Four WU faculty to be honored at Founders Day

Mark Russell, political satirist and co-host of NBC’s “Real People,” will be the guest speaker at WU’s 151st Founders Day banquet on Saturday, Oct. 13. The banquet, sponsored by the WU Alumni Association, will be held at the Chase Park Plaza Hotel.

Four members of WU’s faculty will be honored with the University’s Distinguished Faculty Award. The honored faculty are: Ronald A. Feldman, professor of social work; David T. Konig, associate professor of history; Powell Niland, professor of management, and Robert E. Sparks, professor of chemical engineering. Six alumni (to be announced later) also will be honored.

Feldman, an expert on antisocial and delinquent behavior in children and adolescents, was founding director of the Center for Adolescent Mental Health at WU and the Center for the Study of Youth Development at Boys’ Town in Nebraska.

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The historic, newly renovated Lewis Center in University City will be dedicated with a “Lewis Center Gala” from 4 to 7 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 14. The Center, formerly called the Ward Building, is located at 725 Kingsland Ave., two buildings north of the University City Public Library.

Hosts of the gala event are: the WU School of Fine Arts, which is leasing nearly half the building for studio and classroom space; Signet Arts, a gallery which has relocated to the University City Public Library, will present a slide show on the city’s history.

The Lewis Center was built in 1909 by University City founder Edward Gardner Lewis to house the Academy of Fine Arts of the American Woman’s League (the only section of Lewis’ “People’s University” to be completed). The original classrooms and studios, boasting numerous skylights and slanted glass walls, now provide space for classes in multimedia, ceramics, sculpture, glassmaking, photography, and graphic and three-dimensional design.

The consolidation of these disciplines, which had been scattered in six separate locations around town, causes School of Fine Arts Dean Roger I. DesRosiers to call the gala event “a celebration of consolidation.” The remaining art school departments are housed in Bisby Hall on the WU campus. Shuttle buses transport students between the two buildings.

Lewis’ art school was closed in 1914 and the building was sold in 1915 to the University City School District for its junior and senior high schools. The senior high school moved to a new building in 1930, and the district’s administrative offices moved in with the junior high school.

The building was named Luther T. Ward Junior High School in 1936 and in 1957 a second junior high school was opened. Ward Junior High School closed in 1949; the administrative offices remained in the building until September 1982. The National Register of Historic Places listed the building in 1975, with other Lewis structures in the vicinity.

The School of Fine Arts has signed a seven-year lease agreement, with an option to buy at the end of the lease period, with McCormack, Varon & Associates.

The original portion of the Lewis Center, facing Delmar Boulevard, is a three-story, Classical Revival structure. The entrance lobby and two adjoining staircases are treated with white and black marble.

For more information on the Lewis Center Gala, call Patricia Aitken at 889-6515.
Asian conference offers inside view of the mystic Orient

The mystic Orient will come alive at the 33rd Annual Midwest Conference on Asian Affairs to be held Friday and Saturday, Oct. 12 and 13, at WU. The conference, an affiliate of the Association for Asian Studies Inc., was held at WU once before, in 1962. And according to Stanley Spector, professor in WU’s Department of Chinese and Japanese, the event was a great success.

The 1962 conference here really established the Midwest Conference as a major annual conference, Spector said. "But it had been kind of a small get-together once a year. The St. Louis conference really put the Conference on its feet."

The Midwest Conference on Asian Affairs is the largest affiliate of all Asian conferences, with the exception of the national conference. Spector said it will be thought-provoking, as well as entertaining.

Sponsored by the Department of Chinese and Japanese and the Office of International Studies, the conference will present scholarly panels speaking on various topics of interest, including Asian politics, economic development, history, and literature.

"A lot of attention will be given to third world problems," Spector said. "The impact of technology in Asia during various periods and the reaction of the societies will be discussed."

Xie Heng, first secretary of the Embassy of the People’s Republic of China will attend and contribute to a panel discussion on Chinese Students and Scholars Abroad. The conference also will include panels discussing such varying issues as computers in Asian studies, the role in late imperial China, the social impact of the industrialization of Japan and current research on Indonesian society.

Registration for the conference already has begun. For more information, call the Office of International Studies at 889-5958 or the Department of Chinese and Japanese at 889-5156. There is a $12 registration fee and a $15 late registration fee. Students may register for free by presenting their student IDs.

Author Jonathan Spence to deliver annual Alice Hahn Goodman lecture

Jonathan D. Spence, author of The Gate of Heavenly Peace, will deliver the Alice Hahn Goodman Memorial Lecture at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 10, in Graham Chapel.

His lecture, “China and the West: A 16th-Century Definition of Cultural Exchange,” is free and open to the public, and is sponsored by the University’s Asian Art Society, Department of Chinese and Japanese, and Assembly Series.

Spence, George Burton Adams Professor of History at Yale University, specializes in the history of China since the 16th century. He received the John Addison Porter Prize for his doctoral dissertation at Yale, which was published under the title Ta’o Yin and the Kang-hsi Emperor, Bon vivant and Master Mephistopheles.

Spence’s more recent works include The Death of Woman Wang, an edited book of essays on the Ming-Ch’ing transition, and The Gate of Heavenly Peace.

In 1979, Spence was awarded a Guggenheim Fellowship. He won the Los Angeles Times history prize in 1983 and in 1985, he was awarded the Versell prize of the American Academy and Institute of Arts and Letters for prose.

Spence attended Winchester College and received a bachelor’s degree in history from Cambridge University in 1959. He received a master’s degree and doctorate from Yale in 1965 and was appointed to the university’s teaching staff later that year. Spence became chairman of Yale’s history department in 1983.

The Alice Hahn Goodman Memorial Lecture was established last year by WU’s Asian Art Society in memory of the society’s co-founder and past president, who died Aug. 6, 1982.

Red Cross holds 2-day blood drive in Mallinckrodt

The American Red Cross, with assistance from WU, is sponsoring a blood drive from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday and Tuesday, Oct. 8-9, in Lambert Lounge, Room 303 Mallinckrodt Center, on campus.

Donors must be 17 or older and weigh at least 105 pounds. Persons should eat before giving blood, which will take approximately 45 minutes.

For more information, call student activities at 889-5994.

41 Broadway songs highlight musical revue

Fourteen songs from popular Broadway musicals will convey the story of "I Wanna Be Loved By You," an original musical revue written by WU senior Janet Metz, to be presented Oct. 5-7 in the drama studio, 208 Mallinckrodt Center.

Metz, a performing arts major, began work on the musical during the summer of 1983, when she was an apprentice at the Williamstown Theatre Festival in Massachusetts. The production, to be performed at 8 and 9:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and 8 p.m. Sunday, is about three couples who typify three different kinds of relationships. “It has a universal appeal for those who have been in love or dreamed about being in love,” said Metz, who is also director and choreographer of the revue.

“There are no speaking parts in the show; they are not called for. People sing because they cannot further express themselves with speech. Song is the next level up,” said Metz.

The seven-member cast includes Alicia Miller, Scott Loeb, Erin Erlich, Risa Shargel, Jon Findley, Rick Wyatt and Louisa Foster. Laura Young is lighting designer. Jeff Rodman is set designer and Sallie duMaine is musical director.

A native of Brooklyn, N.Y., Metz attended the National Theater Institute at the Eugene O’Neill Theater Center in Waterford, Conn., during the second semester of last year. An official at the center who was organizing a theater group to tour the Caribbean suggested that Metz audition for a role. The New York tryout was a success.

Metz currently is preparing to spend Dec. 10 through Jan. 19 with the Cayman National Theatre Company in a production of "Dames at Sea," an Off-Broadway spoof in the late 1960s which starred Bernadette Peters in the lead role of Ruby. Metz also will play Ruby.

For Metz, "I Wanna Be Loved By You" is the beginning of opportunities already visible on the horizon. So, step up, "Side by Side" for an evening of romance. (You might find they’re playing your song.) Bring "Company." Tickets for "I Wanna Be Loved By You" are $2 at the door.

For more information, call the Performing Arts Area at 889-5858.
Political scientist probes Washington hot spot

If you are planning a tour of the policy-making institutions of Washington, D.C., you should visit the White House, Capitol Hill and the K Street corridor, according to a WU political scientist. The first two sites probably would be apparent choices for you; the third might not.

But don’t fret over your lack of knowledge, says Robert H. Salisbury, Sidney W. Souers Professor of Government and professor of political science. Most observers of national policy making have only dimly understood the K street corridor. Until now.

The K Street corridor, located just a few blocks north and west of the White House, is a gathering ground for lawyers, lobbyists and others who make a living by attempting to influence policy makers in the nation’s capital. Salisbury and three associates have undertaken a massive study of the K Street phenomena. He delivered an introductory report, “Soaking and Poking Among the Movers and Shakers: Quantitative Ethnography Along the K Street Corridor,” in early September at the 1984 annual meeting of the American Political Science Association. Within a week, an account of the study was published in The New York Times, prompting calls from all over the country for copies of the report.

Political scientists in the past have been aware of the magnitude of the K Street corridor, Salisbury says, but the prospect of a systematic, empirical investigation had seemed difficult and expensive. In short, “they had trouble getting a handle on it,” he says.

With financial support from the American Bar Foundation, and the National Science Foundation, Salisbury and his co-authors — John P. Heinz, professor of law at Northwestern University, executive director of the American Bar Foundation and a 1958 WU political science graduate; Edward O. Laumann, professor of sociology and dean of social sciences at the University of Chicago; and Robert L. Nelson, research associate at the University of Chicago; and Edward O. Laumann, professor of sociology, and executive director of the American Bar Foundation, recruited from throughout the nation.

• “Elite universities do not dominate as training grounds. Only 10.8 percent of the college graduates come from the eight Ivy League schools and only one-sixth of the law degree-holders come from Harvard, Yale, Columbia, Penn and Cornell.
• “This national pool is rich in political experience. Fifty-seven percent have held positions in the federal government. One-fourth have held leadership positions at some level of party organization and over 40 percent have been more than casually active in election campaigns.
• Yet, three-fourths of the representatives say party politics is seldom or never a factor in their work. It appears that this highly political elite operates with surprisingly little day-to-day entanglement with the eb and flow of partisan dispute. Salisbury hopes the study will help reshape textbooks and other literature about the American political scene to include K Street representatives, such as lawyers, public relations firms, ad hoc coalitions and other issue-oriented networks.

“I hope our words will serve as cautionary notes to textbook writers, journalists and others who report on Washington activities to be wary of some of the shorthand devices they have employed in the past to express how things are done, by whom and to what extent,” he says.

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Morning physical fitness program offered at WU

The WU Department of Athletics will sponsor a Physical Fitness Program for the community from Oct. 1-Dec. 14. Emphasis is placed on cardiovascular endurance, muscle tone and flexibility using carefully graded exercises, along with progressive jogging to promote one’s physical fitness.

Each participant progresses at his/her own rate, and exercise is based upon individual capabilities. A pre- and post-fitness evaluation to determine cardiovascular improve-
Laryngectomees gain support, confidence from group meetings

A group of laryngectomy patients at the medical center are proving that losing your voice box doesn’t necessarily mean losing your voice or your zest for living.

They’re taking part in a program designed especially for laryngectomees, people who have lost their voice boxes surgically removed, usually because of cancer. The support group for laryngectomy patients and their families was developed by Keticie Verdeolini, speech/language pathologist in the Department of Otolaryngology at the School of Medicine, and Marie Ayler-Graves, social worker at Barnes Hospital.

Members of each support group that is formed meet one hour a week for four weeks, discussing concerns that are special to people who have recently lost their voice boxes.

Among guest panelists are physicians, vocational counselors and laryngectomees who present programs designed to help new patients as they adjust.

Topics for discussion include physical and emotional changes, special needs and equipment, speech games, and returning to a normal life after the operation.

Though they are without voice boxes, laryngectomees use various methods to communicate successfully. Many practice esophageal speech — directing air into the esophagus and bringing it out again — to produce a voice that is often deep, but usually easily understood.

Others use an electrolarynx, a battery-driven sound generator that the patient places on the neck to transmit tones to the mouth, where the sound is shaped into words.

One of the laryngectomees who serves as a guest panelist at times uses an electrolarynx that he designed. Phillip Walker added an amplifier to his model, giving him a voice that sounds very much like a computer.

“I’ve always had the philosophy of taking whatever life hands me and making the best of it,” Walker said. “I’ve had more fun with my electrolarynx. Children love to follow me around the grocery store just to listen to me. I tell them I taught R2-D2 how to talk — and they believe me!”

Phillip Walker, a laryngectomy guest panelist, describes the benefits of using the electrolarynx he designed which includes a voice amplifier.

Another panelist, Ann Nash, told the group that she prefers to use esophageal speech, but owns an electrolarynx in case of an emergency.

“It’s taken me five years to obtain the quality of voice I now have,” she said. “I never finish learning the technique or improving upon it.”

Al Goss and Ward Beaver, both esophageal speakers, came to a recent meeting to share the reactions of their employers to their operations. The experiences were entirely different.

Goss’ employer was extremely supportive, and even came to his speech therapy sessions so he would fully understand his employee’s situation. He, in turn, asked his staff to encourage Goss to speak slowly when using esophageal speech, so he would be clearly understood. Goss continues in his job as a salesman.

On the other hand Beaver, who was also a salesman before his operation, was told he would have to go on permanent disability. Refusing to accept that he was disabled, he found employment with the McDonnell Douglas Corporation. As part of his new job, Beaver talks to high school students about cancer and the dangers of smoking.

Members of the support groups say it’s encouraging to have as role models other panelists who have overcome obstacles.

“I don’t feel so alone after attending these meetings,” said Lillia Brown, who recently became a laryngectomee. “It’s good to know I’m not the only one.”

Lillia Brown, who recently became a laryngectomee, describes the benefits “of using the electrolarynx” she prefers.

Her husband, Lawrence, also benefits from the meetings. “Those of us who still have our voice boxes take a lot for granted,” he observed. “I’ve learned to understand the problems Lillia faces, and how to help her overcome them.”

Correction

Willard Walker, M.D., was inadvertently identified as president of the Gateway Vascular Society in the Sept. 6 issue of the Medical Record. Walker is now president-elect of the society, and will take office in April 1985. Arthur Auer, M.D., is currently president of the Gateway Vascular Society.
Television health program features medical center

The WU Medical Center will be featured in Health Matters, a television series that explores advances in health and medicine, to be aired beginning this fall on KETC Channel 9.

The first half-hour episode of Health Matters will air at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 7. The shows will be broadcast for 26 consecutive Sundays at 7:30 p.m., with repeat broadcasts on Saturdays at 11:30 a.m.

Health Matters is designed to help viewers identify possible health problems, become aware of harmful habits, and understand more about issues and advances in health care. The program is presented in documentary and studio-interview format, with each segment focusing on a different medical topic. Subjects range from issues in personal health, such as pregnancy after age 30 or ways to deal with depression, to the latest advances in cardiac care or cancer treatment.

Medical journalist Hollyce Phillips, RN (middle), is interviewed by medical journalist Hollyce Phillips (right) for the Health Matters television series.

Physical therapy dedicates new quarters

Two long-time faculty members were honored Sept. 14 when WU School of Medicine dedicated new quarters for its Program in Physical Therapy.

Ceremonies were held in Moore Auditorium at the medical school to dedicate the Beatrice F. Schulz Library and the Robert J. Hickok Classroom. Afterwards, a reception was held at the new facilities, located in the recently renovated East Building at 655 Scott Ave.

With the new quarters, WU's program will have one of the largest physical therapy teaching facilities in the country. Besides the library and classroom, the East Building will house a teaching lab, conference room and offices for 15 full-time administrative staff members and faculty of the physical therapy program.

The library is named for Beatrice F. Schulz, associate professor emeritus, who served from 1941-77 as the first director of the Program in Physical Therapy. The classroom was dedicated in honor of Robert J. Hickok, chief facilities officer and assistant dean of the School of Medicine, and for almost 30 years a part-time faculty member of the Programs in Physical Therapy and Health Administration.

"I was really amazed and very honored to have the library dedicated in my name," said Schulz. "This honor is just a climax to everything WU School of Medicine has given me. I am truly grateful.

Hickock commented, "Teaching in the physical therapy program has been a very important component in my life. I've played a small role in the program's growth, but have been impressed with the vigor and capabilities of the people heading up the program." He also paid particular tribute to the work of Steven J. Rose, Ph.D., P.T., director and associate professor of physical therapy.

Both Hickok and Schulz agree that Rose — by influencing faculty to combine clinical practice, research and teaching — has had a great impact on the physical therapy profession in this country.

"The WU program is serving as a model for other physical therapy programs that struggle with problems of the 1980s," said Hickok. The medical school enrolls approximately 100 undergraduate and 75 graduate physical therapy students each year.

Guest speakers for the dedication ceremonies included Royce Noland, executive director of the American Physical Therapy Association, and Robert Bartlett, professor and chairman of the Department of Physical Therapy at Duke University Medical Center. The program also included remarks by Samuel B. Guze, M.D., vice chancellor for medical affairs at WU; M. Kenton King, M.D., dean of the School of Medicine; and Robert E. Shunk, M.D., professor emeritus of preventive medicine at the School of Medicine.

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The School of Medicine recently dedicated a classroom in honor of Robert J. Hickok (left), past-time physical therapy program faculty member; and a library in honor of Beatrice F. Schulz (middle), the first director of the school's physical therapy program. Steven J. Rose, Ph.D., P.T. (right), is the current director of the physical therapy program.

IWJ opens satellite at West Port Plaza

The Irene Walten Johnson Rehabilitation Institute at WU School of Medicine has opened a satellite facility at West Port Plaza.

The facility, located at 77 West Port Dr., Suite 156 (next to the Medical Care Group), recently received accreditation as a Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Facility. The IWJ satellite provides occupational, physical and speech therapy, as well as social work services, to patients in St. Louis County. Occupational therapists increase potential for independent living by re-storing function in home activities and work-related tasks. Physical therapists treat joint and muscle problems stemming from common sprains or more serious illnesses, such as arthritis and stroke. Speech therapists at the facility treat voice or language problems ranging from stuttering to speech loss caused by stroke.

The facility has three treatment rooms, a gym, and a conference and reception area. Four IWJ staff members are at the satellite from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday, and from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday. More information is available from staff members of the IWJ satellite (telephone 434-3705).
All candidates for the extracochlear implant must pass a series of hearing tests. Here, John Fredrickson, M.D. (middle), head of the Department of Otolaryngology, observes Margaret Skinner, Ph.D. (right), assistant professor of otolaryngology, administering such tests.

Sounds of hope

Cochlear implants benefit deaf

When Virginia Turner's hearing began to disappear in the late 1950s, she missed the everyday sounds of life the most — the kitten's soft meow, her dog's guttural bark. Nearl y two decades ago, the voices of her husband and daughter faded away. Diagnosed as totally deaf in both ears, Turner became one of over a quarter million Americans who are not helped by conventional hearing aids.

In 1982, she underwent a three-hour procedure in which an intra-cochlear hearing system was implanted in the pea-sized organ buried deep inside the inner ear. Both Turner's hearing device and the extra-cochlear hearing system, which is placed on the surface of the cochlea, work in similar fashion. Recently approved by the FDA for clinical trials and manufactured by Siemens, the extra-cochlear implant will be tested by the WU Medical Center to evaluate the device's safety and effectiveness. A team led by John M. Fredrickson, M.D., chief otolaryngologist at Barnes and Children's hospitals and head of otolaryngology at the School of Medicine, will select at least five severely or profoundly deaf adults to receive the extracochlear implant.

Turner typifies patients who will be selected for WU's clinical trial: she lost her hearing after she began to speak, and she is completely deaf. The trial's candidates, like Turner, should also be proficient at lip-reading, since that skill (along with the implant) provides better understanding of speech. Most importantly, the patients selected for screening must be among those 250,000 severely or profoundly deaf persons who are not helped by conventional hearing aids.

Eligible patients must be 18 years of age, in general good health and of normal intelligence. They must have an intact middle ear and ear drum to conduct sounds, as well as some auditory (hearing) nerve reserve to carry impulses from the inner ear to the brain.

Intracochlear hearing devices, such as the one Turner has, have electrodes that are attached inside the cochlea, the site where sound waves are changed into nerve impulses and sent to the brain. But Fredrickson has opted for the extra-cochlear implant, which is placed on the surface of the cochlea, because it is less likely to further damage the delicate structures inside the inner ear.

The extracochlear hearing device Fredrickson works with has many similarities to Turner's device. Therefore, Fredrickson's patients should experience hearing very similar to Turner's.

"Deaf persons will be able to hear and monitor the pitch of their own voices, and that of others, which will help them communicate much better than was possible before," said Fredrickson. "In addition, these systems will allow wearers to be aware of environmental sounds, which will increase their safety."

After the extracochlear implant is in place, patients will have to re-learn how to recognize what they hear in intensive training sessions supervised by Margaret Skinner, Ph.D., assistant professor of otolaryngology. Like Virginia Turner, these patients will have to contend with the frustrating, zigzag progression their hearing will take.

"The implant has helped me so much," said Turner. "But at times I can't hear something that I heard the day before, like my dog barking or the sound of rain drops. When I was first able to hear a lawnmower again, I didn't know what it was. I just knew it was a new sound. Everything sounds different with the implant than with normal hearing. But some sounds are almost like what I remember before going deaf."

In evaluating the extracochlear implant, the WU clinical trials will compare the hearing ability of patients hearing the surgical implant and a second group fitted with a vibrotactile aid with the hearing ability of a group of patients wearing conventional hearing aids. "In this way," said Skinner, "we'll get a truer picture of the success of the implantable device."

Turner's everyday life is more normal, thanks to the implant. One of her greatest satisfactions has been her ability to hear the voice of Roy, her husband of 36 years. And it was a red-letter day when she first heard the voice of her adult daughter, Sharon. "She was just a little girl when I began to lose my hearing," said Turner. "Hearing her adult voice for the first time was a great joy. When you can hear, you are a part of things."

Suzanne Hagan

Dental school joins medical center

WU School of Dental Medicine has become a sponsoring institution of the WU Medical Center. The announcement was made by Samuel B. Guze, M.D., president of the medical center, at the annual meeting of the board of directors Sept. 18.

The School of Dental Medicine has been part of WU since 1992, when it became the University's dental school. George D. Selfridge, D.D.S., M.S., serves as dean of the school.

Other sponsoring institutions of the WU Medical Center include Barnes Hospital, Children's Hospital, Jewish Hospital, Central Institute for the Deaf, Barnard Free Skin and Cancer Hospital, and WU School of Medicine.

The board of directors also announced that sponsoring institutions of the medical center provided more than $39 million in unreimbursed medical care during the 1983 fiscal year.

That amount represents an increase of more than $15 million from 1981 figures, and includes charitable care rendered by the hospitals and physicians in the medical center, as well as contractual allowances and bad debts. WU Medical Center has provided more than $219 million in unreimbursed care in the last five years.

The dental center reported spending $61.1 million on research and $27.8 million for capital improvements. In 1983, there were 11,253 employees, for whom salary expenditures totaled $226.0 million.

The 1984-85 officers of the dental center also were elected at the meeting. They include Armand C. Stalnaker, chairman; James S. McDonnell III, vice chairman; M. Kenton King, M.D., secretary; and Harold G. Blatt, treasurer. Other 1984-85 officers are Samuel B. Guze, M.D., president; Virginia V. Webb, M.D., vice president; Robert J. Hickok, assistant secretary; and Lee F. Fetter, assistant treasurer.

Parkinson's disease center opens

The School of Medicine has opened the first information center in the area for Parkinson's Disease patients and their families.

The Department of Neurology created the Parkinson's Disease Information and Referral Service to help the more than 5,000 patients in greater St. Louis. The center provides medical and community referrals, educational materials, seminars and a newsletter. It also operates a Hotline, 362-3299, to answer questions about Parkinson's Disease.

The center was created through a grant from the New York-based American Parkinson Disease Association. Medical advisor is Erwin B. Montgomery Jr., M.D., assistant professor of neurology at the School of Medicine and a staff physician at Barnes and Jewish hospitals, sponsoring institutions of the WU Medical Center.

Coordinator is Susan Levin, who has been chairman of the Jewish Hospital auxiliary's Parkinson's Educational Program (PEP) since it began three years ago. With 1,000 members, the local group is the largest chapter in the world of PEP. Levin is also advisor to the greater St. Louis chapter of the American Parkinson Disease Association, which seeks to raise funds to support education and research locally and nationally.

Parkinson's Disease is a slowly progressive neurological disorder characterized by tremor, stiffness of the muscles and slow movement. There is no known cause for the disease, which is named after London physician James Parkinson, who in 1817 was the first to describe it. An illness of the middle and advanced years of life, Parkinson's Disease affects more than two million people — about one out of every 100 people over the age of 60.

Though there are very effective medications, none is totally satisfactory. The promising medical treatment is L-Dopa, a drug that alleviates many of the disabling problems associated with the disease. L-Dopa is converted in the brain to produce dopamine, a neurotransmitter that is deficient in Parkinson's patients. However, medications used for Parkinson's only treat symptoms; they cannot stop progression of the disease.

At WU School of Medicine, the Department of Neurology's Movement Disorder Clinic is conducting basic and clinical research on Parkinson's. Scientists at the clinic plan to begin studies soon on a new drug that may be used as a treatment for the disease.

More information about Parkinson's Disease can be obtained through the Information and Referral Center, Department of Neurology Box 8111, WU School of Medicine, 660 South Euclid Ave., St. Louis, MO 63110 (telephone 362-3299).
C. Robert Almil, associate professor in the departments of Preventive Medicine; Anatomy and Neurobiology; and Psychology; and the Program in Occupational Therapy, and Stanley Finger, professor in the psychology department, recently have published a two-volume book through Academic Press. The volumes and titles are "Autism, Volume I, Research Orientations and Clinical Observations, and Early Brain Damage, Volume II, Neurobiology and Behavior.

Garland Allen, professor of biology, will present a paper on the split between classical genetics and embryology in the 20th century at a conference, "The Role of Marine Laboratories in the History of 20th Century Biology," to be held in Bologna (off the coast of Naples), Italy, from Oct. 7-12. Allen will present a talk on evolution in the history of science. The conference is sponsored by the Bureau pour l'Enseignement Francais, a branch of the International Bureau of Education.

B. J. Johnston has been promoted to head librarian at the WU Library. Johnston joined the library staff two and a half years ago as government publications librarian. Previously, he served as head of computer-assisted reference service at the University of Texas at Austin. He holds a master's degree in history, bachelor's and master's degrees in political science, and a master's in library science from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Johnston currently is working on a doctorate in public administration.

Samos Metzidakis, assistant professor of French, was awarded grants from the French government and WU to participate in a pedagogical workshop for college professors of French from throughout the world. The workshop was held July 2-Aug. 6 in Saint-Nazaire on the western coast of France, and was sponsored by the Bureau pour l'Enseignement de Langue et de la Civilisation Francaises, a branch of the French Ministry of Education.

William Merritt Sale, professor of classics, attended the 4th International Symposium on the Odyssey in Utrecht, the Netherlands, and delivered a paper titled "Homeric Athena and Her Association with Odysseus," which examined Athena's role as the near god of Homeric religion and traced her association with Odysseus to Mycenaean times.

Martin Silverman, a researcher at the Central Institute for the Deaf and a faculty member at the School of Medicine, has received $25,000 from 90 recipients of an Alfred P. Sloan Foundation Research Fellowship. Silverman, an assistant professor of anatomy and neurobiology and of physiology, is attempting to learn more about how the brain processes sensory information through the use of autoradiographs. These autoradiographs provide "pictures" of metabolic activity generated in the brain by various auditory and visual stimuli.

J. Regan Thomas, M.D., assistant professor of otorhinolaryngology, is program director for the 1984 "Advances in Scar Revision and Camouflage" seminar scheduled for Oct. 15-17 at the Marriott Pavilion Hotel. The seminar is presented by the Department of Otorhinolaryngology, the Office of Continuing Medical Education, and the American Academy of Facial Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery. Included on the course faculty are Blake Goeblen, M.D., assistant professor of medicine in the division of dermatology; and Barbara Holtmann, M.D., associate professor of surgery in the division of plastic and reconstructive surgery, and assistant professor of pediatrics. Ruth McDaniel, otorhinolaryngology department administrator, will speak at the seminar on Thursday, "The Party Coverage of Scar Revision."

McDaniel recently was re-elected as secretary-treasurer of the Association of Otorhinolaryngology Administrators. She lectured on "New Efforts to Market the Otorhinolaryngology Practice," at the group's annual meeting held in Las Vegas, Nev.

Murray L. Wax, professor of sociology, has returned to WU after two years as the incumbent chair of the department in the social sciences at the College of St. Thomas. St. Paul, Minn. He delivered the College of St. Thomas commencement address, titled "Homeric Heroes and Cargo Cults: Myth, Deciet and Deconstruction." While a resident in the Twin Cities, he lectured at the University of Minnesota, Bethel College, Carleton College, Macalester College and the College of St. Catherine.


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Delores Kessler Kennedy has been appointed WU's assistant dean for freshmen in the College of Arts and Sciences, announced Dr. B. Sala- mon, dean of the college.

Kennedy formerly was assistant dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at John Carroll University in University Heights, Ohio, where she also served as associate professor in the psychology department.

My primary concern is to initiate and implement policies and programs which will help enable freshmen to make the academic, personal and social adjustments necessary to make this first year at Washington University successful," Kennedy said.

John Carroll University's Kennedy was responsible for policy direction and leadership for the academic advising program.

A graduate of the University of Arizona with a master's degree in educational psychology, Kennedy has been involved in the curatorial design of the Museum of Modern Art in New York, where she co-founded the Institute of Art Education and Urban Studies. She taught at Princeton University's School of Architecture from 1966 to 1969, and was visiting professor at the Hochschule fur Gestaltung in Ulm, Germany.

Ambasz completed his undergraduate program at Princeton in one year and graduated with a master's degree in architecture from the same institution.

His work has been the subject of art exhibitions at the Leo Castelli Gallery, the Museum of Modern Art, and the Philadelphia and Chicago Art institutes. Ambasz also is an author and editor.

For information, call WU's School of Architecture at 889-6200.

Delores Kessler Kennedy

Assistant dean for freshmen named in the College of Arts and Sciences

University College releases essays on George Orwell

A new University College publication titled "1984: Orwell's and Ours" has recently appeared as the third University College Occasional Paper. The volume consists of four essays based on papers delivered at last winter's University College Occasional Paper. The price is $5.00.

The essays are: "George Orwell's England" by Richard W. Davis, professor of history; "The Last Man in Europe: Orwell and the Politics of Collectivism" by Robert C. Williams, professor of history and dean of University College; "Orwell and Language" by Burton M. Wheeler, professor of English and religious studies; and "Orwell, Personality, and '1984: Control" by Lee Robins, professor of sociology in psychology.

Various Occasional Papers have considered the history of the St. Louis Committee for Nuclear Information, and the idea of individualism.

The volume on Orwell is available on request through the Office of the Dean, Box 1064, University College. The price is $5.00.

Fine arts school offers art classes to high schoolers

Saturday classes for senior and junior high school art students will be offered beginning Oct. 6 at WU's School of Fine Arts. Areas of study include drawing, design and painting in acrylics.

The studio will be held for 10 Saturdays, from 9:15 a.m. to noon. The cost of $85 includes all supplies for the drawing and design studio. Painting students will be responsible for some supplies.

Stanley Tasker, professor of art, and his assistants will teach the classes. Partial grants are available, a letter from a school counselor should verify need. To register, call Pat Howard at 725-4055.
Thursday, Oct. 4

Friday, Oct. 5
7:30 p.m. Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship Meeting, "Vegeta". Green Stuffs Line, Wohl Center. (Also meeting, Oct. 12, same time, Wohl.)

Monday, Oct. 8
Noon-5 p.m. Personal Computing Education Center Short Course, "352 Word Processing on the Micro," by David Benson, WU computer specialist. (Also Oct. 9; 10 and 11, same time.) Fee to WU community. To register and for location, call 889-5813.

7:30-11 p.m. WU Go Club Meeting, Women's Bdg., third floor lounge. For more info., call 889-6550 or 725-8946.

Thursday, Oct. 11
10 a.m. Personal Computing Education Center Short Course, "001 Introduction to Computers," by David Benson, WU. Computer specialist. Fee to WU community. To register and for location, call 889-5813.

4 p.m. University College Short Course, "President's Address and the American Foreign Policy," by Henry Berger, WU assoc. prof. of history. (Also Thurs., from Oct. 11 through Nov. 1, same time.) Oct. 11. Hall A. Fee is $5. For more info., call 889-6788.

Friday, Oct. 12
7:30-11 p.m. Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship Meeting, Green Stuffs Line, Wohl Center.

Saturday, Oct. 13
10 a.m. Tyson Research Center Open House Tours hosted by Becky Miller, nature interpreter guide. Sponsored by the Friends of Tyson. (Also Sun., Nov. 11, and Dec., 9, both 2:30 p.m. For reservations, call Tyson, 938-5454. Free admission.

6:30 p.m. Political satirist Mark Russell will speak at the 131st Anniversary Sigma Chi Banquet at the Khorassan Room in the Chase Park Plaza Hotel. Cost is $25 a person. For more info., call 889-5122.

Thursday, Oct. 4
2:30 p.m. Department of Mechanical Engineering and the Materials Science and Engineering Program Seminar, "Mean Stress Effects in Biaxial Fatigue," David F. Soder, assoc. prof. of mechanical engineering at the University of Delaware at Urbana-Champaign. 100 Cipples II.

3:30 p.m. Women's Studies Program Colloquium, "Motherhood: An Historical Perspective," by Elson & Cornfeld law firm, 101 Lopata.

4 p.m. WU's International Affairs Program Seminar on Selection, Management and Training of Corporate Personnel for International Assignments. Panel members: William Kirby, dir. of the International Affairs Program at WU; Barry Koford, prof., Selection Research International; James Harris, former manager of personnel planning and development at Monsanto International; and Clayton Madd, retired senior analyst, US Army. A one-week seminar offered by the U.S. Foreign Service. Brown Lounge. For more info., call 889-5122.

4 p.m. Department of Anatomy Mildred Trotter Lecture, "An Overview of Brain Peptides," Dorothy Kriger, director of the Divisions of Immunology, Mt. Sinai Hospital, New York City. Moore Aud., 610 S. Euclid.

4 p.m. Dept. of Philosophy Lecture, "Hume's Argument AgainstMaterialism: A Study of the Visual Arts," Lucian Krukowski, WU. Prof. of art and adf. prof. of philosophy. Hurst Lounge, Duncker Hall.

4 p.m. Dept. of Chemistry Seminar, "Bioisotropy," Mark Sternoff, prof. of physics, U. of Delaware. 311 McMillan Lab.