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Artists Series presents 'West Side Story'

The Marshall University Artists Series will present the musical theatre classic "West Side Story" Wednesday, Feb. 11 at 8 p.m. in the Keith-Albee Theatre, according to Angela Grant, marketing director with the series.

Based on Shakespeare's timeless love story "Romeo and Juliet," "West Side Story" is set against the gritty backdrop of gang warfare on the streets of New York City.

"As two rival teenage gangs battle over their share of neighborhood turf, a boy and girl from the opposing sides meet and fall in love," Grant said. "These familiar themes make this powerful and gripping musical as poignant today as when it took Broadway by storm in 1957."

The original musical production of "West Side Story" opened at the Winter Garden Theatre in New York City in 1957 and ran for 732 performances before it closed in 1959. The show won Tony Awards for Best Choreographer (Jerome Robbins) and Best Scenic Design (Oliver Smith).

"Featuring the brilliant collaboration of four theatrical legends – director/choreographer Jerome Robbins, writer Arther Laurents, composer Leonard Bernstein and lyricist Steven Sondheim – this production boasts a cast of the most energetic, young singer-dancers ever assembled," Grant said.

"Laurents' book tells the moving story of star-crossed lovers whose romance ends in tragedy. The memorable score, written by Bernstein and Sondheim, features some of the most extraordinary songs ever heard from the Broadway stage, including 'Somewhere,' 'Maria,' 'America,' 'One Hand, One Heart' and 'Tonight.'"

The new version of this classic production has received praise from critics as well. "West Side Story is now no longer just a legend, it is a living legend," said Clive Barnes, a writer for the New York Post.

Tickets for this production of "West Side Story" are \$28 and \$30. To purchase tickets or for more information, contact Angela Grant in the Marshall Artists Series, 696-6656.



Samantha Lasch and Brent Schindele star in "West Side Story" Feb. 11.

Help needed for Very Special Arts festival

Volunteers are needed for the district festival of Very Special Arts, which will be held Thursday, March 5 in the Veterans Memorial Field House, according to John Hunter, executive director of Very Special Arts West Virginia.

"We need the help of Marshall faculty, staff and students to conduct art activities at the festival," Hunter said. "We also need help with registration, serving drinks, blowing up balloons, hospitality and one-on-one assistance for students with disabilities."

Eight hundred students with disabilities from elementary and middle schools in West

Virginia, Kentucky and Ohio will participate in the celebration of the arts.

Programs in visual arts, dance, drama and music will be offered from 9 a.m. to noon. These programs will offer activities including print making, line dancing, story telling, puppetry and singing.

"These activities need to be projects that students can participate for long or short periods of time according to their level of interest and ability," Hunter said.

Very Special Arts West Virginia is housed at Marshall University. Contact John Hunter, 696-6384, to volunteer or to learn more about the festival.

Local journalists to speak Feb. 11

WSAZ-TV news producer Maribeth Anderson, Charleston Daily Mail city editor Chris Stadelman and Huntington Quarterly editor and publisher Jack Houvouras will speak Wednesday, Feb. 11 at 3:30 p.m. in the Shawkey Room of Marshall University's Memorial Student Center, according to Dr. Montserrat Miller, assistant professor of history and Drinko Academy Fellow at MU.

The speakers will be at Marshall as part of the "What's It Like?" lecture series, sponsored by the MU Honors Program and the MU Honors Student Association. The Feb. 11 program is the third installment in the

four-part series and will cover the topic of "Journalism."

"Each year we present this lecture series in which experienced, successful professionals discuss their disciplines with students," Miller said. "Panelists from various segments of each profession assure students of receiving a well-rounded and informed view."

Each speaker will make a short formal presentation, which will be followed by questions from the audience.

The "What's It Like?" lecture series is free and open to the public. Contact Dr. Miller for more information, 696-6405.

Jazz flutist kicks off Black History Month

World renowned jazz flutist Galen Abdur-Razzaq will kick off Marshall University's celebration of Black History Month with a lecture and performance on Tuesday, Feb. 3, according to Ken Blue, associate vice president for multicultural affairs and international programs.

Abdur-Razzaq will conduct a lecture followed by a question and answer session from 2 to 3 p.m. in Room 2W37 in the Memorial Student Center. He will also give a performance at 7 p.m. at Marco's in the Memorial Student Center. Both activities are free.

IRS increases mileage reimbursement rates

The Internal Revenue Service has increased the mileage reimbursement rate for business travel from 31 1/2¢ to 32 1/2¢ per mile, effective Jan. 1, 1998.

This new rate should be used when reimbursing employees and non-employees for use of privately owned vehicles for business travel.

Contact the accounting office, 696-2211, or Belinda Callicot, 696-2212, for more information.

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Technology Management director named

Dr. Bernard M. Gillespie has been appointed director of the Technology Management graduate program at Marshall University, as well as professor of engineering. The Technology Management Program is a two-campus master's degree program with classes offered at Marshall's main campus in Huntington and at the Marshall University Graduate College in South Charleston.

Announcement of the appointment was made by Dr. James W. Hooper, director of



Gillespie

the MU Environmental Center.

"I am delighted that Dr. Gillespie has joined us as director of the Technology Management graduate program," Hooper said. "He brings a wealth of experience and success in managing complex technology-oriented research and development endeavors, which directly benefit participants in this innovative new graduate program."

"I expect Dr. Gillespie to make significant contributions as we expand our academic programs and services to meet the needs of employers and working professionals in the region."

Gillespie earned his Ph.D. in chemical engineering from the University of Notre Dame. He has extensive experience in energy, technology and business leadership.

Center appoints environmental specialist to manage incubator

Marshall University's Center for Environmental, Geotechnical, and Applied Sciences (CEGAS) has named George Carico as environmental specialist and manager of its Environmental Management Incubator (EMI).

The incubator serves regional business and industry by helping address environmental issues.

As a professional geologist, Carico has more than 10 years' experience in the environmental consulting industry. In his new position he is responsible for interaction with various business development groups and regional businesses to develop and provide environmental outreach assistance.

Dr. James W. Hooper, director of CEGAS, announced the appointment. "I expect George Carico to provide valuable assistance to small- and medium-sized companies in the region," Hooper said.



Carico

"In his previous employment as an environmental consultant and manager in this area, George has become very knowledgeable about environmental issues facing smaller companies, including potential legal issues, and diminished profitability."

"He has already begun an active outreach program to help companies that do not have adequate personnel and financial resources to deal effectively with their environmental issues."

Carico said he expects to use a "hands on" approach to help ensure the success of the EMI mission. "By helping local businesses, I stay on top of new developments in the environmental industry, and I enjoy being able to contribute to the local economy," Carico said.

A Marshall University graduate, Carico has a B. S. in Geology and is a certified OSHA trainer as well as a certified AHERA Asbestos Inspector and Management Planner.

For more information contact Jennifer Moran, 696-3092, in the MU Center for Environmental, Geotechnical, and Applied Sciences.

Prior to coming to MU, Gillespie served in a number of capacities during his 29 years at Mobil Corporation, including manager of the Research Service Division and president of Mobil Solar Energy Corporation. He has a strong record of strategic planning and implementation leading to turnarounds in manufacturing and service businesses.

"I'm delighted to join the Marshall University team," Gillespie said. "The future leaders of the state face an increasingly complicated and technical society. The Technology Management Program will prepare them to deal effectively with this future."

We are striving to expand this program to cover areas of technology crucial to West Virginia and the nation including information and environmental technology, and manufacturing systems."

For more information contact Jennifer Moran, 696-3092, in the Center for Environmental, Geotechnical, and Applied Sciences.

MU to change financial system

Marshall University will convert to a new financial management system during the 1998-99 fiscal year in order to make operations more efficient, according to Herbert J. Karlet, vice president for finance.

Conversion of the current system into the Banner Finance System will allow financial information to be combined with other areas of the university, creating a "fully integrated management package" that is more efficient.

"A major advantage of this new software will be the seamless integration of payroll and accounts receivable data with the general ledgers," Karlet said.

"Currently additional data entry effort is required to incorporate information from different software packages into the university's general ledger."

"By streamlining this information gathering component, the information used

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MU faculty and staff achievements

JOSEPHINE FIDLER, director of University Libraries, MONICA BROOKS, associate director for technology services and planning in the Department of University Libraries, and MAJED KHADER, government documents librarian, attended the American Library Association Midwinter meeting Jan. 9-14 in New Orleans, La.

BROOKS was selected to provide web assistance for a new Internet site for the Ethnic Materials and Information Exchange (EMIE) Round Table. She was also asked to serve on the Publication and Bulletins Committee of the EMIE.

KHADER is a member of the ALA Education Committee and ACRL Racial and Ethnic Diversity Committee. He was also involved with the Government Documents Roundtable.

Dr. CELENE SEYMORE, associate director of University Libraries in the MU

Graduate College, was recently awarded a doctorate in English by the Indiana University of Pennsylvania. Her dissertation documented the relationship between college writing teachers' beliefs and their use of instructional texts in the writing classroom.

Dr. STEVE SHUKLIAN, associate professor in the Department of Economics, presented a paper entitled "The Development of the Ahistorical Perspective of Modern Economics" at the Annual Meeting of the Allied Social Sciences Association, held Jan. 2-5 in Chicago. SHUKLIAN also served as a chairperson on two panels, one entitled "Politics, the Cold War, and the Welfare State" and another entitled "Health, Education and Welfare: Policy Issues."

Dr. LYNNE WELCH, dean of the School of Nursing, recently attended the 11th Annual International Conference for Women in Higher Education, held in San Francisco.

WELCH founded this conference in 1988 and was responsible for the early four years of its existence.

Dr. LAURA WYANT, associate professor in the Division of Human Services and Allied Technology, attended the National DECA Post-Secondary Council Advisory Committee meeting Jan. 23-25 in Washington, D.C. This council is composed of a selected group of individuals from across the country who are brought together by the association to provide direction and guidance for the organization.

Dr. ALINA ZAPALSKA, associate professor in the Division of Finance and Economics, has recently published the following articles in the journals listed:

"Teaching an International Economics Course in the MBA Program," published in the Journal of Business Economics Research;

"The Market Game," co-authored with Dr. DALLAS BROZIK, associate professor in the Division of Finance and Economics, published in the Journal of Behavioral Sciences;

"The Role of New Entrepreneurship in the New Emerging Market Economies. An Empirical Approach: A Case Study for Poland," published in the Journal of Behavioral Sciences.

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by managers around campus should be more timely and easier to use."

A nine person "project implementation team" will be responsible for the conversion to the Banner Finance System. In addition to the project team, various individuals from campus will be asked to serve on subcommittees to assist with detailed components of the system.

"This project will set the direction for university financial operations for the foreseeable future," Karlet said. "Throughout the implementation process, current business practices will be reviewed and modified to streamline operations as much as possible when the new system is in place."

A general demonstration of the Banner Finance System will be conducted at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 4 in the Shawkey Dining Room of the Memorial Student Center. Seating is limited and reservations can be made by calling the Accounting Office, 696-6488.

Children's and Teens' College offered

Students of all ages will get the opportunity to sample "college life" this spring as Marshall University offers its annual Children's and Teens' College on Saturdays this semester, according to Pam Hamilton, director of the Continuing Education program at MU.

"You're never too young to learn at Marshall," Hamilton said. "Students from kindergarten through middle school have attended our classes for more than a decade and we look forward to another successful kids' college this year."

The Children's and Teens' College will be conducted from 9 a.m. to noon on Feb. 21, 28, March 14 and March 21. The following is a list of classes, their age groups and the times they will be offered:

KINDERGARTEN

Primarily Physics - 9 to 9:50 a.m. Students will conduct hands-on activities that reveal simple facts about sound, light and heat energy using math and science concepts.

Art Techniques - Crayons - 9 to 9:50 a.m. Learn how to create rubbings, crayon mosaics, etchings and more using a variety of art techniques.

Story Telling/Acting - 10 to 10:50 a.m. Students will bring stories to life through role playing, pantomime, acting and other activities.

Hands-on Chemistry - 10 to 10:50 a.m. Conduct simple chemistry experiments using common household substances and observe chemical changes that produce new substances like carbon dioxide, water, hydrogen or oxygen.

Counting Bears - 11 to 11:50 a.m. Use hands-on activities to explore patterns, coordinates, graphing, order, seasons, counting, following instructions, numbers and colors.

Under Construction - 11 to 11:50 a.m. Explore technology by investigating materials, tools and design concepts. Build a puppet, design a simple house and build a bridge.

FIRST GRADE

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Attracted to Magnets - 11 a.m. to noon. Explore the almost magical and unseen effects of magnetism by conducting numerous hands-on experiments to discover the properties of magnets.

Fossils & Dinosaurs - 11 a.m. to noon. Make plaster casts of fossils, explore a dinosaur trackway and investigate prey and predator relationships. Students also assemble dinosaurs from a bone pile.

SECOND AND THIRD GRADES

The Shape of Geometry - 9 to 10:30 a.m. Work with straws to build supporting structures. Learn about measurement, shapes, estimation and angles.

Bats Amazing - 9 to 10:30 a.m. Explore these fascinating creatures of the night through scientific investigations. Learn how to identify different species, how they fly and locate food.

Everyone's an Artist - 9 to 10:30 a.m. Explore art media through hands-on exploration of pastels, paint and paper. Develop an interest in art as a form of self expression.

Under the Microscope - 10:30 a.m. to noon. Use microscopes to explore the world of the smallest living things on earth. Draw and label bread mold, protozoa and water fleas.

Aeronautics - 10:30 a.m. to noon. Investigate the properties of air and the principles of flight. Design, build and test different flying machines.

Creative Dynamics - 10:30 to noon. Tales from literature and stories from the imagination of students come to life as students explore a variety of dramatic games and activities.

FOURTH AND FIFTH GRADES

Internet - 9 to 10:30 a.m. Use Netscape Navigator to browse the World Wide Web. Learn to access favorite "kid" sites. Parents may also attend this class with their child with registration and payment.

Under the Microscope - 9 to 10:30 a.m. Use microscopes to explore the world of the smallest living things on earth. Draw and label bread mold, protozoa and water fleas.

Aeronautics - 9 to 10:30 a.m. Investigate the properties of air and the principles of flight. Design, build and test different flying machines.

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Art - 10:30 a.m. to noon. Explore the ideas and techniques of famous artists. Recreate paper cut-outs like Matisse and paint O'Keefe's large and beautiful flowers. Students use pastels to paint.

Machine Shop - 10:30 to noon. Students explore simple machines through a number of hands-on activities and determine the mechanical advantage of using a simple machine. Investigate planes, levers, gears, wheels and axles.

Klondike Gold - 10:30 to noon. This year marks the centennial of the "Last Great Adventure," the Klondike Gold Rush of the late 19th century. Learn about the people, places and events of that period and learn how to identify and pan for gold.

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Searching the Internet - 9 to 10:30 a.m. Students learn how to use the most powerful search engine on the World Wide Web to locate specific items of interest.

CO Vehicles - 9 to 10:30 a.m. Learn the six technical systems of land transportation and factors affecting the speed of a vehicle. Students will design, build and test an aerodynamically efficient carbon dioxide model dragster car made of wood, plastic and metal.

Acting Plus - 9 to 10:30 a.m. A part for everyone from script writer to makeup artist. Whether you act or direct, students are involved in all facets of producing a stage play.

"Surf the Net" - 10:30 to noon. Students will learn how to better use the resources of the Internet and find incredible amounts of information available on the "Information Superhighway." Parents may also attend this class with their child, please send registration and payment also.

Advanced Math - 10:30 to noon. Math activities designed to challenge even the most talented student.

Rocketry - 10:30 to noon. Design, build and launch model rockets. Learn about basic rocket design and flight principles.

Cost for kindergarten and first grade courses of the Children's and Teens' College is \$25 for one class, \$45 for two classes and \$60 for three classes. Second grade through middle school classes are \$36 for one class and \$60 for two courses.

Due to limited enrollment, pre-registration is required for each course. Contact Pam Hamilton, 696-6205, in the MU Department of Continuing Education for more information.

Funeral held for Ernest W. Cole

Funeral services were held Sunday, Jan. 25 for Ernest W. Cole, a former professor in the MU College of Business. He was 76.

Cole retired from Marshall with over 35 years of service. Before joining the faculty, he received a bachelor's and master's degree from Marshall, with advanced studies at the Wharton School of Business at the University of Pennsylvania.

He served on the Board of Examiners at the American College in Bryn Mawr, Pa.

An active member of the Twentieth Street Baptist Church, Cole served as its financial secretary and taught the Men's Bible Class broadcast on the radio for over 30 years.

An Air Force Veteran of World War II, Cole is survived by his wife of 54 years, Della Ohnalene Cole; one daughter, Ruth A. Ouellette and her husband Rob of Upper Marlboro, Md.

Any contributions may be made to the Memorial Fund of the Twentieth Street Baptist Church.

Women's and Returning Students Program offering two scholarships

Application deadline is Feb. 20 for two scholarships offered by the MU Women's and Returning Students Program, according to Leah Tolliver, coordinator of the MU Women's Center.

The Women of Marshall Scholarships and the Eugene Crawford Memorial Scholarship will be awarded during the 1998 Celebration of Women Awards Dinner to be held March 30. All applications must be completed and returned to the Women's Center, 143 Prichard Hall, by the Feb. 20 deadline.

"The Women of Marshall Scholarships will be awarded to four outstanding female undergraduate students who can demonstrate

a strong commitment to academic success, multicultural and gender equity and community or university service," Tolliver said.

One undergraduate student (male or female) will be the recipient of the Eugene Crawford Scholarship. "This student must demonstrate a strong commitment to academic success and involvement in one or more of the following areas: law enforcement or other community service; domestic violence or sexual assault prevention, or work with the physically or mentally challenged," she said.

Contact Tolliver in the Women's Center, 696-3338, for more information.