida and did his residency at the Bowman Gray College of Medicine at Wake Forest University.

He is a member of Phi Beta Kappa and received his undergraduate degree with high honors and special honors in zoology. He received a Special Commendation Award for Rural Medical Service from the U.S. Public Health Service. He has twice been honored by medical students: for his "outstanding contribution to medical education" by the Class of 1981 and as "the most influential faculty member" by the Class of 1985.

In addition to his administrative duties, he continues to provide rural medical care on a part-time basis through the Lincoln Primary Care Center, which is closely affiliated with the School of Medicine.

Symposium scheduled

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to the Society of Yeager Scholars. Prior to its Huntington opening, it will have been seen only in Los Angeles and New York.

"The Beast" is the story of a Russian tank and its crew trapped in a valley in Afghanistan and pursued by Afghan rebels.

Preceding the premiere will be a buffet/reception – black tie optional – at the Radisson Hotel, beginning at 6:30 p.m. A dessert is scheduled at the Radisson about 10 p.m., following the premiere.

Tickets covering all three activities, the buffet/reception, priority seating for the premiere and admission to the dessert, are \$50 each. Tickets for priority seating at the premiere and admission to the dessert are \$20 each. Tickets for the premiere alone are \$10. They may be obtained from the Society of Yeager Scholars, Old Main 230, Marshall University, telephone 696-6763, or at the Huntington Automobile Club, 1126 Sixth Ave.

Fiedler and his wife, Bess Armstrong, and Dzundza and Avari will be present at all of the activities surrounding the premiere, Denman said.

Williams will perform

Dr. Donald A. Williams, chairman of Marshall University's Department of Music, will present a clarinet recital on Sunday, Oct. 23, at 8 p.m. in Smith Recital Hall.

He will debut a solo piece for clarinet, which was commissioned by Karen Scapple-Williams for her husband's birthday. Dr. Paul W. Whear, MU professor of music, composed the piece, which is reflective of the different styles of clarinet music Dr. Williams enjoys.

At various times during the recital, Williams will be joined by music graduate Karen Curran, soprano, and Dr. Leslie Petteys of the MU Music Department, pianist.

The recital will be open to the public free of charge.

Dr. Madan devises test

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While the 72-hour test looks for the toxin produced by the bacteria, the new test looks for the bacteria itself through a "fingerprint" it leaves behind: a byproduct called caproic acid.

Madan and a colleague, Dr. Malcolm Slifkin of Pittsburgh, used both tests on 76 stool samples from people with diarrhea, then compared the test results. The researchers found that the new procedure correctly identified the presence or absence of the bacteria more than 95 percent of the time.

Clostridium difficile bacteria cause a watery, sometimes bloody diarrhea which, in serious cases, can even cause perforation of the bowel. This diarrhea tends to be found in patients who have been on antibiotics for a prolonged time – to prevent infection after surgery, for example, or to treat multiple infections.

Its frequency varies from community to community, and also fluctuates over time.

"When we started this study, there were a lot of cases here; when we finished, there were practically none," Madan said. "However, we can certainly expect the cycle to repeat itself."

University will sponsor 'Yard Sale'

Marshall University will hold a "yard sale" on Wednesday, Oct. 19, at 10 a.m. to allow all university departments to sell surplus supplies and equipment.

The sale will include a bus, pickup truck, Ford sedan, four IBM word processors and an IBM System 34 computer, according to William J. Shondel, director of purchasing and materials management at Marshall.

Items for sale will be displayed Monday and Tuesday,

Quartet concert slated

The Marshall Artists Series will present the Audubon Quartet in concert on Wednesday, Oct. 19, at 8 p.m. in Smith Recital Hall.

Formed in 1974, the Audubon Quartet attracted international attention by winning three worldwide competitions in the group's first few years of existence.

The quartet has won many distinguished honors and has toured China, performed at the White House and been featured on the CBS program "Sunday Morning."

General admission tickets will be \$5 for adults and \$2.50 for youth 17 and younger.

To obtain further details contact the Marshall Artists Series Office, 696-6656.

'Fun Run' scheduled

The fourth annual Children's Fun Run sponsored by Marshall University's Department of Health, Physical Education and Recreation and Hardee's Restaurant will be held Sunday, Nov. 6, at 2 p.m. at Ritter Park.

There will be four age divisions: 5-6, 7-8, 9-10 and 11-12. Awards will be presented to the top three boys and top three girls in each division. T-shirts will be given to the first 200 participants.

Registration will be \$3 in advance and \$6 on the day of the run.

Entry forms are available at Hardee's, Dan's Sport Shop, Mack and Daves and Marshall's Memorial Student Center.

Pre-registration forms must be received by the MU Health, Physical Education and Recreation Department by Monday, Oct. 31. No phone entries will be accepted.

Election results given

The results of the election for Institutional Hearing Panel conducted during the Sept. 29 general faculty meeting were:

Professors: Robert Barnett, Dan Evans, Joan Adkins, Anthony Bowdler, Albert Moat;

Associate professors: Ben Miller, Charles Cox, Robert Bickel, William McCumbee, Martie Amerikaner;

Assistant professors: Karen Mitchell, Terry Shepherd, Helen Linkey, Henry Driscoll, Ben Moore;

Instructors: Nina Shinaberry (Susan Jackson asked to have her name removed from consideration).

The amendment to the Marshall University Constitution passed.

Oct. 17-18, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the MU Receiving Area at Sorrell Maintenance Building on 20th Street.

Bid forms and envelopes will be available at the Receiving Office. Sealed bids must be submitted to the Purchasing Office by 10 a.m. Oct. 19 when the bids will be opened and tabulated.

Successful bidders will be contacted and asked to pick up their purchases no later than 4:00 p.m. Oct. 21.

Cash, cashiers checks or money orders made out to Marshall University will be the accepted forms of payment.

The sale will be open to the general public, businesses, public agencies, community organizations and university employees.

To obtain further details contact the Marshall University Office of Purchasing and Materials Management, 696-3157.

Literacy Week planned

The week of Oct. 16-22 has been designated as Campus Literacy Awareness Week by "Campus Contact: The Project for Public and Community Service" and "Project Literacy U.S."

In observance of Campus Literacy Awareness Week WPBY-TV will carry a documentary titled "First Things First" on Wednesday, Oct. 19, at 9 p.m.

The documentary will highlight programs across the country that are working creatively and effectively to ensure a brighter future for America.

Literacy Awareness Week has been designed to enhance and further the development of current literacy activities and projects and promote student involvement.

WVU waivers available

Marshall University faculty and staff members who want to apply for West Virginia University tuition waivers for the spring semester should pick up application forms at the Marshall University Graduate School Office, Old Main Room 113.

Waivers of up to six hours per semester will be available for full-time faculty, staff and administrators for WVU graduate level courses.

Completed application forms must be returned to the MU Graduate School by Friday, Oct. 28.

To obtain further details contact the Marshall University Graduate School, 696-6606.

Lunchbag seminar set

The Marshall University Women's Center will sponsor a lunchbag seminar titled "Women and Alcohol" on Wednesday, Oct. 19, from noon to 1 p.m. in Prichard Hall Room 143.

To obtain further details contact the Women's Center, 696-3112.

MU Faculty Senate passes resolutions

(The following report on the Sept. 29 meeting of the Marshall University Faculty Senate was submitted by Elma Chapman, secretary.)

The Faculty Senate met Sept. 29 at 4 p.m. in Corby Hall Room 105. Forty-two members and five visitors were present.

Frances Hensley reported on ACF issues and asked for input on some of the items:

1. A study will be made of temporary faculty to determine the extent and reasons for temporary faculty being hired;

2. A statewide core curriculum is being pursued by some members of the Board of Regents. Board staff have met with representatives from each institution in several majors including accounting, business administration, nursing, political science, social science, sociology and

special education for the purpose of examining common elements in their curricula;

3. The ACF passed a resolution condemning the way the Carnegie Study is being conducted and asking that more responsible action be taken in the future;

4. The Board of Regents staff will probably make some recommendation to modify the salary schedule to provide more flexibility;

5. West Virginia University would like to raise student fees in order to give a 3 percent increase to its faculty and staff who did not get an increase last year;

6. The ACF legislative agenda this year lists as a major category funding to supplement faculty salaries which may include merit, market and equity.

Recommendations Passed by the Senate:

1. The Faculty Senate goes on record as supporting full implementation of the Faculty Salary Schedule as a minimum salary. In addition, we support the removal of the 20-year cap imposed by the Board of Regents and the updating of the salary schedule to reflect current salaries in the SREB region.

2. The Faculty Senate accepts President Nitzschke's offer to set up an ad-hoc committee to review the setting of all new policies by the athletic director and make suggestions for change. This committee, however, must report back through the Athletic Committee to the Faculty Senate. (This came up because of the new basketball policy adopted by the athletic director.)

3. The athletic director should be reminded that any change in university policy must go through the appropriate faculty committee.

4. The vice president for academic affairs should be reminded that any change in university policy must go through the appropriate faculty committee and should notify its chairman when the deans begin to look at an issue. (A desire for better communication between the Faculty Senate and the Deans' Council was the reason behind the motion of the Executive Committee.)

5. Standardized composition and procedures for search committees for deans and the vice president for academic affairs should be developed and placed in the *Greenbook*.

6. The Faculty Senate recommends that the decision to publish a combined faculty-staff-student directory be overturned and the faculty-staff directory be published in a separate document as usual.

A motion was passed that the Executive Committee look into the three-absence rule as it applies to clinical faculty and make a recommendation at the next Faculty Senate meeting.

Announcements:

A presidential evaluation team to evaluate President Nitzschke will meet in the Alumni Lounge Nov. 3 from 3:30 to 4:45 p.m.

The annual giving drive will be conducted in October. This year, you can designate your contribution to one of four areas—student scholarships, faculty development, staff development or unrestricted.

Film will be shown

The West Virginia International Film Festival Touring Program titled "Ourselves and Others" will present the film "Strangers and Kin" at Marshall University on Friday, Oct. 21, at 7:30 p.m. in Smith Hall Room 154.

There also will be a discussion session with screenwriter Helen M. Lewis and West Virginia writer Faith S. Holsaert concerning the growing negative image of Appalachia in the national media.

To obtain further details contact the Institute for the Arts, 696-3107.

Auditions scheduled

Auditions for the Marshall University Theatre production of "The Children's Hour" will be held Monday, Oct. 17, at 3:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. in Old Main Theatre.

Twelve women and two men will be needed for the cast.

Auditions will be open to Marshall students, faculty and staff.

To obtain further details contact the MU Department of Theatre/Dance, 696-2787.

Dissertation to be defended

Kent Runyan, a candidate for the Marshall University-West Virginia University doctoral degree in educational administration, will defend his dissertation on Wednesday, Oct. 19, at 2 p.m. in the College of Education Dean's Conference Room.

Observers are welcome, however there will be limited seating space, according to Professor Neil L. Gibbins.

Health series continues

Marshall University's Office of Student Health Education Programs will present a Self-Care Seminar titled "Students Speak on Substance Abuse" on Tuesday, Oct. 18, from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. in Memorial Student Center Room 2W37.

To obtain further details contact the Office of Student Health Education Programs, 696-4800.

LD conference planned

The West Virginia Association for Children with Learning Disabilities will have its annual conference on Oct. 14-15 at the Holiday Inn Heart o' Town in Charleston. The conference is co-sponsored by Marshall University.

Speakers will include Suzanne Stevens of Winston-Salem, N.C. She will deliver the keynote address Friday, Oct. 14, at 7 p.m. on "The Double Brain: Partners in Learning."

Saturday, Oct. 15, Dr. Gene Watson of Roanoke, Va., will discuss "Teaching Math to the LD Student." Dinghy Sharp, nationally-known speaker from Michigan, will have sessions for parents of learning disabled children. Suzanne Stevens will discuss "Teaching to the Double Brain" and Rick Butler, a teacher from Cabell County, will present "Managing the Behavior of LD Children - Practical Tips."

To obtain further details call Dr. Barbara Guyer, 696-2851.