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ATTENTION: NEWS DIRECTORS/EDITORS

YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio - The Board of Trustees of Youngstown State University will hold a regular meeting at 3 p.m. Friday, Feb. 8, in Tod Administration Building.

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YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio - Barrie Stavis, distinguished American playwright, and Peter Bellamy, critic-at-large for the Cleveland Plain Dealer, will be joining the communitywide celebration of theatre held at Youngstown State University in conjunction with University Theatre's production of Stavis' moving drama, "Harpers Ferry."

One of the most often produced American playwrights in eastern Europe, Stavis has earned his internationally acclaimed reputation in theatre by writing plays based on historical events involving men who have fostered significant social change. In this vein he has written a powerful tetralogy of four plays including: "Lamp at Midnight: The Story of Galileo"; "The Man Who Never Died: The Story of Joe Hill"; "Coat of Many Colors: The Story of Joseph in Egypt"; and "Harpers Ferry: The Story of John Brown's historic raid."

In recognition of his contribution to theatre and the world of letters, Stavis has been given a lengthy biographical entry in Contemporary Dramatists and is listed in Who's Who in America.

Barrie Stavis will begin his residency in Youngstown with two public lecture-discussions to be presented in the Spotlight Arena Theatre in Bliss Hall on the YSU campus.

On Monday, Feb. 18, he will discuss "Objective and Subjective Conflict" and Tuesday, Feb. 19, he will discuss "Stake: The Nucleus of a Play." Both presentations, which deal with the nature of creativity and playwrighting, will begin at 4 p.m. and are open to the general public at no charge.

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Joining Stavis on Thursday, Feb. 21, will be Peter Bellamy, a veteran journalist who joined the Cleveland Plain Dealer in 1960 and who shortly thereafter began a long tenure as drama critic and entertainment editor. Bellamy has since become one of the Plain Dealer's most popular columnists.

On Thursday, Feb. 21, at 4 p.m., he will present a lecture-discussion on "The Responsibilities of Dramatic Criticism" in the Spotlight Arena Theatre in Bliss Hall.

Joining him in the discussion as respondents are Stavis, Christopher Martin (artistic director of the City Stage Company, NYC), Bentley Lenhoff (executive director of the Youngstown Playhouse), and Karl Schwab (entertainment editor for the Youngstown Vindicator). The program is also free and open to the public.

Bellamy's presentation on the 21st will be followed by a "Meet the Playwright First Nighters' Buffet" in Kilcawley Center prior to University Theatre's performance of "Harpers Ferry" at 8 p.m. in Ford Auditorium. The play, directed by Christopher Martin, will feature a student cast and will be followed by a discussion symposium allowing audience members to interact with members of the "Harpers Ferry" company.

Reservations for the buffet (\$6.50 per person) and the play (\$4 per person) are required and may be made by phoning the University Theatre Box Office at (216) 742-3105.

This "Harpers Ferry" symposium is sponsored by University Theatre and YSU's Raymond J. Wean Lectureship Program with funds provided by the Youngstown Foundation.

University Theatre productions are part of the cultural offerings provided by the College of Fine and Performing Arts of Youngstown State University.

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YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio - The Office of Continuing Education at Youngstown State University will offer a five-week course, "Financial Planning for Families with \$40,000-Plus Combined Incomes," beginning March 4.

The course is structured to teach participants how to coordinate and integrate personal financial planning to minimize the effects of taxes and inflation. The course topics will be: goal setting; tax planning; types of investments; risk management, and retirement and estate planning.

The instructor for the course will be Frank C. Filisky, certified financial planner. Filisky received his undergraduate degree from YSU. He is an active member of the International Association of Financial Planners and the Institute for Certified Financial Planners.

The fee for the course is \$125 per registrant, or \$200 for registrant and spouse. The course will meet 6-8 p.m. on Mondays, March 4 through April 1.

For further information or to register, call the YSU Office of Continuing Education at (216) 742-3358.

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YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio - A one-day seminar, "Applied Robotics," will be offered from 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. March 8 by the Youngstown State University Office of Continuing Education. The seminar will be held on campus.

Although robots are rapidly becoming a permanent fixture in many industries, robots are not suitable for all operations. This seminar will explore the basics of setting up a potential robotic system including: determining the feasibility of a system; the required system design; total cost, and financial justification. The seminar will also cover some basic design hints, with options for the construction and installation of a robotic system.

The seminar leader will be Frank Skinner, president of Robo-Tech Systems. Skinner holds a master's degree in mechanical engineering, and has worked with robotics at Whirlpool, Advance Products, and General Electric.

The fee for the seminar will be \$175, which includes lunch, parking, refreshments and all materials.

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