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Chapel Hill Aids VD Drive

(CHAPEL HILL) . . . A nationwide campaign against venereal disease will be led by the nation's 24 public television stations (including the University of North Carolina Television Network) with a series of special TV broadcasts this month.

The campaign will be launched with a special, hour-long program, VD BLUES, to be broadcast coast-to-coast at 8 p.m., Monday, October 9. Host for the program will be late-night talk show personality, Dick Cavett.

VD BLUES will be seen in this area over Channel 4, WUNC-TV.

The TV presentations will be followed up nationally by an extensive campaign on the part of over a dozen national medical, educational and social organizations to combat the spread of venereal disease. During the last few years VD has reached epidemic proportions in the United States and gonorrhoea is currently our most reported communicable disease.

VD BLUES is being produced by WNET/13 in New York with a grant from the 3M Company and content assistance from the American Medi-

cal Association. Other national groups will provide follow-up campaigns in their own areas and are disseminating material to the local public TV stations for their viewers.

Following the hour-long national presentation, the UNC-TV network will produce a local follow-up providing information about programs to combat VD in the state and where they are located.

VD BLUES will consist of dramatic vignettes and songs combined with a hard-hitting, frank presentation of facts about the symptoms of venereal disease, its various forms, causes, how it can be prevented and cured, and what happens if VD is left untreated.

Among the performers and writers who have contributed to the program are Jules Feiffer, who has written an original sketch, "Silverlips" for the program and Arlo Guthrie who will sing "Child of VD", an unpublished song written by his father, Woody Guthrie, in 1949.

A major segment will feature Broadway stars James Coco and Robert Drivas as gonorrhoea and syphilis germs in a sketch which begins on a humorous note but ends

in a frightening depiction of how the diseases work their torments on the human body.

"The show has its frivolous moments as well as its serious ones," said Cavett, "but the purpose is dead serious." This is an entertainment show, not a documentary program, aimed primarily at the young folks. It is a show they'd watch, not a program they'd be told to watch. "It is very worthwhile to have the opportunity to contribute to the lessening of a disease that has descended into 100 generations," he concluded.

"The show not only will dramatize the human predicaments of the individuals faced with venereal disease, but will impart to viewers vital information," said producer Don Fouser of WNET/13. Fouser was formerly with the Emmy-winning series, THE GREAT AMERICAN DREAM MACHINE.

Other public television programs that will be related to the subject of venereal disease include BLACK JOURNAL'S October 3 study of the controversial Tuskegee Study conducted by the U. S. Public Health Service in 1932 in which some 400 black men suffering from syphilis were purposely denied medical treatment. William F. Buckley's FIRING LINE on Sunday, October 15 will be devoted to the subject of sex education and WORLD PRESS on October 12 will look at the venereal disease problems in other countries as reported in their press.

Among the national organizations contributing to the VD campaign are the American Academy of Family Physicians, the National Education Association, the American Library Association, the National Council of Churches, the National Congress of PTAS, and the American Osteopathic Association.

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Darwin F. Turner Joins Salem's Piedmont Series

Darwin T. Turner, a professor of English and Afro-American studies at the University of Michigan, will speak at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, October 10th in the Drama Workshop. His topic will be "Literature by Afro-Americans: Past and Present."

Dr. Turner is being brought here as part of the Visiting Scholars Program of the Piedmont University Center. This program was established in 1963 to provide its member institutions with a number of distinguished lecturers from colleges and universities throughout the United States and Canada. Over the past nine years more than one hundred twenty scholars have participated.

Dr. Turner, originally from Cincinnati, Ohio, received his B.A. and M.A. from the University of Cincinnati; he received his Ph.D. in 1956 from the University of Chicago.

Dr. Turner received a fellowship in a North Carolina-Duke University Co-operative Program for research in Afro-American Literature. He will be listed in the next edition of Who's Who in America. Dr. Turner is a consultant-reader for HEW for NDEA institutes in English and for Title III proposals. With these and many, many more qualifications, Dr. Turner should be an exciting speaker — don't miss him!

Youth Fare Abolished?

Washington, D. C.—While nine million college students are returning to campus, the Civil Aeronautics Board is wondering when to break the news of their decision.

In January, 1968, CAB examiner Arthur S. Present ruled that discount fares limited to persons 12 to 21 years old are "unjustly discriminatory" because age alone isn't a valid distinction between passengers. Shortly thereafter, Mr. Present received mail from college students by the sack load. Their expression of opinion was so overwhelming that the CAB ruled that airline youth fare discounts don't unjustly discriminate against adults. The board put off any decision on a petition to abolish the discounts a study of whether the fares were reasonable in relation to carrier costs was completed.

After four years of study, the CAB planned to make an announcement of their decision in August, an official stated. Sources at several airlines agree the announcement will probably be delayed until after the November elections. They concur

that chances for the fare to continue look bleak.

Originally youth fares were challenged by National Trailways Bus System, a trade association of bus companies, and by TCO Industries, Inc., formerly Transcontinental Bus System, Inc.

U. S. Airlines were split on the issue during the examiner's investigation; 14 of the carriers offering youth discounts supported them and 10 opposed them or didn't take a position.

Over \$300 million is spent by young people on youth fare tickets annually. Each year over 1 million youth fare cards are bought by young people who believe they are entitled to its benefits until age 22. If the fare is abolished, privileges of the card would be revoked.

It is interesting to note the delayed announcement of the CAB decision comes in the first election year allowing youth to vote at age 18. Such news might play an important part in the elections if young people sent inquiries to the presidential candidates.



Leah Laine McDonald enjoys Founder's Day.

Founder's Day has, once again, passed into the annals of Salem tradition. This year's participants seemed to enjoy the activities, which included sports, skits, songs and no classes. Will they enjoy it next year, or will we have a "Founders Day" as we now know it?

Forsyth Mental Health

A panel comprised of Dr. John Compere, Dr. W. J. Grant, and Reverend Andrew Lester, with Mrs. Ann Ryder as moderator, will be the speakers at a special free public meeting at 8 p.m. Tuesday, October 10 in the Brunson School Auditorium.

Their topic for discussion will be "Depression and How to Deal with It."

In summarizing their presentation, Dr. Compere said:

The phenomenon known as depression has been around for a long time. The ancients called it melancholia and variously ascribed it to such things as an imbalance in body humours (fluids), constitutional factors and demon possession. Although there still exists theoretical disagreement about the nature of depression, we have made considerable progress in understanding what the experience of depression is like and how to deal with it therapeutically.

Almost everyone experiences some mood swings, that is, there are times when we feel on top of

the world and times when we feel "out of it", times when we are more optimistic and times when we are more pessimistic, times of extreme happiness and times of extreme sadness. In general, when negative emotions are tied to some traumatic event (such as the death of a loved one, job loss, etc.) and when the accompanying dysphoria is relatively short-lived, there is little need for concern about the person's emotional condition. When this is not the case, that is, when no specific loss-event has occurred and depressed feelings persist over weeks or months, there is reason for concern and for attempts to alleviate the situation.

The purpose of the proposed panel discussion program on depression is to share information on the nature of it, danger signals, sources of help, and practical ways of dealing with it.

The Forsyth Mental Health Association is sponsoring this meeting as part of its endeavor to promote better mental health in the community.

Kansas City Organizes Lucrative Poetry Contest

KANSAS CITY, MO. — The Kansas City Poetry Contests are a combined effort to discover poems of excellence. Deadline for entering the \$1,600 competition is Feb. 1, 1973.

Top prize in the tenth annual event is the Devins Award of \$500 cash and consideration for publication of a book-length poetry manuscript by the University of Missouri Press. The Devins Award is open to all poets.

Hallmark Honor Prizes of \$100 each will be awarded to six poets for individual poems. Only full-time undergraduate college students are eligible for the Hallmark awards.

Kansas City Star Awards of \$100

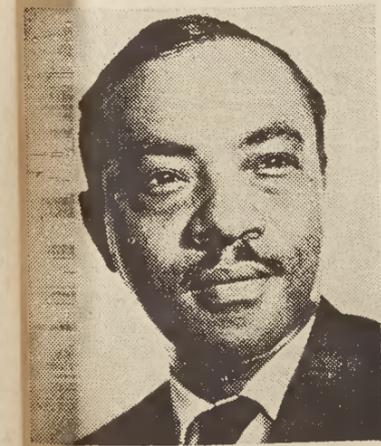
each will go to four poets for single poems, without regard to age or residence within the United States.

H. J. Sharp Memorial Awards of \$25 each will go to four high school pupils from Missouri or a bordering state.

Poets with national reputations will judge the contests.

Winners will be announced April 26, 1973 at the final program of the 1972-73 American Poets Series conducted by the Kansas City Jewish Community Center.

For complete contest rules, send a stamped, self-addressed business envelope to Poetry Contest, P. O. Box 5313, Kansas City, Mo. 64131.



Dr. Darwin F. Turner speaks Tuesday, October 10, on Afro-American literature. There will be a rap session between Dr. Turner and Salemites following his lecture, which is at 9:00 a.m. in the Drama Workshop.