

## 'State of the University' part of Feb. 5 Academic Convocation

President Judith I. Bailey will deliver an address on the "State of the University" during the annual Academic Convocation, set for 3:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 5.

The Faculty Senate will act as host to the event, which will be held in the Dalton Center Recital Hall.

Organized by the Office of the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, the annual gathering is designed to mark excellence at the University and honor outstanding members of the campus community. In addition to the president's speech, the ceremony will include the awarding of the Distinguished Faculty Scholar (see related story on this page) and Distinguished Service awards.

## Kellogg Foundation chief to speak on campus tonight

The head of one of the nation's foremost philanthropic foundations will conclude the WMU Centennial Scholars and Artist Series with a lecture this evening.

William C. Richardson, president and chief executive officer of the W.K. Kellogg Foundation of Battle Creek, Mich., will speak at 7 p.m. tonight—Thursday, Jan. 22—at the Fetzer Center. His presentation is free and open to the public. He is expected to discuss issues pertaining to health and human services and community building.

Before joining the foundation in 1995, Richardson was president of Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, a position he had held since 1990. In addition, he was professor of health policy and management there. Previously, he was executive vice president and provost of Pennsylvania State University, and he also served in several positions at the University of Washington in Seattle.

## Distinguished Faculty Scholar awards to go to Elise de Doncker, Paul Szarmach

Two WMU faculty members, one an expert on supercomputing and the other an authority on Anglo-Saxon studies, will receive the University's highest award next month.



de Doncker



Szarmach

Elise de Doncker, computer science, and Paul E. Szarmach, English and director of the Medieval Institute, have been named Distinguished Faculty Scholars and will be honored during the University's Academic Convocation Thursday, Feb. 5. The designation is the highest honor awarded a faculty member.

The Distinguished Faculty Scholar award, established in 1978, recognizes those whose work constitutes a significant body of achievement, most of which has been accomplished while a faculty member at WMU. Nominations are sought campuswide for recipients, who also must have a wide body of recognition beyond the University. The award includes a plaque and a \$2,000 cash award. As award recipients, de Doncker and Szarmach also will have \$2,000 added to their base salaries.

A WMU faculty member since 1982, de Doncker's research interests include the design and analysis of parallel algorithms, distributed computing, scientific parallel computations, computational science and numerical analysis.

She is the author of more than 60 peer-reviewed articles in scientific journals and a principal investigator on research projects funded by such organizations as

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## Campus mourns Bernhard



Bernhard

A campus memorial service was held Jan. 17 for John T. Bernhard, president of WMU from 1974 to 1985, who died Jan. 12 in Kalamazoo at 83.

Bernhard returned to teaching, following his tenure as president. He retired as a WMU professor of political science in 1990, ending a distinguished and colorful career that ranged from working as a political and public relations assistant to the late Howard R. Hughes to serving as a member of the Utah State Senate for

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## Nanotech researchers win Keck Foundation award

California's W.M. Keck Foundation has awarded \$500,000 for a \$1 million research project at WMU aimed at unlocking the secrets of the mechanism that allows the penetration of cells by everything from harmful agents like viruses and pollutants to beneficial new drug discoveries.

The Keck Foundation has notified the University that one of its prestigious medical research awards will go to WMU's Nanotechnology Research and Computation Center for a two-year basic research effort that is expected to make a fundamental contribution to a wide range

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# Around the Campus

## DaimlerChrysler executive to describe marketing challenge

A 1976 WMU alumna who is a senior vice president with DaimlerChrysler will speak about marketing, muscle cars and Mopar in a campus event set for 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 27.

Speaking in Brown Auditorium of Schneider Hall, Christine K. Cortez will discuss "Automotive Service: The Marketing Challenge and the Mopar Brand Beyond Muscle Cars" as part of the Haworth College of Business' Distinguished Speaker Series.

Attendance is by invitation only, but is open to WMU faculty, staff and students. To make a reservation to attend, call 7-5050.

## Schmotter to talk on ethics

Is there a post-Enron era in sight, or are business leaders today just more unethical than their predecessors?

Dean James Schmotter, Haworth College of Business, will answer these and other questions when he presents "Trends in 21st Century American Society that Produce Ethical Challenges," at 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 28, in 204 Bernhard Center.

Schmotter's talk is part of a series of events sponsored by WMU's Center for the Study of Ethics in Society. For more information, call 7-4397.

## Don Parfet is Keystone speaker

Donald Parfet, managing director of the Apjohn Group, a newly formed business accelerator firm based in Kalamazoo, will speak on campus Friday, Jan. 30, as part of the Haworth College of Business Keystone Community Bank Breakfast Series.

The free Jan. 30 presentation begins at 7:30 a.m. in 2150 Schneider Hall, and parking is available in the adjacent Fetzer Center lot. Reservations are required and can be made by calling 7-5050.

Parfet will present "Apjohn Group: An Overview," as he discusses the firm's focus on early stage life sciences opportunities. From drugs, medical devices and diagnostics to genomic tools and bioinformatics, Apjohn works to identify and commercialize innovative life sciences technologies through creative partnerships.

## Labyrinth comes to campus

A labyrinth, a form of self-guided walking meditation, will be set up in 205 Bernhard Center late this month.

Brought to the campus by Episcopal Campus Ministry, the labyrinth will be open to people of all faiths and traditions from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 28.

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For more information about these or any other campus events, visit the WMU News Web site at [www.wmich.edu/wmu/news](http://www.wmich.edu/wmu/news).

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## Karen Morin wins teaching award from nursing group

Karen Morin, nursing, has been awarded the Excellence in Teaching Award from the National League of Nursing.

The award is given every two years. She was awarded the honor at the league's summit in San Antonio last fall.

Morin also has been elected to a four-year term as director of the Sigma Theta Tau Honor Society of Nursing. Sigma Theta Tau is an international nursing honor society that provides leadership and scholarship in practice, education and research to enhance the health of all people.

## Grad student wins national prize



Thomas

Aparna Thomas, a doctoral candidate in the Department of Political Science, has been awarded the Carrie Chapman Catt Prize for her research examining women's participation in politics.

The prestigious \$1,000 prize is one of three top prizes awarded nationally in a competition among faculty members and graduate students. It is awarded through the Carrie Chapman Catt Center for Women and Politics at Iowa State University. The center honors an Iowa State alumna who was a leader of the U.S. women's suffrage movement, co-founder of the League of Women Voters, crusader for international peace, and an advocate for the expansion of women's rights throughout the world.

Thomas' research is based on 14 months of study in Western Maharashtra, a rural state in India, where she examined participation rates of women in local government councils. Her findings deal with the effects of 1993 Indian legislation that uses quotas to encourage women's participation in the political process.

## Sindecuse's Woldring to be feted at Jan. 26 reception

A retirement reception for Irene R. Woldring will be held from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday, Jan. 26, at the Oaklands.

Woldring is retiring from her position in the Sindecuse Health Center Pharmacy, following more than 25 years of service to WMU.



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five years and the president of two large universities.

During his WMU presidency, Bernhard enjoyed a reputation for strengthening "town/gown" relations. Among his legacies is the WMU Foundation, which he helped found to tap the support of the private sector and sustain the University during one of the worst economic periods in Michigan history—the early 1980s. His presidency was also a period of sustained growth for the arts on campus, and he oversaw the establishment of the College of Health and Human Services.

The growth in private support became a hallmark of WMU's Bernhard years, which saw the successful completion of the University's first formal capital campaign and the completion of the Dalton Center and the Fetzer Center.

## Jobs

While a campuswide job freeze remains in effect, the following vacancies have been approved for posting as positions that are essential for the continued operation of the units represented. All position authorizations must have the approval of a WMU vice president to be posted during the hiring freeze.

Vacancies are posted through the Job Opportunity Program by human resources. Interested benefits-eligible employees should submit a job opportunity transfer application during the posting period, and may contact a human resource services staff member for assistance.

Employees may call the Applicant Information Service at 7-3669 to hear the weekly job postings.

(R) **Office Technology Coordinator**, 18, Office of the Dean, College of Engineering and Applied Sciences, 03/04-4202, 1/19-1/26/04

(N) **School Interventionist, Child Trauma Assessment Center** (term appointment, ends 9/30/04), 15, Unified Clinics, 03/04-4201, 1/19-1/26/04

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## Obituary

Robert M. Henkels Jr., a former associate professor of French, died Nov. 16, 2003, in Auburn, Ala. He was 64.

During his brief stay at WMU, 1977-79, Henkels distinguished himself as a teacher and scholar of French literature. He spoke at several regional and national conferences and was a 1978 recipient of a WMU Faculty Research Grant. Henkels left WMU to serve as a professor of French and head of the Department of Foreign Languages at Auburn University. Shortly before his death, he retired as professor emeritus at Auburn.

Henkels published extensively on the work of the 20th century avant-garde French novelist Robert Pinget and gained international recognition for his work.

Prior to his tenure at WMU, Henkels taught at Williams College and Emory University. He graduated "cum laude" in French and English from Princeton University in 1962. As a National Endowment in the Humanities Fellow, he obtained a master of arts and doctor of arts and humanities in French studies from Brown University in 1965 and 1966, respectively.

## Frostic reading series to continue with novelist, faculty playwright



Dufresne



Feffer

The Spring 2004 Gwen Frostic Reading Series continues today with a presentation by critically acclaimed author John Dufresne and Tuesday, Jan. 27, with an appearance by award-winning playwright Steve Feffer, English.

Both presentations are at 8 p.m. in the Little Theatre.

A professor at Florida International University, Dufresne is the author of three novels, including his most recent, "Deep in the Shade of Paradise," a story collection titled "The Way that Water Enters Stone," and a guide to creative writing, "The Lie that Tells a Truth."

Feffer's plays have been produced or developed by theatres that include Ensemble Studio Theatre in New York, the O'Neill National Playwrights Conference, the Playwrights Theatre of New Jersey, the Philadelphia Festival Theatre for New Plays and the National Jewish Theatre in Chicago. His play "Little Airplanes of the Heart" was published in "Best American Short Plays 1997-1998."

Feffer is the recipient of several national playwrighting awards.

## Jan. 23 retirement event set for engineering's Molly Williams

Members of the campus community are invited to a retirement reception Friday, Jan. 23, in honor of Associate Dean Molly Williams, College of Engineering and Applied Sciences.

The event will take place from 4 to 6

p.m. in the main lobby of the college's building on the Parkview Campus. Williams, who also is a faculty member in the Department of Mechanical and Aeronautical Engineering, retired Jan. 6 after more than 30 years of service to WMU.

## Service

The following employees are being recognized for 30, 25, 20, 15, 10 and five years of service to the University during January.

**30 years**—Nanci M. Aalsburg, university libraries; Wesley R. Carpenter, public safety; Betty A. Kocher, Office of the President; and Victoria A. Wade, physical plant-building custodial and support services.

**25 years**—Katherine Klinkel, physical plant-building custodial and support services; Gloria J. Mulhearn, intercollegiate athletics; Donna M. Ring, University libraries; William Squiers, physical plant-landscape services; Edo Weits, holistic health care/physician assistant; and Ruby Wilson, physical plant-building custodial and support services.

**20 years**—Wendy C. Asmus, College of Education; Lynn C. Kelly-Albertson, Career and Student Employment Services; John E. Martell Jr., Lee Honors College; and Susan E. Oole, Center for Disability Services.

**15 years**—Joyce A. Alexander, Accounts Payable; Robert E. Fedorchak, physical plant-maintenance services; Michelle E. Hruska, WMU Bookstore; Cherie S. Neumann, physical plant-build-

ing custodial and support services; Allan C. Poole, Office of Information Technology; and John J. Rook, physical plant-maintenance services.

**10 years**—Shahla Bryant, Burnham Dining Service; Alice J. Field, Davis Dining Service; Sharon A. Glaser, Office of the President; Gwendolyn Holmes, physical plant-building custodial and support services; Shannon K. Landis, Development Office; Janice L. Murray, Valley #3 Dining Service; Tammy M. Stafford, physical plant-building custodial and support services; and Elizabeth Whitten, educational studies.

**Five years**—Nicholas Martyn Dickinson, College of Aviation; Mervyn J. Elliott, College of Aviation; Thomas C. Grossman, College of Aviation; Gary N. Hubbard, university libraries; Kim L. LaViolette, Valley #1 Dining Service; Jack N. Perlstein, WMUK-FM; Lori A. Prichard, accounting; Albert E. Reading, physical plant-maintenance services; Ronald S. Robyn, physical plant-utilities; Michael D. Rutz, campus facility development; Ryan Seiler, College of Aviation; Kimberly L. Thebo, intercollegiate athletics; and Barbara Ann Wygant, environmental studies.



# On Campus with Craig Kaml



CRAIG KAML GOES THE DISTANCE  
(Photo by Gail Towns)

Craig Kaml, Extended University Programs, knows how tough it is to juggle a job and school.

The former Marine and Gulf War veteran worked full time while pursuing his associate's, bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees. At one point, he drove two hours each way while earning his doctorate.

"My pursuit of higher education demonstrated to me that working adults do want higher education," says Kaml, director of distance education since July 2001. "They just have challenges that prevent them from such pursuits."

Kaml, who held similar posts at Craven Community College, Elizabeth City State University and East Carolina University, finds ways around those challenges.

Through distance education, WMU offers courses via self-instruction, videotape, interactive television and online access, an area of tremendous growth.

Last year, distance education recorded 713 online student enrollments. For 2003-04, the figure is around 1,040, and more than 100 Web-based classes are available.

Beyond the numbers, Kaml and his staff of eight administrative and support professionals know distance education is making a difference.

"I get to hear from people who could not otherwise pursue higher education, due to work, family or other responsibilities, distance and travel constraints, or scheduling conflicts," he says.

At the same time, more faculty members are keeping pace with changes in technology and are developing more Web-based courses.

When Kaml isn't going the distance online, he's doing it outdoors.

"I love mountains and woods," says the avid backpacker, skier and golfer.

Kaml also has completed eight marathons, enjoys sailing and is currently studying Russian.

## Faculty scholars

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the National Science Foundation, IBM, Intel Corp. and nCube Corp. She is credited with designing software used worldwide in a wide range of numerical integration solutions.

"Elise is a highly respected researcher in the numerical integration area," said a colleague from another research university in a letter of support for her nomination. "Her outstanding research record is recognized nationally and internationally through quality publications, software use and conference presentations."

Campus supporters noted both her dedication to research and her commitment to teaching. Her ability to attract research funding, said one, has provided her department with cutting-edge computing platforms and support for graduate students.

Szarmach, an Anglo-Saxon studies specialist came to WMU in 1994 after 24 years at the State University of New York-

Binghamton. Many of those supporting Szarmach's nomination for the award pointed to both his scholarly contributions to his field and what one supporter called Szarmach's "benign genius" for administration and organization, managing both the Medieval Institute and its annual gathering of some 3,000 medieval scholars from around the globe.

"Paul Szarmach's achievements as both a scholar and an administrator are legion," said a colleague from another university. "It is hard to think of anyone in North America whose activities have had a greater impact in promoting the health of Anglo-Saxon studies...and of medieval studies in general."

The head of a major professional organization said Szarmach "is one of the most accomplished scholars of Old English literature in the world and a medievalist who has contributed tremendously to medieval studies in North America."

## Keck award

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of scientific disciplines. The research team will be led by Subra Muralidharan, chemistry and director of the center.

"Not only will this research provide critical information for the medical and health sciences—with obvious implications for our work in biosciences commercialization—it also will be carried out in a way that is really emblematic of our focus on student-centered research," said President Judith I. Bailey of the news.

The University will match the \$500,000 from the Keck Foundation with a similar amount from the President's Unrestricted Fund, bringing the total funding for the research initiative to \$1 million.

Working with Muralidharan will be chemistry faculty members Yirong Mo and Dongil Lee and biological sciences faculty members Brian Tripp and Karim Essani.

The team also will include four students and a post-doctoral research fellow.

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# Calendar

Check [www.wmich.edu/wmu/news/events](http://www.wmich.edu/wmu/news/events)  
for a complete list of public campus events  
and activities