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'Purlie' goes to regional festival

Marshall University Theater's American College Theater Festival entry, "Purlie Victorious," has been selected as one of six plays to be performed at the Region X Festival at the University of South Carolina on Jan. 26-29.

"We were also notified that Joe Johns, a junior from Columbus, Ohio, who played the lead in our production, has been selected as a candidate for the Irene Ryan Scholarship," said Dr. N. Bennett East, associate professor of speech, who directed Marshall's entry.

Johns will be one of 13 students auditioning for a \$500 regional scholarship and for the opportunity to compete on the national level for a \$2,000 scholarship.

"Purlie Victorious," performed at Marshall Oct. 5-8, was one of 43 plays viewed and critiqued this fall by judges selecting participants for the Southeastern Theater Conference Regional Festival.

The Marshall theater group will perform at 1 p.m. on Jan. 29, according to East.

"Being selected to compete in the regional festival is really a great honor for the cast and crew members," East said. "Our students should be very proud of this accomplishment," he added. "It is especially gratifying to see Joe's extraordinary talent recognized," East noted.

The plays presented during the Southeastern Regional Festival will be screened by another panel of judges for possible selection as one of the 10 regional productions to go on to the national festival to be held in April at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, D.C.

Comprised of 13 regions, the American College Theater Festival is sponsored by the Kennedy Center and the Alliance for Art Education in conjunction with the American Theater Association with funding by Amoco Oil Co. Region X is composed of schools in Virginia, Kentucky, Tennessee, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi and West Virginia.

New regulations regarding purchasing

The Purchasing Department has asked that you make note of the following:

--The Department of Finance and Administration has scheduled a combined purchase for all state agencies on Small Hand Tools beginning Jan. 6.

This will be submitted on the regular requisition, WV-35, and the deadline for submission of requisitions to the Purchasing Office is Friday, Jan. 27.

Specifications may be obtained in the Purchasing Office, Room 206, Old Main.

The next planned schedule purchase of the subject commodities will be Aug. 10.

--The 1978 contract for Dry Cell Batteries is now with West Virginia Electric Company, Huntington, WV.

--Effective Jan. 3 all WV-47 Agreement Requisitions must be submitted a minimum of 30 days prior to the scheduled date of service. Agreements received after Jan. 3, which do not allow this 30 days for review and approval, will be returned for correction of the starting date.

Faculty meeting

A special faculty meeting will be held Tuesday, Jan. 24, at 4 p.m. in Old Main Auditorium.

The University Council received a petition from the Marshall University Chapter of the American Association of University Professors signed by 27 faculty members and requesting the faculty consider a number of items. Those items were outlined in an earlier special notice of the meeting distributed to the faculty.

Counseling, Rehab receives federal funds

Marshall University's Counseling and Rehabilitation Department has received \$14,907 from the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare as the second appropriation of a five-year renewable grant.

The grant, which totals \$31,649, is a continuation of HEW's longtime support for an ongoing training project in Undergraduate Education in Rehabilitation Services at Marshall, according to Steven A. Meadows, MU assistant professor of counseling and rehabilitation and project coordinator.

The training project is designed to provide a solid educational program for rehabilitation and other helping services personnel, Meadows said. Over the past 11 years, HEW has provided in excess of \$300,000 in support funds for the program, he added.

The funds are allocated by the Rehabilitation Services Administration through HEW's Office of Human Development.

Services held Monday for Bernice F. Wright

Funeral services were held Monday, Jan. 16, for Bernice F. Wright of 1105 2nd St., who died Jan. 13. Burial followed in Spring Hill Cemetery.

A 26-year veteran of the Marshall faculty, Miss Wright taught here from 1946 to 1972, retiring with the rank of associate professor of education. Before coming to Marshall, she taught at Ceredo-Kenova High School.

One of the founders of the campus chapter of Alpha Chi Omega, she earned a B.A. degree from Marshall and a Master of Arts from the University of Michigan.

She was a member of Delta Kappa Gamma and Kappa Delta Pi, education honoraries. Memorials may be made to Huntington's First United Methodist Church, of which she was a member.

BOR faculty council report

The following matters were considered at the December meeting of the Faculty Advisory Council of the Board of Regents:

1. In his report of the December meeting of the BOR, the chairman made the following announcements: (1) that the Board had approved program terminations recommended in the Academic Program Review; (2) that the Chancellor's staff had submitted bills relating to violations of campus parking regulations; trespassing or loitering on campuses; Board authority to contract for procurement of patents on inventions by faculty, associates and employees of the Board; and portability of scholarships; and (3) that the Board had endorsed the application for educational television (Channel 11) in the Huntington-Charleston area.
2. A discussion of Phase I, Comprehensive Planning Statement, revealed that the document, to a large extent, concerns itself with two-year programs and job training. Omissions noted included those related to professional schools, resources, foundation courses, graduate courses, a plan for moving from a two-year program to a four-year program, and assessment of career interests and industrial needs.
3. Following his report to the Council, the Chancellor fielded questions on a wide range of topics. When questioned regarding contracts, he stated that the Board of Regents uses only one contract form. A space is provided on the form for special conditions of employment. He noted that

tenure is not a contract. He further noted that terms such as "continuing contract" are institutional.

4. In a discussion of a State Teacher Retirement tax shelter proposal, the fear was expressed that a request to amend the Tax Retirement bill might result in a less favorable policy than the one now in effect. The chairman will make inquiry of members of the State Retirement Board about the wisdom of pursuing the matter.
5. Vice-Chancellor Wright led a discussion of the general retrenchment policy. He noted that Board policy lists three circumstances for tenured faculty dismissal. Two of these -- financial exigency and termination of a program -- require Board action. The third, the reduction of a program, is an institutional action and requires no Board approval. Dr. Wright suggested that, prior to a proposed joint meeting of the FAC and the Academic Affairs/Advisory Committee, the Board staff research working retrenchment policies at other institutions. A progress report will be heard at the January meeting.
6. The December agenda includes the following items: (1) Policy Bulletins 36 and 40 (carried over from the December agenda), (2) progress report on retrenchment, and (3) plans for the FAC meeting with the Council of Presidents in February.

Questions and comments will, as always, be welcomed.

Frank Aldred

NEWCOMERS

New to the campus are:

JAMES RICHENDOLLAR, programmer, Computer Center; JOHN R. WHITT, night operator, Computer Center; SARAH M. LEWIS, secretary, Counseling and Rehabilitation Department, and MRS. BETTY E. MILLS, FRANK HATFIELD and MARK KEVIN WARD, building service workers, Plant Operations.

Welcome to Marshall!

Deadline reminder

The Marshall University Research Application deadline is Thursday, Jan. 26. Forms may be secured at the Graduate School Office and are to be returned on, or before, the deadline.

Doctorate earned

Robert Stephen Angel, a Marshall University assistant professor of special education, has completed requirements for the Doctor of Philosophy degree at the University of Arizona.

The degree was conferred on Dec. 20, 1977. Dr. Angel's dissertation is entitled "Sex Role Preferences of Young Cerebral Palsied Children."

Personnel personals

James York Mininni, 7½ lbs. and 20 inches long, was born on Dec. 7, to Dr. and Mrs. Frank J. Mininni. The father is associate professor of philosophy and the mother, Erika Mininni, is a former German instructor at Marshall.

Deborah Ann Sommerville and William S. Sheils Jr. were united in marriage Dec. 31 in ceremonies at the Fifth Avenue Baptist Church of Huntington. Debbie is a secretary for the Special Services/Upward Bound Programs.

Proud of an accomplishment of a family member? Just married? Want to share some good news with your colleagues at Marshall? The News Letter would be happy to publish personal items for you. Send them through campus mail or hand deliver them to Judith Casto, University Relations, Old Main 112.