

University theater student wins award with 'Fat'

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A University theater student has won the prestigious Irene Ryan Award for the fourth time in six years.

Marianne Baker, a sophomore from Salem, competed with an estimated 80 student-actor finalists from Oregon, Alaska and Washington for the award during the Northwest Regional Drama Conference held at Mount Hood Community College Feb. 10 and 11.

The honor includes a \$1,000 scholarship and an opportunity to represent the Pacific Northwest this April in the American College Theater Association's national competition at the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, D.C.

Baker was invited to perform at the regionals on the basis of her performance in last year's University Theatre production

of "Fat," an original drama written by Terra Pressler, a University graduate student in theater. She played "Cly," a recovering bulimic, in the original drama, which portrays six women coping with compulsive eating, "fat liberation" and self-acceptance.

"She not only fulfilled it (the role), she inhabited the character," Pressler praised.

Baker acted out a five-and-a-half-minute monologue from "Fat" for her award-winning performance. She also presented a short scene from "Beyond Therapy" with fellow University student Doug Chausow, and he will travel with her to the national competition.

"It's rare for a department to win an award like this four times in six years," said Grant McKernie, head of the speech department. "It's a tribute to the acting program here, and

the quality of students and their dedication."

Baker, who has aspirations of pursuing an acting career in "New York or L.A.," said the competition was "really kind of grueling, seeing these people act under pressure."

"It was really something to see how much professionalism was involved," she added.

The award was named after the late actress who played "Granny" on the long-running television series "The Beverly Hillbillies." It was established to provide funds for aspiring student actors to pursue professional careers in theater and acting.

Three other University students — Alison Arnold, Joseph Acosta and Cole Hornaday — also were chosen as finalists for the regional competition.

Joel Morello, a University theater graduate who captured the Irene Ryan Award while a student here two years, was runner-up to Baker. He is now a master's degree candidate at the University of Portland.



Marianne Baker

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MEETINGS

The Career Planning and Placement Services is having a Career Assessment Program group meeting open to all University students today at 2 in Room 237, Hendricks Hall.

Episcopal Campus Ministries meets today at 5:30 at 14th Avenue and Kincaid St. Please come for worship and free supper. Joe Stone, University economics professor, will speak.

Druid Honor Society members will meet tonight at 6 in Room 111, EMU.

Men Against Rape will meet tonight at 7 in Room 112 (Cedar E), EMU. All interested men and women welcome.

Campus Crusade for Christ will meet tonight at 8:30 in Room 302, Gerlinger. Tonight's topic: Can you say Ecclesiastes?

Elections Board meets every Wednesday at 3:30 p.m. and every Saturday at 3 p.m. in the lobby of the EMU basement. All are invited to attend.

LECTURES

"Sensory Processing in the Time Domain: Insights from Comparative Studies" will be the topic of a lecture by Gary Rose today at 3:30 in Room 331.

Science II. There will be a workshop Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. in Room 317, Huestis.

Anne Vernez Moudon, associate professor in the College of Architecture and Urban Planning at the University of Washington will be giving a lecture entitled "How Cities Are Made: Exploring Urban Form and Building" tonight at 8 in Room 177, Lawrence Hall. The lecture is free.

MISCELLANEOUS

"Plan Now for a Successful Job Search" is the title of a workshop for adult learners today from 12:30 to 2 in Room 167, EMU. Gina Huston, a counselor with Career Planning and Placement will provide tips on translating life and work experience into skills, increasing your marketability, designing a successful job search campaign and interviewing effectively.

A benefit dinner for Food for Lane County will take place tonight from 5:30 to 7:30 at the Latin American Cultural Center, 1236 Kincaid St. Margaret Nichols, superintendent of Eugene schools, will give the keynote speech for the Hunger at Home symposium.

IFC budget hearings will be held in Room 337, EMU: Sur-

vival Center at 5 p.m., Theatre 4:30 at 5:45, Off-Campus Housing at 6:45, MECHA at 7:30.

The Oregon Division of the American Association of University Women is pleased to announce the availability of a \$2,000 Fellowship for the 1987-88 academic year. To be eligible, an applicant must be a woman who has been an Oregon resident for at least six years, who has a bachelor's degree and who has two years of volunteer and/or paid work experience. The Fellowship may be used at any institution for either masters or doctoral studies and is unrestricted as to field of study.

Applications must be postmarked no later than March 15, 1987, and may be obtained from the Oregon Division Fellowship Committee, 4050 SE Gladstone No. 16, Portland, OR 97202. The recipient will be notified no later than April 18, 1987.

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