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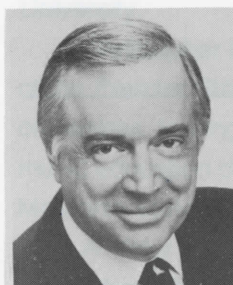
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Hugh Downs to conclude '94-95 lecture series

Hugh Downs, host of ABC News' "20/20," will complete the 1994 - 95 Distinguished Lecture Series at 8 p.m. March 8 in the University Center. Complimentary tickets for faculty are available in each dean's office; staff may pick up tickets in the News and Information Office.



HUGH DOWNS

Downs is one of the most familiar figures in American television, having logged more hours in front of national TV cameras than any other individual. During his career in television and radio, he has been a reporter and newscaster, commercial spokesman, interviewer and narrator.

As host of "20/20," ABC News' prime-time weekly news magazine program, Downs provides commentary for various reports and develops news features and profiles of important personalities.

Downs helped launch "The Tonight Show" with Jack Paar in 1957 and began a nine-year career as host of NBC News' "Today" program in 1962. While at NBC he also was host of the popular daytime game series "Concentration" and reporter/narrator for a number of documentaries and specials, including the Emmy Award-winning "The Everglades" in 1971. He received another Emmy in 1981 for his work as host of the PBS program "Over Easy."

Downs is the author of several books, including an autobiography, *Yours Truly, Hugh Downs*. He attended Wayne State University in Detroit and Columbia University in New York, and is recipient of numerous honorary degrees.

Forum addresses global issues

Central America and the Caribbean from the perspectives of UT Tyler faculty will be presented in a Global Issues Forum at 7:30 p.m. March 1 in UC 118. Admission is free.

Moderated by Dr. Vincent J. Falzone, interim vice president for academic affairs, the forum will feature the following topics and faculty: "Puerto Rico: Bridge to the Americas" — Dr. Miguel Ruiz-Aviles, assistant professor and coordinator of the Spanish program; "The Role of the Environment in Haitian Problems" — Dr. Neil Ford, professor of biology; "Costa Rica: Jewel of Central America" — Dr. Lynn Sherrod, professor of biology and School of Sciences and Mathematics dean; "Mexico and its Relationship to the U.S. in the Post-NAFTA Environment" — Dr. Mark Kroll, associate professor of management and marketing and School of Business Administration interim dean; and "2005 AD: Free Trade Area of the Americas" — Dr. Herb B. Epstein, adjunct associate professor of management and technology.

in the spotlight . . .

Dr. James W. Joseph, assistant professor of political science, was interviewed by Court Strong on KLTU-TV Channel 7 Feb. 8. His topic was political involvement and university students.

Dr. Mark Lewis, associate professor of education, has been elected president-elect of the Southwest Educational Research Association. In this capacity, he will serve as program chair of the 1996 annual meeting of the association in New Orleans. He will serve as president during 1996-1997, and as Immediate Past-President in 1997-1998. The Southwest Educational Research Association is one of six regional educational research organizations in the United States.

Dr. Sandra Sayles-Cross, special assistant to the president, has a chapter, "Aging, Caregiving Effects and Black Family Caregivers," in *African American Voices* published this month. She also presented "Yes I Can," directed at encouraging minority youth self-esteem and achieving successful through education, at the Jones Valley Church Youth Roundup in Tyler Jan. 28 and at the Weldon Elementary School in Gladewater role modeling/mentoring program Feb. 15.

Snapshot



STUDENT INFORMATION CENTER — Susan Bolton (seated left) and Dr. Sandra Sayles-Cross, special assistant to the president (standing), provide assistance to a caller at the newly instituted UT Tyler Student Information Center. The center, which provides various information to students, is located on the second floor of the Robert R. Muntz Library 4 - 7 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 1 - 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, and in the University Center, room 111, 5 - 7 p.m. Monday through Thursday. (Photo by Michael Murray)

Student Earns Research Award

Alejandro Ramirez, a student in UT Tyler's master of science in clinical exercise physiology program, has been named the 1995 recipient of the Student Research Award given by the Texas chapter of the American College of Sports Medicine (TACSM).

Ramirez is the first master's level student in TACSM history to earn the award; previous award recipients have been doctoral candidates. He was chosen for the award based on his research related to effects of ultrasound and healing of connective tissue injuries. The research was conducted under direct advisement of Dr. Barry Starcher, professor of biochemistry at UT Health Center at Tyler.

Chamber ensemble performs Feb. 26

The Sylvan Chamber Ensemble will perform in concert Sunday, Feb. 26 beginning at 2:30 p.m. in the University Center. The program, featuring works by Haydn, Schubert and Dvorak, is presented by UT Tyler Friends of the Arts and is supported by a grant from the Texas Commission on the Arts.

Ensemble members are Isidor Saslav, violin; Paul Christopher, cello; Andrew Parr, piano; and Linda Parr, piano.

Saslav, an internationally recognized Haydn scholar, has served as concertmaster of the Buffalo Philharmonic, the Minnesota and Baltimore symphony orchestras, and the Dallas Opera Orchestra, as well as the New Zealand Symphony Orchestra. He is co-editor at the Joseph Haydn Institute in Cologne, Germany, and has been a faculty member of the Eastman School and a graduate faculty member of the Peabody Institute of Johns Hopkins University.

Christopher is principle cellist with the Shreveport Symphony Orchestra and a member of the Premier String Quartet. He has held positions with Memphis and Charlotte symphony orchestras, touring Germany, The Netherlands, and Poland. He received a bachelor of music education degree from the New England Conservatory and a master of music from Memphis State University.

Andrew Parr has performed extensively in solo, chamber and concert settings, including performances with the Fort Worth Chamber Orchestra, San Antonio and Longview symphony orchestras, and the Belgrade Philharmonic. He received his education at Kent State University and Yale University, and has studied in Vienna as a Fulbright Scholar.

Linda Parr holds two degrees in piano performance from Kent State University and has studied at the College-Conservatory of Music at the University of Cincinnati and in Vienna. Active as a recitalist and chamber music pianist, she has performed in Washington, D.C., Cleveland, Pittsburgh, Columbus, and New York City. She is a piano instructor and associate director of SFA's music preparatory division.

Repertory theatre to produce 'Later Life'

"Later Life," A. R. Gurney's chronicles of the WASP way of life in America and the passing of the culture it once symbolized, will be presented by the UT Tyler Theatre Repertory Ensemble Company March 3 - 5 and 9 - 12.

Set in a terrace overlooking Boston harbor, this discussion of life between a man and the woman who wished to love him is interrupted by a steady stream of partygoers. The play's cast includes James Johnson, Dr. Andrew Szarka, Aletha Nelligan, Dr. Victor Scherb, Kristell Heines, and Cheneka Bradford, and is directed by Dr. James Hatfield, associate professor of theatre.

For curtain times and ticket information call the Department of Theatre and Communication, ext. 7253.

African choir, MLK programs planned

UT Tyler will present the **Zambian Acapella Choir** and the **Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration** in honor of Black History Month. The programs are free and open to the public.

Zambian Acapella, sponsored by the National Prayer Society, will perform 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 21, in the UC Open Area. The choir sings a combination of native African songs and songs learned from missionaries. The songs are performed in five different native languages, and in English, which is the official government language of Zambia.

The **Martin Luther King Celebration**, sponsored by the Martin Luther King Jr. Society, will be 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 24, in the UC Open Area. The program will feature an evening of African storytelling by Dr. Dennis Mofoye, academic and management improvement coordinator at Texas College, and Dr. Emmanuel Onyegam, eighth grade science teacher for T.W. Middle School in Dallas.

Mofoye will present "Just Like an Angel" and "How Women tell Stories;" Onyegam will tell "Being a Good Listener" and "What I Haven't Ever Seen Before." For more information contact the Office of Student Activities, ext. 7081.

MTV personality presents AIDS lecture

MTV personality **Judd Winick** will discuss "AIDS and the Real World" Monday, Feb. 27. Sponsored by the UT Tyler Student Association, the program begins at 8 p.m. in the University Center.

Winick, a cast member of MTV's number one rated show "The Real World," chronicles the moving true story of the life of Pedro Zamora, his experience with AIDS, stereotypes of the disease, prevention, and education. Admission to the lecture is free; for reservations call the Office of Student Activities, ext. 7081.