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Foreign language week features teaching innovator John Rassias

John A. Rassias, originator of the Dartmouth Intensive Language Model and Kenyon Professor of French at Dartmouth College, will be the keynote speaker for the annual Foreign Language Week at WU March 14-18. Rassias will speak on “Classroom as Theatre” at 11 a.m. Wed., March 16, in Graham Chapel. His lecture is free and open to the public.

Rassias developed his Intensive Language Model in 1965 while teaching a crash course for Peace Corps volunteers heading for French-speaking areas of West Africa. Today, eight languages are taught at Dartmouth using his system. Rassias’ aim is to start students speaking the new language within minutes after the first class has begun, and to study accent, vocabulary and grammar later.

The Dartmouth Model in 1977 after a sharp decline in enrollment. The Faculty of Arts and Sciences had abolished the two-year foreign language requirement in 1970, but by using the Dartmouth variation, enrollment in the fall of 1981 in the elementary French program was 34 percent higher than when a foreign language was required, according to James F. Jones, Jr., WU associate professor of French. Similar enrollment increases have occurred in both German and Spanish.

Foreign Language Week is another example of the various departments’ successes. “Last year,” said Jones, “nearly 1,500 students and teachers from WU and the St. Louis community participated in Foreign Language Week.” As a result, this year’s activities have been expanded from three to six days, and each department has been given one day for...
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Cloninger continues: "Everybody has the opportunity to influence the risk of criminality in their own children. Parents who know their child has a higher-than-average risk due to factors I've mentioned should get counseling and advice on how to become effective parents. It could make a difference."

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WU dental school, Elks open clinic for disabled children, adults

Patricia Hanlon, supervising dentist at the Elks clinic, checks the work done by WU senior dental student Philip Buhie. Below, Henry, a stuffed dog, one of many toys at the clinic, awaits a young patient.

Often locked out of dental care because of their disabilities, disabled children and adults now have a permanent place to go, thanks to the WU School of Dental Medicine, the Missouri Elks Benevolent Trust, and half a dozen other public and private organizations.

Deaf, autistic, retarded and cerebral palsied patients are among those welcome at the Elks Dental Clinic, which opened at 654 N. Grand Blvd. in October.

Staffed by WU dental students and faculty and dental hygiene students from Forest Park Community College, the clinic serves two purposes: to provide free or low-cost dental care for the handicapped, who frequently are hospitalized for even minor dental work; and to give dental students the experience and confidence they need so that in the future, such patients can be mainstreamed into traditional dental practice.

According to Shirley L. Pierce, WU assistant professor of community and preventive dentistry, an average hospital visit for dental care costs approximately $1,100. Yet many patients, that is the only alternative for disabled persons who perhaps are subject to seizures, unable to talk, or unable to hold X-ray slides in their mouths.

Pierce believes that up to 95 percent of these special cases can be handled under normal office procedures. "If I can work with dental students at a formative age before they decide they can't treat these people, they won't develop a mental block against the idea," she explained.

Some of the advice she gives students at the cheerful green and yellow, 3,000-square-foot clinic is to speak in a soft, reassuring tone and to keep steady, physical contact with the patient. She also urges special caution in using premedication, since it sometimes has the opposite effect intended, particularly among autistic patients. As an added touch for children, a toy monkey dangles from the bright light at the end of one dental chair, and a stuffed dog named Henry is available for clucking during anxious moments.

Pierce, the mother of a severely retarded daughter with cerebral palsy who died at age 6, has long been interested in the problems of the disabled. For the past five years, she has supervised half of a nationwide mobile dental program for the mentally retarded or developmentally disabled.

The program, begun by the Missouri Elks Benevolent Trust 20 years ago, now operates by the state through the Missouri Crippled Children's Service. The Elks still provide funds for equipment. WU dental students staff the mobile units, which visit sheltered workshops, regional centers anywhere there are people who need us," Pierce said.

Though highly successful, the mobile program has been hampered at times by plumbing and heating problems with the units and lack of work space. Establishing a clinic at a permanent location has allowed the staff to expand their efforts.

Funding for the clinic comes from seven sources: the St. Louis Office for Mentally Retarded and Developmentally Disabled Living Resources, the Productive Living Board for Developmentally Disabled of St. Louis County, Regional Center of St. Louis, Monmouth Co., Neighborhood Assistance Program, the State of Missouri and the City of St. Louis.

According to Patricia Hanlon, supervising dentist at the clinic, children are treated free, and adults pay a minimal sliding fee based on their income.

The clinic is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information, call 632-4009.

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GWB fellowship honors Gordon, social work research pioneer

The George Warren Brown School of Social Work has established the William E. Gordon Research Fellowship. Gordon, a professor of research at the School of Social Work from 1951 until his retirement in 1978, is considered one of the foremost figures in social work research in the U.S.

Richard E. Clowes, dean of the School of Social Work, said of Gordon, "Throughout his professional life, William Gordon has been a meticulous editor and scholar, a profoundly influential teacher, and a champion of knowledge development in social work education. In honoring him with the establishment of this fellowship, the School of Social Work is paying tribute to one of the outstanding scholars in the field of social welfare today, while at the same time making it possible for a talented student, committed to the advancement of social work knowledge, to pursue doctoral education in social work at WU."

Khinduka added that the first recipient of the William E. Gordon Research Fellowship would be chosen and announced next fall.

Gordon received his BA in 1937 and PhD in quantitative ecology in 1941 from the University of Minnesota. He was an instructor in the Department of Preventive Medicine and Public Health at the University of Minnesota and, a year later, was appointed chief of the Bureau of Research and Statistics, Division of Social Welfare, for the state of Minnesota. Later, he became a regional research consultant for the Social Security Administration in Minneapolis.

Gordon came to the School of Social Work in 1951 from the Nashville School of Social Work, Vanderbilt University, and established a doctoral program in social work research.

He received an Alumni Faculty Award from WU in 1977. He remains active with the Council on Social Work Education and the National Association of Social Workers. He now lives in Lawrence, Ks.

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their own activities (See Calendar for details)

Foreign Language Week was organized by a steering committee, headed by Jones, which included Joseph R. Allen, WU assistant professor of Chinese and Japanese; Collette H. Winn, WU assistant professor of French; Raymond L. Williams, WU assistant professor of Spanish; Edgar H. Lehman, WU professor of Russian, and James E. McLeod, WU assistant professor of German.

Other sponsoring organizations are the Council of Students of Arts and Sciences, Office of Student Affairs, Student Union Speakers Programming Board, Film Board, College of Arts and Sciences, Faculty of Arts and Sciences, Office of Admissions and the Assembly Series.

For more information on Foreign Language Week, call the Department of Romance Languages at 889-3175.

Pathologist King talks on ethics at medical lecture

The second lecture in this year's History of Medicine Lecture Series, sponsored by the School of Medicine Library, will feature Lester King, speaking on "The Development of Medical Ethics in the United States from 1847." He will give his lecture at 4 p.m. Wednesday, March 16, in Great Auditorium, located in the McDonnell Medical Sciences Building, 4565 McKinley.

A graduate of Harvard University School of Medicine, King has pursued careers in his specialty, pathology, in editorialship (Journal of the American Medical Association), and in medical history. He is the author of some 60 papers in pathology and some 40 papers in medical history. Books include The Medical World of the Eighteenth Century (1958), The Growth of Medical Thought (1963), The Road to Medical Enlightenment (1970), The Philosophy of Medicine (1978), and Medical Thinking: a Historical Preface (1982).

An internationally known author and speaker, King was recipient of the Boehringer Medal and has served as president of the American Association for the History of Medicine.

Schael joins Ewbank, other names in sports in Miami hall of fame

John Schael, director of sports and recreation at WU, was inducted into the Miami University Athletic Hall of Fame at ceremonies held Feb. 5 at the university in Oxford, Ohio.

Schael was selected for his outstanding contribution to his university and the field of athletics. It is the highest athletic honor the university can bestow.

He was a two-time Mid-American Conference wrestling champion in the 147-pound class and helped Miami U. capture the team title in both 1964 and 1965. He was coached by Joe Gable, an other member of the school's Hall of Fame.

Schael had a college career record of 59-14 as he won the 147-pound title in 1964 and took third in the 152-pound class in 1965.

He joins two former WU coaches who are among the 73 members elected to the Miami University Hall of Fame in 15 years. They are Wilbur "Weeb" Ewbank and George Rider.


Schael was heading wrestling coach and associate director of athletics at the University of Chicago for 10 years prior to becoming director of sports and recreation at WU in 1978.

Art historian lectures on four Asian cultures

Jane T. Griffin, lecturer in Asian Art for the Smithsonian Institution Associated (Nasional and Resident), will give four lectures at WU March 14-18. The lectures, the time and place are as follows:

China: The Empire of the T'ang Dynasty, 10 a.m. to noon, March 14, Room 252, Olin Library.

Korea: The Victorious Silla Dynasty at Ky'ngju, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., March 15, Steinberg auditorium.

Japan: 1 Nara, a New Capital for the Yamato State, 10 a.m. to noon, March 17, 252 Olin.

Japan: II Court Arts From the Palace of the Emperor Shoumu, 10 a.m. to noon, March 18, 252 Olin.

The mini-course is sponsored by WU's Asian Art Society. The cost is $50 for all four classes. For reservations, write Mrs. Albert Schweitzer, 9357 Parkside Dr., St. Louis, Mo., 63144. Make checks payable to "Chinese, Korean and Japanese mini-course." The deadline for reservations is March 10. For more information, call 889-3156.
Thursday, March 3
4 p.m. History of Medicine Lecture Series, "The Development of Medical Ethics in the U.S.

Wednesday, March 16
11 a.m. Foreign Language Week Keynote Address, "The Myth of Totality," Lebbeus Woods, New York City artist. Through March 27. Barbara Theatre, lower Gallery. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. weekdays: 1-5 p.m. weekends.
6:30 p.m. Student-Alumni Relations Committee, "A Night with the Winners," seniors and returning alumni. Graham Chapel. 9:30 p.m. WU Filmboard Series, "Baroque Theatre and Stage Design," designed by high school members of the society. Brown Hall Lounge. Brown Hall Lounge.
4 p.m. History of Medicine Lecture Series, "The Development of Medical Ethics in the U.S." with Kevin O’Neill, art and architecture director, and director, Pre-Search Lab. St. Louis, Mo. 8 p.m. "Recollecting the Mittelst Piazza," will be for sale. George McGregors, St. Louis Eastern Corn Exchange Convention. St. Louis, Mo.
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Friday, March 18
7:30 p.m. Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship Meet" ing. Gannon Galleria, World Center.
6:30 p.m. If Not for Irish Fiddler Foundation Lecture, "Religion in Judaism: Man, Woman and God," Rabbi Mel Gutrie, dir., of Halel, Prince" ton, N.J. Halel House, 640 Forbush Blvd.
Performing Arts
Sunday, March 6
4 p.m. Dean's St. Louis presents The Kansas City Ballet. Edison Theatre. Get admission is $10 at $15. For ticket information, call 987-5970.
Friday, March 18
6 p.m. Edith Stein Theatre presents the New York Baroque Dance Company performing Hand" erick. Greats and Dancers, a recreation of the 18th Century dance. (Also Sat., March 19, same time.)
9 p.m. 7:30 p.m. Film Theatre, "My Michelle," based on the novel by Ayn Rand. $1.50. 215 Rebstock.
6:30 p.m. Science Week "Science Week," WU science events. Through March 12. Thursday, March 17. Through March 27. 27. Bi" by Gallery. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. weekdays: 1-5 p.m. weekends.
"Nurene and the Figure," an exhibition of paint" arts from the Academy to the International. Through March 6. Lower Gallery. Gallery of Art. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. weekdays: 1-5 p.m. weekends.
"Capital of Modern Art," an exhibition of modern works through March 6. Lower Gallery. Gallery of Art. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. weekdays: 1-5 p.m. weekends.
"Baroque Postcard and Drawing." Through March 27. Print Gallery. Gallery of Art. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. weekdays: 1-5 p.m. weekends.
"Quakers Return to Bibbey," an exhibition of undergound sculptural and ceramics. Through March 5. Bibbey Gallery. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. weekdays: 1-5 p.m. weekends.
"James McFarrell," WU prof, of art, an ex" hibition of his works on paper. Opening 4 to 7 p.m. Thursday, March 17. Through March 27. Bibbey Gallery. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. weekdays: 1-5 p.m. weekends.
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