THE 61st ANNUAL CONFERENCE
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THEME: Perfecting the Mosaic for the New
Millennium

SPEECH AND THEATRE DEPARTMENT
College of Liberal Arts
Grambling State University
Grambling, Louisiana

Dr. Raymond Hicks, President
April 9-12, 1997
On behalf of the Students and Faculty of the Speech and Theatre Department, I am pleased to welcome you to our campus for this 61st Conference. As you visit our campus, think of it as your own University campus, a home away from home. Just ask for whatever you need and I am sure that our faculty and students will aid you. Plans have been made to make your visit a pleasant one and we trust that you will enjoy your visit to Grambling State University. Have a good time.

Dr. Allen Williams, Head
Speech and Theatre Department
Host Director
Dr. Alex C. Marshall is one of Louisiana’s African-American pioneers in high school and college theatre.

Growing up in Lafayette in the 1940’s, he journeyed to Grambling College, where he earned a Bachelor’s degree in elementary education in 1952. His first teaching job was at Dunbar High School near Opelousas, where he started a theater program and was soon winning state, regional and national honors for his program, a major feat for the times.

In 1997, Marshall attended Denver University earning a Masters in Theatre and Bowling Green University where he was awarded a doctorate in Theatre. As life came full circle he returned to the hallowed halls of Grambling University where he was a driving force in the theatre program for some 16 years winning a host of awards, producing outstanding plays, and influencing the lives of actors, actresses and playwrights all of which call him "Doc", "Boss" or mentor.

After stops at Hampton University, and Mississippi Valley State, Dr. Marshall returned to Lafayette, for a planned semi-retirement with the option to still be involved in theatre both educationally and in the community. The retirement was short lived for the opportunity to return to the classroom and educational theatre presented itself, when Dr. Marshall was asked to head the theatre program at Dillard University in New Orleans.

The challenge of building a theatre program and department, getting a good curriculum going, and once again mentoring African-American actor and actresses, seems to be "The Doc’s" calling emphasizing development, craft, commitment, discipline, and diversity. Dr. Marshall moves Dillard University into the 21st millennium with innovation and his dedication to the theatre life of African Americans...
SIXTY-FIRST ANNUAL NADSA CONFERENCE SCHEDULE
THEME: "PERFECTING THE MOSAIC FOR THE NEW MILLENNIUM"

WEDNESDAY, April 9, 1997

9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
F. L. Sandle Theatre

Conference Registration
Presiding: Dr. Anita McAllister, Executive Secretary
Conference Host, Grambling State University

12:00 PM
F. L. Sandle Theatre

(Opening) NADSA General Session
ALL CONFERENCE PUBLIC MEETING

Presiding: Dr. Allen Williams
National Treasurer

Invocation: Reverend Samuel Joseph
Assistant Professor, Grambling State University

Greetings: Dr. Joe Copes, Vice President
Academic Affairs
Grambling State University
The Honorable John Williams, Jr.
Mayor, Town of Grambling

Talent: Lornlee Sherrard
Definitely Heard
Grambling State University

Introduction of Guest Speaker: Dr. June Ingram
Associate Professor, Grambling State University

Speaker: Dr. Floyd L. Sandle, NADSA, Past President
Grambling, Louisiana

Introduction of Registered Guests: Dr. Anita McAllister
Executive Secretary, Grambling State University

Closing Remarks: Mr. Karl V. Norman, NADSA President
Grambling State University

Announcements: Dr. Allen Williams
Conference Host, Grambling State University
WEDNESDAY, April 9, 1997 continued

1:00 PM  Judges and Contestants Orientation  
F. L. Sandle Theatre  
Presiding: Mr. A. Clifton Myles, NADSA Vice President  
                     Albany State University

2:00 PM  Dramatic Monologue Competition  
Favrot Student Union  
Presiding: Mr. Gay Hyatt, NADSA Regional Director  
                     Dillard University

3:30 PM  One Act Play Rehearsal (Plays: One, Two and Three)  
F. L. Sandle Theatre  
Presiding: Mr. Steve Chapin, Technical Director  
                     Grambling State University

4:30 PM  One Act Play Rehearsal (Plays: Four, Five and Six)  
F. L. Sandle Theatre  
Presiding: Mr. Steve Chapin, Technical Director  
                     Grambling State University

5:30 PM  Dinner On Your Own

7:00 PM  NADSA Talent Showcase  
T.H. Harris Auditorium  
Emcees: Ms. Angela Griffith, NADSA Publicity Director  
                     University of Arkansas-Pine Bluff

                                                Mr. Willie L. Todd, Jr., NADSA Parliamentarian  
                                                Albany State University

10:00 PM  NADSA Executive Board Meeting  
Holiday Inn  
President Suite  
Presiding: Mr. Karl Von Norman, NADSA President  
                     Grambling State University

THURSDAY, April 10, 1997

9:00 AM  Interpretation of Prose Competition  
F. L. Sandle Theatre  
Presiding: Dr. King David Godwin  
                     University of Arkansas-Pine Bluff

10:30 AM  Getting into Graduate School  
F. L. Sandle Theatre  
Presiding: Nanika Watts, F. L. Sandle Players  
                     Grambling State University

Facilitator: Ms. Daylene Ross, Production Manager  
                     University of Ohio
THURSDAY, April 10, 1997 continued

11:30 AM  
F. L. Sandle Theatre  
**Stage Management in the 21st Century**  
Presiding: Marion Polk, NADSA 2nd Vice President  
Grambling State University  
Facilitator: **Brandon Shiver**, NADSA Student Member  
Albany State University

12:30 PM  
**Lunch On Your Own**

1:30 PM  
F. L. Sandle Theatre  
**Interpretation of Poetry Competition**  
Presiding: Dr. June Ingram, NADSA Member  
Kansas State University

3:00 PM  
F. L. Sandle Theatre  
**Writing for Television**  
Presiding: Dr. Alex Marshall, NADSA Member  
Dillard University  
Facilitator: **Ms. Judi Ann Mason**, Playwright, Author  
Los Angeles, California

4:30 PM  
Green Room  
Rm. 111, Dunbar Hall  
F. L. Sandle Theatre  
**General Session/Faculty**  
Presiding: Karl Norman, President  
**General Session/Students**  
Presiding: Marion Polk, 2nd Vice President

5:30 PM  
F. L. Sandle Theatre  
**One Act Play Rehearsal (Plays: Seven, Eight and Nine)**  
Presiding: Mr. Steve Chapin, Technical Director  
Grambling State University

6:00 PM  
**Dinner On Your Own**

7:00 PM  
F. L. Sandle Theatre  
**One Act Play Festival (Plays One, Two, Three and Four)**  
Presiding: Ms. Angela Griffith, NADSA Publicity Director  
University of Arkansas-Pine Bluff

11:00 PM  
Holiday Inn  
**Original Poetry Competition**  
Presiding: Dr. Robert L. Stevenson, NADSA Member  
Savannah State University
FRIDAY, April 11, 1997

8:00 AM  Conference Registration  Dr. Anita MoAlliater and Speech and Theatre Staff
  F. L. Sandle Theatre

9:00 AM  Reader Theatre Competition  Dr. Edward Fisher, NADSA Past President
  F. L. Sandle Theatre  Fayetteville State University
  Presiding: Mrs. Nedra Johnson, NADSA Member
  Grambling State University
  Facilitator: Ms. Dianne Maroney, President
  National Black Dance Association
  Grambling State University

11:30 AM  Dance for Theatre
  F. L. Sandle Theatre
  Presiding: Mrs. Nedra Johnson, NADSA Member
  Grambling State University
  Facilitator: Ms. Dianne Maroney, President
  National Black Dance Association
  Grambling State University

12:30 PM  Lunch On Your Own

1:30 PM  Writing for Film  Dr. Alex Marshall, NADSA Member
  F. L. Sandle Theatre  Dillard University
  Facilitator: Ms. Judi Ann Mason, Playwright, Author
  Los Angeles, California

2:30 PM  Duet Acting Competition  Mr. Willie Todd, Jr., NADSA Parliamentarian
  F. L. Sandle Theatre  Albany State University
  Presiding: Chi Delta Cast
  Albany State University

4:00 PM  Alpha Psi Omega National Honorary Dramatic Fraternity
  F. L. Sandle Theatre
  Presiding: Members discuss history, mission, benefits and ways to
  Start a Chapter/Cast at your institution
  Facilitator:

5:00 PM  Dinner On Your Own

6:00 PM  One Act Play Festival (Plays Five-Nine)  Ms. Angola Griffith, Publicity Director
  F. L. Sandle Theatre  University of Arkansas-Pine Bluff
  Presiding:
FRIDAY, April 11, 1997 continued

10:30 PM
The Renaissance
R.W.E. Jones Drive

Conference Mixer

SATURDAY, April 12, 1997

9:00 AM
F. L. Sandle Theatre

Extemporaneous Speaking Competition
Presiding: Ms. Ava Brewster-Turner
Southern University

10:30 AM
F. L. Sandle Theatre

Stage Combat
Presiding: Reverend. Samuel Joseph, NADSA Member
Grambling State University
Facilitator: Mr. Mark Gwen, Certified Fight Master
Louisiana Tech University

12:00 Noon

Lunch On Your Own

1:00 PM
F. L. Sandle Theatre

Conference Papers
Presiding: Dr. Virgie Harris, Editor of Encore
Fort Valley State College

2:30 PM
F. L. Sandle Theatre

Climb Theatre Auditions
Presiding: Mr. Phillip Walker, NADSA Regional Director
San Francisco, California
Facilitator: Danelle Miller-Smith
Residency Company Director
St. Paul, Minnesota

4:00 PM
F. L. Sandle Theatre

Final General Session
Presiding: Karl V. Norman, NADSA President
Grambling State University

7:00 PM
Black and Gold Room

NADSA Awards Banquet
Presiding: Dr. Allen Williams, NADSA Treasurer
Grambling State University

Key Note Speaker: Ms. Judi Ann Mason

9:00 PM - 11:00 PM

NADSA BALL
11:00 PM

Executive Board Meeting
Presiding: A Clifton Myles, NADSA President Elect
Albany State University

JUDGES

DRAMATIC MONOLOGUE
Adam Collins
Dr. Geoffrey Ruggege
Ava B. Turner

PROSE
Dr. Reggie Owens
Dr. Nelan Warner
Ed Anderson

POETRY
Irene Thomas
Jean Bryant
Edward Jones

ORIGINAL POETRY
Charles Hoy
Shirley Kidd
Hazel Hunter

READER'S THEATRE
Jollivette Anderson
Thelma Williams
Myatt Andrews

SUET ACTING
Mary Ann Lewis
Eddie Milton Jones
Steve Conley

EXTEMPORANEOUS SPEAKING
Dr. Sharon Ford
Ernie Miles
Michael Green

ONE ACT PLAY
John Tellis
Dr. Floyd L. Sanders
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