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Program to focus on ‘Changing World’

The fourth annual Yeager Symposium--"Challenges of a Changing World"--will be held at Marshall University Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, Oct. 10-12, according to Dr. William N. Denman, director of Marshall’s prestigious Society of Yeager Scholars.

This year’s symposium will feature guest speakers from business, higher education and journalism who have studied, witnessed or been involved with recent changes taking place throughout the world.

Featured speakers are:
- G. Thomas Bowen, assistant director of the Department for External Studies at the University of Oxford, England;
- David Berry, president and chief executive officer of C & P Telephone of West Virginia;
- Mike Boettcher, NBC News correspondent, Frankfurt, Germany;
- Robert E. Blobaum, associate chair and director of graduate studies at West Virginia University and a research associate at the University Center for International Studies, Center for Russian and East European Studies, at the University of Pittsburgh;
- Woodford McClellan, professor of history at the University of Virginia and author of “Russia: A History of the Soviet Period” and translator for two newly published books, “Khrushchev on Khrushchev” by Sergei N. Khrushchev and “Reminiscences of Khrushchev” by Aleksei Adzhubei;
- Barry Rubin, senior fellow at the Washington (D.C.) Institute for Near East Policy and a fellow at the Johns Hopkins University Foreign Policy Institute.

Presentations, which will be open to the public free of charge, include:
- “1992: Britain, America and Europe” by G. Bowen Thomas, Wednesday, Oct. 10, 11 a.m. in Old Main Auditorium;
- “Telecommunications and Global Change” by David Berry, Wednesday, Oct. 10, 2 p.m. in Old Main Auditorium;
- “The Challenges of a United Germany” by Mike Boettcher, Wednesday, Oct. 10, 8 p.m. in the W. Don Morris Room in Memorial Student Center;
- “The Transition from Communism in Eastern Europe” by Robert Blobaum, Thursday, Oct. 11, 11 a.m. in Old Main Auditorium;

Library’s needs will be addressed

In recent days I have received petitions bearing names of 31 faculty members regarding a request from Morrow Library for departments to prioritize their needs for journals. I expect to receive more.

I have been advised the library is conducting a survey to determine which journals and other periodicals are needed, and used. I have also been advised that some costly journals which remain on our subscription lists apparently are no longer pertinent and are not being used.

It is the intention of the library to conduct such a survey every third year.

Costs of subscriptions have escalated greatly during the past year--50 to 60 percent in the case of some journals. Also, postal rates are increasing, which will boost the cost of subscriptions. Therefore, it seems prudent to examine our subscription lists and update them accordingly.

I have asked Director of Libraries Josephine Fidler to evaluate our needs following completion of the survey and to determine the amount of additional funds we may need for the library. At that time, we will address that need appropriately.

Alan B. Gould
Interim President

Movie premiere planned

Hollywood producer John Fiedler’s latest motion picture, “Tune in Tomorrow,” will have its first showing in the United States Wednesday, October 17, at Huntington’s Keith-Albee Theater.

Immediately after the premiere, Fiedler and his wife, actress Bess Armstrong, will be hosts for a reception at Marshall University’s Center for Research and Economic Development at 1050 Fourth Ave., about a block from the theater. Bess Armstrong is the star of ABC’s new comedy series, “Married People” (Wednesdays, 9:30 p.m.).

Tickets for the dual event are priced at $25. Proceeds will go to Marshall’s Society of Yeager Scholars.

Fiedler, a 1973 graduate of Marshall, also is a member of the National Board of Directors of the Society of Yeager Scholars. His acclaimed 1988 film, “The Beast,” also was given a special screening in Huntington to benefit the Yeager program.

“Tune in Tomorrow” stars Barbara Hershey, Keanu Reeves and Peter Falk, along with John Larroquette.

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Elizabeth McGovern, Peter Gallagher, Dan Hadiya, Henry Gibson, Hope Lange and Robert Schnedich. Fiedler produced the romantic comedy with his partner, Mark Tarlow, for Cinecom Entertainment Group. The film is based on the 1983 novel "Aunt Julia and the Scriptwriter" by Mario Vargas. Time Magazine listed it among the top ten novels of the decade.

"Tune in Tomorrow" recently was awarded the Prix Publique de Deauville at the Deauville Film Festival in France. It was honored with the closing night gala of the Toronto Festival of Festivals on Sept. 15.

Nursing conference slated at Marshall

Marshall University’s Nursing Honor Society will host "Research Conference/90: Methodology in Nursing Research" on Saturday, Oct. 27, from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in Memorial Student Center.

The conference will focus on nursing research completed or in progress by Tri-State area nurses, according to Dr. Diana Parnicza, associate professor of nursing at Marshall.

Dr. Juanita Fleming, professor of nursing and vice chancellor of academic affairs at the University of Kentucky, will be the featured speaker.

There will be a $10 registration fee for the conference, which includes the conference luncheon.

Continuing Education Units will be available for participating in the conference. The registration fee for those wanting to earn continuing education units through the conference will be $25.

To make reservations or obtain further details contact Dr. Parnicza at Marshall University’s School of Nursing, 696-2623.

Cardiology seminar set

A cardiology update program for health professionals will be offered Oct. 6 by the Marshall University School of Medicine.

Faculty for the conference include Drs. Robert C. Touche and Francis H. Oliver of Marshall as well as Drs. Michael Ezekowitz of Yale University, Robert Bonow of the National Institutes of Health, Jerry Blackwell of the University of Alabama and B.A. Smith of the University of Kentucky.

The program, which will be at the Holiday Inn Gateway, will begin at 9 a.m. and adjourn at 12:30 p.m. A luncheon will follow.

Registration costs $75 for physicians and $45 for other health professionals. There is no charge for residents and medical students.

More information is available from Marshall’s Office of Continuing Medical Education, 696-7019.

Following the Huntington premiere, the motion picture will open in New York and Los Angeles on Oct. 26, and in 300 theaters nationally on Nov. 2.

The Huntington screening will begin at 7 p.m. and the reception will follow immediately after the showing. Tickets may be obtained in advance at the Keith-Albee box office or by calling Marshall’s Office of Institutional Advancement, 696-6441.

“We’re very pleased that John Fiedler and Bess Armstrong once again are giving their time and talents in behalf of Marshall’s Yeager Scholars program,” MU Interim President Alan B. Gould said. "The premiere of ‘Tune in Tomorrow’ will be a highlight of Marshall’s Homecoming Week and we’re hopeful it will attract a full house at the Keith-Albee and for the reception.”

A native of New Jersey, Fiedler is a veteran producer, having been involved in more than 150 motion pictures.

TV classes to be topic

The Higher Education Instructional Television Consortium and the Satellite Network will sponsor a conference titled "Maintaining Quality in Distance Education Instruction" on Tuesday, Oct. 23, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Coonskin Park in Charleston.

The conference will focus on issues of quality in the teaching of telecourses and satellite-delivered courses, according to Dr. Rainey Duke, acting associate provost at Marshall.

Featured speakers will include Stan Cahill, associate director for the Public Broadcasting System, and Dr. Carl Rotter, professor of physics at West Virginia University.

Since a free lunch will be served, persons planning to attend should contact the Marshall University Provost’s Office, 696-5442, by Oct. 12.

Employee achievements

Dr. TULIA GOMEZ-AVILA, assistant professor of Spanish in Marshall’s Department of Modern Languages, has been informed that the Executive Committee of Sigma Delta Pi (national Spanish society) selected the Marshall University chapter as one of the organization’s Honor Chapters for the 1989-90 academic year. The president of the organization informed Dr. GOMEZ-AVILA of the outstanding honor and congratulated her and the members of the Marshall chapter for their achievement.

JOHN W. LARSON, professor of chemistry, recently finished a three-month appointment as a research chemist in the Biochemical Microcalorimetry Laboratory of the National Institute of Standards and Technology in Gaithersburg, Md.

Dr. PAUL LUTZ, assistant professor of social studies, was the luncheon speaker for the Downtown Kiwanis Club on Tuesday, Sept. 11. He discussed the College of Education’s one-room school museum project which he is directing.
Benvenisti to give ‘Mideast’ lecture

Dr. Meron Benvenisti, former deputy mayor of Jerusalem, will be the first speaker in a new Marshall University lecture series, “Toward Mideast Understanding: An Israeli Perspective.”

Benvenisti will speak on “Jerusalem: The Torn City” Monday, Oct. 15 at 7:30 p.m. in the Don Morris Room in Marshall’s Memorial Student Center. A reception will follow in the nearby Alumni Lounge.

Lynne Mayer, special assistant to the president who is coordinating the lecture series, said Benvenisti’s lecture will be free and open to the public.

Benvenisti is director of Israel’s West Bank Data Project and is the author of “Conflicts and Contradictions,” a reflection on Israel, the West Bank and the Arabs. He was educated at Hebrew University and received a Ph.D. from Harvard University.

Ms. Mayer said copies of his book will be on sale at the reception.

The new Israeli Affairs Lecture Series is an outgrowth of a trip former MU President Dale F. Nitzschke and his wife, Linda, took to Israel last spring. The trip was coordinated by Project Interchange and was supported by members of the Huntington Jewish community. He said he had gained new insights on the problems of the Middle East during the trip.

Additional speakers sponsored by the lecture series will be announced later, Ms. Mayer said.

Merritt appointed to student activities post

Annmarie M. Merritt, formerly coordinator of special programs in the Office of Campus Activities at the University of Maryland, has been named coordinator of student activities and organizations at Marshall University, according to Dr. Don E. Robertson, associate dean of student affairs at Marshall.

Ms. Merritt received her bachelor’s degree in history of art from Mount Holyoke College and her master’s degree in college student personnel from the University of Maryland.

Her duties at the University of Maryland included planning and coordinating a variety of campus-wide activities such as activity fairs, homecoming, conferences, and other student events. She also developed several publications, edited a newsletter for student leaders, participated in orientation programs and served as an instructor for career decision making and study skills classes.

At Marshall, Ms. Merritt will coordinate the university’s Campus Entertainment Unlimited program and advise various campus organizations. She also will coordinate homecoming activities, establish leadership training and development programs, provide services for commuter students, assist Marshall’s community service program and participate in orientation programs.

“We conducted a national search to fill this position and Ms. Merritt emerged as the most experienced and qualified person,” said Robertson.

“Her experience at the University of Maryland and her master’s degree in the field, plus her commitment to multiculturalism and diversity on campus will be very beneficial to us. I am sure she will be an asset to Marshall University and the community.”

Lunchbag seminar set

The Marshall University Women’s Center will sponsor a lunchbag seminar titled “Female Subordination: Theories and Explanations” on Wednesday, Oct. 10, from noon to 1 p.m. in Prichard Hall Room 143. To obtain further details contact the Women’s Center, 696-3112.

Fellowships to be awarded

Information pertaining to Hughes Predoctoral Fellowships in Biological Sciences is available in the Marshall University Graduate School Office.

Sixty-six fellowships will be awarded for full-time study toward a doctorate in biological sciences.

The fellowships are intended for students who have completed less than one year of graduate study toward a master’s degree or doctoral degree.

Career Fair will be held on campus Oct. 11

A Career Fair sponsored by Marshall University’s Criminal Justice Department and Alpha Phi Sigma Criminal Justice Honor Society will be held Thursday, Oct. 11, from 1 to 4 p.m. in the W. Don Morris Room in Memorial Student Center.

Approximately 50 representatives from local, state and federal governmental agencies, private industries and law schools are expected to attend the fair, according to Dr. Margaret Phipps Brown, chairwoman of the Criminal Justice Department.

Organizations sending representatives to the fair will be interested in the following majors: business (particularly accounting and computer science), education (particularly counseling and rehabilitation, safety and adult education), fine arts, liberal arts (particularly psychology, political science and sociology), science (particularly chemistry and biology), nursing and pre-law.

The Career Fair has been designed to give Marshall students and alumni the opportunity to speak with potential employers and obtain information about career opportunities.

Seminars titled “Looking for Jobs,” “Resume Writing,” “Polishing Interview Skills” and “Law School Preparation” will be presented during the fair.

The fair will be open to all Marshall students and alumni and other interested persons. To obtain further details contact the Marshall University Criminal Justice Department, 696-3196.
Wellness Walk planned

A “Wellness Walk” will be held on the campus of Marshall University Monday, Oct. 15, from noon to 1 p.m., according to Carla Lapelle, coordinator of Student Health Education Programs at Marshall.

Open to the public, as well as Marshall University students and employees, the one-mile walk around the campus will begin on the Memorial Student Center Plaza.

Participants will be eligible to win prizes and sample healthy snacks provided by Marriott Food Service. Participants who walk in groups of two or more will be eligible for additional prizes.

The free activity is being sponsored by Marshall University’s Office of Student Health Education Programs, Campus Entertainment Unlimited, the Department of Health, Physical Education and Recreation and Recreational Sports.

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

Auditions to be held

Auditions for Marshall University’s production of “South Pacific” will be held Monday, Oct. 8, at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. in Old Main Auditorium, according to director Elaine Adams Novak.

More than 40 actors, singers and dancers will be selected for the cooperative production of the Marshall Music and Theatre departments.

Auditions will be open to all MU students, faculty and staff members. One credit hour of Theatre 270 will be available to cast members.

Persons auditioning for singing roles should take their own music and be prepared to sing one minute of the song of their choice.

“South Pacific” will be presented Nov. 14-18.

To obtain further details contact Linda Eikum or J.D. Folsom in the Music Department or Dr. Novak in the Theatre Department.

Fellowships available

Between 11 and 19 White House Fellowships are presented to outstanding Americans each year, according to Dr. Rainey Duke, acting associate provost.

The fellows are assigned to serve as special assistants to Cabinet officers, the Office of the Vice President and members of the president’s principal staff.

Fellows also participate in an extensive education program in which they meet leaders from the public and private sectors.

The program provides an opportunity for intensive service with the goal of improving each participant’s ability to serve his/her community and nation more fully in the years to come.

To obtain further details contact the Marshall University Provost’s Office, 696-5442. The application deadline will be Dec. 15 for this year’s competition.

Symposium scheduled

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—“Danger Zones in Asia: Afghanistan, Kashmir, Korea, and American Policy” by Selig Harrison, Thursday, Oct. 11, 2 p.m. in Old Main Auditorium;
—“The New Russian Revolution: Challenges and Opportunities for the West” by Woodford McClellan, Friday, Oct. 12, 11 a.m. in Old Main Auditorium;
—“The Middle East: Prospects for America” by Barry Rubin, Friday, Oct. 12, 2 p.m. in Old Main Auditorium.

To obtain further details contact Marshall University’s Society of Yeager Scholars, 696-6763.

Excused absences...

Absences have been excused by the respective college deans for the following:


SEPT. 28-29—Maribeth Brooks, Joyce Merritt, Ken Thomas, Tracy Mallett, Cindy Stout, Tim Dolin.

OCT. 1-6 (night classes)—David Benton, Marea Berkeley, Steve Burnett, Gregory Harpold, Scott Perdue, Stan Perrine.