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Annual Academic Convocation slated for Feb. 7 senate meeting

WMU President Elson S. Floyd will deliver a "State of the University" address Thursday, Feb. 7, as part of WMU's annual Academic Convocation, set for 5 p.m. in the Fetzer Center's Kirsch Auditorium.

The Faculty Senate will act as host to the event, which is intended to recognize excellence and academic achievement at the University. The Office of the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs coordinates the convocation, which is open to the public.

WMU Alumni Association Teaching Excellence awards will be presented to Mary L. Dawson, health, physical education and recreation, and Carolyn Harris, foreign languages and literatures. (See related story on this page.)

The Distinguished Faculty Scholar Award will be presented to Quentin Smith, philosophy and a Distinguished Service Award will be presented to John M. "Mick" Hanley, speech pathology and audiology. Stories on those two recipients and their awards will be featured in the Feb. 7 issue of *Western News*.

Following the awards ceremony, Floyd will give the address. The convocation will end with a reception in the lobby of the Fetzer Center.

The text of Floyd's address also will appear on the Web at www.wmich.edu/wmu/news.

Winter Study Abroad Fair set

WMU students, faculty and staff who want to know more about international study opportunities are invited to attend the winter Study Abroad Fair from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 30, in the Bernhard Center's South Ballroom.

A free event sponsored by the Office of Study Abroad, it is designed to encourage students to spend an academic term studying outside the United States. The University puts on two fairs each year. About 600 people attended the fall fair held this past September.

Those attending the winter event will be able to learn about the wide variety of study abroad programs that WMU offers and hundreds more programs offered by some 30 other universities and organizations. They also will be able to browse 40 informational booths and displays.

On hand to share information and answer questions will be representatives from the other participating universities and organizations along with WMU faculty and staff members from study abroad, financial aid and scholarships, and the Sindecuse Health Center.

For more information, contact the study abroad office by calling 7-5890, sending e-mail to study-abroad@wmich.edu or visiting www.wmich.edu/studyabroad on the Web.

Trustees meeting canceled

The January meeting of the University's Board of Trustees, originally scheduled for today, has been canceled.

The next regular meeting of the board is set for Friday, March 22. Meeting times and locations for the board and its standing committees will be announced closer to that date.

NSF funds effort exploring research ethics

When WMU faculty members and graduate students face some sticky ethical dilemmas this semester, they will do so with the intent of letting others across the nation learn from their experiences.

The Center for the Study of Ethics has received a \$225,000 grant from the National Science Foundation to develop instructional programs for university researchers on how to deal with a variety of ethical dilemmas.

The project, "Teaching Research Ethics: An Institutional Change Model," is a collaboration of the ethics center with the Office of the Vice President for Research and the Graduate College. According to the center's director, Michael Pritchard, philosophy, the project will ultimately result in research ethics models that can be used by other institutions and is especially timely, given recently enacted regulations that require institutions whose researchers receive federal funding to demonstrate that these researchers are versed in research ethics.

Pritchard says WMU's continuing evolution as a university with a strong research agenda makes it ideal to lead this effort.

"Like many other institutions, our University is becoming more research intensive, but we don't have the benefit of experience when it comes to dealing with ethical dilemmas that established research universities may have," says Pritchard. "There is now

external pressure for us to pay attention to these issues, and our project can provide models for other institutions to follow when dealing with these ethical concerns."

The project has established 20 "Research Ethics Fellows," who will form 10 two-person teams comprised of a faculty member and a graduate student and will focus on different ethical research issues faced by researchers. Chosen this past fall, the fellows represent 14 disciplines across WMU, including biology, psychology, nursing, science education, mechanical and electrical engineering, and public administration. Among the issues the teams will tackle are research involving human and animal subjects, university/industry relationships, intellectual property, and the rights of graduate students.

"These teams are really a distinctive feature of our project," says Pritchard. "The same problems are viewed differently by faculty and students so this approach lets them share perspectives, and the result is an interchange and understanding on issues that affect them both."

Those on the Research Ethics Fellow teams are Daryl Arkwright, a doctoral student in biology, and Susan Stapleton, chemistry; Kathryn Bell, a doctoral student in psychology, and Richard Spates, psychology; Racquel Couto, a master's degree student in

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Two faculty members to receive Teaching Excellence awards for 2001

Two faculty members will be recognized Thursday, Feb. 7, for their superior classroom skills when they receive the WMU Alumni Association Teaching Excellence Award.

The 2001 awards will be presented to Mary L. Dawson, health, physical education and recreation, and Carolyn J. Harris, foreign languages and literatures. They will be honored during the University's Academic Convocation (see related story on this page). In addition to a plaque, the winners will each receive a \$2,000 cash prize.

The Alumni Association established the awards program in 1966 as a way for alumni, students, and faculty and staff to recognize WMU's exceptional teachers. Dawson and Harris join a select group of 127 University scholars who have received Teaching Excellence awards during the past 35 years. An Alumni Association committee chooses recipients from nominations made by alumni, students and departmental colleagues.

Dawson came to WMU in 1979 and is an expert in biomechanics. An active researcher, she has helped the Department of Health, Physical Education and Recreation establish and maintain one of the finest laboratory facilities in the Midwest.

In addition, she has been active on departmental, College of Education and University committees and since 1990, has been a member of all 46 of her department's thesis committees, serving as chairperson of 31 committees.

One of the administrators who nominated Dawson called her an extremely competent teacher who quickly earned the respect of her students and colleagues after joining the faculty.

Many of the alumni who nominated her attested to her outstanding teaching skills.

"Dr. Dawson is an incredibly dedicated and motivating professor," one alumna wrote. "She is an excellent source of knowledge and is able to apply that knowledge to 'real-life' examples. My educational experience with Dr. Dawson and the HPER department allowed me to walk into a job (in cardiac drug research) with confidence in my skills and knowledge."

Another graduate wrote that Dawson brought out the best in her students.

"Although Mary was the toughest teacher I had in my college career, she was also the most admired," the alumna confided. "Because she set high standards but was willing to help us meet those standards, we learned more from her classes than we ever expected we could learn."

Dawson's former students also lauded her for her caring attitude and long hours of service in and out of the classroom.

"In all of the classes she taught, she encouraged, supported, helped and loved all students," said one alumna from Japan, who noted that Dawson took her in for a week following knee surgery, giving her a place to stay and helping her out until she could walk again by herself. Dawson, the alumna noted, showed the same concern for other students.

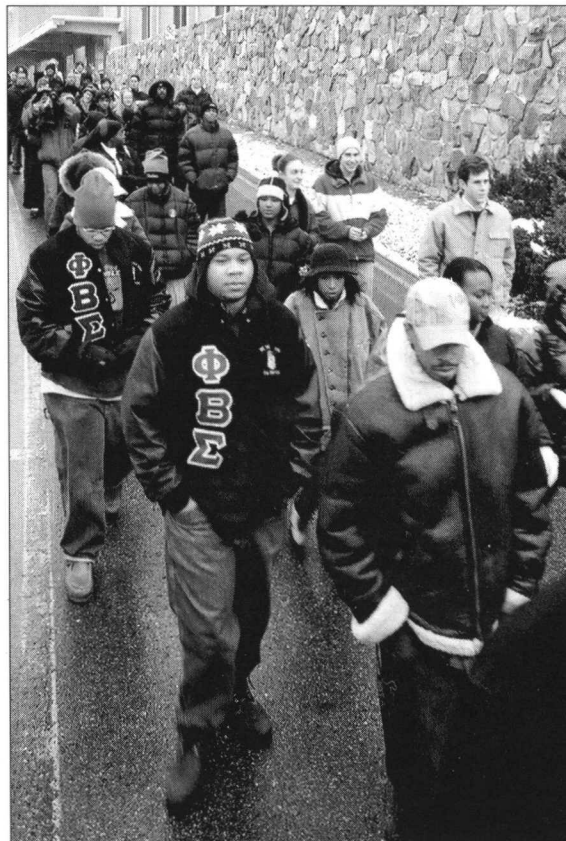
Prior to coming to WMU, Dawson taught at Indiana University, Kentucky Wesleyan

College and the Battle Creek (Mich.) Public Schools. She has written or co-written more than 30 articles for refereed journals and presented her findings at dozens of conferences.

Harris came to WMU in 1985 and has been head of the Spanish section of the Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures for the past two years. She has served as a student advisor for nearly all of her career here and has coordinated the University's study abroad program in Burgos, Spain, since its inception.

"In contrast with so many young and even older academicians who perceive research and writing as the sole focus of their careers, Dr. Harris devotes most of her energy to the educational enterprise," a colleague wrote. "Although she is a well-published scholar, she has never lost sight that the professor's essential purpose is to teach and to do so well..."

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MARCHING IN MEMORY—Students participated in a march from the Bernhard Center to Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Park in downtown Kalamazoo Monday to kick off the University's week-long observance of the slain civil rights leader's life. Other activities during the week included a convocation with keynote speaker educator and activist Marva Collins as well as a host of other events and presentations. For more information on remaining Martin Luther King Jr. Week events, visit the MLK Week Web site at www.wmich.edu/mlkday. (Photo by Neil Rankin)

Continuing Ed's new name reflects reach

For the Lansing official who wants a doctoral degree in public affairs and administration, the Muskegon manufacturing worker who needs a master's in engineering management, or the Battle Creek undergraduate who's planning to be a teacher, WMU is there.

A nearly 100-year-old commitment to provide higher education access to Michigan's citizens has evolved to the point of delivering whole degree programs, customized course work and specialized workshops to communities far beyond the Kalamazoo campus. That new reality called for a new name that more accurately reflects WMU's presence in communities around the state, says Vice Provost Alan Walker, who heads the newly named Extended University Programs.

University trustees, acting at their December meeting, unanimously approved changing the name of the former WMU Division of Continuing Education, which has provided higher education to those outside of Kalamazoo since 1905.

Back then, students in places like Hartford, Hastings and Howard City typically enrolled in pen-and-paper extension and correspondence courses, largely for professional or personal development.

Today, Extended University Programs serves about 6,000 students who reap the benefits of having a top-100 public university in their home communities. They take entire undergraduate and graduate degree programs in classrooms at WMU campuses, or enroll in interactive video or computer-based program initiatives, such as a new graduate certificate program in educational technology that is offered totally online. In addition, WMU develops certificate programs and entire degree programs targeting the specific work force needs of businesses, educators, agencies and other groups outside of Kalamazoo.

"With all that we do, the name change helps take us beyond the traditional thinking of continuing education as an option for

people who are enrolled in non-credit courses to brush up on some skills, or taking classes just for fun," Walker says. "While we still do that, we're also about enhancing opportunities for the citizens of

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- Vice Provost Alan Walker

the state by giving them a greater portal through which they can access higher education—beyond the experience of coming to Kalamazoo and living as a student in a dorm."

Beyond Kalamazoo, WMU extends its educational resources through its campuses in Battle Creek, Grand Rapids, Lansing, Muskegon, Benton Harbor/St. Joseph and Traverse City. Extended University Programs also includes an active conferences and seminars unit as well as a separate office for Kalamazoo and Statewide Programs, which specializes in working with communities that may not have a WMU campus, but would still like to take advantage of the University's highly regarded programs.

Extended programs at each campus and in each community are different, Walker says, offering communities what they want and need to meet market demands.

"In addition to extending WMU's educational resources throughout Michigan, our mission also means delivering programs in a time, place and format convenient to the needs of the adult, part-time learner," Walker says. "By changing our name to Extended University Programs, we are painting a more accurate reflection of what we do, and the vision of what we want to do in terms of community engagement and future partnerships."

IEEE taps Mousavinezhad to head educational activities

S. Hossein Mousavinezhad, professor and chairperson of electrical and computer engineering, has been elected educational activities chairperson of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers' Region 4 unit.

IEEE, with more than 365,000 members worldwide, is the largest professional society in the world. IEEE's Region 4 is one of the 10 regions within IEEE and includes all or parts of Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Nebraska, North and South Dakota, Ohio, and Wisconsin as well as the Windsor area of Ontario.

Mousavinezhad, the recipient of the IEEE's Third Millennium Medal, is a senior member of the organization. He also is chairperson of the conferences committee for the organization and was the general chairperson of the first IEEE Electro/Information Technology Conference in Chicago last June. The University of Minnesota will act as host to this year's conference in June.

Emerita pens book on Messiaen

Twentieth-century, French-born composer and organist Olivier Messiaen has been brought back to life through the pen of Audrey Ekdahl Davidson, emerita in music.

In her book "Olivier Messiaen and the Tristan Myth," published by Praeger Publishers, Davidson takes Messiaen's life and compares it to the tragic medieval love story of Tristan. Messiaen, who died in 1992 at the age of 84, composed more than 25 musical works during his life, three of which focused on the Tristan myth.

Widely interpreted, the story of Tristan and his ill-fated lover, Iseult, originally began as a Celtic myth and was later tied into Arthurian legend. Fantastic battles, forbidden love and poisoned drinks color this myth, which caught the eye of 19th century German composer Richard Wagner and became the subject of his opera, "Tristan und Isolde."

Davidson retired from the School of Music in 1993 after 28 years with the University. She has extensively published works on both early and modern music and served for 25 years as the musical director of the Society for Old Music, which regularly presents concerts for the community and the International Congress on Medieval Studies held annually at WMU.

National math association honors Petro for service

John W. Petro, emeritus in mathematics, is one of six mathematicians from around the nation selected this month to receive Certificates of Meritorious Service from the Mathematical Association of America.

The certificates, presented Jan. 7 at the MAA's joint meetings in San Diego, are designed to recognize exemplary service to MAA's national or section organizations. Petro was nominated for the honor by the Michigan section for service that has included terms as section chairperson, program chairperson, newsletter editor and governor. He is currently serving as section archivist and liaison coordinator. His national service has included a six-year membership on an employment opportunities committee and a four-year term as chairperson of the Committee on MAA Departmental Liaisons.

Petro

More than \$1.3 million in grants received by WMU in October

More than \$1.3 million in grants was received by the University during the month of October, according to a report presented to the University's Board of Trustees last month.

A total of \$1,331,678 was received in October, bringing the total of grants received by the University since the July 1 start of the fiscal year to \$18,119,451.

The largest grant received during the period was an award for \$195,247 from the National Science Foundation to Elise DeDoncker, computer science, to upgrade computer hardware used in ongoing research of parallel and distributed algorithm design and development.

A number of grants were received to fund new initiatives to improve elementary and secondary education. Among those was a U.S. Department of Education award for \$191,132 to Gary J. Miron, the Evaluation Center, for the first year of a two-year project aimed at evaluating elements of success in America's charter schools.

- Ruth A. Ervin, psychology, received \$88,288 from the Ottawa Area Intermediate School District in Holland, Mich., to develop a school-based intervention model to address the learning and behavior needs of students with disabilities.

- Associate Dean Alonzo Hannaford,

education, received a \$75,000 award from the Michigan Department of Education to provide teachers with training on how to successfully integrate students with disabilities or special needs into science classrooms.

- The Michigan Department of Education also awarded \$61,314 to William W. Cobern, teaching, learning and leadership, to help teachers develop ecology and science projects on the grounds of their schools.

Other grants received in October include:

- A \$108,957 award to James T. Schaper, director of Auxiliary Enterprises, from various companies to continue research and

testing in specialized areas of paper science engineering for industry;

- An award for \$86,593 from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to Donna M. Weinreich, community health services, to train allied health students in interdisciplinary team methods to serve aging and culturally diverse populations; and

- An award from the State of Michigan for \$21,577 to Michael Nassaney, anthropology, to conduct an archaeological survey of Ramptown, a historical settlement of escaped African-American slaves believed to have been located in Vandalia, Mich.

Coaching is focus of APA brown bag luncheon

"Coaching: Bringing out the Best in Others" will be the topic of a Wednesday, Feb. 6, noontime seminar sponsored by the Administrative Professional Association and open to the entire campus community.

The session, the fourth in the APA's Professional Development Series of brown bag luncheons, is set for noon to 1 p.m. in 157 Bernhard Center. Jacquelyn Bley, a certified Achieve Global trainer, will explore the following questions:

- What is the role of a coach?
- How can coaching help you, your department and WMU?
- How can you develop the communication behaviors needed to be an effective coach?

Bley will present this topic in more depth in a half-day course Tuesday, Feb. 19, as part of the Brown and Gold Series sponsored by WMU's Training and Development Office. She believes that training, regardless of the topic, is ultimately about serving the customer and that the point of learning new skills is to apply them in a way that will positively impact those you serve.

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occupational therapy, and Cindee Peterson, chairperson of occupational therapy; Doris Dirks, a doctoral student in history, and Associate Dean William Wiener, the Graduate College; Sonia Dias Cavalcanti Geurriero, a doctoral student in science education, and Harold Glasser, environmental studies; Gregg Guetschow, a doctoral student in public administration, and Peter Kobrak, public affairs and administration; Sherrie Maher, a doctoral student in psychology, and Mary Lagerway, nursing; Ken Marker, a doctoral student in paper science and engineering, and Peter Parker, paper science and engineering; Erik Pederson, a doctoral student in mechanical engineering, and Ralph Tanner, electrical and computer engineering; and Kiesha Warren, a doctoral student in sociology, and Subhash Sonnad, sociology.



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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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Service

The following employees will be recognized for 35, 30, 25, 20, 15, 10 and five years of service to the University during January.

35 years—Wendy L. Cornish, dance.

30 years—Nicholas C. Batch, finance and commercial law; Barbara A. Johnston, Office of the President; Timothy E. Kahler, physical plant-landscape services

25 years—Joan D. Bynum, music; Karen S. McDougall, Cistercian studies.

20 years—Richard A. Aldrich Jr., public safety; Margaret A. Binns, Sindecuse Health Center; and Sharon L. Daughtry, physical plant-landscape services.

15 years—Valerie Armstrong, physical plant-building custodial and support; Jerry R. Burhans, physical plant-maintenance services; Shelly Carpenter, grants and contracts; Brian E. Crandall, public safety; Deborah H. Hallock, physical plant-building custodial and support services; Suzanne Husband, archives and regional history collections; Katherine E. Ivie, industrial and manufacturing engineering; Cynthia A. Maul, physical plant-building custodial and support services; Beverly C. VanHeulen, Registrar's Office; and Teri L. Weese, information technology.

10 years—Patricia J. Berner, public safety; Satit Chamigranont, University libraries; Barbara J. Cockrell, University libraries; Esther E. Harvey, auxiliary enterprises; Sam N. Ramrattan, industrial and manufacturing engineering; Melissa L. Sweet, logistical services; and Gladys A. Wierenga, Sindecuse Health Center.

Five years—Carl M. 'Bud' Bender, vice president for development; Cindy K. Clegg, Sindecuse Health Center; Dalila I. Dobbs, public safety; Amy H. Egloff, human resources; Margaret Joyce, paper and printing science and engineering; Allan Kern, physics; James K. Laser, mathematics; Radu Teodorescu, mathematics; Johanna E. Wells, development; and Leah L. Wiser, Sindecuse Health Center.

Exchange

FOR SALE—One ticket, third row of second balcony, for the Chicago Lyric Opera's 7:30 p.m. performance, Saturday, Feb. 23, of "La Boheme," with Racette, Lopardo and Gilfrey. \$53. Call Bill Combs, (616) 349-8166.



VETERAN REPORTER HAS CHANGED HIS TUNE
(Photo by Neil Simon)

On Campus with Mark Schwerin

Mark Schwerin, '79, English, has a thing for writing.

On the job, the University Relations news and communications specialist writes about everything from new doctoral degrees to award-winning dancers.

But at night and on weekends, Schwerin changes his tune.

That's when the self-taught blues musician writes sentimental songs about guys missing their girlfriends and couples trying to right past wrongs.

For Schwerin, telling stories comes naturally. As a veteran reporter for the *Battle Creek Enquirer*, he wrote about issues in education, government, public safety and the arts.

Since 1998, the Galesburg resident has put those same skills to use in the Office of University Relations, where he is responsible for writing about news in the College of Health and Human Services and the College of Fine Arts.

He also manages the University's weekly News Call service, which provides radio broadcasters throughout the state with faculty experts' comments on current events.

From the effect of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks on the economy to the ethics of big businesses filing for bankruptcy, Schwerin records interviews with faculty on a variety of topics and makes them available to broadcasters through a special toll-free phone number.

It's one of the things he likes best about his job.

"I really like the intellectual atmosphere here because you're always learning new things," he says. "It's a neat place to be."

But his passion for writing and recording isn't limited to the state of Middle Eastern relations or mental health issues facing single mothers.

His band, Loaded Dice, recently released "You Gotta Roll," a compact disc of electric blues music. The tunes, mostly penned by band members, include Schwerin's "Shrimp Basket at Midnight."

The song is just one of many Loaded Dice performs at area clubs, restaurants and festivals during their weekend gigs.

"Now that we're at a point where we're playing our own songs, it's fun to see the audiences reacting," he says. "People get up on the dance floor and establish a rapport with us."

When he isn't following a story and running from one music engagement to the next, Schwerin enjoys spending time with his wife, Sandy, and their two teenagers, Amy and Nick.

Dance honors two alums for achievements

Two graduates of WMU's Department of Dance will be honored this month for their achievements and will take part in several special activities while on campus.

Anastasia Wozniak McGlothlin, who graduated in 1988, and Derrick Alphonso Evans, a 2000 graduate, will be inducted into the department's Alumni Academy during ceremonies Friday, Jan. 25, in the Gilmore Theatre Complex atrium. Students who have been working with the two honorees, along with faculty and College of Fine Arts administrators, will take part in the ceremony.

McGlothlin, who earned a master's in dance from Smith College in 1991, is one of the founding artistic directors of Art! Art! Barking Dog Dance Company, a professional modern dance company in Louisville, Ky. She is a 1999 recipient of the Al Smith Fellowship in Choreography awarded by the Kentucky Arts Council. She has performed with Dance Gallery, Barbara Neri and Dancers and the Detroit Dance Collective, while her choreographic work has been commissioned by dance companies in Michigan and Kentucky.

One of McGlothlin's dances, "Letting Go," will be performed during the dance department's Winter Concert of Dance Friday and Saturday, Jan. 25 and 26, at Chenery Auditorium. "Letting Go" ex-

plores the tumultuous period in a young female adolescent's development when struggling to differentiate from her mother and deal with the pressures of her peer group. McGlothlin and her dance company performed the dance during a September visit to WMU.

Evans has performed with Gus Giordano Jazz Dance Chicago, River North Dance Company, James Kelly Choreography Project and the Ballet Theatre of the Virgin Islands, among others. His television credits include work with pop star Michael Jackson and on the Emmy Award-winning PBS special documentary "Reality of a Dreamer." He has choreographed for Gloria Estafan/SPC and Giselle Le Dole and for jazz companies Gus Giordano Jazz Dance Chicago and River North Jazz Dance Chicago. He also has appeared in numerous commercials, including the highly successful Gap commercials.

Evans has been on the faculties of New York's Broadway Dance Center and the Dance Academy of the Virgin Islands. He has been a frequent guest artist at WMU and will be in residence Jan. 28 through Feb. 1. Evans will conduct master classes for dance students enrolled in technique-level courses designated for dance majors, dance minors and music theatre majors.

Teaching Excellence awards

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Many former students noted that Harris dramatically influenced their careers.

"Dr. Harris shares her passion, expertise and knowledge of Spanish in the classes she teaches," one alumna wrote. "My interaction with her was a strong reason I decided to continue studying Spanish. Dr. Harris is a role model that I hope to emulate. She is a mentor to me as I begin teaching. She is always available to answer questions, offer ideas or feedback, and simply listen."

One alumnus added that he was fortunate to receive Harris' tutelage as an undergraduate, and as a direct result, decided to major in Spanish and then teach Spanish.

"Dr. Harris is most deserving of this award," he said. "I cannot think of a more humble, unassuming yet tremendously inspirational person in the Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures. Her dedication to her subject and to her students is a joy to behold."

A former high school Spanish teacher, Harris has taught at the University of Richmond in Virginia; the University of Iowa; and the Instituto de Politécnico in Toledo, Spain. In addition to extensively traveling, teaching, conducting research and studying abroad, she has written one book and numerous bibliographies and journal articles.

Nominations sought for awards honoring year's best supervisor, student employee

Nominations are being sought for two awards associated with the 16th annual observance of Student Employment Appreciation Week set for Feb. 18 through 22.

Sponsored by Career and Student Employment Services, the week recognizes

Nominations for the Student Employee of the Year and Supervisor of the Year are due Feb. 8.

the outstanding contributions student employees make to WMU and to creating its ability to be a valuable place to learn new skills and develop competencies for future success. The theme

for this year is "Helping You Build a Better Future."

A highlight of the weeklong celebration will be an awards reception from 3 to 5 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 21, in the West Ballroom of the Bernhard Center. The event will honor the Student Employee of the Year and Supervisor of the Year, along with the awards' other 2002 nominees and their nominators.

Online nomination forms are available on the <www.broncojobs.wmich.edu> Web site. Paper versions are available at Career and Student Employment Services in Ellsworth Hall. The nomination deadline is Feb. 8. Graduate as well as undergraduate students may be nominated, and student employees and supervisors who have won in the past are not eligible to win again.

Regardless of whether their units participate in the awards program, all faculty and staff are encouraged to thank their student workers in some way during Student Employment Appreciation Week.

For details about the week's activities or tips on how to honor student employees, contact the week's co-coordinators, Beth Homrich or Surangi Cooray, via e-mail or by calling 7-2787, or call George Eskro at 7-2787 or 7-2733.

'Computer Tutors' program utilizes college students to bridge digital divide

A communitywide effort to bridge Kalamazoo's digital divide will get some help from area college students.

College students are being recruited to serve as volunteer "computer tutors" for the Kalamazoo Partnership for Learning Technology program, a U.S. Department of Education-funded initiative that provides computer access and training in some of Kalamazoo's most needy neighborhoods.

The Kalamazoo Alliance for Service Learning, comprised of Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo College, Kalamazoo Valley Community College and Davenport University, is coordinating the KPLT's effort to recruit college students to volunteer in the program's Community Technology Centers.

According to Wendy Wintermute, KASL coordinator and project director of the Building Bridges program at WMU, the digital divide is still quite prominent for economically disadvantaged individuals, and providing computers and software is not the total solution to the problem.

"Locating computers for public use is the first challenge, but many individuals will become discouraged or avoid using a computer unless they are guided through the process by a knowledgeable, caring mentor," says Wintermute.

College students make ideal mentors,

says Dan Stauffer, who is coordinating the recruitment and training of the computer tutors. "They are already computer savvy and know the basics of Windows and how to get around on the Internet. For many of them this is an ideal opportunity to get out in the community and use their skills in computers, teaching and training."

As computer tutors, students are asked to volunteer five to 10 hours a week for the duration of this semester. Each volunteer will undergo ongoing training in which they will learn social and communication skills including conflict management, ethics and how to work with children and adults. Computer tutors will be assigned to work at one of the CTC sites, which are each equipped with computers, software programs, Internet connections, networking and staff. All computer tutor candidates will be subject to background checks before being chosen.

"We've made this convenient for students, as each CTC site is on the Metro bus line and some are within walking distance from campuses," says Stauffer, who hopes to have 20 to 40 volunteers chosen by the end of February.

The computer tutors project is just one facet of the KPLT program, which is a collaboration of the City of Kalamazoo,

Boys and Girls Club, New Genesis Inc., Healthy Futures, Michigan State University Extension, Kalamazoo Community in Schools, KASL, and the Kalamazoo Public Library. KPLT was formed to help residents to get access to and training in technology. The nearly \$200,000 DOE grant the program received is from monies specifically targeted for communities considered to be economically distressed.

"More than half of Kalamazoo's households are classified as 'very low' or 'low' income," says Wintermute. "The majority

of individuals living at or below the poverty level cannot afford computer equipment or Internet access in their homes. Consequently, many adults and children in Kalamazoo County lack the computer skills needed to research career and educational topics, locate physical and mental health information on the Internet, and perform basic software functions that are essential in today's workplaces."

For more information, contact Stauffer at 7-8716 or Wintermute at 7-8944.

Three programs set for grad students

Graduate students will have a chance to speak their minds, prepare for entering the job market and pick up skills to better handle common stresses associated with graduate studies, thanks to three programs all scheduled before the end of January.

The Graduate Student Advisory Committee and the Graduate College will conduct their second and final information-gathering focus group from 10 to 11 a.m. Friday, Jan. 25, in 204 Bernhard Center. Input is being sought on issues and concerns related to assistantships, the code for assistantships, programs of study and graduate studies in general.

Then on Monday, Jan. 28, GSAC will cosponsor a workshop called "Get It Together for Graduate Students." It will take place from 4 to 6 p.m. in the lobby of west Walwood Hall. The event is being staged in conjunction with Career and Student Employment Services to help graduate students prepare for that office's Feb. 7 career fair as well as for internship and job searches.

Participants will be able to explore topics such as resume critiques, how to get the most from a career fair, professional appearance and attitude, networking advice, marketing yourself and a 30-second personal commercial. Space is limited to 50 graduate students.

The final program, a panel discussion on "Emotional Wellness During the Graduate Experience," will take place from noon to 1 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 31, in 157 Bernhard Center. It is being sponsored by University Counseling and Testing Services, the Graduate College and GSAC.

For more information about the focus group or to pre-register, call 7-8212 or 7-8207. For more information about the workshop or to pre-register, send e-mail to <nancy.greer-williams@wmich.edu>. Information about the panel discussion is available by calling 7-1850.

Eckert to give Keystone lecture

Think that only smooth-talking extroverts can be successful in sales? A WMU sales and marketing expert will reveal what it really takes at a Friday, Feb. 1, presentation as part of the Keystone Community Bank Breakfast Series at the Haworth College of Business.

James A. Eckert, marketing, will discuss "Five Truths About Selling" at 7:30 a.m. in room 2150 of Schneider Hall.

Those who plan to attend the free program, which includes a continental breakfast, should reserve a seat by calling the Haworth College of Business dean's office at 7-5050.

Nominations due for Who's Who

Wednesday, Feb. 6, is the nomination deadline for "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges." The Office of Student Activities and Leadership Programs encourages faculty and staff to make nominations using the form they received in campus mail or the online form available at <www.salp.wmich.edu/honors>.

The Who's Who program honors academically outstanding students who also have made significant contributions to other areas of the University and community. Each faculty and staff member may nominate up to 50 people.

To be eligible, nominees must be college juniors, seniors or graduate students matriculated in a four-year undergraduate or graduate curriculum and have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or above. Nominee selection should focus on students who have a high level of: participation and leadership in academic and extracurricular activities, citizenship and service to WMU, and potential for future achievement.

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>.

JANUARY

1.24 Thursday

Exhibition (through Jan. 25), Neo-Patriotism Group Show, East Hall Galleries, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Reception, Friday, Jan. 25, 5 to 7 p.m.

Exhibition (through Jan. 29), ceramics by Jack Troy, Sangren Hall Gallery II, weekdays 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Martin Luther King Jr. Week events continue through Jan. 25. Visit the MLK Week Web site at <www.wmich.edu/mlkday> for a complete list of activities.

MLK brownbag lunch discussion, "The Vision: Where Do We Go From Here?," Multicultural Room, Ellsworth Hall, 11:30 a.m.

MLK movie and discussion, "The Color of Fear," 2513 Faunce Student Services Building, noon.

MLK panel discussion, "Building Bridges Between the Present and the Past: The Underground Railroad and Ramptown Project," 2303 Sangren Hall, 2 p.m.

MLK workshop, "Using Theatre as Pedagogy: Moving the Classroom Along the Journey Toward Multiculturalism," 208 Bernhard Center, 6:30 p.m.

MLK discussion with state representatives, "Diversity and Government," 3301 Friedmann Hall, 7 p.m.

*Film showing, Miller Movie, "Jay & Silent Bob Strike Back," Miller Auditorium, 7 and 9:30 p.m.

Film showing, Western Film Society free sneak preview, "The Mothman Prophecies," The Little Theatre, 9:30 p.m.

1.25 Friday

MLK luncheon presentation, "The King Legacy and Empowerment of Underrepresented Students in the Natural and Behavioral Sciences," Atrium, Haenicke Hall, 11:45 a.m.-1:30 p.m.; reservations required, e-mail <nihbridges@wmich.edu>.

MLK laboratory open house, Haenicke Hall, 1:30-3:15 p.m.

Seminar, "Using the Drosophila Embryonic CNS to Determine Gene Function at the Single Cell Level," Alicia Schmidt, Pharmacia, 1718 Wood Hall, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

1.26 Saturday

*Men's basketball vs. Ohio, University Arena, 4 p.m.

*Concert, the Chieftains, Miller Auditorium, 8 p.m.

*Women's basketball vs. Ball State, University Arena, time TBA.

1.27 Sunday

*Concert, "Tropical Winds," featuring wind music by Latin American composers performed by music faculty, Dalton Center Multimedia Room, 3 p.m.

Concert, GCII (Gold Company II), Bronco Mall Center Stage, Bernhard Center, 6:30 p.m.

1.28 Monday

Exhibition, Senior Design Showcase, featuring work by Kelly Cross, Carolyn Farrugia and Emily Shelide, Interior Design Gallery, 1016 Trimpe, weekdays, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Exhibition (through Feb. 1), BFA Ceramics Group Show, East Hall Galleries, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; reception, Friday, Feb. 1, 5-7 p.m.

1.29 Tuesday

*Performance (through Feb. 3), "The Music Man," Miller Auditorium: Jan. 29-31, 7:30 p.m.; Feb. 1-2, 2 and 8 p.m.; Feb. 3, 3 p.m.

*Concert, Norah Duncan IV, organ, Dalton Recital Hall, 8 p.m.

1.30 Wednesday

Study Abroad Fair, South Ballroom, Bernhard Center, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Dalton Convocation Series, Norah Duncan IV, organ, Dalton Recital Hall, 1 p.m.

Presentation, "Austria between 'Westernization' and a New 'Exceptionalism'," Anton Pelinka, University of Innsbruck, Austria, 3301 Friedmann Hall, 3:15-5 p.m.

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

Concert, "Celebrating the Birth of Mozart," University Chamber Orchestra, University Chorale and soloist Johnny Pherigo, Dalton Recital Hall, 8 p.m.

1.31 Thursday

General membership meeting, Administrative Professional Association, 158-159 Bernhard Center, noon.

Performance (through Feb. 9), University Theatre production, "For Colored Girls Who Have Considered Suicide/When the Rainbow is Enuf," York Arena Theatre: Thursday-Saturday, Jan. 31-Feb. 2; Tuesday-Saturday, Feb. 5-9, 8 p.m.; Sunday, Feb. 3, 2 p.m.

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

FEBRUARY

2.1 Friday

Keystone Community Bank Breakfast Series, "Five Truths About Selling," James A. Eckert, marketing, 2150 Schneider Hall, 7:30 a.m.; reservations required, call 7-5050

Lectures (and Feb. 2), "Latvia: Traditions and Transitions," 3004 Kohrman Hall, 3:15 p.m.

2.4 Monday

Exhibition (through Feb. 8), Richard Wozniak, "The Islands," East Hall Galleries, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; reception, Friday, Feb. 8, 5-7 p.m.

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

2.5 Tuesday

*Women's basketball vs. Eastern Michigan, University Arena, 7 p.m.

2.6 Wednesday

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

2.7 Thursday

Faculty Senate meeting and Academic Convocation, Fetzer Center, 5 p.m.

*Admission charged