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State cultural agency gives grant to Michigan Youth Arts Festival

The Michigan Youth Arts Festival has formed a partnership with the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs and been awarded a grant from the state arts agency to support this year's May 9-11 festival on the WMU campus.

As an arts education partner with MCACA, the festival has won a grant of \$71,500 to support participation by more than 1,000 talented high school artists selected to take part in the 2002 event. Additionally, the grant will help provide honorariums for an artist in residence, guest conductors and master teachers. The WMU College of Fine Arts will once again be host to this year's festival.

The festival board has hired a new executive director, Gayle Hoogstraten of Portage, Mich., whose past experience includes several years as the executive director of the Arts Council of Greater Kalamazoo and who was a 2001 recipient of the Arts Council's Community Medal of Arts Award. She is a WMU alumna.

The Michigan Youth Arts Festival provides performance and exhibition opportunities and educational workshops in art, creative writing, dance, film/video, instrumental music, vocal music and theatre for the state's top high school artists. Started in 1963, this will be the festival's 40th year and the 18th time it has been staged at WMU.

Latino issues focus of forum

State Sen. Valde Garcia of St. Johns and State Rep. Belda Garza of Detroit will participate in the Latino Leadership Forum from noon to 2 p.m. Monday, Feb. 25, in 158 Bernhard Center. Also speaking at this free public event will be Rodolfo Lopez, national field director for the U.S. Hispanic Leadership Institute, which is based in Chicago.

The forum will address leadership, economic development, political participation and other issues of importance to the Latino community. It is being sponsored by the Division of Multicultural Affairs, Latino Student Alliance, Sigma Lambda Gamma and Sigma Lambda Beta.

For more information, contact Mike Ramirez by calling 7-3329 or sending e-mail to <miguel.ramirez@wmich.edu>.

Health careers fair is Feb. 27

People interested in nursing, occupational therapy, social work and a wide range of similar fields are invited to explore their options at a recruitment fair offered by WMU's College of Health and Human Services Wednesday, Feb. 27.

This is the first recruitment fair the college has offered. It is geared especially to WMU students, but members of the community, including high school students interested in health and human service careers, are welcome to attend. The event will take place from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the West Ballroom of the Bernhard Center.

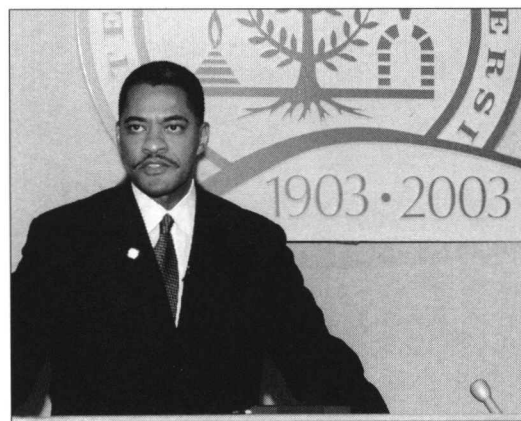
Information about opportunities in social work, nursing and occupational therapy will be available as well as information on other undergraduate degree programs, including speech pathology and audiology and travel instruction.

For more information, call the college office at 7-2656.

New initiatives outlined for coming year

A new research center to focus on nanotechnology, a new student information system and a commitment to enhancing the social and cultural climate of a diverse campus are the initiatives that President Elson S. Floyd says will be the focus of work at WMU during the coming year.

Speaking Feb. 7 at a Faculty Senate meeting that also served as this year's Academic Convocation, Floyd delivered his annual State of the University address to a crowd of about 250. In his talk, Floyd outlined the accomplishments of the past year, the challenges the University currently faces and the three initiatives he is launching this year. He



AT THE HELM—President Elson S. Floyd outlines new directions for WMU during his annual State of the University address. (Photo by Neil Rankin)

also reported on the success of the four initiatives he announced in last year's address.

- A new mission statement for the University was approved by the Board of Trustees in December.
- A faculty hiring initiative has added 30 new faculty positions this year and will add 20 more in the next academic year.
- A renewed institutional assessment plan is under way to formally demonstrate the institution's quality.
- Strengthened information systems and a new wireless campus environment are making new opportunities available for faculty and students.

"Let there be no mistake about it," Floyd said. "Our University has a momentum, a presence, a persona and a character that provide appropriate alignment for the year ahead."

Strains on the institution's resources and capacities, the continual need to keep pace with technological advancements, and WMU's determination to foster economic growth in the region have challenged the University over the past year and will continue to demand creative solutions, Floyd said. His initiatives for the coming year were selected to meet those challenges.

"We have more ideas and opportunities than we can respond to because of the extraordinary competence, dedication and commitment of our faculty and our students and our staff," he noted. From among those possible choices, he selected three presidential initiatives for the year ahead.

• The University should establish an interdisciplinary Nanoscience Research and Computation Institute. The institute would attract new funded research, provide opportunities for graduate students and support existing programs in the life sciences as well as engineering and applied sciences.

• The campus must make structural, policy and program changes that will strengthen the inclusion of all people in the University

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Bush names President Floyd to advisory board

President Elson S. Floyd has been named by President George W. Bush to a national advisory board for Historically Black Colleges and Universities.

Floyd is one of 21 individuals from across the country who were in Washington, D.C., Feb. 12 to be sworn in as members of the new President's Board of Advisors on Historically Black Colleges and Universities. After the swearing-in ceremony, the group heard from a number of top-level administration officials, including Secretary of Education Rod Paige; Tom Ridge, director of the White House Office of Homeland Security; and White House Press Secretary Ari Fleischer.

Floyd joins education and corporate executives from around the nation on the advisory board. Other members selected by President Bush include the presidents of Ohio State University and the University of Texas-San Antonio; the presidents of such historically black institutions as Dillard, Tuskegee, Langston and Jackson State universities as well as St. Augustine's and St. Paul's colleges; corporate leaders from such firms as Lockheed Martin and Mitsubishi Motors, financial institutions and private foundations.

U.S. Rep. Fred Upton praised Bush's selection of Floyd as a board member.

"Once again, Dr. Floyd has shown himself to be a rising star on the national higher education scene," Upton said of the news. "As president of Western, he's shown dynamic leadership, vision and innovation—qualities we need on the national level. President Bush could not have picked a better candidate to bring these qualities to the table. We're lucky to have him as a member of our community here in West Michigan."

Authorized by Executive Order 130321, the board is charged with identifying ways to strengthen the role of HBCUs and help provide quality education opportunities for minority and disadvantaged students. Among the issues on which board members will advise the U.S. secretary of education are closing the achievement and attainment gaps between African Americans and other groups of students and increasing the role of the private sector in bolstering HBCUs.

Beebe-Thompson tapped to fill role as first Lacey Chair

A health care professional with a wide-ranging, community health nursing background has been selected as the first person to fill the Bernardine M. Lacey Endowed Chair in WMU's Bronson School of Nursing.

Joyce E. Beebe-Thompson, associate dean of graduate studies and professional development and a professor at the University of Pennsylvania School of Nursing, currently holds the highest elected office in the world for a midwife as director of the board of management of the International Confederation of Midwives. At the University of Pennsylvania, she also is director of the PAHO/World Health Organization Collaborating Center in Nursing and Midwifery Leadership, director of the Teacher Education Program for Nurse Midwifery and Nurse Practitioner Faculty, and project director of Penn-Malawi Women for Women's Health Project.

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IN DISTINGUISHED COMPANY—

The University honored four WMU faculty members with awards for teaching, service and scholarship at the Academic Convocation Feb. 7. From left are M. Jamie Jeremy, executive director of alumni relations; Carolyn Harris, foreign languages and literatures and recipient of a 2001 Alumni Teaching Excellence Award; Quentin Smith, philosophy and recipient of the 2001 Distinguished Faculty Scholar Award; John M. "Mick" Hanley, chairperson of speech pathology and audiology and recipient of the 2001 Distinguished Service Award; and Fredrick J. Dobney, provost and vice president for academic affairs. Not shown is Mary Dawson, health, physical education and recreation, who also received a 2001 Alumni Teaching Excellence Award. (Photo by Neil Rankin)

Around the Campus

Fulbright Program workshop to be held at MSU March 4

Representatives from Fulbright campuses and interested faculty are encouraged to attend a workshop on the Fulbright Program for faculty and professionals from 3 to 5 p.m. Monday, March 4, in Room 201 of the International Center at Michigan State University.

Presenting the free workshop will be Debra Egan, assistant director for Africa and the Western Hemisphere at the Council for International Exchange of Scholars. Those attending will learn about lecturing and research opportunities available in 140 countries, how to prepare a successful Fulbright application, which country to apply to, how to make contacts abroad, and how their campuses can play host to a visiting Fulbright scholar from abroad.

Space is limited, so reservations should be made by Monday, Feb. 25. For more information or to register, contact Sue Sharp at <ssharp@cies.iie.org>.

Managing risk focus of lecture

An examination of the properties of business and insurance risk will be the topic of discussion for a University of Michigan economist visiting the campus Wednesday, March 13.

Keith J. Crocker, the Waldo O. Hildebrand Professor of Risk Management and Insurance and professor of business economics at U of M, will address "Managing Risk Before it Manages You." His presentation begins at 3 p.m. in 3508 Knauss and is the final presentation in the Werner Sichel Lecture-Seminar series titled, "The Economics of Risk." It is free and open to the public.

Crocker has published numerous papers about the economics of business as well as insurance claims, liability claims and insurance fraud. A recent publication, "Managing Risk Before it Manages You," which appeared in the Financial Times' Mastering Strategy Series, focuses on business risks ranging from identification and mitigation to financing and risk management.

For more information, contact the Department of Economics at 7-5535.

For more details on these events and others, check out the WMU News Web page at <www.wmich.edu/wmu/news>. Expanded versions of news releases on each of these events is available on that site.

Jewish scholar to speak Feb. 27

Noted Jewish scholar Dean Phillip Bell will discuss Jewish historical narratives and the Ben Ezra Synagogue in Cairo, Egypt, when he visits the University Wednesday, Feb. 27.

Bell, dean and chief academic officer at the Spertus Institute of Jewish Studies in Chicago, will make two presentations in Walwood Commons. Sponsored by the Graduate Student Advisory Committee, the History Graduate Student Organization and the Medieval Institute, his presentations are free and open to the public.

Bell's first lecture, at 4 p.m., will address "Remembered Past: Jewish Historical Narratives and Communal Identity in Early Modern Germany." Based on his recent book, "Sacred Communities: Jewish and Christian Identities in 15th-Century Germany," his presentation will consider the role of historical Jewish narratives and the relationship between Jewish communal identity and memories of the past in early modern Germany.

Bell's second presentation, at 7 p.m., will be a slide tour of the exhibit "A Gateway to Medieval Mediterranean Life: The Ben Ezra Synagogue and Cairo Geniza," which is currently on display at the Spertus Institute of Jewish Studies. The exhibit brings together documents and artifacts from around the world, and Bell will offer reflections on the synagogue's historical and geographical setting and the scope and significance of its geniza, which is a store-room housing centuries-old documents that shed light on what life was like in the medieval Mediterranean world.

For more information, contact Doris Dirks, GSAC chairperson, 7-8207.

Ex-prof to address school reform

George H. Wood, a professor at Ohio University who in 1992 traded his ivory tower post for a chance to put the ideals of school reform into practice, will speak from 7 to 9 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 28, in 105 Bernhard Center.

Wood's lecture, which is free and open to the public, is titled "Creating a Tone of Decency: Genuine Change in American Schools" and draws on his research and experiences in transforming struggling schools.

A decade ago, the professor and founder of the Institute for Democracy in Education was offered the opportunity to put his ideals of democratic education and student-centered learning into action. He accepted the challenge and for eight years, worked as principal of Federal Hocking High School in Stewart, Ohio.

From reducing the number of classes students took per day to increasing student involvement in school decisions, Wood pushed successful reform measures that helped Federal Hocking become one of the top high schools in its region. Today, he is the founding director of Wildwood Secondary School, located on the west side of Los Angeles.

Woods' 1987 book, "Schools that Work," took readers inside successful classrooms throughout the country and established him as an expert on school reform.

Seminar to Japan planned

Japan's famous cherry blossoms are expected to be in full bloom this spring when a group of WMU faculty, staff and students visits that country.

The Japanese Business Seminar will be held in Japan from April 23 through May 4. The seminar includes stays in Tokyo, Hikone and Kyoto. Participants will sleep most nights in modern hotels, but weekend home stay also can be arranged for those interested in a personal glimpse of the Japanese culture.

"Japan is the world's second largest economy, and it's important for our students to learn about the country's economy, business practices and culture," says F. William McCarty, finance and commercial law and co-director of the seminar. "Both WMU and the state of Michigan have well-established contacts in Japan. Our Japanese university partners, Western Michigan alumni, former exchange students and government officials are all set to welcome participants and share insights."

Participants can hail from any academic discipline, and knowledge of the Japanese language is not required. The cost of the seminar is \$1,895 for undergraduate students and \$2,015 for graduate students, not including air travel or most meals. Participating students will earn three academic credits, which require pre-approval from Sharon Howes, academic advisor in the Haworth College of Business.

Applications can be obtained by calling McCarty at 7-5857 or Hideko Abe, Asian and Middle Eastern languages, at 7-6241.

The seminar is one of seven key elements of Focus Japan, a WMU project funded last year by a two-year grant from the U.S. Department of Education. Led by McCarty and Abe, Focus Japan aims to strengthen the University's study of Japan's language, culture and business environment.

Expert to discuss ERPs March 1

Before investing in an umbrella software system meant to streamline operations companywide, corporate leaders should take a careful look at how they do business, according to a WMU professor who will speak at a Haworth College of Business presentation Friday, March 1.

Bret Wagner, management, will discuss "To ERP or Not to ERP: Enterprise Resource Planning Systems from a Couch Potato Perspective" 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 Hall. Reservations are required and can be made by calling the Haworth College of Business dean's office at 7-5050.

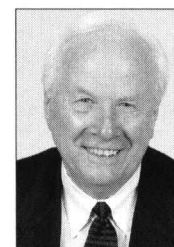
ERPs are large business software packages that coordinate all aspects of a business. Popular ERPs include PeopleSoft and SAP. In his talk, Wagner will discuss the hype, the reality and the promise of ERPs.

"W" Club to bestow honors on Gayl Werme, Jack Moss

Gayl Werme, a special projects assistant in the Development Office, and Jack Moss, a sportswriter for the



Werme



Moss

Kalamazoo Gazette since 1948, have been named the 2002 recipients of the Alumni "W" Club Woman and Man of the Year awards. Werme and Moss will be honored at half-time ceremonies of the Bronco men's basketball game versus Northern Illinois Saturday, March 2, in University Arena. The game begins at 2 p.m.

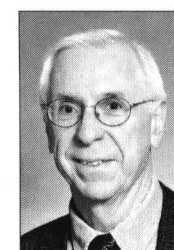
Actively involved in Bronco Athletics, Werme serves on the Spikers Club board of directors and helped raise funds for the Beauregard Golf Classic, which supports athletic internships. She served as a member of the WMU Board of Trustees from 1982 to 1985 and is a current member of the board of Bronson Methodist Hospital. Her daughter, Katharine Werme Hermesen, was an all-conference selection on the Bronco volleyball team from 1986 to 1989 and was the 1996 "W" Club Woman of the Year.

Moss, who began covering Bronco football and basketball in 1937, attended WMU for three years. He received an honorary doctorate for public service from WMU in 1990. He will retire from the *Kalamazoo Gazette* in March, concluding a distinguished career that spans seven decades.

Johnston stars in Civic musical

Arnie Johnston, chairperson of English, knows a thing or two about tilting at windmills.

The playwright is taking center stage starring in the lead roles of Don Quixote and Cervantes in the Kalamazoo Civic



Johnston

Theatre's production of "Man of La Mancha," which opened Feb. 8 and runs through Feb. 23.

Set in 17th-century Spain, La Mancha tells the story of Don Quixote's creator Miguel de Cervantes, who is imprisoned during the Spanish Inquisition. Cervantes defends himself against his fellow prisoners by staging the tale of Don Quixote and his quest to fulfill the impossible dream in a world filled with darkness and despair. One of the most celebrated of all Broadway musicals, La Mancha is a powerful blend of tragedy, romance, comedy and action.

Performances of "Man of La Mancha" continue at 8 p.m. tonight, Friday and Saturday, Feb. 21 through 23, at the Civic Theatre, 329 South Park St.

For more information, contact The Civic box office at 343-1313.

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Africa and South America.

The Bernardine M. Lacey Endowed Chair was created with the help of a \$1.5 million anonymous donation in 1998 establishing a permanent endowed chair in WMU's Bronson School of Nursing in the College of Health and Human Services. The chair was established in honor of Lacey, the school's founding director, who led the school for five years. She left the University in spring 2000.

Beebe-Thompson is set to begin her job at WMU in fall 2002.

jumpstart our nursing program in a significant way and make important strides."

Beebe-Thompson's research, teaching and consulting focus has been in nursing, midwifery, public health and ethics. Her publications include six books, 14 book chapters and numerous articles. She currently is completing a book on teaching nurses and midwives how to teach others in those clinical disciplines. She has developed various grant projects and programs that focus on the professional development of nurse educators and has been an international consultant, working in both

First Lacey Chair

"This is a good example of what we can do with endowed professorships," says Provost Fredrick J. Dobney, vice president for academic affairs. "This is a person who will bring extraordinary reputation and contacts to this University. Because our nursing program is still fairly new, she will provide the sorts of



Beebe-Thompson

mentoring and contacts for our junior faculty in nursing that will enable us to



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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.

(N) **Academic Advisor**, 15, College of Arts and Sciences Advising, 01/02-2830, 2/18-2/25/02

(R) **Office Assistant**, 11, Occupational Therapy, 01/02-2831, 2/18-2/25/02

(R) **Aviation Maintenance Technician** (term ends 6/30/02), 16, College of Aviation, 01/02-2832, 2/18-2/25/02

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(N) **Assistant Professor** (tenure track, academic year), 130, Psychology, 01/02-2835, 2/18-2/25/02

(N) **Assistant Professor** (tenure track, academic year), 130, University Counseling and Testing Center, 01/02-2836, 2/18-2/25/02

(N) **Assistant Professor** (tenure track, academic year), 130, Marketing, 01/02-2837, 2/18-2/25/02

(R) **Program Development Specialist** (term ends 6/30/03), 16, Extended University Programs, 01/02-2839, 2/18-2/25/02

(N) **Coordinator, Telemarketing** (term ends 6/30/04), 15, Development Office, 01/02-2841, 2/18-2/25/02

(R) **Office Assistant**, 11, Extended University Programs, 01/02-2843, 2/18-2/25/02

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Human resources

Today's Lunch & Learn will focus on motivation

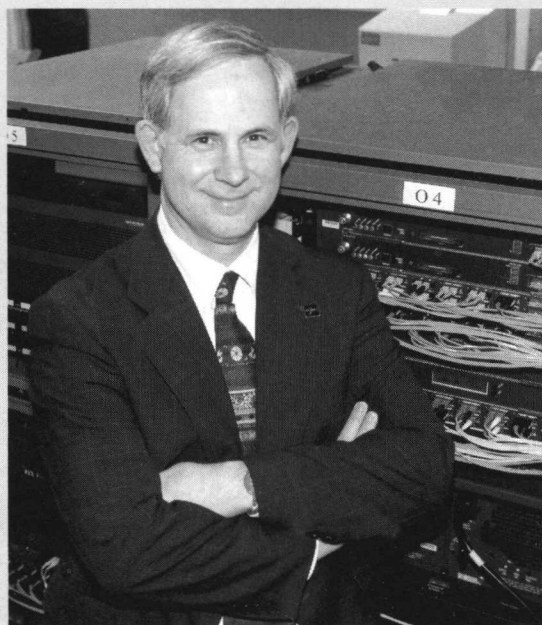
Join author Mary Blakely in a discussion based on her book "Why Not You?... Why We Do What We Do" at today's Lunch & Learn from noon to 1 p.m. in 157 Bernhard Center.

Consultant and owner of Azuray Learning Inc., Blakely has been a guest on numerous radio shows and been host of her own show. Her book is currently used as a textbook in the Haworth College of Business.

Exchange

FOR RENT—Available April 1. Large, very quiet, upper floor of well-maintained Victorian home. One large bedroom with turret, plus den or TV room. \$495 per month, includes utilities except gas for heat and cooking. No smoking. Refined cat welcome. Deposit and references. Call 381-1966.

On Campus with George Kohrman



RIDING THE TECHNOLOGY WAVE
(Photo by Neil Rankin)

George Kohrman, information technology, got his foot in the door early.

As a second-grader at WMU's laboratory school, he tagged along behind his late father, George E. Kohrman, who was dean of the School of Applied Arts and Sciences. Today, as the University's networks manager, the younger Kohrman leads a staff of four network engineers who keep a minimum of 11,000 devices connected to the campus, each other and the world.

"I like to tell people I've been here on campus for 50 years," says Kohrman, who graduated from The Campus School and earned undergraduate and master's degrees in electrical engineering from WMU. Tack on 33 years of University employment, and it all adds up.

"I've seen us go through many stages of technology," says Kohrman, recalling the early years of his career when computing was done on punch cards, and hard drives were the size of washing machines.

Even back in the late 1960s, WMU was ahead of the pack, he says.

"From card punch to time-sharing machines to personal computers to the introduction of the Internet to the installation of data connections in every residence hall room in 1988, we've been a leader every time a new step has come along."

Most recently, Kohrman played a pivotal role in another technological leap—Wireless Western. As the initiative's project lead, he worked with dozens of collaborators to offer laptop users connections to the Internet at any time and any place on campus.

But Kohrman's savvy goes beyond being able to juggle buzzwords like bandwidth, megahertz, fiber and connectivity in a single sentence.

The husband, golfer and father of two also is a salesman, always watching for the next wave of technology and working to help WMU embrace it.

"Over the past year, people have asked, 'Why wireless?' But then, when we first began pushing e-mail, they said 'Why do I need e-mail? Isn't voicemail enough?'" he recalls.

"We're at the head of the curve," says Kohrman, who expects wireless communication to become standard fare in coming years. "Our students are being exposed to what they need to know before they enter the work place. The rest of the world will catch up."

Service

The following employees will be recognized for 25, 20, 15, 10 and five years of service to the University during February.

25 years—Kathryn A. Dalman, physical plant-accounting.

20 years—Phyllis A. Paul, public safety.

15 years—David Bunch, physical plant-maintenance services; Teri Dunithan, logistical services; Tonia L. Hudson, Valley #1 dining service; Louise Ollie, Burnham dining service; Patricia L. Short, Registrar's Office; and Darlene R. Zackery, physical plant-building custodial and support services.

10 years—Maryann Bovo, mathematics; John A. Brown, speech pathology and audiology; Seymour K. Cook, physical plant-building custodial and support services; Brenda L. Corder, physical plant-building custodial and support services; James B. Dexheimer, University libraries; Stephen M. Keizer, Development Office; Michael G. Meister, University budgets; Deborah A. Mitchell, Bernhard Center dining services; Rebecca S. Popp, physical plant-landscape services; and Michelle Saigh, student financial aid.

Five years—Margaret M. Bernhard, Extended University Programs; Sylvia Cotton, physical plant-building custodial and support services; Todd P. Eberstein, power plant; James Estes, physical plant-building custodial and support services; Deborah S. Frost, student financial aid; Christopher J. McMahon, physical plant-building custodial and support services; William J. Miller, physical plant-maintenance services; Dennis L. Moore, physical plant-maintenance services; Mark L. Murphy, College of Education; and Donald T. Stemaly, power plant.

Conflict topic of APA lunch

"Resolving Conflict in the Work Place" will be the topic of a Thursday, March 14, noontime seminar sponsored by the Administrative Professional Association and open to the entire campus community.

The session, the fifth in the APA's Professional Development Series of brown-bag luncheons, is set for noon to 1 p.m. in 159 Bernhard Center. Felicia Crawford, training and development, will be the presenter.

Crawford, who will present a daylong campus course on the same topic April 30, will share tips about what staff members can do in their departments to resolve conflicts that arise.

MDA program joins forces with Peace Corps

Providing graduate students with firsthand experience in improving life in developing countries is the focus of a new collaborative initiative between WMU and the Peace Corps.

The University has introduced a Peace Corps option in its Master of Development



Administration program, which prepares students who want to work in the public or non-profit sectors in developing countries or for international development organizations. Housed in the Department of Political Science, the MDA-Peace Corps Option program will enhance participants' education by giving them two years of overseas work experience.

"So many students study the development of emerging countries, but have no experience of what it's really like in those countries," says Paul Clements, political science and MDA-Peace Corps Option director. "Serving in the Peace Corps as part of their academic program will increase their understanding of these countries and the challenges they face."

As participants in the MDA-Peace Corps Option program, students will complete 30 credit hours of course work in such areas as development administration, economic development strategies and personnel management, before being assigned to service with the Peace Corps for 27 months. Classes use the case-study approach and students will work on management strategies in health care, small business, privatization, telecommunications and agriculture. Pro-

spective students, who must be American nationals, apply for entrance into the Peace Corps Master's International Program and WMU's MDA program concurrently.

The MDA-Peace Corps Option program is the first of its kind in Michigan, and only the third of its type in the nation. Both Rutgers University and the School for International Training in Brattleboro, Vt., offer similar programs, while Michigan Technological University currently offers Peace Corps options in forestry and civil and environmental engineering.

Clements, who served as a Peace Corps volunteer in West Africa, says that one of the advantages of WMU's program is the opportunity students have to spend time with other students from developing nations who are enrolled in the University's standard two-year MDA program.

"Most of our MDA students are international students because the program historically has provided training for students who were interested in the development of their home nations. Many of these students are from areas where the Peace Corps volunteers go," Clements says. "So our students will share the classroom with these international students, which will really help enhance their understanding of the problems and opportunities in these countries."

Another strength of the WMU program is the extensive experience its faculty has in international studies. Faculty members involved in the program include those who have intensive field experience and expertise in Russia, China, South Asia, Africa and Latin America as well as those who have worked with the World Bank and the United Nations.

Leading occupational therapist to speak

Area occupational therapists will get a rare chance to hear from one of the leaders in their profession next month when the head of their national organization visits WMU for a two-day speaking engagement.

Barbara L. Kornblau, president of the American Occupational Therapy Association, will deliver two talks to invited audiences Thursday and Friday, March 14 and 15.

She will speak on "Thinking Outside the Box: Tools to Expand your Practice" to a gathering of professionals set for 6:15 p.m. Thursday in the Media Center of the Uni-

versity Medical and Health Sciences Center, 1000 Oakland Ave.

At 9 a.m. Friday, she will discuss "Legal and Ethical Issues in Fieldwork" in 208 Bernhard Center.

Kornblau is a practicing attorney and a professor of occupational therapy and public health at Novo Southeastern University in Florida. She specializes in disability discrimination litigation.

Both events are sponsored by the WMU chapter of Phi Theta Epsilon, an occupational therapy honorary.



SCULPTURE IN WINTER—

After what many are hoping to be winter's last hurrah, the sun creates shadows on the snow of "Input/Output" a sculpture by Terry Thommes installed near Rood Hall. (Photo by Neil Rankin)

Scholarships to reward students for service

While some say that volunteering is its own reward, WMU students who devote time to serving others can also be rewarded with cash prizes totaling \$5,000.

The 11th annual Volunteer Service Scholarship competition will award 10 \$500 scholarships for the 2002-03 academic year to undergraduate students who work to improve the quality of life for others. Agencies, institutions and individuals are invited to nominate their WMU student volunteers for the awards, and students also are encouraged to nominate themselves. The application deadline is Friday, March 8.

To be eligible, contest entrants must be currently registered at WMU and taking at least one credit hour of classes. In addition, they must be enrolled as undergraduates at the University during the 2002-03 fall and winter semesters, and the volunteer service for which they are nominated must have taken place within the past two years.

Applications will be evaluated on the impact of the volunteer work, change resulting from it and the amount of innovation shown while performing the work. Organizers encourage nominators to submit brochures, photos and other materials that verify and support their applications.

The scholarship competition is sponsored by WMU's Office of Student Financial Aid and Scholarships. Application forms are available on campus from the financial aid office, which is located in the Faunce Student Services Building, or from Student Volunteer Services, which is located in the Lee Honors College.

For more information, contact Michelle Saigh, student financial aid and scholarships, at 7-6017, or Kristi Zimmerman-Frost in Student Volunteer Services at 7-3230.

Friday night ceremony added to schedule for commencement

Large class sizes and an increasing interest in the pomp and circumstance of a formal graduation ceremony are prompting WMU officials to schedule four separate April commencement ceremonies over two days to accommodate an expected record number of graduates.

The four ceremonies are set for Friday, April 26, and Saturday, April 27.

- A ceremony at 8 p.m. Friday, April 26, will be staged for graduates of the College of Arts and Sciences.

- A ceremony at 8:30 a.m. Saturday, April 27, will be held for graduates of the Haworth College of Business and the University's General University Studies program.

- An 11:30 a.m. ceremony Saturday will be held for graduates of the College of Engineering and Applied Sciences, the College of Aviation, the College of Fine Arts and the College of Health and Human Services.

- The final Saturday ceremony will take place at 1:30 p.m. for graduates of the College of Education.

Applications for graduation are being accepted through Friday, March 15, but already, University officials are expecting between 2,500 and 2,700 students will be eligible for graduation, surpassing the previous record of 2,475 eligible students.

"Commencement is an important rite of celebration for our students, their friends and families, and the entire University community," says Provost Fredrick J. Dobney, vice president for academic affairs. "We're making this move to ensure those participating have the best possible opportunity to enjoy the event and have in attendance those who helped them achieve this milestone."

Complete commencement ceremony details are available on the University's commencement Web site at <www.wmich.edu/commencement>.

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community so that all individuals feel genuinely welcomed and valued.

- Over the next five years, WMU must fund and implement a new student information system that will allow the University to become more efficient, improve its stewardship of scarce resources and enhance its service levels.

Floyd concluded his address with a pledge to welcome the ideas, work and recommendations of all members of the WMU community who want to help the University build momentum in attaining its goals. Such input, he said, "will serve as a beacon for what we must do."

The complete text of Floyd's State of the University address is available online at <www.wmich.edu/wmu/news/features/index.html>.

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>.

FEBRUARY 2002

2.21 Thursday

Exhibition (through Feb. 22), Printmaking Group Show, East Hall Galleries, weekdays, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; reception, Friday, Feb. 22, 5-7 p.m.

Exhibition (through Feb. 22), Interior Design Senior Show: Andrea Beardslee, Gina Bingle, Robyn Rue and Sarah Williams; Interior Design Gallery, Trimpe Building, weekdays, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Exhibition (through Feb. 25), "Dutch Graphic Design: Simplicity, Mentality, Wit," Sangren Hall Gallery II, weekdays, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

*Concert, Boys Choir of Harlem, Miller Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.

*University Theatre performance, "Space," Multiform Theatre, today through Saturday, Feb. 23, 8 p.m.

2.22 Friday

Master class, Anita Pontremoli, piano, Dalton Center Recital Hall, 2 p.m.

Mathematics lecture, "Separability and Symmetry and Algebra, Oh My!" Jonathan Hodge, Alavi Commons, Everett Tower, 4 p.m.

*Men's hockey vs. Ferris State, Lawson Ice Arena, 7 p.m.

*Performance, National Acrobats of Taiwan, Buster Bronco Family Series, Miller Auditorium, 7 p.m.

*Opera, Carlisle Floyd's "Susannah," Dalton Center Multi-Media Room; Feb. 22-23, 8 p.m.; Feb. 24, 2 p.m.; Feb. 28 and March 1-2, 8 p.m.

2.24 Sunday

Gymnastics vs. Bowling Green, "Alumni Day," University Arena, 1 p.m.

Concert, University Symphonic Band conducted by Robert Spradling with faculty oboe soloist Michael Miller, Miller Auditorium, 3 p.m.

2.25 Monday

Exhibitions (through March 1), Alexis Babiarz, BFA Watercolor Degree Show, and Lucas Blanco, BFA Painting Degree Show, East Hall Galleries, weekdays, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; reception, Friday, March 1, 5-7 p.m.

Lecture, "Geological Perspectives on Global Climate Change," Lee Gerhard, Kansas Geological Survey, 1118 Rood Hall, 4 p.m.

Black History Month movie and discussion, "Sparkle," Dalton Center Lecture Hall, 7 p.m.

2.26 Tuesday

Black History Month movie and discussion, "Kevin's Room," Dalton Center Lecture Hall, 7 p.m.

Concert, University Concert Band conducted by William Pease, Miller Auditorium, 8 p.m.

2.27 Wednesday

Lecture, "Remembered Pasts: Jewish Historical Narratives and Communal Identity in Early Modern Germany," Dean Bell, Spertus Institute of Jewish Studies, Walwood Commons, 4 p.m.

Lecture, "A Gateway to Medieval Mediterranean Life: Cairo's Ben Ezra Synagogue," Dean Bell, Spertus Institute of Jewish Studies, Walwood Commons, 7 p.m.

Black History Month panel discussion of male-female relationship issues, 2303 Sangren Hall, 7 p.m.

*Performance, "The Merry Widow," London City Opera, Miller Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.

*Vocal jazz concert, "m-pact," five-voice male a cappella group, Dalton Center Recital Hall, 8 p.m.

2.28 Thursday

Lecture, "Islamic Norms and the Democratic Alternative," Moataz Abdel Fattah, political science, 3301 Friedmann Hall, 12:30 p.m.

Information session, "How to Access Census 2000 Data," Waldo Library Classroom B, 3 p.m.

2.28 Thursday continued

Black History Month Symposium, undergraduate student research presentations and judging by Africana scholars, Brown and Gold Room, Bernhard Center, 4:30 p.m.

Education lecture, "Creating a Tone of Decency: Genuine Change in American Schools," George H. Wood, 105 Bernhard Center, 7 p.m.

Jazz concert, "Live From New York," Dalton Center Recital Hall, 8 p.m.

MARCH 2002

3.1 Friday

Business lecture, Keystone Community Bank Breakfast Series, "Enterprise Resource Planning Systems from a Couch Potato Perspective," Bret Wagner, 2150 Schneider Hall, 7:30 a.m.

Women's tennis vs. Butler, West Hills Tennis Club or Sorensen Courts, 1 p.m.

Women's tennis vs. Ferris State, West Hills Tennis Club or Sorensen Courts, 6 p.m.

Black History Month poetry night, Bernhard Center, 6-9 p.m.

3.2 Saturday

*Men's basketball vs. Northern Illinois, recognition of the 'W' Club Woman and Man of the Year, University Arena, 2 p.m.

*Men's hockey vs. Michigan, Lawson Ice Arena, 7 p.m.

3.3 Sunday

Gymnastics vs. Air Force, "Senior Day," University Arena, 1 p.m.

3.4 Monday

Winter semester recess begins, no classes.

3.10 Sunday

*Performance, "Buddy-The Buddy Holly Story," Miller Auditorium, 7 p.m.

3.11 Monday

Winter semester recess ends, classes resume.

Exhibitions (through March 15), Graphic Design BFA Degree Shows: Christine Collier, Margaret Keutgen, Darrin Marvin, Cameron Pollard, East Hall Galleries, weekdays, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; reception, Friday, March 15, 5-7 p.m.

Exhibition (through March 27), "Printmaking," artist-in-residence James G. Davis, Sangren Hall Gallery II, weekdays, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; reception, Gallery II, Thursday, March 14, 4-6 p.m.

Lecture, "Saudi Aramco and Ghawar: The World's Largest Oil Field," Diana Morton-Thompson, Earth Resources International L.C., 1118 Rood Hall, 4 p.m.

3.12 Tuesday

Reading, poet Franz Wright, 2302 Sangren Hall, 8:30 p.m.

3.13 Wednesday

Economics lecture, Werner Sichel Lecture-Seminar Series, "Managing Risk Before It Manages You," Keith J. Crocker, University of Michigan, 3508 Knauss Hall, 3 p.m.

3.14 Thursday

Men's tennis vs. Northwood, West Hills Tennis Club or Sorensen Courts, 2 p.m.

Information session, "How to Access Census 2000 Data," Waldo Library Classroom B, 3 p.m.

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

*Comedy, Tim Young, Bernhard Center East Ballroom, 9 p.m.

*Admission charged