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Next WMU Board of Trustees meeting is set for May 17

The next meeting of the WMU Board of Trustees is set for Friday, May 17.

At *Western News* press time, no meeting times had been set for the meeting of the full board or its two standing committees, but the meetings are expected to take place in the morning.

Perricone to discuss term limits

Michigan's 1992 term-limits law turned the Lansing political scene on its head, fundamentally changing the way businesses must relate to legislators, according to former Michigan House Speaker Chuck Perricone, who will address the issue at a workshop on campus tomorrow, Friday, May 10.

Perricone, a WMU alumnus, will present "Term Limits Can Work in Your Favor" as part of the Keystone Community Bank Breakfast Series. The free program, which includes a continental breakfast, will begin at 7:30 a.m. in 2150 Schneider. Reservations are required and can be made by calling the Haworth College of Business dean's office at 7-5050.

"The implementation of voter-initiated term limits has had a huge impact on how business is done under the dome. They have thrown open the doors on a once cloistered society," says Perricone. "Traditional deference to senior members is out the window. Moneyed interests have little leverage. With the concept of 'you owe me' fading fast, legislative success now depends on the merits of an issue and how it is presented. The influx of wide-eyed citizen legislators presents unprecedented opportunities for grassroots influence."

Perricone is chief executive officer of New Era Consulting, a government relations firm that provides legislative strategies, contribution planning, issue development and advocacy, and crisis management services. He was a member of the Michigan Legislature from 1994 until his departure in 2000 because of term limits.

Justice facilities discussion set

Members of the WMU community will have an opportunity to get information on proposed new justice facilities for Kalamazoo County and provide feedback to local officials during an event set for Monday, May 13, at the Fetzer Center.

A special open house will take place at 4 p.m. in 1060 Fetzer Center. Members of the Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners will be hosts of the event, which will focus on a report and recommendation recently made to commissioners by a Citizens Advisory Board and its consultants. The recommendation calls for the county to build a new jail, courtrooms and juvenile hall. The facility consultant and staff will be present at the WMU event to answer questions.

The open house is one of nine scheduled for teams to meet with residents across the county to discuss the issues and recommendation. County commissioners want to know what the public thinks before they decide how to put the proposal before voters in August.

WMU's Criminal Justice Program in the Department of Sociology is sponsoring the campus event.

Mesaba expands aviation hiring agreement

Northwest Airlink's Mesaba Airlines has expanded its relationship with the University's College of Aviation, signing a new agreement with the college that will put even more WMU graduates on the fast track to employment as Mesaba flight officers.

A Mesaba official traveled to WMU's flight facilities in Battle Creek April 12 to sign a new agreement that will allow WMU graduates to fulfill the airline's multiengine flight-time requirement for pilot candidates by completing the University's Jet Orientation Course. That intense four-week course, which is conducted on the college's Boeing 737-type flight-training device, has been offered at WMU for the past 18 months and already has been completed by a number of WMU domestic flight students and cadet pilots being trained at the University for British Airways and Emirates Airlines.

Joe Restifo, director of flight operations for Mesaba, came to Battle Creek for the signing and to speak at the National Intercollegiate Flight Association's Region III competition held at WMU April 9-13. The new Mesaba agreement was originally scheduled for signing on Sept. 11, 2001. Restifo and a Mesaba colleague were flying to WMU when terrorist attacks halted all U.S. flights. The agreement was subsequently postponed due to an industrywide slowdown.

"This is a tremendous validation of the quality of the training taking place at WMU," says Gregory A. Lyman, dean of the College of Aviation. "It's been a difficult few months for the industry, but Mesaba is looking at the public's return to regular

flying and the airline's future needs for strong pilot candidates. They have indicated great appreciation for the caliber of WMU graduates who already have been hired, and now, after reviewing our Jet Orientation Course, Mesaba officials have told us it provides the level of flight experience they are seeking for future hiring."

To have an inside track in hiring the highest caliber pilots available, Mesaba became the college's first domestic airline partner nearly three years ago when it launched a "bridge training and hiring program." It has hired more than 30 WMU alumni since the first agreement was signed in August 1999, and airline officials have made repeated trips to the college to interview and test WMU-trained pilot prospects. Under the earlier agreement, Mesaba streamlined its hiring requirements for those who had completed aviation training at WMU, significantly modifying the flying time requirements for those candidates.

The new agreement further modifies requirements that must be met by candidates by allowing the Jet Orientation Course to take the place of a 100-hour multiengine flight-time requirement that was part of the previous agreement.

"Mesaba recognizes the overall experience and training that pilots are able to receive through Western Michigan University," says Restifo. "We're offering our support by guaranteeing a job interview for all who successfully complete WMU's aviation flight science program and satisfy our criteria. Upon successful completion of the interview process, WMU graduates will be offered conditional employment opportunities."

Dutch-American artist uses chainsaw to take wood carving to new heights for sake of art

An innovative new piece of sculpture has taken root on the WMU campus, with area spectators able to spend late April watching the weeklong process that created it.

The massive, outdoor piece was sculpted, using chainsaws, from a large oak tree that

Shields' sculpture has been attracting attention the world over. Her work has been included in public collections in the Netherlands and is currently on semipermanent loan in the United States to Wendall Sculpture Park in Urbana, Ill., the Franconia Sculpture Park in Shafer, Minn., the Plattsburgh Museum of Art in Plattsburgh, N.Y., and Sycamore City Park in Sycamore, Ill. It also has been featured annually in Pier Walk exhibitions in Chicago at the Field Museum, Daly Center and Navy Pier since 1997 and at the Arena Stage in Washington, D.C.

WMU students, staff and faculty members assisted Shields in her project. The well-known chainsaw manufacturer, Stihl, donated the use of three chainsaws. The new sculpture, which began life in Three Oaks, Mich., is now part of the WMU Sculpture Tour.

Having an artist like Shields come to campus and demonstrate her sculpting process provided a valuable learning experience for students and faculty alike, says Carol Rhodes, art, who is the Sculpture Tour administrator.

"It was very exciting for us on a lot of different levels," Rhodes says. "It's unlike anything we've done before and it's always nice to bring in a variety of works of art and expose the campus community to work that people wouldn't ordinarily see."

In addition to the tree sculpture, which includes a sandstone cap and weighs more than 7 tons, Shields also completed a large wooden archway. Sculpted from separate trees, the archway adjoins the larger piece.



WHAT AN OAK—

Sculptor Mari Shields recently turned a Michigan white oak tree into a new offering on the WMU Sculpture Tour. (Photo by Thom Myers)

was delivered by truck April 18 to the Knollwood Building. Near completion, it was moved in sections April 29 to its new home on the southwest side of Waldo Library near Kanley Chapel, where it was assembled into its final form.

Still unnamed, the sculpture was designed and built by Dutch artist Mari Shields. Born in Maine, Shields has lived in Amsterdam since 1972 and maintains dual citizenship in the United States and the Netherlands.

New Udall scholar is WMU's third student to nab prestigious environmental award

In what one administrator calls "an impressive trend," a WMU junior is the University's third consecutive recipient of a prestigious scholarship for environmental studies from the Morris K. Udall Foundation.

Benjamin Appleby of Hastings, Mich., is one of 80 Udall Scholars from around the nation who will receive \$5,000 for tuition, fees, books, and room and board for the 2002-03 academic year. He is one of just three winners from Michigan institutions, and the only one from a public university in the state.

A philosophy and environmental studies major, Appleby recently became a member of the Lee Honors College. He also has volunteered with WMU's Students for a Sustainable Earth; worked as an intern on an organic farm in Albuquerque, N.M.; and volunteered at the Wolf Lake State Fish Hatchery near Mattawan, Mich. Appleby is a senator of the Western Student Association and treasurer of the American Humanics Student Association. After graduating in 2003, he plans to attend law school, seek a position with the Environmental Protection Agency and eventually run for public office. His parents are Mark and Brenda Appleby of Hastings.

Appleby follows in the footsteps of WMU alumna Jacquelyn Styrna and alumna Heather Gott, who became the University's first Udall Scholars in 2000 and 2001. All three students were nominated for the award by John E. Martell, assistant dean of the Lee Honors College.

"The first three times the University has nominated students as Udall Scholars, they have won. It's an impressive trend," says Martell. "The Udall Scholarship is the

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Youth Arts Festival, Gilmore event join forces

The Michigan Youth Arts Festival at WMU has joined forces with the Irving S. Gilmore International Keyboard Festival to bring one of the world's rising young pianists to campus as the festival's artist-in-residence.

Kirill Gerstein, one of two recipients of the 2002 Gilmore Young Artist Award, will perform for participants during the youth festival's opening ceremony today and will conduct a master class Saturday morning. Gerstein also will lead an informal workshop session for student participants to answer questions about their future careers.

Those and many more activities are on tap Thursday through Sunday, May 9-11, when more than 1,000 of the state's finest young artists gather for the 40th annual Michigan Youth Arts Festival on the WMU campus. The festival honors Michigan high school students gifted in the areas of dance, drama, instrumental and vocal music, visual arts, creative writing, and film/video.

Events open to the public include an art exhibition in the Dalton Center Multi-Media Room that opens at 10 a.m. today and will be available for viewing on Friday and Saturday as well. A series of public performances will begin at 1 p.m. Friday. A complete schedule of events open to the public is available online at <www.wmich.edu/wmu/news/arts>.

Unique to the state of Michigan, the festival began in 1963 as a

simple talent screening of young musicians. Today, it is a comprehensive arts spectacular, culminating a nine-month search for the finest artistic talent in Michigan high schools. More than 60,000 students across the state become involved in the adjudication process that results in more than 1,000 students being invited to participate in the annual three-day festival.

This is the 18th year WMU has served as host to the event, which is sponsored in part through funding from the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs; Western Michigan University; Bank One of Michigan; Psi Iota Xi, Eta Omicron Chapter; Howard Printing; Siegfried Crandall Vos & Lewis; Jays Foods; D & W Food Centers; and the Coca-Cola Bottling Company of Michigan.

Honorary chairman for this year's festival is William Anderson, director of the new Michigan Department of History, Arts and Libraries. Appointed by Gov. John Engler in August 2001, he recently retired from a 33-year career in higher education, including 21 years as president of Carl Sandburg College in Galesburg, Ill., and West Shore Community College, located between the Michigan cities of Ludington and Manistee.

"Arts implant a spirit and enrich the human soul," Anderson says. "Broad cultural interest keeps life interesting, helps us be more discerning and builds a capacity for openness and receptivity for differences of all kinds."

Newly retired Seiler feted by medievalists for lifetime's work

Thomas H. Seiler, emeritus in English and medieval studies, has been named the first recipient of the Award for Outstanding Service to Medieval Studies given by the Centers and Regional Associations, a standing committee of the Medieval Academy of America.

Seiler received the award April 6 at the Medieval Academy's annual meeting in New York City.



Seiler

CARA consists of members representing 90 medieval programs across North America, and the award was created to recognize individuals who have provided leadership in devel-

oping, organizing, promoting and sponsoring medieval studies.

Seiler, who retired in January after more than three decades at WMU, was honored for his many contributions to the field of medieval studies, including serving as managing editor of the University's Medieval Institute Publications. Seiler is credited with making Medieval Institute Publications "one of the most important publishers in medieval studies," according to the award citation.

In addition, Seiler has been instrumental in establishing or reviving several specialized journals serving medieval scholarship, including *Medieval Prosopography*, *Studies in Iconography* and *The Yearbook of Langland Studies*. He was the co-editor of "The Study of Chivalry."

Copeland leads U.S. Latvians

Dace Copeland, College of Engineering and Applied Sciences, has been elected president of the American Latvian Association.

Copeland was elected April 27 at the ALA Congress annual meeting in Covington, Ky. She will serve for one year as president of the national organization that was founded in 1951 to represent the more than 100,000 Latvians who live in the United States. As president, her primary focus will be lobbying—particularly on behalf of the drive to secure membership in NATO for Latvia as well as the other two Baltic states: Estonia and Lithuania.

Copeland, a WMU staff member for more than 20 years, is a longtime leader in the Kalamazoo Latvian community. The daughter of two Latvian immigrants, Copeland grew up learning the Latvian language and has spent much of her adult life transmitting that knowledge to others. She taught at Kalamazoo's Latvian Saturday school for 25 years, serving as the principal for 10 years during that time.

Copeland became active in the ALA's national organization three years ago when she was elected to the first of three consecutive terms as director of the ALA Education and Scholarships Division.

Engineering educator honored

Hossein Mousavinezhad, chairperson of electrical and computer engineering, was honored last month for service to the cause of engineering education.

He received the Distinguished Service Award April 6 from the American Society for Engineering Education's North Central Section. The award was presented during the section's spring conference at Oakland University.

Mousavinezhad was honored by the group "in recognition and appreciation of significant and sustained leadership and service to the North Central Section."

YWCA to honor three from WMU at 'Women of Achievement' event

Three University women will be honored this evening at the YWCA Women of Achievement Award Celebration.

Athletic Director Kathy Beauregard, Arts and Sciences Dean Elise Jorgens and honors student Shanna Dietz will be recognized at tonight's ceremony at the Radisson Plaza Hotel. The purpose of the event is to recognize the community's outstanding women and to increase awareness of their accomplishments.

Beauregard is one of the YWCA's four Women of Achievement for 2002. A staff member at the University since 1988, Beauregard has been athletic director since 1997. She is currently one of only seven women athletic directors in Division I-A. She oversees 20 teams with 500 student

athletes, almost evenly divided between men and women. In 2000, she was cited as one of the top 50 women administrators in the nation by *Street and Smith Sports Business Journal*.



Beauregard

"Kathy's outgoing, enthusiastic and charming personality certainly contributes to her success," said her nominator. "Beyond these qualities, however, is a woman who is a capable, dynamic administrator and whose leadership qualities reach far beyond Kalamazoo."

Beauregard is active in a number of regional and national sports organizations,

and she is currently chairperson of the NCAA Olympic Sports Liaison Committee. In addition to her professional activities, Beauregard is an active community volunteer, having donated her time to a number of community organizations.

WMU is a sponsor of the YWCA event, and will honor Elise Jorgens as its Woman in the Spotlight. Jorgens, who has been dean of the College Arts and Sciences since 1996, came to WMU in 1977 as a faculty member and has held a variety of administrative positions.

Jorgens has served on a variety of national boards and committees, including the advisory board of the Michigan Civics Institute, the Council of Colleges of Arts and Sciences board of directors and the executive board of the Newberry Library Center for Renaissance Studies. Within the community, she is involved with the Kalamazoo County Forum and Rotary, and



Jorgens

serves as a chorus member and board member of the Michigan Bach Collegium.

WMU senior Shanna Dietz will also be recognized as one of the YWCA's Young Women of Achievement. A Lee Honors College student, she is majoring in political science and Spanish. Dietz has studied abroad, participated in WMU's Capital Internship Program and maintained a 3.85 grade point average. She recently led a seven-member WMU delegation at the national Model Arab League simulation in Washington, D.C., where they earned the competition's highest award.



LONG-TERM RELATIONSHIP—

For 50 consecutive years, Clausen Industrial Inc. of Kalamazoo has been supporting WMU engineering students, and the relationship was celebrated at a luncheon early last month.

Marking the occasion were, from left: WMU President Elson S. Floyd; Michael B. Atkins, chairperson of industrial and manufacturing engineering; Theresa B. Lowery, the 2002 Clausen Scholarship winner; and Clausen President Bill Nancarrow. (Photo by Neil Rankin)



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Brigham, Wiest join staff in key campus catering and conference service roles

WMU has landed two experienced service professionals for its catering and conferences divisions.

Sarah L. Brigham is the University's new catering manager, replacing Shari Glaser, who has moved to a new position in the Office of the President. Kathleen M. Wiest has replaced Les Roberts, who



Brigham

retired at the end of 2001, as conference supervisor in the Fetzer Center. Both women recently began working in their new positions.

Brigham oversees the campus catering department, which employs three managers, six supervisors and some 100 student servers. She comes to WMU from the Amway Grand Plaza Hotel in Grand Rapids, Mich., where she had worked since 1998 as catering manager for convention services. In

that role, she coordinated sales for private and corporate events, assisting clients from initial site inspection through payment arrangements. Brigham also has experience as an events planner in Grand Rapids and as a staff member at Walnut Creek Country Club in South Lyon, Mich.

Wiest manages logistics for the Fetzer Center's conference clients, a job that includes oversight of building maintenance, audiovisual equipment and food service. She also manages seven student workers. Before joining the University, Wiest worked for 22 years at Michigan State University's Kellogg Biological Station in Hickory Corners, Mich. From 1985 to 2000, she was the education program coordinator and assistant conference manager there.



Wiest

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.

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Obituaries

Robert H. Anderson, emeritus in chemistry, died March 6 in Kalamazoo. He was 77.

Anderson retired in 1989 after 32 years at the University. Prior to coming to WMU, he was an assistant research specialist at Rutgers University for two years.

He was active in the American Chemical Society throughout his career, serving as chairperson and treasurer of the Kalamazoo section. He also was active in the Michigan Academy and the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

A native of Kansas, Anderson earned his bachelor's degree from Baker University and his master's and doctoral degrees from Columbia University.



Anderson

Exchange

FOR SALE—1995 Mercury Tracer, 62K, one owner, very well maintained. \$3,300. Call 7-5622.

FOR SALE—Top-of-the-line Winchester bike trailer. Holds two children, easy to pull, bright pink/green. Great gift idea. \$150. Call 7-5191.

FOR SALE—1983 Honda Goldwing GS1100. Black, excellent condition, 38K miles. \$3,250 or best offer. Call 372-8826 after 4 p.m.



HER CAREER RANGES FROM CHEMISTRY TO CASH
(Photo by Neil Rankin)

On Campus with Connie Bashaw

Connie Bashaw has the look of money about her.

That's because Bashaw, a receptionist, is the first face that students—and oftentimes, parents—see when they walk into WMU's Student Financial Aid and Scholarships Office.

For Bashaw, it's a great place to work, given that one of her self-described talents is "always being in a good mood."

"When you talk to someone who comes in and is having a bad day, it's important to meet someone who's smiling and speaking nicely to you," says Bashaw. "That interaction alone can change your day."

In her current position, and in previous jobs, Bashaw has been able to do what she enjoys most: talking to people and helping them.

The Galesburg native joined the WMU community in 1988 as a receptionist in the Department of Chemistry. It was there that she met Electronics Shop Supervisor Sean Bashaw and, well, "chemistry sort of kicked in," she jokes. The two married in May 1989.

Within five years, however, she left the department. Sean remained in chemistry while Connie moved into a job at the Career English Language Center for International Students in Ellsworth Hall.

"I really loved it there," she says of her experience with students from places like Korea, Indonesia, Brazil, Saudi Arabia, Japan and other parts of the world.

"When the international students came in, they spoke very little English. I enjoyed working to understand what they were saying and help them with their needs."

She recalls one particularly moving experience during her CELCIS days.

"In some Middle Eastern cultures, the name 'Bashaw' translates into 'esteemed one.' And because of that, I was treated with an extra level of respect."

About four years ago, Bashaw transferred again, this time to financial aid.

"I enjoy what I do, and part of it is because I've got a lot of great people to work with," she says. "If it weren't for them, I would have failed from the start."

When she isn't busy watching out for others, Bashaw watches birds, either at her home in Paw Paw or in the woods. She also enjoys reading romance novels.

List of 21 candidates announced for 2002 Staff Service Excellence Annual Awards

The Staff Service Excellence Awards Program Selection Committee has announced the candidates for the 2002 annual awards. These 21 individuals are the winners of 2001-02 semiannual awards and are now eligible to win one of four annual awards that will be made this spring, each with a \$1,000 prize. The candidates are:

Nancy L. Arneson, office coordinator, Department of Chemistry; Joan E. Ashley, manager, WMU Apartments; Sean M. Bashaw, supervisor, Department of Chemistry Electrical Shop; Sherry K. Bate, administrative specialist, College of Fine Arts; Carol B. Case, gardener, Physical Plant-Landscape Services;

Thomas W. Clark, groundskeeper, Physical Plant-Landscape Services; Dace Copeland, administrative specialist, College of Engineering and Applied Sciences; Sherrie Y. Fuller, assistant director, Division of Multicultural Affairs; Frances J. Jess, utility food worker, Draper Dining Service; Scott M. Keeler, environmental control worker, Physical Plant-Maintenance Services;

Rena J. Lynema, office associate, Diether H. Haenicke Institute for International and Area Studies; Deborah A. Mitchell, first cook, Bernhard Center Dining Service; Karin H. Moses, office coordinator, Department of Paper and Printing Science and Engineering; Robert D. Purk, mechanic, Physical Plant-Landscape Services; Pamela D. Ross, senior administrative assistant, Unified Clinics; Marilyn K. Rowe, administrative specialist, College of Arts and Sciences;

Laura L. Sheppard, office associate, College of Engineering and Applied Sciences; Dawn J. Vanderploeg, business operations

coordinator, Auxiliary Enterprises; Kevin B. Vichcales, coordinator of graduate student financial assistance, Graduate College; Patricia A. (Brown) Weber, office coordinator, Department of Finance and Commercial Law; and Kathryn A. Wright, office coordinator, Department of Geosciences.

The prestigious award is reserved for WMU's most outstanding staff employees—those who reach far beyond their assigned responsibilities to give generously and creatively of their time and talents, making the University an even finer place to work and study. Only four of these outstanding coworkers can be selected to win an annual award. Winners will be selected by a committee, comprised of one representative from each employee group. The committee will review any new information submitted for the candidates, as well as the previously-submitted semiannual nominations. There is no need to resubmit these nominations.

Employees who wish to provide additional information in support of any candidate may do so until May 17. Any such additional information must include specific examples of how the candidate has exhibited excellence that far exceeds normal job expectations.

The committee will select four of these candidates to win a Staff Service Excellence Annual Award. Annual award winners will be announced in June.

Additional information in support of any candidate may be submitted until May 17 to Kitty Scheffers, human resources, by memo through campus mail, via e-mail to <kitty.scheffers@wmich.edu> or by fax sent to 7-3441.

Families sought to be hosts to University's international students

CELCIS, the Career English Language Center for International Students at WMU is seeking University employees interested in hosting international students through its homestay program.

Students stay with families for one two-month session, a four-month semester or for a time period that is mutually agreeable to the student and the family. Homestay hosts provide breakfast and dinner. A private bedroom is necessary, but bathrooms may be shared. Host families are compensated \$450 per four-week period. For information call 624-1506 or send e-mail to <homestay@ovecs.com>.

Hearing screenings offered by HHS clinic

In keeping with May being Better Hearing and Speech Month, free hearing screenings and hearing aid consultations are being offered to WMU faculty, staff and retirees and Kalamazoo Center for Medical Studies physicians and nurses.

The screenings are being offered by the Charles Van Riper Language, Speech and Hearing Clinic, part of the College of Health and Human Services. The screenings are being provided pending availability of appointment times.

Hearing screening tests separate people into two groups: those who have no apparent hearing loss and those who need further evaluation. Hearing aid consultations provide an opportunity to discuss the possible need for hearing aids or other hearing aid issues.

Screenings will be conducted in the Audiology Clinic on the fourth floor of the WMU Unified Clinics at 1000 Oakland Drive. Half-hour appointments are now available between 2:30 and 5 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays through June 19.

Testing is conducted by or under the supervision of an audiologist, who holds the Certificate of Clinical Competence from the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association.

For an appointment, call 7-8047 and ask to schedule a free hearing screening or hearing aid consultation.

Fulbright awards take two to distant lands

Mangla relishes return to native land, chance to give back to Pakistani youth

When Inayat U. Mangla submitted his application last summer to go to Pakistan as a Fulbright scholar, he had no idea what a political hotbed his native country would become.

Post Sept. 11, with Fulbright offer in hand, he's more excited than ever about heading to the Islamic republic to study and teach finance for the 2002-03 academic year.



Mangla

Mangla, finance and commercial law, expects to leave for Pakistan in late July, when he begins a one-year sabbatical. The Fulbright Scholar Program is sponsored by the U.S. State Department's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, and the government will have the final word on whether the region is safe enough for Mangla and the five other Fulbrights destined for Pakistan. Mangla says he isn't worried for his safety and is hopeful that he'll leave on schedule, despite the department's travel warning for the country and its March 22 recall of all non-emergency personnel and family members of the U.S. Embassy and consulates in Pakistan.

Titled "Ideas are Capital, the Rest is Just Money," Mangla's Fulbright proposal was one of 130 applications from American scholars who wanted to go to Pakistan. That document outlines his plans to spend his time teaching, researching, aiding Pakistani universities with curriculum development and strengthening ties with the University of Lahore and Hamdard University, schools with which WMU has established cooperative "twinning" programs that automatically transfer students to WMU after two years.

The first five months of his visit will be spent in the city of Lahore at the Lahore University of Management Sciences, known as LUMS, and the final five months in Islamabad. In addition to the two twinning sites, he will also be working with three other Pakistani universities and the Lahore Stock Exchange. His research will focus on the country's troubled banking industry and the practice of Islamic banking and finance, which is governed by a host of complex religious laws.

"As Sept. 11 demonstrated, we can no longer ignore the Muslim countries of the world," says Mangla. "We must use both a stick and a carrot to help these nations implement the values of democracy, human rights and economic health, not to mention the virtues of freedom. The second largest country in the Muslim world, Pakistan struggles with a yearly per capita income of less than \$500, a \$40 billion foreign debt, a sinking banking sector and double digit inflation. If we ignore this nation, there will be more Bin Ladens."

Now an American citizen, Mangla was born and raised in Pakistan, and dozens of his extended family members still live there. His upcoming trip brings him full circle with the Fulbright program, as he came to the United States in 1973 as a Fulbright scholar to earn his doctoral degree at Michigan State University. He views the project as a way for him to give back.

"It's my chance to repay the Pakistani people for the 'brain drain' that happens so often in developing countries when their most educated citizens leave for the West," he says. "I've spent three decades in North American universities and traveling around the globe, and I'm looking forward to returning to challenge the minds of Pakistani youth. There are scores of first-rate minds that need fresh direction, values and technical know-how. That should be good for all of us for a safer world."

Established in 1946, the Fulbright Program is the flagship international educational program sponsored by the U.S. government. Designed to "increase mutual understanding between the people of the United States and the people of other countries," the Fulbright Program has provided more than 250,000 participants—chosen for their leadership potential—with the opportunity to observe each others' political, economic and cultural institutions, exchange ideas and embark on joint ventures of importance to the general welfare of the world's inhabitants.

Bensley will go to South Africa to aid school's health promotion program

Robert J. Bensley, health, physical education and recreation, has been granted a Fulbright award to work at the University of Port Elizabeth in South Africa.

From February through July 2003, Bensley will work with the staff members of that university's Unit for Student Counseling and help them develop a universitywide personal health curriculum. In addition, he will teach various workshops on health promotion issues, and explore ways to use Internet-based technologies for health behavior change. The school is working to position itself as a leader in health promotion and wants to establish academic health and well-being classes across the curriculum.

Bensley, who has been at WMU for nine years, is looking forward to applying online technology concepts in a country that is just starting to realize its Internet potential.

"Being able to apply what I now know about the Internet to a situation that mirrors the United States 10 years ago is exciting," he says. "It is like stepping back in time but bringing all the knowledge you learned along the way with you."

Bensley, who is taking his wife and four children with him, also will work to establish linkages between the University of Port Elizabeth and Western Michigan University for future health promotion education.

Bensley says he views the international program as offering "a whole new avenue for learning to faculty members." He joins the ranks of more than 94,000 U.S. "Fulbrighters" who have participated in the program over the past 56 years. The Fulbright program is sponsored by the United States Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs. Under a cooperative agreement with the bureau, the Council for International Exchange of Scholars assists in the administration of the Fulbright Scholar Program for faculty and professionals.

Grundler award goes to illustrated medieval Bible text

A two-volume book that examines more than 24,000 small illustrations contained in versions of the Bible created for French royalty in the Middle Ages has been awarded a prestigious prize for medieval studies scholarship from WMU.

British researcher John Lowden, a reader in the history of art at the Courtauld Institute of Art at the University of London, received the 2002 Otto Grundler Prize for his book, "The Making of the Bibles Moralisées, Volume I and II." The \$2,500 prize is named for the former director of the Medieval Institute, host to the world's largest annual gathering of scholars of medieval studies. This year's event was held on campus May 2 through 5 and attracted some 3,000 participants.

Lowden's wife, Joanna Cannon, also a reader in the history of art at the Courtauld Institute, received her husband's award during ceremonies held at the congress May 3. Cannon and Lowden, who are parents, alternate years to attend the congress. This year was Cannon's turn to come to Kalamazoo.

In "The Making of the Bibles Moralisées," Lowden examines the complicated way in which these manuscripts were conceived and produced. The Bibles Moralisées are considered to be the richest and most complex effort at biblical illustration ever undertaken. Created for French royalty between the early-13th and late-15th centuries, each page of the manuscripts contains eight drawn images, often quite small, accompanied by brief biblical text and moral strategies. Only seven of the Bibles Moralisées survive intact and the pages of those contain more than 24,000 images.

"The Making of the Bibles Moralisées" is significant for its new approach of investigating how these books were produced," says Paul Szarmach, director of the Medieval Institute. "Many times, medieval texts are looked at from a literary point of view. Lowden examines the Bibles Moralisées from an art history perspective."

Published in 2000 by Pennsylvania State University Press, "The Making of the Bibles Moralisées" was chosen for the Grundler Prize from a field of nearly 20 submissions.

College of Education honors nine for outstanding contributions

Whether they are working with the government in Latvia or with teachers at a local elementary school, faculty, staff and students from the College of Education are helping to shape the way people live and learn, and several of them were recently honored for their contributions.

The college's 2002 honorees are:

• Suzanne Timmer, Office of Field Placements, who received the Staff Excellence Award;

• Carl Woloszyk, family and consumer sciences, who received the Strengthening Community Connections Award;

• Maija Petersons, family and consumer sciences, who received the Trailblazer Award;

• Marianne Frauenknecht, health, physical education and recreation, who received the Teaching Excellence Award, Full-time;

• Judy McGowan, family and consumer sciences, who received the Teaching Ex-

cellence Award, Part-time; and

• DeWayne Anderson, teaching, learning and leadership, who received the Esprit de Corps Award.

Also, three student honorees were recognized with Rising Star awards. They are Rigoberto Rincones-Gomez, evaluation, measurement, and research; Lori Farrer, family life education; and Jennifer Andrejczuk, elementary education.

Carver retirement reception is set for Thursday, May 23

Members of the University community are invited to attend a Thursday, May 23, retirement reception honoring Charon L. Carver, College of Education.

The event is set for 3 to 5 p.m. in the Oaklands. Carver, an academic advisor in the college, will retire June 1 after 26 years as a WMU employee.

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>.

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5.9 Thursday

Michigan Youth Arts Festival (through May 11), various campus locations. Go to <www.wmich.edu/wmu/news/arts> for the complete schedule of events and locations.

Gilmore Keyboard Festival musical forum, Little Theatre, 9:30 a.m.

Gilmore Keyboard Festival film series, Little Theatre, 5 p.m.

Faculty Senate annual meeting, Fetzter Center, reception, 5:30 p.m.; dinner 6:30 p.m.

5.10 Friday

Baseball vs. Toledo, Hyames Field, 3 p.m.

Concert, Michigan Youth Arts Festival, ensemble performances, various locations, 6:30 p.m.; brass fanfare and concert, Miller Auditorium, 8 p.m.

*Film showing (through May 12), Kalamazoo Film Society presents "Kandahar," Little Theatre, Friday and Saturday, 7 and 9:30 p.m.; Sunday, 2:30 and 5 p.m.

5.11 Saturday

Baseball doubleheader vs. Toledo, Hyames Field, 1 p.m.

Concert, Michigan Youth Arts Festival, Miller Auditorium, 2:30 p.m.

5.12 Sunday

Baseball vs. Toledo, Hyames Field, 1 p.m.

5.14 Tuesday

Baseball vs. Michigan State, Hyames Field, 3 p.m.

5.17 Friday

Board of Trustees meeting, Connable Board Room, Bernhard Center, times TBA.

Concert, State Youth Convention, Miller Auditorium, 8 p.m.

5.23 Thursday

Safe on Campus orientation session, 157 Bernhard Center, 3 p.m. Call 7-2123 for information.

***Admission charged**

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nation's premier award for students of environmental studies and public policy. Like Heather and Jackie, Ben has distinguished himself as one of the top students in this field. Clearly, WMU's environmental studies program is producing some of the nation's best talent."

Some 447 undergraduate students applied for Udall Scholarships this year and officials report that it was an especially competitive applicant pool. Other winners hail from such institutions as Harvard, Yale, Princeton and Stanford universities. The two recipients from other Michigan schools attend Alma and Hope colleges.

Established by Congress in 1992 to honor the late Arizona congressman and his legacy of public service, the Morris K. Udall Foundation operates an educational scholarship program designed to provide opportunities for outstanding U.S. students with excellent academic records.