Speaking out

Tony Award-winning troupe combines musical comedy and political satire

The San Francisco Mime Troupe will stage "Secrets in the Sand" at 8 p.m. April 28 and 29 at the Wohl Auditorium, 4960 Audubon.

The 'mime' in the group's name refers not to pantomimists in white face, but to mime, defined by the ensemble as "dramatic entertainment representing scenes from life usually in a ridiculous manner." The troupe not only speaks, but speaks out against social issues such as the CIA's role in the international drug war, the impact of the 1990-91 academic year, selected courses in sociology will be taught through other University departments.

The tenured faculty in the sociology department will be reassigned to other departments. Non-tenured members of the department will be considered individually, but in each case, appointments will be offered at least through the end of the academic year.

The decision is the result of continuing assessments of opportunities for the Faculty of Arts and Sciences "to raise its stature as a research institution that provides excellent education to undergraduates and graduate students, and as a research institution whose faculty and departments have a national and international reputation for scholarly excellence," Israel noted.

"Our strengths are found in offering a growing national reputation. We have a faculty that includes outstanding teachers and nationally regarded scholars, a student body drawn from an increasingly capable pool of applicants, and financial resources that permit planning for a successful future."
Alternative break

Students forgo week on the beach to build house for homeless family

While many Washington University students who headed south for spring break were enjoying carefree, fun-filled days on the beach, six other Washington students headed south to spend the week lifting rafters and hammering nails.

The six left St. Louis March 11 and drove 1,200 miles to Brownsville, Texas. Once there, they joined 20 Texas A&M students and worked five straight days to help build a two-bedroom house for a homeless Mexican family of six.

While their spring break counterparts were sleeping in beachfront hotels, the six Washington students slept on the floor of the Good Neighbor Settlement House community center.

The students went to one of the poorest areas of Brownsville to help the settlement house in its housing rehabilitation program. The six from Washington were Brian Cochrane, Steve Howard, Sean Kinzie, Suzanne Robinson, Melanie Tung and John Yanez.

The students each contributed $125 for room and board and materials to build the one-story house for the family, who could no longer afford rent on their small apartment.

The family, which includes four children, watched as the students helped build their house. "We really worked hard when we saw their smiling faces," said Cochrane, who organized the Washington group.

Cochrane, a junior, heard about the Brownsville project at a student YMCA convention last summer. After discussing the idea with Helen Davis, executive director of the Campus Y, he invited other students to participate.

Davis says doing worthwhile projects during spring break is becoming more popular among students across the country.

Of all the students, Cochrane seemed to have had the most experience in construction, having built a barn one summer. Tung said, "I think I've learned to hammer a nail pretty well now." Working in 90-degree weather, they put up walls and rafters and poured concrete for five days. Although the house wasn't completed when the Washington University students left, it was to be completed by students coming later from Minnesota and Illinois universities.

The Washington students also visited the Casa Romero Refugee Camp while in Brownsville. "We had some trouble communicating with the Spanish-speaking refugees, but we used sign language, gestures and smiled," said Robinson, a senior. "Most of them were anxious to get Spanish-English dictionaries so they could learn English. Since we've come back, we've been talking about finding some dictionaries and shipping them down to the refugee camp."

Tung said of her spring break experience, 'I have never run into such abject poverty. It was all over. In the city of Brownsville to Mexico. Many of the people lived in hovels. That's why owning a home means so much to them."

Howard, a senior, said, 'We wanted to do something productive in a different culture and have fun. I think we achieved that."

Yang, a junior, wanted to spend some quality time with his friends. "I did that, but in building the house I did something more constructive and helped a Mexican family," he said.

On their way back to St. Louis, the students stopped at Padre Island, the hot spot in Texas for spring breakers. At 8 a.m. there weren't any students in swimsuits playing volleyball in the sand or swimming in the gulf, so they said they just had to imagine what it would have been like to spend their vacation there.

"While we thought it would have been fun spending time on the beach, we all came away feeling it was a very rewarding experience," said Robinson. "We hope the alternative spring break program will include more students next year."

The Satanic Verses controversy is panel discussion topic

Salman Rushdie's book, The Satanic Verses is the topic of a panel discussion to be held at 7:30 p.m. Monday, April 17, in Simon Hall auditorium. The event, titled "Freedom vs. Responsibility: The Satanic Verses Controversy," is free and open to the public. It is sponsored by the Bookmark Society of Washington University.

The event will feature several panels who will examine the literature of Islam, the effect of nationalism on the Islamic world, and the response of students to the secularism versus religious rights in the Rushdie incident. Islamic leaders around the world have condemned The Satanic Verses as heretical. Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini has called for Rushdie's death.

The panels will be: William Gass, Ph.D., David May Distinguished University Professor in the Humanities; Peter Heath, Ph.D., assistant professor of the history of religions; Howard Schrom, owner of Paul's Books in University City, Mo.; Shannon Ravenel; and editor, Al-Quds BookHouse of Chapel Hill (N.C.) and junior Haroon Tariq of the Islamic Society. The moderator will be Burton M. Wheeler, Ph.D., interim academic dean at Washington and professor of English and religious studies.

Wheeler also said the university's Committee on Religious Studies. A question-and-answer period will follow the discussion.

The Bookmark Society is a literary and support organization of the Washington University Libraries. For more information, call 889-5425.

Southeast Asia specialist will deliver Phi Beta Kappa/Sigma Xi lecture

Benedict Anderson, Aaron L. Binenkorb Professor of International Studies at Cornell University and director of Cornell's Southeast Asia Program, will present the Phi Beta Kappa/Sigma Xi Lecture at 11 a.m. Wednesday, April 19, in Graham Clark auditorium. The lecture is titled "Remembering — Forgetting: How Nations Imagine Their Past."

The event, part of the Assembly Lecture Series, is free and open to the public. Anderson is author of Imagined Communities: Reflections on the Origin and Spread of Nationalism, which discusses how the idea of the nation state developed and was then modeled, adopted and transformed. He argues that nationalism, created in the 18th century, is an artificial construct resulting from the convergence of capitalism and print technology on the human language. Anderson's most recent book is In the Mirror: Literature and Politics in Siam in the American Era, which is a biography of Phraya Phutthayotfa Chulalok, the last King of Siam and the Cornell Southeast Asia Project.

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American architect Joseph Stein, whose firm, Stein Doshi and Ball, Architects, is based in New Delhi, India, will deliver the Harris Armstrong Memorial Lecture at 8 p.m. Monday, April 17, in Science Auditorium.

Stein's lecture, which is part of the School of Architecture's Tuesday Night Lecture Series, is titled "Towards an Organic Architecture, Authentic Regionalism and Modernity."

The lecture, free and open to the public, is in memory of Harris Armstrong, a prominent St. Louis architect.

An exhibit of his work will be displayed from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. April 17-28 on the first floor of Givens Hall.

Stein, a visiting professor at the School of Architecture, has worked in India since 1952, when he was named head of the Department of Architecture at Bengal Engineering College in Calcutta.

A student of Eliel Saarinen, Carl Milles, Ily Jacques Kahn and Richard Neutra, Stein also has been heavily influenced by the philosophies of architects Louis Sullivan and Frank Lloyd Wright.

Stein shares with all these men a belief in the importance of the relationship between the human and the environment.

Stein's designs are heavily influenced by the ecology of the particular site. In West Bengal, for example, he designed the Piscina housing that takes advantage of the region's prevailing breezes.

Stein also emphasizes the importance of traditional materials and design indigenous to any region. He calls this approach "localism."

For information, call 889-6200.
Amy Barron, a junior enrolled in a special program combining engineering, studio art, and marketing, was the recipient of a scholarship established by the Woman's Club of Forest Park for the purchase of supplies. The conference was held to formulate a set of policies for national science education in the United States.

George M. Bohigian, M.D., associate professor of clinical ophthalmology, represented the American Medical Association at a symposium on National Initiative for Science and Technology. The symposium was held recently in Washington, D.C. The conference brought together educators, scientists, and politicians in an effort to develop strategies to improve science education across the United States.

Saul Boyarsky, J.D., professor of surgery and director of the Center for Legal Studies, said, "We have received a 3.8 cumulative grade point average and are looking for ways to build on the success of our B.A. program." The conference was held to formulate a national policy on science education.

Faith Davis, a junior in the School of Architecture, won first prize in the Metro St. Louis Design Festival Competition sponsored by Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville. Davis's design was for an art museum that was named for Godot, won a $5000 gift certificate from Bader's Art and Drafting Store in St. Louis, and was published in the 1989 edition of the Washington University Record.

Ruth Lewis, biology librarian, has contributed 14 book reviews to the recently published 1989 Science and Technology Annual Reference Review (STARR). Lewis's reviews cover a range of handbooks, dictionaries, and encyclopedias in the areas of botany; plant culture; general, specialized, and international medicine; and public and social health. Each review contains a description of the content of the book and a recommendation regarding purchase.

William A. Murphy, M.D., professor of radiology, presented "Phlebography: The Future?" at the first International Ioversol Symposium. The symposium was held in Scottsdale, Ariz. As visiting professor, Murphy presented "Mri of Bone Marrow," "Pathophysiology of Inflammatory Arthritides," "Bone Marrow," and "Radiotherapy: A Future Therapeutic Approach to the Comparative Study of Life and Attitudes of Muslim People Living in All Parts of the World." The conference was held to foster independent scholarship by sharing these research findings and experiences.

A memorial service for Leslie Chabay, a former music professor, will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, April 24, in Graham Chapel. Chabay, 81, of Sarasota, Fla., died at home March 16 of respiratory failure. A renowned tenor who sang professionally in Europe and the United States, Chabay was a professor in the Music Department since 1955 until his retirement in 1976. During his tenure, he attracted famous singers to the music program, including Christa Ludwig. The entry fee is $150 per person, and the registration deadline is April 4.

Chabay was a native of Hungary and was sent to Budapest as a boy to study voice. In addition to singing tenor opera roles, Chabay specialized in singing "compi-mato," or comic style. He was an accomplished singer of Hungarian, French and German lieder (art songs) and was especially renowned for his interpretations of lieder by Franz Schubert.

20. All money raised during the event will be used for research, patient services and ALS. ALS is a progressive degenerative disease that attacks the nerve cells controlling muscles in the brain and spinal cord, resulting in muscle weakness and wasting. There is no known treatment or cure for the disease, which affects more than 30,000 people in the United States.

John M. Stewart was a Phi Delta Theta member who graduated from Washington University in 1975 with a bachelor's degree in finance. He was diagnosed as having ALS in 1985 and died in 1987 at the age of 34.

To register for the tournament or for more information, call Mark Drexler, Phi Delta Theta alumni chapter president, at 805-621-1624.
LECTURES

Thursday, April 13
Noon. 4 p.m. Department of Biomedical Sciences Seminar: "IVF and the Pathogenesis of Intrauterine Infection" by Gary Harman, MD, University of California, San Francisco. Con. Aud., McDonnell Medical Conference Center.

2:30 p.m. Dept. of Mechanical Engineering Colloquium Series: "Microsurgical Technology" by Middlebread, Ohio. 100-103.

4 p.m. Lewis Distinguished Visiting Professorship in Humanities Lecture: "The Farmhouse: Architecture in the Nineteenth Century" by Richard Wohlff, WU, Lewis Distinguished Visiting Professor and Mill Professor of Intellectual and Mental Philosophy. U. of California, Berkeley. 106 Stoll Hall. For more info., call 889-5035.

4 p.m. Center for Genetics in Medicine Molecular Approach to Rorschach: "Separate Unlike Function Deficient Due to Polymorphism" by Leonard Shapiro, Dept. of Pediatrics and Biological Chemistry, Howard Hughes Medical Institute. For more info., call 889-5035.

7:30 p.m. Bookmark Society Panel Discussion: "Mexico's Drug Wars: Good, Bad, or Both?" by Robert Pepin, Dept. of Physics, U. of Minnesota. 1805 Dole.

4 p.m. Dept. of Chemistry Seminar: "The Foundation of the Universe" by Robert Pepin, Dept. of Physics, U. of Minnesota. 1805 Dole.

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11 a.m.-2 a.m. weekends. For more info., call 889-6500.

SPORTS

Thursday, April 13
11 a.m. WU Golf Classic.

Friday, April 14
2 p.m. University Athletic Association Golf Tournament. (Double-header). Kelly Field.

Saturday, April 15
6-11 p.m. Thurtene Carnival.

MUSIC

Sunday, April 16
9 a.m. Dept. of Music Colloquium: "German Influences in the Panedays" by Louis Hier, WU electronic music instructor. Hurst Lounge, Duncker Hall.

Saturday, April 23
8:30 p.m. Filmboard Series, Literatures Drama Lecture, "Shirley Jackson's The Haunting of Hill House." $12 for senior citizens and WU faculty and staff. For more info., call 889-5916.

Wednesday, April 19
9 a.m. Dept of Psychology Colloquium: "Diamonds of Extraterrestrial Origin" by Patrick McMillen, Institute of Policy Sciences and International Affairs. April 17-28. First floor, Givens Hall. 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

9 a.m. Dept. of Physics Colloquium: "Doppler Differences in the Pulsar" by Michael Rowan-Robinson. For more info., call 889-5035.

9 a.m. Dept. of Pharmacology Seminar: "Electrophysiological Actions on the Cardiac Action Potential" by Vincenzo Marzullo, Dept. of Pharmacology, O'Donnell. For more info., call 889-6200.

9 a.m. Dept. of Pathology Seminar: "Protein Expression in Cancers of the Breast, Colon, and Rectum" by Rakesh K. Bajaj, assoc. prof. of chemical engineering, U. of Missouri, Columbia. 110 Lipps.

9 a.m. Dept. of Psychology Colloquium: "Gender Differences in the Stress Process" by Louis Hier, WU electronic music instructor. Hurst Lounge, Duncker Hall.

9 a.m. Dept. of Microbiology and Immunology Research Seminar Series: "The Role of Proteins in the Control of Host Defense" by William F. Schiessan. (TNFS)-Regulatory and Biological Roles." Nancy Buddle; Yale, 9 a.m. 7580.

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