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## Faculty concerts part of annual music student seminar schedule

As part of Seminar 2002, the University's summer music camp for high school students, the School of Music is presenting evening concerts featuring faculty artists.

The series, titled "Relax, You're With Friends," features the Western Wind Quintet this evening, and a percussion quartet led by Judy Moonert Monday, July 15. Both concerts are free and open to the public and begin at 7:30 p.m. in the Dalton Center.

Seminar 2002 is celebrating its 51st year, with students from eight states and Canada on the campus for the July 7-20 program.

Five free public performances featuring student musicians will be held July 14 through 20. Times and dates can be found in the calendar on page four of *Western News*.

## Holistic health is seminar topic

An annual WMU institute in late July will attract people interested in holistic health care from across the country to Michigan's Leelanau Peninsula.

Offered by the College of Health and Human Services' Holistic Health Care Program, the Leelanau Holistic Summer Institute will allow participants to immerse themselves in intensive, weeklong classes devoted to integrating holistic methods into everyday life. Participants will live with a community of like-minded classmates at the Leelanau School, a private 50-acre boarding school in scenic Glen Arbor, Mich.

This year's institute will be offered in two sessions, July 28-Aug. 3 and Aug. 4-10. Faculty will include three authors of the popular book on holistic health, "Seeds of Awakening."

For more information, visit the Web site: [www.wmich.edu/holistichealth](http://www.wmich.edu/holistichealth).

## Administrative changes announced

Three top-level administrative changes, all effective July 1, have been announced by President Elson S. Floyd.

Jeffrey S. Breneman has been named vice president for legislative affairs and chief of staff. Carol L.J. Hustoles has been named vice president for legal affairs and general counsel. And Dean K. Honsberger is the new associate vice president for budget and planning.



Breneman



Honsberger



Hustoles

All three appointments were made pending final approval by the WMU Board of Trustees at its next meeting.

Breneman has led WMU's legislative efforts since 1998, first as assistant vice president for legislative affairs, then as associate vice president of legislative affairs. The promotion and addition of chief-of-staff duties, Floyd said, "more accurately reflect the scope of his responsibilities, both internally and externally."

A 1991 WMU alumnus, Breneman came to the University after serving as deputy chief of staff for district/state relations for U.S. Rep. Fred Upton, overseeing the congressman's

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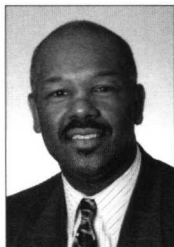
### OPEN TO DEBATE—

Michigan's gubernatorial election season moved into high gear July 2, when state Sen. Joe Schwarz, left, and Lt. Gov. Dick Posthumus squared off in Schneider Hall for the first of three debates before the Aug. 6 primary. The Western Student Association offered WMU as a debate site for both parties, and the Republican candidates agreed to hold their initial matchup on campus. The debate, which was televised statewide, featured a town meeting format, with questions coming both from the audience and moderator Gordon Evans of WMUK, 102.1 FM. (Photo by Thom Myers)

# VP tapped for two-year NSF post

The National Science Foundation has tapped a longtime University administrator for a two-year stint as head of an NSF division aimed at developing young scientists.

Donald E. Thompson, vice president for research and dean of the Graduate College, has been named director of the NSF's Division of Human Resource Development. He will begin his duties in Washington, D.C., Aug. 12.



Thompson

"This is a tremendous opportunity for Dr. Thompson to apply his skills and expertise at the national level," said President Elson S. Floyd of Thompson's move to the NSF. "This recognition is emblematic of the growing stature of this University in the national research community and the commitment Dr. Thompson has made, not only to Western Michigan University, but also to the goal of expanding this nation's research capabilities."

In Washington, Thompson will oversee programs aimed at the NSF's agency-wide commitment to enhancing the quality of scientific research by broadening the research participation of underrepresented groups. As division director, Thompson will be responsible for the work of personnel in a variety of NSF programs aimed at increasing opportunities in the sciences, engineering and technology for minorities, women and people with disabilities. Among the major programs in Thompson's division are the Tribal Colleges and Universities Program, the Historically Black Colleges and Universities Undergraduate Program, and the Program for Gender Equity in Science, Mathematics, Engineering and Technology.

Thompson says a major focus of his work at the NSF will be extending the work of his division to all of the agency's other divisions in a way that will influence other parts of the agency "to create a broad hard science human resource base." That interaction within the agency is a major benefit of the position, he says.

"I expect to return to WMU in two years with a broadened knowledge of research at the national level and a substantial knowledge of who's doing what in the different science disciplines," Thompson says. "I'm really looking forward to the opportunity to grow and use my talents in a way that is going to make me a valuable resource for

the University."

Thompson's appointment to the NSF is an Inter Personnel Agreement, through which WMU will receive an NSF grant in exchange for Thompson's services for the two-year duration of the appointment. During the term of his appointment, he will continue to return to the University four to six times per year and will work on special projects for the president.

"I'm indebted to Dr. Floyd for being so supportive of this move," Thompson says. "He really sees the larger picture and the importance of my being at the NSF and then bringing that experience back to the University."

During Thompson's two-year absence from the campus, his WMU duties will be handled by William Wiener, currently senior associate dean of the Graduate College, and Jack Luderer, associate vice president for research. Wiener will serve as dean of the Graduate College and Luderer will take over the reins of the University's research efforts. Wiener and Luderer have been appointed to two-year terms in their new roles.

Thompson has been at WMU since 1985.

## Two WMU-produced jazz CDs get kudos from journal critic

A columnist for a jazz music journal has selected two jazz CDs released by Western Michigan University students as among the "Blue Chip" releases of 2001.

Writing for a recent issue of the *Jazz Education Journal*, Herb Wong, a noted jazz historian, critic and author, chose the two WMU releases as among the Top Campus CDs of the year. The CDs are "Cosmosis" by the WMU Jazz Orchestra and "While We're Young" by Gold Company. The Jazz Orchestra is directed by Trent Kynaston and Richard Holland, while Gold Company is directed by Stephen Zegree.

The two CDs are among nine selections in the category. WMU was the only school in Michigan to have a CD on the list and one of two schools to have more than one CD chosen.

This is the seventh annual edition for Wong's Blue Chip Jazz CD Awards. Wong says in the column that, despite an uncertain economy, 2001 was an especially good year for jazz releases.

## Time turns to WMU experts

It's not the end of the world, but that's what WMU's Paul Maier, history, and Brian C. Wilson, comparative religion, have been talking about recently to national media.

Maier and Wilson were both quoted in the July 1 *Time* magazine cover feature package on "The Bible & The Apocalypse: Why More Americans are Reading and Talking About the End of the World."

In addition, Maier was featured on MSNBC's nightly program "Hardball with Chris Matthews" on Tuesday, June 25.

Maier was quoted in *Time*'s main feature story about the best-selling "Left Behind" books, a fictional series about the world after the Apocalypse. On "Hardball," he was featured opposite Jerry Jenkins, co-author of the "Left Behind" series.

Wilson is chairperson of comparative religion and specializes in American religion and culture. He was quoted on Americans' zeal for the books in a *Time* companion article titled "The End: How it Got That Way."

Both Maier and Wilson were interviewed by *Time* correspondent Amanda Brower.



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## Jobs

The following vacancies are currently being posted through the Job Opportunity Program by the Human Resource Services Department. 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 in securing these positions.

Employees may call the Applicant Information Service at 7-3669 to hear the weekly Job Opportunity Program postings, seven days a week, 24 hours a day from a Touch Tone phone.

Grade 10 clerical positions are not required to be posted. For persons interested in faculty positions, there are openings in selected fields. A letter of application should be submitted to the appropriate dean or chairperson.

Please call the Applicant Information Service for up-to-date information on the Job Opportunity Program and vacancies available to external applicants.

(R) **Clerk**, 10, Office of Alumni Relations, 02/03-3019, 7/8-7/15/02

(R) **Library Assistant**, 11, University Libraries 02/03-3030, 7/8-7/15/02

(R) **Assistant Academic Career Specialist** (term appointment, ends 8/3/03), D30, Teaching, Learning and Leadership, 02/03-3021, 7/8-7/15/02

(R) **Instructor/Assistant Professor** (term appointment, ends 8/3/03), I40/I30, Educational Studies, 02/03-3026, 7/8-7/15/02

N= New

R= Replacement

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## Exchange

**HOUSE FOR RENT**—Cozy, quiet bungalow with back yard, close to campus, one bedroom. No pets, nonsmoker preferred. Great for single or quiet couple. Available by Aug. 1. Rent \$350 per month, plus utilities. Call K'Anna, 343-2479.

**FOR SALE**—Full-size mattress and box spring, Comfort Source, Chiro-Protector, Chancellor, luxury-extra firm. Excellent condition, \$195. Call 342-9935.

## Academic calendar changes put end to campus 'winter'

The term "winter semester" is about to become history at WMU.

That's just one of the results of changes to the University's academic calendar that have been agreed upon by the University and WMU's chapter of the AAUP during current contract negotiations. Campus community members may begin using the new calendar immediately, according to Roberta Allen, associate vice president for academic affairs.

The revised calendar includes:

- A "spring semester" in place of the old "winter semester";
- Summer I and Summer II sessions

that replace the old "spring" and "summer" sessions;

- A Summer II session that will begin the day after the Summer I session ends, instead of on the same day as the end of the first session;
- A Spirit Day that has been moved from the fall to the last Friday before the early March semester break; and
- A fall semester that will begin in late August, beginning in 2004.

The calendar changes must still be approved in an agreement ratification vote by the local AAUP membership. The staff holiday calendar remains unchanged.

## Administrative changes

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two state offices.

Hustoles, a University employee since 1991, has served as the University's general counsel since 1999. Before coming to the University, she was an attorney in private practice. Her background also includes service as assistant city attorney for the cities of Kalamazoo and Livonia, Mich., and as an assistant general counsel for the Southeastern Michigan Transportation Authority.

Honsberger has worked at the University since 1969, starting as a budget officer in the Office of Budgets and Financial Planning. He has served as director of University budgets since 1990.

Hustoles' and Honsberger's title changes were made, Floyd said, "after reviewing the organizational structure and system of accountability within the University." None of the three new appointments will result in the addition of personnel.

## Gary Fund spring drive reaches record total of more than \$750,000 for athletic support

The 2002 Mike Gary Athletic Fund reached a record total, surpassing the \$730,000 goal and raising \$758,655 in gifts and pledges. The total represents a 5 percent increase over the \$725,854 raised in 2001.

"The volunteers worked extremely hard throughout the campaign," says Jerry George, development. "Our success wouldn't be possible without their highly dedicated efforts."

A telephone campaign kicked off the drive, with a group of approximately 40 volunteers soliciting phone contributions from April 22 through May 16. The drive, in its 48th year, officially ended June 30.

Jon Dixon, retired vice president of Bronson Healthcare Group, was the campaign chairperson.

"This year the Gary Fund met a very aggressive goal," Dixon says. "It was made possible because of the dedication and hard work of the volunteers. They have done a good job in broadening the network associated with the University."

Chairperson for the 2003 campaign will be Charlie Miller, a retired State Farm Agent and longtime Gary Fund volunteer.

## United Way

It may be months before the annual campuswide fund drive to raise money for local human service agencies, but a group of WMU AFSCME employees spent a recent Saturday coming to the rescue of one local resident through a project sponsored by the United Way.

A team of nine staff members devoted Saturday, June 22, to participating in a United Way "Day of Caring" project. The group braved 90-degree heat to paint the outside of a local home. The resident of the two-story dwelling had been issued a notice of violation from the city because the house needed to be completely scraped and painted.

The following people comprised the WMU volunteer team: Rapy Murphy, Jan Prange, Diane Schultz, Becky Winkle, Tory Kennedy, Alice Kreppel, Tim Burch, Janice Weaver and Donald Weaver.

# Diane Swartz gets nod as new VP for student affairs

Diane K. Swartz has been named WMU's vice president for student affairs.



Swartz

Swartz, who has served as interim vice president for student affairs since late October, was appointed to the position by President Elson S. Floyd, effective July 1 and pending approval by the WMU Board of Trustees. She replaces

Theresa A. Powell, who left WMU to take a position at Temple University.

"I'm delighted that Dr. Swartz has accepted this new challenge," said Floyd in

making the announcement. "She has spent nearly a decade here building strong relationships with students, faculty and staff, and she has been an effective and consistent advocate for students on a variety of important issues. It is wonderful to be able to tap such a strong leader who already is closely attuned to both our University and our home community."

As vice president for student affairs, Swartz will oversee a wide range of student-oriented programs and services, including Student Activities and Leadership Programs, Residence Life, Off-Campus Life, the Sindcuse Health Center, the Office of Student Conduct, the University Counseling and Testing Center, University Recreation, Disabled Students Resources and Services, the Division of Multicultural Affairs, University Substance Abuse Services, the Western Herald, the student radio station WIDR, and the Office of the Dean of Students.

"I have enjoyed working with my colleagues in the Division of Student Affairs and across the University both as dean of students and as interim VP for student affairs," said Swartz. "I am enthused and energized about this new opportunity and look forward to serving the WMU community in the role of vice president. The overwhelming support I have received from faculty, staff and student colleagues has been both gratifying and humbling."

Prior to assuming the post on an interim basis, Swartz had served as dean of students since 1993. She came to WMU from Virginia's Lynchburg College, where she served first as assistant dean of student affairs and then associate dean of student affairs. She also had held student affairs positions at Wheaton College, Michigan State University, Southern Methodist University and the University of Maryland at College Park.

## Campus community saluted in special cabaret performance

Members of the University community are invited to attend a special performance of the 2002 Orientation Cabaret Show from 3 to 4 p.m. Friday, July 19, in the Laura Shaw Theatre.

The special performance, sponsored by the Office of Admissions and Orientation and the Department of Theatre, is dedicated to the University community and to former members of the orientation staff.

Since 1974, the Cabaret Show has provided entertainment each year to participants of freshman orientation sessions. The student-written and performed production is a parody of college life and has consistently been the highest-rated orientation activity.

## Dispute resolution resource available this summer

CEDRS, the Campus Dispute Resolution Service, is available to WMU faculty and staff searching for a constructive way to overcome workplace-related disagreements and conflicts.

The service is continuing, with new CEDRS coordinator Dale Anderson, who has replaced Kathy Kreager.

A free service, CEDRS is a confidential and private mediation process that helps employees to solve interpersonal disputes.

Interested WMU employees can call the CEDRS program to explore whether mediation may be beneficial and appropriate in their circumstances. In a mediation session, trained neutral facilitators help the parties discuss the situation, and find solutions that strengthen workplace relationships and promote teamwork.

To get more information or find out whether the CEDRS program could be of assistance to you, call 7-3264.

## 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 Calendar of Events. You can also link directly to the calendar at <[www.wmich.edu/wmu/news/events](http://www.wmich.edu/wmu/news/events)>.

### JULY

#### Thursday, July 11

Concert, "Relax, You're With Friends," Western Wind Quintet, Dalton Center Multimedia Room, 7:30 p.m.

#### Friday, July 12

\*Film showing (through July 14), "The Last Waltz," Kalamazoo Film Society, Little Theatre, Friday and Saturday, 7 and 9:30 p.m.; Sunday, 2:30 and 5 p.m.

#### Sunday, July 14

Concert by the Seminar 2002 woodwind choir, Dalton Center Recital Hall, 4 p.m.

#### Monday, July 15

Concert, "Relax, You're With Friends," Percussion Ensemble with Judy Moonert, Dalton Center Recital Hall, 7:30 p.m.

#### Thursday, July 18

Recital by the Seminar 2002 pianists, Dalton Center Recital Hall, 7 p.m.

#### Friday, July 19

\*Film showing, "Smith the Gardener," Kalamazoo Film Society, Little Theatre, 7 and 9:30 p.m.

Concert, Seminar 2002 large ensemble concert, Miller Auditorium, 7 p.m.

#### Saturday, July 20

Concert, Seminar 2002 concludes with five simultaneous chamber music concerts, Dalton Center various locations, 10:30 a.m.

**\*Admission charged**