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Accounting alum is next on tap for Haworth speaker series

"Rebuilding Confidence in Our Capital Market Systems" will be the topic when PricewaterhouseCoopers Chairman Dennis M. Nally speaks later this month as part of the Haworth College of Business Distinguished Speaker Series.

Nally's talk is slated to begin at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 26, in the Brown Auditorium of Schneider. The address will be followed by a question-and-answer session and a reception.

An accounting alumnus of the Haworth College of Business, Nally is chairman and senior partner of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, based in New York.

Nally joined Price Waterhouse after graduating from WMU in 1974. Since becoming a partner in 1985, he has served in a variety of positions with the company, now known as PricewaterhouseCoopers. He assumed his current roles as senior partner and chairman of the board of partners in 2001.

Over his career, Nally has gained extensive experience serving large multinational clients in a variety of industries. His principal focus has been on the technology market, including the computer and life sciences industries.

The University community is invited to attend the event. For reservations, call 7-5050.

Nov. 24 concert set to honor WMU bands founder Meretta

The University Symphonic and Concert Bands will join to honor Director of Bands Emeritus Leonard Meretta at a Nov. 24 concert in Miller Auditorium.

"A Tribute to Leonard Meretta" begins at 3 p.m. and is free and open to the public.

Meretta is credited with establishing the bands program at WMU in 1945. After leading the bands program for 27 years, he stepped down as director of bands in 1972 and retired in 1981.

Guest Conductor Timothy Reynish, conductor emeritus of the Royal Northern Conservatory of Music in Manchester, England, will lead both ensembles as a part of this special event.

Floyd commits to the University of Missouri

Elson S. Floyd, the sixth president of Western Michigan University, is leaving WMU to take the reins of the University of Missouri system.

Floyd, who has been the WMU leader since August 1998, was tapped by the board of curators of the four-campus Missouri system

engineering, geology and journalism.

"Dr. Floyd is a strong leader who inspires the people around him," UM board President John Mathes said. "The selection committee found that he is highly regarded by all who come in contact with him, from faculty, staff and students to officials at the highest levels of state government and higher education."

WMU Board of Trustees Chairperson Richard Y. St. John praised Floyd's work at WMU and said he and his fellow trustees were disappointed by the decision but wished the president success at his new post.

"The University of Missouri is getting a wonderful president," St. John said. "His years at WMU have been a time of tremendous progress for this institution, and he served with the kind of energy and vision that will be sorely missed."

During his tenure at WMU, Floyd is credited with accomplishing a variety of goals, including those laid out by the Board of Trustees when he was hired.

- He oversaw WMU's elevation to the "doctoral/research universities-extensive" category in the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching's classification system and forged the University's reputation as a "student-centered research university."

- His pursuit of private gifts to the University resulted in three consecutive record gifts years and the near-completion of a \$125 million capital campaign, which is slated to run through 2003.

- He parlayed funding for a new engineering building into an addition to the University's Kalamazoo campus that includes not only the new academic facility, but also the Business Technology and Research Park that is being hailed as a model of public/private partnership.

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President Elson S. Floyd (Photo by John Gilroy)

to succeed Manuel T. Pacheco, who is retiring from the post of UM president at the end of this year. Floyd is expected to take office in Missouri on Jan. 6. Word of Floyd's decision to accept the Missouri offer came at the end of more than a week of speculation triggered by press reports of his candidacy for the position.

"It is with mixed and heartfelt emotions that today I advised the Board of Trustees that I have accepted the position of president of the University of Missouri," Floyd wrote in a message to the campus community. "While I am excited about the challenges that lie ahead, I am also saddened to be leaving the institution that gave me the opportunity to realize my dream of being a university president. For this, Western Michigan University, its trustees, faculty, staff, students, alumni and friends will always hold a special place in my heart."

The University of Missouri has nearly 60,000 students on four main campuses—in Columbia, St. Louis, Kansas City and Rolla. Each campus is headed by a chancellor who reports to the system president. The system includes law, medical and dental schools and nationally recognized programs in such fields as life sciences,

Trustees to move swiftly to fill presidential post

Richard Y. St. John, chairperson of the WMU Board of Trustees, said yesterday the board expects to name an interim president and move quickly to launch a search to fill the position that will open in January when Elson S. Floyd leaves the University to become the president of the University of Missouri system.

"We will name an interim president who will be ready to step in when Dr. Floyd leaves," said St. John. "We also will move swiftly to start the search for his successor. It is our intention to have that person in place by the beginning of the fall 2003 semester. This board is committed to finding a leader with the vision and energy needed to keep the University moving forward in the very important initiatives that have been established over the past several years."

Floyd's resignation from WMU is effective Jan. 5, 2003. He will take office in Missouri the following day.

New Great Lakes center funded by EPA will combine WMU research, Ann Arbor firm's technology

WMU and Ann Arbor's Altarum will use more than \$2.6 million in funding from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to develop tools that will give scientists, policy makers and citizens alike the detailed information they need to make decisions on critical environmental issues.

Sen. Carl Levin traveled to the University Oct. 31 to announce a recently approved federal grant for \$2,678,050 that will be used to establish the Great Lakes Center for Environmental and Molecular Sciences at WMU. The center will combine the resources of University environmental researchers with those of the energy and environmental division of Altarum, a non-profit research and innovation organization formerly known as ERIM.

The new center will use the technical expertise of both organizations to improve the assessment of Great Lakes water quality and more precisely measure the impact of pollution on human health and Michigan's Great Lakes ecosystem. The project could have implications for freshwater protection worldwide.

Center researchers will use new molecular science techniques and advanced informatics systems to understand, evaluate and help plan management of chemical, nutrient and biological contaminants that impact both

human health and the environment throughout the Great Lakes.

"Three things really set this work apart from earlier efforts to assess environmental damage," says Charles Ide, director of WMU's Environmental Institute, who will work on the project with the institute's associate director Jay Means, chairperson of chemistry. "We'll be the first group to apply genomic tools for assessing damage to the ecosystem and human health, we'll be applying the most sensitive and selective analysis methods, and we'll be developing a Web-based portal that will allow the people who need this information to get a better handle on the environmental data."

With 18 percent of the earth's fresh surface water, the Great Lakes offer enormous potential for perfecting ways to identify, trace and direct remediation of the impact of multiple contaminants on human health and the environment. The Great Lakes are the subject of a variety of international, federal, state, local, private and academic studies, but because those studies tend to focus on isolated pieces of the environment, the information gathered is seldom looked at in a systemwide or watershed-scale context.

"We're looking at a system that contains roughly a

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Sen. Carl Levin announces EPA funding during an Oct. 31 event. (Photo by Neil Rankin)

Around the Campus

Native American writing is topic

An expert in Native American literature will be on campus to discuss how the differing backgrounds of modern Native American novelists result in writings that have diverse interpretations of culture and history.

Karsten Fitz, a professor at the University of Regensburg, Germany, and a Fulbright Fellow, will present "Negotiating History and Culture: Transculturation in Contemporary Native American Fiction" at 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 21, on the tenth floor of Sprau Tower. A reception will follow.

The presentation is part of the Scholarly Speaker Series sponsored by the WMU Department of English.

Playwright is visiting scholar

An award-winning playwright and director is coming to town this month for a reading of her work and to share her expertise and views with students and the public.

Yvette Heyliger, who is coming to Kalamazoo through the WMU Visiting Scholars and Artists Program, is best known in theatre circles for her thought-provoking play "Autobiography of a Homegirl," which earned her a best playwright nomination in the 1996 NAACP Theatre Awards for its staging in Los Angeles. The production, which also marked Heyliger's directorial debut, was produced by TWINBIZ and partially funded by Bill Cosby.

A dramatic reading of sections of the play begins at 8 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 20, in Kalamazoo College's Balch Playhouse. A discussion and question-and-answer session follows the staged reading of the work, which was showcased at the 2001 National Black Theatre Festival in Winston-Salem, N.C.

The presentation is free and open to the public, but seating is limited and tickets must be obtained beforehand by calling the college's box office at 337-7333.

Famed film editor to discuss film after showing in Little Theatre

The Department of English is teaming up with the Kalamazoo Film Society and the Western Film Society to bring film editor Lee Percy to town for a presentation of his film, "The Believer."

The screening is at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 21, in the Little Theatre. A discussion will follow the film along with a demonstration on how parts of the film were assembled.

The film is about skinheads and is loosely based on the story of Daniel Burros, the New York Neo-Nazi leader who killed himself after it was revealed he was Jewish. The film has generated its share of controversy, with the Anti-Defamation League praising it, but the Simon Wiesenthal Center condemning it as "a primer for anti-Semitism."

Percy has edited three films which won top acting Oscars: William Hurt for "Kiss of the Spiderwoman," Jeremy Irons for "Reversal of Fortune," and Hillary Swank for "Boys Don't Cry."

More recently, he edited Henry Bean's "The Believer," winner of the 2001 Sundance Grand Jury Prize, as well as "Lift," a Sundance Grand Jury Prize nominee.

Campus workshop to focus on using theatre as teaching tool

A free faculty and staff workshop on "Using Theatre Techniques in the Classroom" will be presented from 1 to 3 p.m. Friday, Nov. 15, in Room 3230 of the Sindecuse Health Center.

The program will explore and demonstrate interactive techniques that actively engage students in the learning process. It is being sponsored by the health center's Office of Health Promotion and Education and will be facilitated by Kevin D. Dodd, coordinator of theatre for community health.

For more information or to register, call 7-3263.

Fall Department of English series features two writers

The Fall 2002 Reading Series, sponsored by the Department of English's creative writing program, continues with presentations scheduled for today, Thursday, Nov. 14, as well as Monday, Nov. 25, in 3021 Brown.

Today's presentation features WMU alumna Kellie Wells, whose debut collection, "Compression Scars," won the 2001 Flannery O'Connor Award for short fiction. The stories cover a wide range of eccentric characters, from a young girl experiencing her friend's strange demise to a set of opposite-sex conjoined twins.

Wells' fiction has appeared in the *Kenyon Review*, the *Gettysburg Review*, *Prairie Schooner* and other journals. She earned a doctoral degree in English from WMU in 1999 and teaches in the creative writing program at Washington University in St. Louis.

The series concludes Nov. 25 with a reading by Susan Hahn. Hahn is the author of five poetry collections, including the recently released "Holiday," published by the University of Chicago Press in late 2001. Her book "Harriet Rubin's Mother's Wooden Hand," also published by the University of Chicago Press, won the Society of Midland Authors poetry award.

Hahn also is noted for her work as a playwright and serves as the editor of *TriQuarterly* magazine and co-editor of *TriQuarterly Books*. Both presentations are open to the public and begin at 9 p.m.



Hahn

For more information about these or any other campus events, visit the WMU News Website at www.wmich.edu/wmu/news.

Fenn named by Gov. Engler to Michigan's Board of Medicine

William Fenn, physician assistant, is one of four people recently appointed by Gov. John Engler to the Michigan Board of Medicine.

The board is responsible for establishing minimal standards of acceptable practice and assessing penalties when those standards are not met. The board also recommends licensure to schools or individuals once the designated exam created by the board is passed.

Fenn replaces Gregg Haskell of Houghton, Mich., whose term has expired. Fenn's term runs through Dec. 31, 2006.

Grad student wins state honor

A Jackson, Mich., student who is pursuing a master's degree in counseling education has been recognized as the top residence hall system graduate assistant in Michigan.

Sarah Weaver, now in her second year working with the Draper/Siedschlag halls, was named the state's 2002 Graduate Assistant of the Year by the Great Lakes Association of College and University Housing Officers at its Nov. 2-5 conference.

The regional association annually selects a top graduate assistant for each of its four member states. Selection criteria include professionalism, contributions to the nominee's university, and willingness to learn and teach others.

Litynski lauded in ceremony at Polish consulate general in NYC

Daniel M. Litynski, WMU's provost and vice president for academic affairs, has been awarded the Cavalier Cross of

Merit by the president of the Republic of Poland, in recognition of his efforts on behalf of Polish-American relations.

Litynski was in New York Nov. 12 to receive the award during a ceremony at Poland's

Consulate General. The award was presented by Agnieszka Magdziak-Miszewska, Poland's consul general in New York, on behalf of Polish President Aleksander Kwasniewski. The ceremony was part of the annual celebration of Poland's Nov. 11 Independence Day.

"It is an honor to receive this award from the Polish government," Litynski says. "There are long-lasting cultural ties between Poland and America that have developed over the past 200 years, and as we go into the future in this era of global connections, this is a partnership that can only continue to grow."

Litynski came to WMU in 1999 from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, where he was active in building and maintaining relationships with Poland on a number of fronts. He was an organizer and frequent speaker at that institution's Kosciuszko Day ceremonies, an annual event held to honor General Thaddeus Kosciuszko, a Polish army officer who became a U.S. Revolutionary War hero and the chief engineer for the fortifications at West Point. In addition to his engineering prowess, Kosciuszko, whom Litynski calls "a great soldier, engineer and gentleman," was instrumental in winning a number of critical battles for the Americans, including the Battle of Saratoga. Polish consular officials say it was Litynski's role in establishing the Kosciuszko Day tradition at West Point that is the primary reason for his selection as a recipient of the Cavalier Cross of Merit.

In addition, Litynski was a member of the International Advisory Committee that in 1992 helped establish the International Faculty of Engineering at the Technical University of Lodz in Poland.

Trustees sign off on 12 faculty, staff retirement notices

The retirements of four faculty members and eight staff members were approved by the University's Board of Trustees at its Sept. 20 meeting.

In related personnel action at the same meeting, trustees also accepted the resignations of 14 faculty members.

Three of the four faculty members who are retiring are doing so with emeriti status. Their names, years of continuous service

and effective dates of retirement are: Leander C. Jones, Africana studies, 27 1/2 years, effective

April 30, 2003; Timothy Light, comparative religion and Middle

Eastern languages and special assistant to the president for internationalization, 10 1/2 years, effective April 30, 2003; and George Robeck, communication, 34 1/2 years, effective Dec. 31, 2002. Also retiring is Pamela Keesler, Career English Language Center for International Students, 27 years, effective Aug. 31, 2002.

The staff members retiring are: Janice K. Argue, Grants and Contracts, 28 1/2 years, effective Aug. 31, 2002; Robert F. Day, building custodial and support services, 17 1/2 years, effective June 30, 2002; Betty MaryAnn Haws-Johnson, Education Library, 22 years, effective June 30, 2002; Evaline S. Marks, Valley #3 Dining Service, 33 1/2 years, effective Aug. 31, 2002; Phyllis A. Paul, public safety, 15 years, effective Sept. 30, 2002; Shirley G. West, comparative religion, 31 years, effective Aug. 31, 2002; Sandra K. Williams, Valley #3 Dining Service, 16 years, effective July

31, 2002; and Christine G. Zimmer, health promotion and education, 24 years, effective Aug. 31, 2002.

The faculty members whose resignations were accepted by the Board of Trustees at the same meeting are: Nabil Abdelfattah, Asian and Middle Eastern languages, effective Aug. 5, 2002; Dina Bangdel, art, effective Aug. 4, 2002; Arthur J. Boyes, College of Aviation, effective Aug. 31, 2002; Kasim Biber, mechanical and aeronautical engineering, effective Sept. 2, 2002; Edward J. Daly III, psychology, effective Aug. 5, 2002;

Peter Garside, College of Aviation; effective July 30, 2002; Brian Goetz, mathematics, effective Aug. 4, 2002; Geraldine Gorman, nursing, effective April 28, 2002; Kenneth F. Miles, College of Aviation, effective Aug. 30, 2002; Samuel R. Pavel, economics, effective Aug. 4, 2002; Murari J. Shah, industrial and manufacturing engineering, effective Aug. 5, 2002; Shoshana Shonfeld-Ringel, social work, effective Aug. 4, 2002; Molly B. Vass, community health services, effective Aug. 16, 2002; and Teresa D. Whitt-Walton, educational studies, effective Aug. 4, 2002.



Argue



Jones



Light



Rebeck



Zimmer



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Flexible spending account applications due Nov. 27

Employees have until 5 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 27, to enroll in a Flexible Spending Account for 2003. Flexible Spending Accounts offer an opportunity to use tax-free dollars to pay for dependent care expenses or qualified medical expenses not covered by insurance.

Employees must enroll annually. New participants and current participants who wish to continue their plans in 2003 must submit an enrollment form to the Benefits Office by the deadline noted above.

For more information, visit the Web site <www.wmich.edu/hr/benefits/health/open_enroll.htm>. Enrollment forms are available on that site or by calling the benefits office at 7-3630.

Exchange

FOR SALE—2000 Toyota Sienna CE. Burgundy, 34,000 miles, a/c, power windows, locks, steering, ABS, new tires, privacy glass, middle bench seat, am/fm cassette/CD, cruise control, rear heating. \$16,000 OBO. Call 353-8724.

FOR SALE—The Cyclone Zone Cross-Trainer w/optimal six-function monitor, \$100 or best offer. Somewhat like a stepper that works the arms simultaneously, maximum weight capacity of 230 lbs. Call Julie at 7-3960 or Jeff at 624-6577.

Obituaries

University officials have learned of the July 7 death in Kalamazoo of **Harold O. Bahlke**, emeritus in humanities. He was 86.

Bahlke joined the faculty in 1962 as an assistant professor of English and remained on the faculty until his retirement in 1981. During his tenure, he served as chairperson of the humanities area of the College of General Studies from 1965 to 1972.

Shortly after his retirement, Bahlke worked as special consultant on an award-winning film produced at WMU about the work of architect Paolo Soleri, who designed the futuristic city Arcosanti in Arizona.

Bahlke earned a bachelor's degree from Wisconsin State College in Eau Claire and his master's and doctoral degrees from the University of Minnesota.

Edward O. Elsasser, emeritus in history, died Oct. 3 in Kalamazoo. He was 84.

A specialist in the history of Latin America, Elsasser was a faculty member for 28 years before his retirement in 1983.

During his career, he was awarded a Fulbright Fellowship for research, and he contributed to numerous publications, including Encyclopedia Britannica, Colliers Encyclopedia and several professional journals.

Libraries

Annual book sale is next week

The Friends of University Libraries is holding its annual fall book sale from 9 a.m. to midnight Wednesday, Nov. 20, and from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 21.

The event, which will take place on the second floor of Waldo Library, serves as a fund-raiser for the libraries and offers the campus community an opportunity to buy inexpensive used books and resource materials.

On Campus with Hanna Wells



PARTIES ARE PART OF HER PRIORITIES.

(Photo by Neil Simon)

Hanna Wells doesn't have a problem with partying on the job.

In fact, it's part of the job description for Wells, the office associate for University fund-raisers Jerry George, director of development for athletics, and Donald MacKenzie, director of development for the Haworth College of Business and associate director for major and planned gifts.

"Even though my job can be quite challenging at times, I really enjoy working with Jerry and Don," says Wells, who supports the duo and helps organize development events, including the Gary Fund's tailgate parties.

"This year we had over 600 people attending," she says. "It's a lot of work planning such an event, but everyone has a lot of fun and it is a good chance to show our appreciation for their support of the athletic department through their Gary Fund donation."

Earlier this year, the 2002 Mike Gary Athletic Fund reached a record total, surpassing its \$730,000 goal and raising \$758,655 in gifts and pledges—up 5 percent from 2001. The fund, launched in 1956, underwrites scholarships, travel support and equipment for WMU's 20 varsity athletic programs.

Wells' work, however, is far from fun all the time. Each April, she also works closely with dozens of volunteers who place thousands of phone calls to Bronco supporters nationwide on behalf of the fund.

Her biggest challenge: "Trying to keep on top of things!" says Wells, who has worked in the Development Office for the last two years. "I'm by nature a very organized person, and at times my job can be overwhelming."

A native of Southwest Michigan, Wells came to work at WMU almost six years ago as an office associate for former men's basketball coach Bob Donewald. "When I heard about the job opening in the Development Office, working for Jerry George, I thought it would be a good fit," she says.

That same feeling applies to life in Michigan.

"I spent 11 formative, fun years in Cincinnati, but I missed Michigan and returned," she says.

Away from work, the mother of a 12-year-old and stepmother of two college students stays busy with photography, reading and gardening.

She and husband Dave live in Kalamazoo and "love it here!"

Zest for Life

Zest for Life still wants you. WMU employees, retirees and spouses are eligible to participate in free classes.

The new schedule for spring 2003 is now being confirmed with several new classes. The walking program for next semester will be called "Sole Power". This course is a self-administered program that will require each participant to record their results through e-mail. This is a great way to meet new people and gain the benefits of exercising.

Also in January, Zest for Life is starting "A New Me in 2003," which is also a self-administered program that allows participants to improve their overall health.

To sign up for either new class, call 7-3543 and you will receive a packet with all the details.

Along with these new additions, Zest is still offering Full Life Fitness, WET workout, Yoga and many more.

Web watch

Latest WMU news found online

For those who want to start their day with the very latest news about the University, WMU News should be the home page default setting for both personal and office computers.

Faculty and staff can begin each day with the latest news about the accomplishments of faculty, staff, emeriti, students and alumni by going online to the most frequently updated and complete Web site or publication at WMU.

Because it's updated daily, WMU News is the first place to find information about University closings. It's also the site that boasts a complete one-year calendar of University public events. And for those who need to reference recent University history, the site offers more than 3,500 archived news releases dating back to 1997.

To see what's available, go to <www.wmich.edu/wmu/news>.

Next News is semester's last

The next issue of the *Western News*, which will be published Dec. 5, is the final one for the fall semester.

Publication will resume Jan. 9, following the holiday break. Additional spring semester publication dates will be Jan. 23, Feb. 6, Feb. 20, March 13, March 27, and April 10.

Nine staff members honored for excellence

Nine outstanding staff members will receive semiannual Staff Service Excellence Awards, with a \$100 prize and commemorative certificate. Award recipients are nominated by their peers and selected by a group of peers to recognize excellence in service far beyond job requirements.

Two winners are from the AFSCME ranks: John Disbro, Physical Plant-Landscape Services; and Shelly L. Russell, Physical Plant-Building Custodial and Support Services.

Seven winners are from the professional, administrative, clerical and technical employee groups: Annie R. Dobbs, chemistry; Deanna J. Hinkle, Development Office; Barbara T. McKinney, mathematics; Rose-

mary Nichols, Extended University Programs; Maureen Price, Office of the General Counsel; Cynthia L. Seedorff, Medieval Institute; and Richard H. Welch, physics.

Winners of the fall '02 and winter '03 semiannual awards are the candidates from whom four employees will be selected to win an annual Staff Service Excellence Award, with a \$1,000 prize, in spring '03.

New director takes helm of distance education

Craig A. Kaml has been named director of the Department of Distance Education in WMU's Extended University Programs division.

Kaml, whose appointment was effective July 1, has 10 years of experience in the field of instructional technology and distance education.

In his new post, Kaml will oversee WMU's self-instructional, interactive television and Internet programs; develop long- and short-term plans to meet the emerging technologies and market needs of these programs; explore ways to attract more faculty to teach in divergent technologies; and study trends and research new technology for future development and program expansion.

Kaml comes to WMU from North Carolina, where he had been serving as assistant director for distance learning at East Carolina University since 2000.

Previously, he was director of instructional technology for the Teacher Education Program at Elizabeth City State University in North Carolina from 1996 to 2000, an instructional computer technology support specialist at Craven Community College in North Carolina from 1993 to 1996 and a Hawk missile systems repair/electronic technician in the U.S. Marine Corps from 1988 to 1993.

Kaml has been involved in numerous curriculum development projects, including a master of public administration program in Russia, an online birth through kindergarten add-on licensure program, distance education programs in behavior and emotional disorders and specific learning disabilities, and teacher education graduate programs.



Kaml

FEEING A LITTLE FAINT?— Leah Wiser of Kalamazoo was in the right place Oct. 24 when a Prize Patrol Team from Publishers Clearing House visited her on the job to hand deliver a check for \$10,000. Wiser, a physician assistant in the Sindecuse Health Center since 1997, was one of 71 sweepstakes winners who picked up 10K in the company's nationwide Prize Blitz Oct. 22-24. Wiser's mom helped Publishers Clearing House pull off the surprise visit, which was recorded by WOTV-Channel 41.



Committee seeks faculty scholar nominations

The Distinguished Faculty Scholar Committee is seeking nominations for the 2002-2003 Distinguished Faculty Scholar Awards.

The deadline for nomination is January 24, 2003. Up to three awards may be made each year. Those honored during this cycle will be announced at the next convocation. Each winner will receive a \$2,000 honorarium that becomes part of the recipient's base salary; a plaque; and an

opportunity to present a lecture, exhibition or performance for the University community.

All current, continuing board-appointed persons with faculty rank are eligible, including part-time and full-time faculty. Nominees must have at least seven academic years of service to WMU prior to nomination. No individual may receive the award more than once.

The awards are based on outstanding professional achievements. The accomplishments may be artistic, historical, literary, philosophical, scientific or technical. Wide recognition beyond WMU is essential. The award will be based on a body of achievement rather than a particular piece of work and a substantial part of the work must have been accomplished as a WMU faculty member.

Guidelines and nomination forms are being distributed on campus. For more information about the process, contact Ernst A. Breisach, history and chairperson of the selection committee, at 7-4590 or by e-mail at <ernst.breisach@wmich.edu>.

Calendar

The master calendar maintained by the Office of University Relations for use in *Western News* is available through WMU's home page on the World Wide Web. Select WMU News and then look for Events. You can also link directly to the calendar at <www.wmich.edu/wmu/news/events>.

NOVEMBER 2002

11.14 Thursday

Student exhibition (through Nov. 15), ceramics by Marci Bonham and photography by Coreene Smith, East Hall Galleries, weekdays 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; reception, Friday, Nov. 15, 5-8 p.m.

Visiting artist exhibition (through Dec. 6), electronic media by artist-in-residence Will Pappenheimer, Sangren Hall Gallery II, weekdays 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Conference, "Education Leadership Academy," Fetzer Center, 8:30 a.m.

Research ethics lecture, "Social Responsibilities of Researchers," 157 Bernhard Center, 11 a.m.

Brown bag lunch panel discussion, Family and Consumer Sciences, Andreas Philaretou and Maija Petersons, 1024 Trimpe Bldg., noon.

Master class, Markus Groh, piano, guest artist from the Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra, Dalton Center Recital Hall, 2 p.m.

Concert, Collegium Musicum directed by Matthew Steel, Dalton Center Recital Hall, 8:15 p.m.

*University Theatre production, "Six Degrees of Separation," Shaw Theatre, Nov. 14-16 and 21-23, 8 p.m.; Nov. 17, 2 p.m.

Reading, WMU alumna Kellie Wells, author of "Compression Scars," 3021 Brown Hall, 9 p.m.

*Bernie's After Hours, comedian Vic Henley, East Ballroom, Bernhard Center, 9 p.m.

11.15 Friday

Business lecture, "Business Ethics and Corporate Governance," Keystone Community Bank Breakfast Series, 2150 Schneider Hall, 7 a.m.; for reservations, call 7-5050.

Faculty/staff workshop, "Using Theatre Techniques in the Classroom," Kevin D. Dodd, 3230 Sindecuse Health Center, 1 p.m.

Native American Mini Pow Wow, lectures and demonstrations, East Ballroom, Bernhard Center, three sessions: 9:30 to 11 a.m., noon to 1:30 p.m., 2:30 to 4 p.m.

11.16 Saturday

*Football vs. Toledo, "Hall of Fame," Waldo Stadium, 3:30 p.m.

*Hockey vs. Ferris State, Lawson Ice Arena, 8 p.m.

*Concert, Doc Severinsen and His Big Band, Miller Auditorium, 8 p.m.

11.17 Sunday

*Men's basketball vs. GT Express (exhibition), University Arena, 2 p.m.

*Concert, "A Season in Review," Bronco Marching Band directed by William Pease, Miller Auditorium, 3 p.m.

Guest artist recital, Timothy John Smith, cello, Dalton Center Recital Hall, 4 p.m.

Concert, Domestic Problems, Bronco Mall Center Stage, Bernhard Center, 6:30 p.m.

*Sing Along Santa, Buster Bronco Family Series, Miller Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.

11.18 Monday

Student exhibition (through Nov. 22), paintings by Brian Timmer, East Hall Galleries, weekdays 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; reception Friday, Nov. 22, 5-7 p.m.

*Women's basketball vs. Basketball Travelers (exhibition), University Arena, 7 p.m.

11.19 Tuesday

Flag football, "NFL College Flag Football Championship Bash," WMU intramural flag football championship, live music, prizes, Waldo Stadium, 7-10 p.m.

*Faculty Artist Concert, Jazz Showcase, Dalton Center Recital Hall, 8:15 p.m.

11.20 Wednesday

Dalton Convocation Series, Avanti Quintet, faculty woodwind ensemble from the University of Massachusetts Amherst, Dalton Center Recital Hall, 1 p.m.

Lecture, "Natives in the Media," Jennifer Podemski, Canadian Aboriginal actor, producer, director, 2302 Sangren Hall, 7 p.m.

Concert, WMU Women's Chorus conducted by Dee Gauthier, Dalton Center Recital Hall, 8:15 p.m.

11.21 Thursday

Research ethics lecture, "Intellectual Property," 210 Bernhard Center, 11 a.m.

*39th annual Turkey Trot, 2.5-mile road race through campus begins at Student Recreation Center, 4:30 p.m.

English lecture, Scholarly Lecture Series, "Negotiating History and Culture: Transculturation in Contemporary Native American Fiction," Karsten Fitz, 10th floor Sprau Tower, 7 p.m.

Film, "The Believer" by Lee Percy, with post-screening commentary by Percy, Little Theatre, 7 p.m. Free tickets required for admission.

Concert, WMU Percussion Ensembles directed by Judy Moonert, Dalton Center Recital Hall, 8:15 p.m.

11.22 Friday

Graduate student program, "Electronic Theses and Dissertation Workshop," University Computing Center, 10 a.m. To register, call 7-8206.

Ethics lecture, "Current Challenges to the First Amendment: Implications for Academic Freedom," Brown Auditorium, Schneider Hall, 7 p.m.

*Volleyball vs. Bowling Green, University Arena, 7 p.m.

*Concert, The Four Tops and The O'Jays, Miller Auditorium, 8 p.m.

*Concert, "20th Annual Tribute to Great Swing Bands," University Jazz Orchestra directed by Scott Cowan, and Jazz Lab Band directed by Trent Kynaston, Dalton Center Recital Hall, 8:15 p.m.

11.23 Saturday

*Women's basketball vs. Illinois State, University Arena, 2 p.m.

*Volleyball vs. Northern Illinois, University Arena, 7 p.m.

*Hockey vs. Niagara, Lawson Ice Arena, 7 p.m.

*Comedy, Tim Conway and Don Knotts, Miller Auditorium, 8 p.m.

11.24 Sunday

*Women's basketball vs. Cleveland State, University Arena, 2 p.m.

Concert honoring Leonard Meretta, University Symphonic Band and University Concert Band with guest conductor Timothy Reynish, Miller Auditorium, 3 p.m.

11.25 Monday

Student exhibition (through Nov. 26), watercolors by Laura Schnurstein, East Hall Galleries, weekdays 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; reception Tuesday, Nov. 26, 5-8 p.m.

Reading, Susan Hahn, author of poetry collections, including "Holiday" and "Mother in Summer," 3021 Brown Hall, 9 p.m.

11.26 Tuesday

Opera workshop directed by Carl Ratner, Dalton Center Recital Hall, 8:15 p.m.

11.27 Wednesday

Thanksgiving recess begins at noon. No afternoon classes, WMU offices open regular hours.

11.28 Thursday - Thanksgiving Day

Thanksgiving recess through Monday, Dec. 2. WMU offices closed. No classes.

11.29 Friday

*Hockey vs. Lake Superior State, Lawson Ice Arena, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 30 - Hanukkah

*Hockey vs. Lake Superior State, Lawson Ice Arena, 7 p.m.

12.1 Sunday

*Concert, Vienna Choir Boys Christmas, Miller Auditorium, 7 p.m.

12.2 Monday

Student exhibition (through Dec. 6), sculpture by Ryan C. Flesher and watercolors by Stacie Laccabu, East Hall Galleries, weekdays 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; reception Friday, Dec. 6, 5-8 p.m.

*Men's basketball vs. Detroit, University Arena, 7 p.m.

12.4 Wednesday

Dalton Convocation Series, Student Musicale, selected outstanding student performances, Dalton Center Recital Hall, 1 p.m.

*Concert, Oak Ridge Boys Christmas, Miller Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.

12.5 Thursday

Faculty Senate meeting, Fetzer Center, 5 p.m.

*Admission charged

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• He secured legislative approval for a new \$48 million home for the College of Health and Human Services.

• His personal attention to faculty/staff and town/gown relations has resulted in a period marked by collaborative efforts both within and between the two segments of the community.

• He fulfilled a 2001 vow to lead WMU to becoming one of the first major research universities in the nation to offer a totally wireless campus computing environment.

WMU's Board of Trustees is expected to announce soon how it will fill the vacancy that will be left by Floyd's departure.

Floyd's message to the University community, which was sent as he headed to Missouri for a whirlwind fly-around to visit all four of Missouri's campuses, concluded with a note of thanks for the support he has received during his tenure.

"Thank you for your unwavering support of the past four and a half years and for your efforts to keep me here in Kalamazoo," he wrote. "However, I came to Western Michigan University because of the opportunities and challenges that it offered, and today, I leave for the University of Missouri for those same reasons."

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fifth of the world's surface freshwater supply," says Robert Shuchman, senior vice president and chief technical officer of Altarum. "What's so exciting is that this combines geospatial informatics technology with hard science. We are looking at components like land cover, demographics, hydrology and other watershed information values for the Great Lakes basin and combining that information with environmental and molecular science models that will give us a long-term look at human environmental health risks."

Initial work of the center will take place at WMU, where Ide and Means and colleagues in the Environmental Institute have been working with previous EPA funding to measure genetic changes that are caused by toxic chemicals in the watershed. Their work, which has focused on the Kalamazoo River watershed, an EPA Superfund site, uses the latest genome technology and offers the potential for guidance on just what levels of such substances can be considered "acceptable." The work predicts long-term genetic changes that may be occurring in seemingly healthy specimens.

With such data, Altarum will design a Web-based portal that will look at the Great Lakes as an entire system and incorporate the molecular-level findings with comprehensive GIS (geographic information systems) information. That information would detail the effects of urbanization and changing land-use patterns.