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Yeager, Underwood to speak at symposium

West Virginia Governor Cecil Underwood and Retired Brigadier General Charles E. "Chuck" Yeager will be the featured speakers at Marshall University's 11th annual Yeager Symposium Sept. 29 - Oct. 3, according to Martha Woodward, executive director of Marshall's Center for Academic Excellence.

"Breaking Barriers" is the theme for the symposium, sponsored by Bell Atlantic-West Virginia and Marshall's Society of Yeager Scholars.

"The symposium will focus on barrier-breaking achievements and individuals who made them," Woodward said. "It will also function in conjunction with the 50th anniversary of Chuck Yeager's famous sound-barrier breaking flight, October 14, 1947."

Underwood will speak at the symposium Wednesday, Oct. 1 at 7:30 p.m. "Gov. Underwood has broken the age barrier for elected officials in West Virginia," Woodward said. "During his first tenure, Underwood was the youngest governor ever in West Virginia, and he became the oldest governor of West Virginia



Yeager



Underwood

when he was elected in 1996."

Yeager, for whom the symposium and Society of Yeager Scholars at Marshall are named, will conclude the annual symposium with a lecture on Friday, Oct. 3 at 3 p.m.

Other speakers include Richard Lamm, former presidential candidate and former governor of Colorado. Lamm will be the opening speaker for the symposium with a lecture at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 29.

Dr. Nancy Wilson Dickey, president-elect of the American Medical Association, will speak at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 30. The first female president of the AMA, Dickey has served in various capacities in the AMA and other medical associations.

The 11th annual Yeager Symposium will be held in the Francis-Booth Experimental Theatre in Marshall's Joan C. Edwards Performing Arts Center.

All symposium events are free and open to the public. For more information about the symposium, its speakers, or the Society of Yeager Scholars, contact the Center for Academic Excellence, 696-6763.

Center welcomes 13 international students

Thirteen Chinese students attending Marshall University this fall are among the first in a joint educational program between China and the United States, according to Dr. William Edwards, executive director of Marshall's Center for International Programs.

The students are part of a graduating class of 60 from the HMC Language Institute at the Henan College of Education in Zhengzhou, People's Republic of China. They arrived on the MU campus Wednesday, Sept. 3, and began attending classes on Thursday, Sept. 4.

"We are very proud to be one of the first colleges in the world to accomplish a successful joint educational venture between the two countries," Edwards said.

All 13 of the transferring students will major in business, according to Edwards. "These students are very qualified to enter the business program at Marshall.

"In addition to four semesters of business studies at the Henan College of Education, these students had to take 12-15 credit hours of English. And each semester at Henan lasts 20 weeks, as opposed to the 16-week semesters at Marshall."

Although the students were qualified to enter Marshall's Lewis College of Business, they had difficulties getting into the United States. The 13 students attending MU this fall are part of a group of 30 who were denied visas this summer, when the U.S.

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AROUND CAMPUS

GENERAL FACULTY MEETING

• MU President J. Wade Gilley will address the first general faculty meeting of the academic year today, Thursday, Sept. 11, at 4 p.m. in the Joan C. Edwards Playhouse. His topic will be "Marshall's Paradigm Shift."

DRAMA PREP CLASSES

• The Department of Theatre/Dance will conduct Drama Prep classes for elementary and high school students, according to Janis Martin, assistant professor in the department.

Courses offered include: Creative Dramatics, for students 7-11 years of age; Acting, for students 12-17, and Playwriting, for students 12-17.

They will be held on Thursdays after school beginning Sept. 11. A series of 10 classes is \$50 and includes a final presentation of the students' work and a season ticket to Marshall University Theatre's 1997-98 productions. Contact the Theatre/Dance department, 696-6442, for more information.

FACULTY WIVES' CLUB

• The MU Faculty Wives' Club will celebrate its 75th anniversary with an Open House at University Place, the Marshall President's home, on Sunday, Sept. 14. All faculty members and their spouses are welcome.

Educational computer classes are scheduled

Marshall University's Division of Continuing Education will sponsor a series of introductory, intermediate and advanced computer courses during the fall semester, according to Richard Hensley, director of continuing education in the Community and Technical College.

The scheduled courses include the following:

—“Basic Computer Skills” on Thursdays, Sept. 25 through Oct. 30, from 4:30 to 6:20 p.m. in the Community and Technical College Building, Room 136, \$66;

—“Basic Computer Skills” on Wednesdays, Oct. 1 through Nov. 5, from 6:30 to 8:20 p.m. in the Community and Technical College Building, Room 136, \$66;

—“Basic Computer Skills” on Mondays, Oct. 13 through Nov. 10, from 9 to 11:30 a.m. in the Community and Technical College Building, Room 136, \$66;

—“Basic Computer Skills” on Fridays, Oct. 31 through Dec. 12, from 4:30 to 6:20 p.m. in the Community and Technical College Building, Room 136, \$66;

—“Intermediate Computer Skills” on Tuesdays, Nov. 11 through Dec. 9, from 4:30 to 6:20 p.m. in the Community and Technical College Building, Room 136, \$52;

—“Intermediate Computer Skills” on Mondays, Nov. 17 through Dec. 8, from 6:30 to 8:20 p.m. in the Community and Technical College Building, Room 136, \$52;

—“Introduction to Microsoft Word” on Wednesdays, Oct. 1 through Nov. 5, from 4:30 to 6:20 p.m. in the Community and Technical College Building, Room 136, \$78;

—“Intermediate Microsoft Word” on Wednesdays, Nov. 12 through Dec. 17, from 4:30 to 6:20 p.m. in the Community and Technical College Building, Room 136, \$65;

—“Introduction to Microsoft Access” on Thursdays, Oct. 2 through Oct. 30, from 6:30 to 8:20 p.m. in the Community and Technical College Building, Room 136, \$78;

—“Introduction to Excel” on Mondays, Sept. 29 through Nov. 3, from 6:30 to 8:20 p.m. in the Community and Technical College Building, Room 136, \$78;

—“Introduction to MS Powerpoint” on Thursdays, Nov. 13 through Dec. 11, from 6:30 to 8:20 p.m. in the Community and Technical College Building, Room 136, \$60;

—“Introduction to Windows 95” on Tuesdays, Oct. 7 through Nov. 4, from 4:30 to 6:20 p.m. in the Community and Technical College Building, Room 136, \$65;

—“Introduction to Windows 95” on Thursdays, Nov. 6 through Dec. 11, from 4:30 to 6:20 p.m. in the Community and Technical College Building, Room 136, \$65;

—“Internet Workshop” on Saturday, Oct. 11, from 9 a.m. to noon in the Community and Technical College Building, Room 136, \$30;

—“Internet Workshop” on Saturday, Nov. 1, from 9 a.m. to noon in the Community and Technical College Building, Room 136, \$30;

—“Introduction to the Internet” on Tuesdays, Sept. 30 through Nov. 11, from 6:30 to 8:20 p.m. in the Community and Technical College Building, Room 136, \$84;

—“Introduction to the Internet” on Mondays, Nov. 3 through Dec. 8, from 4:30 to 6:20 p.m. in the Community and Technical College Building, Room 136, \$84;

—“Introduction to the Internet” on Wednesdays, Nov. 12 through Dec. 10, from 9 to 11:30 a.m. in the Community and Technical College Building, Room 136, \$74;

—“Advanced Internet” on Tuesdays, Dec. 2 through Dec. 16, from 6:30 to 9 p.m. in the Community and Technical College Building, Room 136, \$52;

—“HTML - Web Pages on the Internet” on Wednesdays, Nov. 12 through Dec. 17, from 6:30 to 8:45 p.m. in the Community and Technical College Building, Room 136, \$84;

Continuing education units can be awarded to individuals who complete the courses. A 10 percent discount will be given to participants enrolling in more than one course, companies or organizations enrolling three or more employees in any one class, senior citizens and Marshall University employees.

Enrollment in the classes will be limited. Temporary parking permits are available for \$1 per week through the MU Parking Office.

To register or obtain further details, contact the Division of Continuing Education in Marshall University's Community and Technical College, 696-3113.

International students

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government insisted they show proof that they intended to return to China once their education at Marshall was finished.

The group re-applied the week before the fall semester began, and 13 of the 30 were given visas. The 17 who were denied visas intend to try again in the spring and attend MU in 1998.

Marshall University President J. Wade Gilley was pleased that the students were granted visas and allowed to attend MU. “We are really excited about the program and students who will be attending Marshall,” he said. “One of our goals as a university is to expand and broaden our international programs.”

Interest in international education is at an all-time high at MU, according to Edwards.

“We are thrilled with the progress that has been made,” he said. “This is not the only project we have in progress, either.”

“At this time the Center for International Programs also has two English teachers serving as instructors in China, and we are working on a deal with the China Petrochemical Corporation, SINOPEC, to establish an educational institution in mainland China.”

Contact the Center for International Programs, 696-6265, for more information.

Gilliland memorial set

A memorial service for Dr. Joan Gilliland will be held Thursday, Sept. 18, at 3:30 p.m. in the Campus Christian Center, according to Art Stringer, associate professor in the Department of English.

Gilliland was an English professor for 17 years. Students, faculty and community members are welcome to attend.

Excused absences...

Members of the Marching Thunder, Marshall University's marching band, have been granted excused absences from the university to attend the following events.

Oct. 3 - Forrest Festival (Elkins, W.Va.)

Nov. 13-14 - Bands of America National Marching Band Competition (Indianapolis, Ind.)