



Lend Me a Tenor



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From top, sophomore Stephanie Schmidt of Wynne, junior Britany Hillier of Jonesboro and sophomore Dustin Brown of Jacksonville, all theater majors, practice in the Fowler Center's Black Box for the play, "Lend Me a Tenor." The play will be performed at 7:30 p.m. Nov. 14-17.

Musical comedy opens

Students produce, direct, star in play

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Students at Arkansas State University have worked for the past five weeks to produce, direct and star in "Lend me a Tenor," a play by Ken Ludwig.

"Lend Me a Tenor" is a musical comedy based on Tito Morelli, a famous opera tenor.

He passes out right before a big performance, which leaves only Max, an aspiring singer, to become a tenor on loan.

However, Tito awakes in middle of the performance, resulting in two lead tenors for the performance.

Bob Simpson, chair of the Department for Theater Arts, is looking forward to the three performances.

"It's a comedy about mistaken identity," he said.

The comedy is completely run by students, from the acting to the scenery.

Students Michael Miles, Phillip Bryan and Jason Henson are in control of the backstage area.

Jared Gann, Davie Watkins and Sheridan Essman will star in the show.

Gann, a senior theater arts major of Jonesboro, is

playing Max.

"The play is really fun, and I think the audience will really like it," Gann said. "It's fun to perform, and the audience should be able to see that."

Dustin Brown, a sophomore theater arts major of Little Rock, is playing the bellhop. "This play shows that ASU students are proficient in every area — be it acting, scenery or direction," he said.

The play's first performance was Wednesday night.

It will continue showing through Friday, each show beginning at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$7 at the door.

Brown said that ticket sales have gone well so far. "We only had 15 tickets left last night before the show," he said.

Simpson said the play has material in it for mature audiences only, so children ages six and under are not allowed.

"The play involves some sexual innuendo, and includes other subject matter children wouldn't really understand," he said.

Audiences are advised to come early, as there is limited seating.

Gann said he is really excited about the play. "It's an infectious show," he said. "There's no way to go see it without having a good time."

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Student funds paid to unlicensed firms



This is the first story in a series examining how student activity fee money is spent by the Student Activities Board and the Student Government Association.

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More than \$5,000 of the Student Activities Board budget was spent for services provided by two com-

panies operated by a student leader.

H & K Enterprises and Pyro-Erectus, owned by Union Advisory Board President David Huckabee, have provided the SAB with services ranging from providing promotional pens and concessions to building and lighting the Homecoming bonfire.

H & K Enterprises and Pyro-Erectus are not businesses, but partnerships, said Huckabee, a senior speech communications and political science major of Little Rock.

According to Ken Saddler spokesman for the City Collector's Office, neither H & K Enterprises nor Pyro-Erectus are licensed as

businesses to operate within Jonesboro. According to Saddler, this is illegal no matter the amount of money being made by a business.

It is unlawful for any person engaged in a business, occupation, vocation, profession, trade or calling to do business in Jonesboro without first acquiring a license from the city collector, according to Section 4.04.01 of the Business Licenses and Regulations for Jonesboro.

"They are not technically businesses, per se. I am a person who has a partner and we have a joint checking account, is basically what it is," Huckabee said. "I understand

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Holiday dinner planned

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Arkansas State University organizations have joined forces to bring the holiday spirit to those who may not be able to go home for Thanksgiving, said Baljit Rehal, the International Student Association President.

The International Student Association, International Student Service, Student Activities Board and Black Student Association are hosting a Thanksgiving dinner at 6 p.m. Tuesday. It will be held at the ASU Pavilion. This will be the second consecutive year the dinner has been held.

According to Rehal, who is a senior communications disorder major of Bombay, India, the dinner will consist of many types of food. The SAB and BSA are contributing traditional American Thanksgiving food, while the ISA is offering international foods. The international

foods will consist of Chinese, Mexican, Pakistani and Thai.

"We wanted to have a food festival more than one time this year, and we thought this was a good opportunity to combine the Thanksgiving dinner and the food festival," Rehal said. "We use these holidays to come up with ideas for getting together."

While these three organizations offer food, the ISS is offering its expertise in publicizing the dinner. Also, all four organizations will work together at the dinner to ensure everything runs smoothly.

According to Rehal, no one person came up with the idea of the Thanksgiving dinner. It was just something that all the students in the organizations realized needed to be done.

"This is a good activity to do because a lot of international students do not get to go home," Rehal said. "[The dinner] makes them feel at home. It is a time we get pretty

depressed."

Although many of the ISA members do not get to go home for the break, the dinner will still be held the day before Thanksgiving break starts.

"We know that international students won't be going home," Rehal said, "but they might visit other places during the break, so we are having the dinner the night before people leave. Basically, we want more people to attend."

According to Rehal, the organizations are anticipating 200-250 people will attend the dinner, and they are making sure they have enough food for at least that many. They deduced that number from the amount of people who have attended past food festivals and the Thanksgiving dinner from last year.

Anyone who wishes may attend the dinner at no cost. "I want everybody to come, as many people as possible, since it is open to everybody," Rehal said.

Family Day to unite ASU branches

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ASU Family Day is not what most people think. It's not a chance for students to bring mom, dad and a few cousins to visit the Arkansas State University main campus.

The significance of this day, which will be celebrated Saturday, is to unite all the people of ASU branches as well as the main campus, which sponsors the event.

"It's a nice gesture to the other campuses to come together and celebrate ASU," said Andrea Smalec, Student Government Association president and senior public relations major of Mountain Home.

The main Family Day event is the football game between Arkansas State and Louisiana-Monroe. Tailgate activities will be held around the ASU Stadium.

According to Marilyn Brewer, administrative associate, the ASU staff are invited to enjoy a picnic prior to the game.

"I've never been, but I think it would be an excellent opportunity to interact with other students from ASU campuses," said Kelly Kirkpatrick, a freshman radio and television major of White Hall, who plans to attend Family Day this year.

ASU Family Day was started by Dr. Les Wyatt, when he became president of the university in 1995 and continues each year.

"It was fun and a great chance to see everybody," said Matt Titus, a sophomore computer science major of Warren, who attended Family Day last year.

"It was a good experience, and I met someone from Russia," said Demetrick Warren, a junior electrical engineering major of West Helena, who has also attended Family Day before.

ASU Family Day is open to all ASU students and faculty.

The SGA is encouraging the ASU branches' SGA members to get their students to attend by providing free football tickets to the game. Football tickets are provided to the immediate full-time employees at the other branches as well.

College of Business forms Alumni Association

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The College of Business recently formed a Business Alumni Association for graduates, former students or persons who have an interest in the College of Business.

"The purpose of the association is to promote the welfare, interests and excellence of the College of Business," said Dr. Paula Ruby, fac-

ulty liaison and assistant professor of decision sciences.

According to Ruby, the dean of the College of Business developed the association.

"Currently, the association has about 30 members. We are seeking active involvement of members in supporting such activities as the Conference on Lessons in Leadership, Economic Outlook Conference, the second annual Emerald Gala, an evening of dance

to support scholarships for the College of Business and the second annual Scholarship Golf Scramble," Ruby said.

There is no set meeting time for the association. Meetings are held on an as needed basis, according to Ruby. The dues for membership are \$12 annually.

If anyone is interested in joining the association please contact the College of Business or call Mary Helen Peters at 972-1957.

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Speaker to discuss exchange program

Dr. Marie-Pierre Arrizabalaga of the Universit de Cergy-Pontoise will be here Tuesday.

Dr. Marie-Pierre Arrizabalaga will speak with students about the Arkansas State University Exchange and summer in

France programs.

The informational meeting will begin at 2 p.m. in the Global Crossroads area of the International Student Center.

The meeting is open to all students interested in the program.

Memorial quilt

The AIDS Memorial Quilt will be at ASU Nov. 26-Nov. 28. The quilt will be on display in the Carl R. Reng Center Ballroom Monday and Wednesday from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. and Tuesday from 8 a.m.-3 p.m.

'Taste of the Orient' livens Wigwam

Ricardo Smith, a sophomore electrical engineering major of Stamps, and Terral Frierson, a sophomore management information systems major of Hot Springs, order food in the Wigwam during the "Taste of the Orient" food event.



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