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This Week

Monday, Jan. 23 through Thursday, Jan. 26.

The YSU Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships host Financial Aid Awareness Week. See last week's YSU News Briefs for a detailed list of activities.

Wednesday, Jan. 25, 12:15 p.m. The YSU Dana School of Music presents a free Music at Noon concert in the Butler Institute of American Art. See News Brief below for more details.

Thursday, Jan. 26 through Sunday, Jan. 29.

University Theater presents RIFF RAFF in Spotlight Arena Theater in Bliss Hall at **7:30 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday**, and **3 p.m. Sunday**. See News Brief below for details.

Thursday, Jan. 26, 7:05 p.m. The YSU women's hoops squad takes on Detroit in Beeghly Center.

Friday, Jan. 27, noon. Monika Flaschka, visiting assistant professor at the College of Wooster, presents "International Holocaust Remembrance Day: The Purpose and Politics of Memory" in the Gallery of Kilcawley Center. Free and open to the public. See News Brief below for more details.

Friday, Jan. 27, 3 p.m. Teams from YSU, Ohio University, Duquense, Robert Morris and Wright State compete in the YSU Track & Field Invitational at the WATTS on campus.

Saturday, Jan. 28. Penguins basketball doubleheader in Beeghly Center: women play Wright state at **4:35 p.m.**, followed by the men's team against Cleveland State at **7:05 p.m.** Visit www.ysusports.com.



YSU students Anthony Genovese, Breyton Stubbs and Cheney Morgan star in Laurence Fishburne's *RIFF RAFF*, presented by University Theater Jan. 26 through 29 in Bliss Hall at YSU. Read more in this edition of the *YSU News Briefs*.

University Theater presents *RIFF RAFF* Jan. 26 to 29

University Theater's Blackbox Productions stages Laurence Fishburne's drama, *RIFF RAFF* Jan. 26 through 29 in Bliss Hall's Spotlight Arena Theater on the campus of Youngstown State University.

Thursday, Friday and Saturday performances start at 7:30 p.m., with a Sunday matinee performance at 3 p.m.



Laurence Fishburne

The play, the first by noted film actor Laurence Fishburne, contains obscene language, images of violence and dealing in drugs. The performance is intended for mature audiences only. Children will not be admitted.

RIFF RAFF has had a critically successful run of performances in Los Angeles and New York. It is the story of two low-rent hustlers who try to outscore a local drug dealer and find themselves hiding out in an apartment waiting for the right time to make good their escape.

Frank Castronovo, chairperson and professor of the Department of Theater and Dance said it is always a concern when producing a show containing strong language, or disturbing images.

"While we have no wish to offend anyone, we cannot entirely avoid such work," he said. "We are a university, first and foremost, and a requirement of our training mission is to

present critically-acclaimed works that are at the forefront of contemporary American drama. Like it or not, profanity is a part of modern American vernacular, and as theater

mirrors life, we cannot be truthful in certain types of modern dramatic representation without its use. We hope our patrons understand. University Theater produces a wide variety of dramatic work, and we will always make an effort to advise audiences when we occasionally present a play with possibly offending content."

Tickets are available by calling the University Theater Box Office at 330-941-3105. Ticket price for the general public is \$5 with \$3 discount tickets available for students, senior citizens and Penguin Club members. There are no reserved seats in Spotlight Arena Theater; patrons are encouraged to purchase their tickets early. Parking is available in the Wick Avenue parking deck for a nominal fee.

White-collar criminal speaks on campus

Sam Antar, convicted felon, former certified public accountant, and former chief financial officer of Crazy Eddie, focuses on "Lessons about White-Collar Crime from a Master Criminal" during a visit Friday, Feb. 3 to Youngstown State University's Williamson College of Business Administration.

Antar will speak at 7:30 a.m. in Rooms 3422 and 3423 of Williamson Hall as part of the Williamson Symposium Lecture Series sponsored by the WCBA. The breakfast and presentation are free and open to the public. To make a reservation, visit www.yсу.edu/wcба and use the Williamson Symposium Link or call Christine Shelton at 330-941-3068. Free parking is available in the lot on Wood Street across from the southern entrance to Williamson Hall.

Antar also will speak at 12:30 p.m. in the first floor auditorium in Williamson Hall. This presentation, part of an Ethics Conference presented by WCBA in collaboration with the Institute of Management Accountants and the Dr. James Dale Ethics Center at YSU, is for YSU students and is not open to the general public.

The ethics conference, which runs from 8:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., is intended to create a



Sam Antar

shared focus among students and faculty on the importance of business ethics, corporate social responsibility, and sustainable business.

"We're teaching students how businesses can be agents of ethical, social and environmental change in society, and we are equipping students to be part of that change," said David Law, professor of accounting who is spearheading the planning for the conference.

Antar, as the CFO of Crazy Eddie, helped Eddie Antar and other family members mastermind one of the largest securities frauds uncovered during the 1980s. His responsibilities at Crazy Eddie included skimming, money laundering, insurance fraud, securities fraud and other criminal activities. He eventually pleaded guilty to three felonies. He was sentenced to six-months of house arrest, 1,200 hours of community service and paid approximately \$10,000 in fines. In his settlement with the Securities and Exchange Commission, he agreed to a lifetime bar from being an officer or director of a public company and paid \$20,000 in disgorgement of losses that were avoided by selling his Crazy Eddie stock at inflated prices.

Today, Antar advises federal and state law enforcement agencies such as the U.S. Department of Defense, the U.S. Treasury and the SEC about white-collar crime. He teaches about white-collar crime for colleges, universities, professional organizations and businesses.

Holocaust expert visits campus this Friday

Monika Flaschka, visiting assistant professor at the College of Wooster, presents "International Holocaust Remembrance Day: The Purpose and Politics of Memory" at noon Friday, Jan. 27, in the Gallery of Kilcawley Center on the campus of Youngstown State University.

Flaschka, who works in Wooster's Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies Program, has served as a Charles H. Revson Foundation

Fellow at the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington D.C. Her research has focused on sexual assaults during the Holocaust and the precipitating factors behind those assaults.



The presentation is free and open to the public. For more information, contact the YSU Center for Judaic and Holocaust Studies at 330-941-1604 or judaic@ysu.edu.

The presentation is in honor of Holocaust Remembrance Day. Jan. 27 marks the anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau, the largest Nazi death camp. In 2005, the United Nations General Assembly designated this day as International Holocaust Remembrance Day, an annual day of commemoration to honor the victims of the Nazi-era.

Music at Noon concerts set for January, February

Youngstown State University's Dana School of Music and the Butler Institute of American Art present free Music at Noon concerts at 12:15 p.m. Wednesdays at the museum.

The concerts are open to the public and parking is free at the Butler. Concerts for the spring semester start on Jan. 25 and conclude May 2. For more information, call the Dana School of Music at 330-941-3636.

Performances for the months of January and February are as follows:

- **Wednesday, Jan. 25** - Musical Theater
- **Wednesday, Feb. 8** - Guest Artist Trio Abelia - GERALYN GIOVANNETTI, oboe; DENISE ROOT PIERCE, horn; DAVID PALMER, piano
- **Wednesday, Feb. 15** - Jazz Combos
- **Wednesday, Feb. 22** - Brass Chamber Music
- **Wednesday, Feb. 29** - YSU Percussion Ensemble

Diversity awards nominations due Feb. 1

The deadline is Feb. 1 to make nominations for awards that will be presented at the Diversity Leadership Recognition Celebration in March.

Nominees should be leaders who have exemplified a commitment to the promotion and engagement of race, ethnicity, religion, culture, gender, disability, language, sexual orientation and organizational membership.

Recognition will be given in the following categories: Leaders of Tomorrow – an upper division YSU student (i.e. graduate student, senior or junior); Campus Leadership – YSU administrator, staff or faculty; and Community Leadership – individual, business, group, agency, organization or community initiative (must be in existence for at least three years). Nominations can be completed online or obtained at http://www.ysu.edu/div_ysu/.

Award recipients will be recognized at the Diversity Leadership Recognition Celebration at Mr. Anthony's on Thursday, March 29, 2012, at 6 p.m. The cost is \$35 per person or a table of eight for \$280.

For more information or to make reservations, contact the YSU Office of Equal Opportunity and Diversity at 330-941-3370. Proceeds from the event will fund student scholarships through an endowment that has been established with the YSU Foundation. For more information on the scholarship, visit the YSU Foundation's website at <http://www.ysu.edu/ysufoundation/welcome.shtml>. The scholarship application deadline is Feb. 15.