

Fort Hays goes green with visit of scholar

Fort Hays State University invited Woodrow Wilson Visiting Fellow Dr. Robert K. Musil, an internationally renowned leader in the international peace, nuclear disarmament and environmental movements, for an intensive visit this week.

Musil will conduct classes, seminars, workshops and lectures. In addition, he will meet with students and faculty informally throughout the week to share his practical knowledge in the areas of environmental sustainability.

"Musil will be a perfect fit for FHSU," said Dr. Larry Gould, Fort Hays provost.

"Our students will have a chance to meet an expert with a deep knowledge of environmental health and sustainability, helping to create better understanding and new connections between the academic and nonacademic worlds."

Musil is chair of the board of "2020 Vision: Environment, Energy and Security Solutions" and scholar in residence at the American University School of International Service, where he teaches in the program on global environmental politics and the nuclear studies institute.

He is also a visiting scholar at the churches' center for theology and public policy at the Wesley Theological Seminary, where he teaches about religious responses to global warming.

Until 2006, he served as the long-time chief executive officer of Physicians for Social Responsibility, which won the 1985 Nobel Peace Prize.

The Woodrow Wilson Visiting Fellows program, administered by the Council of Independent Colleges in Washington, D.C., brings prominent artists, diplomats, journalists, business leaders and other professionals to campuses across the U.S. for week-long residential programs of classes, seminars, workshops, lectures and informal discussions.

The program is available to all four-year colleges and universities.

'Now line it up ...'



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Instructor Frank Vacca helped one of the participants at the Youth Outdoor Day on Sept. 11. Colby Community College and the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks sponsored the event on campus. About 25 youths took part in archery, fishing, hunter safety, shotgunning and map and compass instruction.

Service academy applications open

Congressman Jerry Moran is accepting applications for nominations to the U.S. service academies, the U.S. Military Academy in West Point, N.Y.; the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md.; the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs; and the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy in Kings Point, N.Y.

Those selected will enter the academies in June. Selections are based on college-entrance test scores, high school class rank, grade average, school records, extracurricular activities, leadership potential, motivation, recommendations and interview evaluations.

Applicants must be legal residents of the state of Kansas and the 1st Congressional District, at least 17 years of age but not past their 23rd birthday by July 1, citizens of the U.S., unmarried, not pregnant and

without legal obligation to support children or other dependents.

If nominated by Moran, the applicants then must meet the individual admission requirements of each academy. The academies will make the final decisions.

Due to limited placement, Moran says he encourages interested candidates to also apply to the offices of U.S. Sens. Sam Brownback and Pat Roberts.

Moran's application deadline is Monday, Nov. 1. Send a letter requesting application materials to: Rep. Jerry Moran, Attn: Service Academy Selection, Box 1128, Hutchinson, Kan., 67504-1128

For information, go to www.jerrymoran.house.gov/.

Noted authors, illustrators planned for young readers' meet

Six authors and illustrators from the U.S. and Japan will present to area third- through fifth-grade students from 8 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. on Thursday and Friday, Oct. 7 and 8, at Fort Hays State University.

Mike Thaler, also known as "America's Riddle King," will serve as the keynote speaker. He has produced many well-known and loved characters in children's literature. Bubba and Bumpo from the "The Bully Brothers" books and some of his retold fairy tales like "Cinderella Bigfoot" have won numerous "Children's

Choice" awards.

Morning and afternoon concurrent sessions will be in the Fort Hays Memorial Union presented by Dr. Charles Stinchcomb, a local veterinarian and author; Stephanie Bodeen, author of the award-winning "Babu's Song;" Kim Brown, the inspiration for Marc Brown's "D.W.;" and Anna Woltz, author and illustrator of the series "WonderToast Wonders About."

Rikako Yamada, Japanese author of "The Unordinary Elephant," will serve as the luncheon speaker.

Books will be on sale, with an autographing session by all authors and illustrators.

The \$15-per-day registration fee covers lunch, morning and afternoon snacks, and helps fund the visiting authors and illustrators.

For information on attending the Young Reader's Conference, please contact Dr. Beth Walizer, assistant professor of teacher education, at (785) 628-5579 or bwalizer@fhsu.edu.

Full moon exerts influence this week

Aries (March 21 - April 20) Nurture the seeds planted in June and July and hold onto the hope for the future this created.

Taurus (April 21 - May 21) Things are starting to settle down in a balanced way. Put a tough few years behind you, building on the momentum this has given your heart. Even on the professional fronts things are falling into place. Settle any frayed nerves.

Gemini (May 22 - June 21) A full moon brings confidence in wishful thinking and hope for the future. As things settle down, you're well positioned, professionally and romantically.

Cancer (June 22 - July 22) A full moon is a lightning rod. Keep on track. As well as a professional boost in the right direction, this tests your balance. Make balance your priority.

Leo (July 23 - Aug. 22) Communication is the glue that holds everything together. This is a big week for income, financial, work and relationship matters, with important developments across all fronts. Keep communication lines open and mental focus. Put yourself back in the driver's seat.

Virgo (Aug. 23 - Sept. 23) A few frights will be the right wake up call. Things start coming together on the work front. Life won't be all work and no play though, with special developments on the romantic and relationship fronts. Communication hold everything together.

Libra (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23) Thursday begins with a bang and a bit of pressure. This makes it important to spend the early part



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• Weekly Horoscope

of the week in contemplation, choosing which doors to close and which to leave open. A full moon will challenge you to take charge.

Scorpio (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22) Just as you're adjusting to life at a less hectic pace, things could heat up at work again, in a short burst giving things a nudge in the right direction. This may create a problem because it makes things busy just when you'll want to slow down. Pace yourself; your energy levels could take a dive.

Sagittarius (Nov. 23 - Dec. 21) The turnaround on the career and income fronts settles into something sustainable. Put a game plan together. The door opens for networking. A full moon in your romantic sector reminds you that life can't be all work and no play.

Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan. 20) Pace yourself and have the right work/life balance in place. Adopt personal and financial confidence, even if you have to fake it till you make it. A lot of things are going to come to a head, which will test how strong your balance is. A full moon in your family sector won't let your home life suffer.

Aquarius (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19) Thursday's full moon is going to work to your advantage. Falling in your communication sector, it creates an opportunity to clear the air, give unsaid words a voice and run your emotions and your intuition through some smart filters. Any ideas that have lost steam get a shot in the arm.

Pisces (Feb. 20 - March 20) The planets of desire and passion are drawing closer together in a very adventurous part of your chart just as you're finding your old form on the daydreaming front. All of a sudden you're able to see beyond the brick wall you've been steering toward, seeing what's possible. Stay grounded on the financial front.

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