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YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio - Giuseppe Verdi's "Rigoletto" will be broadcast live from the stage of the Metropolitan Opera House by Youngstown State University's fine arts radio station, WYSU-FM (88.5), at 2 p.m. April 6. The station is an affiliate of the Texaco-Metropolitan Opera Radio Network.

Judith Blegen will be heard as the innocent Gilda, and Louis Quilico as her father, the hunchbacked jester, Rigoletto. Dano Raffanti will be the libertine Duke of Mantua, Isola Jones as Maddalena, Richard J. Clark as Monterone, and John Macurdy will be Sparafucile. Nello Santi will be the conductor and Peter Allen will announce the broadcast.

American playwright Terrence McNally will discuss Verdi and "Rigoletto" during the first intermission. Edward Downs will be quizmaster for the second intermission feature, the opera quiz.

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YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio - Youngstown State University graduates today (3/23/85) were challenged to serve as catalysts for productive, constructive and creative change today and tomorrow.

The challenge was made by Carmen E. Turner, general manager of the Washington, D.C. Metropolitan Area Transit Authority who gave the Winter Commencement address in Beeghly Center to the graduates, their families and friends.

"All of today's graduates will be faced with the imperative of change, and at a faster pace than those who have graduated before you. Your education should help you to anticipate and adapt.

"But more than this, and more important," Mrs. Turner said, "your education should help you serve as catalysts, as intellectually alert, morally sensitive agents for productive, constructive and creative change in our society. It is only by questioning what is accepted now that social and industrial progress is made. A particularly questing generation--the members of the Class of 1985--will define the bounds which serve as starting points for future generations."

The speaker did attach some attributes for success in her address, "Changes, Challenges and Opportunities." "As most people, I will tell you luck and circumstance each play a part in the opportunities that life presents, but some basic virtues and values--hard work, discipline, dedication, creativity and enthusiasm--will determine the number of opportunities that are presented to you.

"The diploma you receive today says you CAN do all that is required of you for your career, for your conscience and for your country. I am confident that you will do that and more."

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During the ceremonies for 864 graduates, Mrs. Turner was awarded an honorary Doctor of Laws degree by the University.

In some 30 years as an administrator with the federal government, Mrs. Turner has held numerous key positions. Since 1983 she has been general manager of one of the nation's largest public transit systems. She is also chairperson of the training committee for the American Public Transit Association. Before taking over the top position she was assistant general manager for administration for the Transit Authority, and also served as deputy director of Civil Rights for the Urban Mass Transportation Administration and acting director of Civil Rights for the U.S. Department of Transportation.

During the commencement exercises, 245 received associate degrees, 512 bachelor degrees, and 107 master's degrees.

Of those receiving masters degrees, 3 received master of arts degrees; 29 master of business administration, 3 master of music, 5 master of science, 50 master of science in education, 17 master of science in engineering.

Bachelor degrees awarded were: 81 bachelor of arts, 62 bachelor of engineering, 14 bachelor of fine arts, 13 bachelor of music, 51 bachelor of science, 83 bachelor of science in applied science, 150 bachelor of science in business administration, 56 bachelor of science in education, and 2 bachelor of science in nursing.

Associate degrees awarded were: 5 associate in arts, 55 associate in applied business, 182 associate in applied science, and 3 associate in labor studies.

Officials participating in the Winter Commencement included YSU President Neil D. Humphrey, who introduced the University Board of Trustees and conferred the various degrees on the graduates; Frank C. Watson, trustee chairman who introduced Mrs. Turner; and Dr. Bernard T. Gillis, University provost, who recognized graduates who attained university honors.

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Graduates were presented by the deans of the schools and colleges of the university: Dr. Victor A. Richley, College of Applied Science and Technology; Dr. H. Robert Dodge, Warren P. Williamson, Jr. School of Business Administration; Dr. David P. Ruggles, School of Education; Jon M. Naberezny, acting dean of the College of Fine and Performing Arts; Dr. Bernard J. Yozwiak, College of Arts and Sciences; Dr. George E. Sutton, William Rayen School of Engineering and Dr. Sally M. Hotchkiss, associate provost and dean of Graduate Studies.

The invocation was given by the Rev. Richard C. Belsan, pastor of the Pilgrim Collegiate Church, Youngstown, and the benediction by the Rev. George Neiman, pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Youngstown.

Music was by the YSU Symphonic Wind Ensemble directed by James C. Umble.

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