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YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio - Fifteen area high school seniors who will be attending Youngstown State University this fall have been awarded Gold Bar Scholarships by the Reserve Officers Training Corps (ROTC) at YSU.

They were selected for their academic achievement plus their interest in earning an Army or Army Reserve commission while working toward their college degree, according to Lt. Col. Paul W. Fellingner of Boardman, chairman of the University's Military Science Department.

He noted these scholarship winners will also be eligible for another \$900 Gold Bar Scholarship for their sophomore year.

The program, initiated in 1983, is funded through the YSU Foundation.

Freshman ROTC Gold Bar Scholarship recipients, and their high schools, are:

| <u>NAME</u> | <u>HOME TOWN</u> | <u>HIGH SCHOOL</u> |
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| Donald Couche | Berlin Center | Jackson-Milton High |
| Nick Genova | New Waterford | Crestview |
| Joseph Ginocchi | New Castle, Pa. | New Castle |
| Steven Hile | Lisbon | David Anderson |
| Jeffrey Jordan | Euclid | Euclid |
| Patrick Merrick | Warren | Harding |
| Steve Remner | New Middletown | Springfield |
| Lisa Rhome | Canfield | Fitch |
| Scott Sheldon | Columbiana | Columbiana |
| Christine Siembieda | Columbiana | Columbiana |
| Linda Smith | Columbiana | Columbiana |
| Tara Taylor | Columbiana | Columbiana |
| William Thompson | New Kensington, Pa. | Plum |
| James Vavrinak | Austintown | Ursuline |
| Louis Yuhasz | Austintown | Fitch |

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YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio - The ribald fun of Roman comedy appears on stage when Youngstown State University Theatre and Kilcawley Center continue Theatrefest '86 with the Broadway hit musical, "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum."

The dinner theatre show opens July 18 and continues through four weekends in the Chestnut Room of Kilcawley Center, Spring Street.

An all-you-can-eat buffet dinner at 6 p.m. will precede each evening performance July 18, 19, 25, 26, 31, Aug. 1, 2, 7, 8 and 9. Sunday brunches and matinees will be offered at 1 p.m. July 27 and Aug. 3.

Director Dennis Henneman of Boardman, YSU's coordinator of theatre, describes the musical as a delightful romp through the styles and conventions of Roman comedy.

Inspired by the rowdy farces of Plautus, "A Funny Thing.." uses the low-life brothel settings, broad farcical style and many comedic conventions common to early Roman theatre. Even the use of music reflects theatrical practices of early Rome.

With music and lyrics by Stephen Sondheim and book by Burt Shevelove and Larry Gelbart, the story concerns the antics of the Roman slave Pseudolus, who will stop at nothing to gain his long-sought freedom. His efforts to solve the romantic problems of his master lead to puzzling complications and zany happenings.

Appearing as Pseudolus, the role made famous by Zero Mostel in the Broadway production by Hal Prince, is theatre veteran Doug Downie of Youngstown. His cohort in deception, Hysterium, will be played by Bernie Appugliese, Youngstown, popular University Theatre and Youngstown Playhouse performer.

The love interest is provided by Hero, played by John Campana, recent Ursuline High School graduate, and Philia, portrayed by Lori Weinblatt, a Liberty High senior. Campana, who will be a freshman at YSU this fall, is recipient of the four-year Dean's Scholarship in theatre.

MORE

ADD ONE

The roles of Hero's parents are played by Russ Nalepa, an Ursuline math teacher, and Donna Downie, actress/director who teaches English and speech at Ursuline.

Others in the cast are Erronius, created by Mark Passerello, YSU theatre major from New Castle, Pa.; Captain Miles Gloriosus, portrayed by Bob Kozar of Hubbard, a graduate student and Brookfield High teacher; and Lycus, played by Chris Fidram, YSU sophomore from Boardman.

Also in the production are Loraine Pavalko, Colleen Shutrump and Aaron Burger of Canfield; Kathryn White, Boardman; Marifrances Conrad, Columbiana; Gretchen Schweitzer and Fedra Anastasiadis, Warren; and Dave Gonaruk and Tim Jackubek, Youngstown.

Assisting director Henneman and serving as stage manager is Susan Lehtonen, English and drama teacher at East High.

Becky Berkinyi of Hubbard is music director and Jane Hill-Kerrigan of Youngstown is choreographer.

Scenery is by W. Rick Schilling of Poland, lighting by Craig Brownlie of Youngstown and costumes are by Jane Shanabarger of Boardman, YSU's costume designer.

In addition to college and community people, Theatrefest '86 is serving as an educational program for some 50 area high school students under the Governor's Summer Institutes for Gifted and Talented Students.

The College of Fine and Performing Arts has teamed with the School of Education to develop the artistic talents of these outstanding students.

Some are taking part in this show, either on stage or back stage. Others will be focusing on the music, script and costumes, and some will be photographing and recording the show.

Those involved in this theatre production include Pia Brady, Luisa Maisonet and Jenny Swierz from Youngstown; Aaron Burger and Marifrances Conrad, Columbiana; Melissa Holsinger, New Waterford; Schanie Cairns, Nicole Liddle and Eddie Viets, Cortland; Jennifer Cresanto, East Palestine; Stephanie Moore and Deborah Ross, Leetonia; Gretchen Schweitzer and Renee Switter, Warren; and Ryan Saul and Kathryn White from Boardman.

MORE

ADD TWO

The evening buffet will include baked stuffed chicken, baked Virginia ham, spring macaroni with meat sauce, California blend vegetables, buttered peas, parsley Idaho potatoes, green garden salad deluxe, fresh fruit salad, cole slaw, rolls, beverage and a dessert table.

The Sunday brunch will include juices, fresh fruit bowl, French toast, hash brown potatoes, sausage, scrambled eggs, chicken ala king with biscuits, sweet rolls, muffins and beverage.

The cost is \$12 per person for the buffet and evening shows and \$8 for the Sunday brunch and matinees. Reduced prices are offered for senior citizens.

Because of the popularity of Theatrefest '86 and limited seating, reservations are required and can be made by phoning the University Theatre Box Office at 742-3105 from 12:30-4:30 p.m. weekdays.

Theatrefest is presented as part of the cultural offerings of YSU's College of Fine and Performing Arts and is funded in part by the Governor's Institute to the college and School of Education.

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CUTLINE

Looking for fun - Rowdy Roman comedy comes to YSU when "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum" opens July 18 in Kilcawley Center. The cast for the dinner/theatre musical includes Donna Downie, waving, and (clockwise) Bernie Appugliese, Russ Nalepa, Colleen Shutrump, and Loraine Pavalko.

(YSU photo by Elise Cleary)

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'Follow my orders!' - Bernie Appugliese, as the Roman slave-servant Hysterium, gets a lesson in obedience from Donna Downie in one of the many hilarious scenes from YSU's dinner/theatre musical comedy, "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum."

(YSU photo by Elise Cleary)

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CUTLINES

Doug Downie, center, as the Roman slave in the musical comedy "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum," ponders a problem but has the questionable help of some zany companions. They are Russ Nalepa, left, Colleen Shutrump, right, and Loraine Pavalko, behind him. The ribald YSU dinner/theatre show opens July 18.

(YSU photo by Elise Cleary)

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CUTLINE

Donna Downie, as the Roman mother in YSU's musical comedy, "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum," gives instructions to her chief slave, played by Bernie Appugliese. The dinner-and-theatre show in Kilcawley Center opens July 18. (YSU photo by Elise Cleary)

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Somebody wins, somebody loses in this argument between a Roman and his wife, played by Russ Nalepa and Donna Downie, in this scene from the YSU musical comedy, "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum." The dinner-and-theatre show opens July 18 in Kilcawley Center.

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Russ Nalepa, as the Roman father, enjoys the attentions of two courtesans, Loraine Pavalko, left and Colleen Shutrump, both of Canfield, in the YSU musical comedy, "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum." The ribald Roman comedy, a University dinner/theatre presentation, opens July 18.

(YSU photo by Elise Cleary)

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