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## Campus tops United Way goal, helps area drive beat record

The University community has helped put the Greater Kalamazoo United Way campaign over the top of its \$9 million goal by donating a record amount of money.

After a somewhat sluggish start, faculty and staff members rallied to pledge \$217,446, surpassing the goal of \$215,250. The University is the fifth largest contributor to the community campaign.

A Nov. 14 victory celebration attracted more than 50 departmental fund-raisers, and almost 30 departments were honored for achieving 100 percent participation. Members of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees were also recognized for increasing their total contributions by \$2,500.

## Holiday reception is Dec. 7

Faculty and staff members are invited to the annual holiday reception sponsored by President Elson S. Floyd and the WMU Board of Trustees from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 7, in the South Ballroom of the Bernhard Center.

Supervisors are encouraged to arrange work schedules so those staff members who wish to attend the reception sometime during the afternoon may do so.

## MLK planning committee seeks proposals for 2002 celebration

The campus community is invited to participate in next year's celebration of the life and work of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

The Martin Luther King Jr. Committee is organizing events that will take place the week of Jan. 21-25. In addition to the traditional convocation and Discovery Day Children's Fair, the week will include programs and workshops relevant to the 2002 theme, "Building Bridges in a Complex World."

Committee members are seeking proposals for MLK activities, and limited funding is available for some uses. To ensure coordination and maximize publicity for the week, any person or organization planning an MLK-related event—even those not seeking funding—should submit a proposal.

Interested faculty and staff members, as well as registered student organizations should submit proposals before 5 p.m. Monday, Dec. 3, to Vincent Lyon-Callo, anthropology, by mail or by fax to 7-3999. To obtain proposal forms or for more information, call Lyon-Callo at 7-3964 or contact the Lewis Walker Institute for the Study of Race and Ethnic Relations at 7-2141.

## This is last fall Western News

This is the last Western News for the fall semester. Publication will resume winter semester with the first issue appearing Thursday, Jan. 10. The deadline to submit information to appear in that issue is 5 p.m. Friday, Jan. 4.

The Western News also will be published on these dates during the winter semester: Jan. 24, Feb. 7, Feb. 21, March 14, March 28 and April 11. The deadline for each of these issues is 5 p.m. on the Friday preceding each issue.

## Upton Fellow's focus will be local history

A unique opportunity to research and document a vital aspect of Southwest Michigan's history has been created by the establishment of a new graduate student fellowship at WMU funded by the Fredrick S. Upton Foundation.

The Department of History and the Fort Miami Heritage Society of St. Joseph, Mich., have created the Fredrick S. Upton Fellowship in Public History with a \$60,000 gift from the Upton Foundation. Offering an annual stipend of \$16,000 plus a dedicated research budget, the Upton Fellowship will pair a student pursuing a doctoral degree in public history with the Fort Miami Heritage Society for a series of projects that will examine the area's history.

"This fellowship is quite prestigious because not only will the recipient receive support that is unprecedented in the humanities at this University, but he or she also will have the chance to work extensively with the community to bring its cultural heritage to light," says Marion "Buddy" Gray, chairperson of history. "It's a great opportunity for the individual and the University."

The Upton Fellow will work with academic and public history institutions and community-based organizations to conduct research on the region's rich heritage. Included in that history is Fort Miami, a 17th-century French fort located in St. Joseph, which is believed to be the first European settlement in Southwest Michigan. In addition, the fellow will help explore and document the history of the St. Joseph-Benton Harbor community and surrounding region, from prehistoric times to its more modern roots in maritime activities, shipping and agriculture.

"We are looking at the broader history of our community and the relationship of this region and these communities to other regions and areas of the country," says Fort Miami Heritage Society Executive Director Kenneth R. Pott.

Because the Fort Miami Heritage Society had successfully worked with WMU on past projects, Pott saw an opportunity to once again collaborate with the University to help further research of the region's history.

"Ken originally came to us with the idea of working with WMU," says Stephen Upton, chairman of the Fredrick S. Upton Foundation, "and because the Foundation has been quite active in helping the Fort Miami Heritage Society get started, we thought this would be beneficial for the community and wanted to support this important project."

Kristin Szylvian, history and chairperson of the Upton Fellowship Committee, says the new fellowship will benefit WMU as well because the University will play an active part in the exploration and documentation of Southwest Michigan's history.

"The Department of History has long since recognized the importance of having a relationship with the Fort Miami Heritage Society. Working with them affords us a greater degree to which WMU students can explore and become part of historical Michigan," says Szylvian. "In addition, it will further strengthen our already substantial program in public history."

Dean Elise Jorgens, College of Arts and Sciences, says the new Upton Fellowship is establishing a model for other fellowships in the college.

"This fellowship is ideal because it is a competitive award that builds off of an existing graduate appointment, and that will help us recruit exceptional students," Jorgens says.

Pott agrees. "We plan to bring someone on board who has a great degree of background, training and experience," he says. "The person who receives this fellowship will be truly exceptional."

The first Upton Fellow is expected to begin next fall. Applications for the fellowship are due Feb. 1.

## New book by Cooley reveals feminine side of Mark Twain's writing

Two women forced to marry one another?

Does it seem possible that the beloved author Mark Twain, who gave the world the epitome of boyhood in Tom Sawyer and Huckleberry Finn, would spin such a scandalous tale?

As a matter of fact, he did, and produced 11 other tales of unconventional young women that have been unearthed and published in a new book by John Cooley, English.

In the book, "How Nancy Jackson Married Kate Wilson and Other Tales of Rebellious Girls and Daring Young Women," published by the University of Nebraska Press, Cooley, a noted expert on Twain, has collected 12 stories by Twain that share two common traits: the protagonists are female and behave in ways that flagrantly violate Victorian convention.

"While Twain had an interest in writing stories about young girls and women during his whole writing career, it intensified between 1895 and 1908," explains Cooley. "He wrote many of these 'girl stories' as the world was evolving from the Victorian virtues of gentleness, innocence and purity to the 'New Woman' movement that focused on women's rights."

"The heroines of these stories are all young, unmarried and assume personality traits and behaviors that Twain and his society typically reserved for young males."

While most of Twain's girl stories were published in such publications of the day as *Cosmopolitan Magazine*, the *Buffalo Express* and the *Californian*, Cooley's book brings to light several stories not before seen by the public. "Wapping Alice," the tale of a transvestite who traps an unwitting beau into marriage, never appeared in print during Twain's lifetime. And it wasn't until nearly 80 years after it was penned that "How Nancy Jackson Married Kate Wilson," another same-sex farce, was finally published.

According to Cooley, Twain's motivation to write girl stories may have originally been money, but his wife, Olivia, and three daughters had a strong influence on his foray into feminine fiction.

"At the time, women were the primary book buyers for their families, and Twain realized that his success as a writer was increasingly tied to female and family-oriented readers," says Cooley.

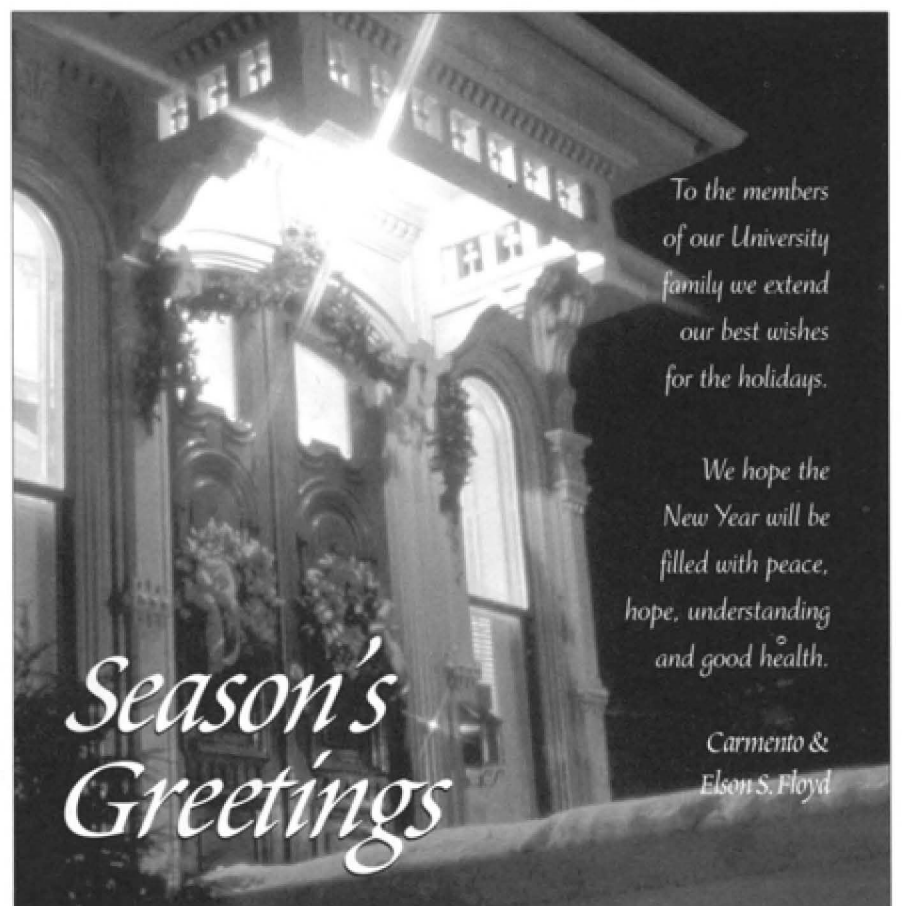
"However, he always had a circle of women around him and, as his daughters became teens, they read and commented on his manuscripts. His eldest daughters, Susy and Clara, influenced and shaped the

direction of these stories and aspects of their personalities are apparent in the protagonists of several of the stories."

Interestingly, while Twain—Samuel Clemens—experimented with many female roles in his stories, he made sure his own daughters did little to emulate the brave, strong and rebellious heroines found in his fiction.

"The female protagonists express an independence of thought and action that Clemens was unwilling to give his own daughters," Cooley says. "In fact, Clemens stated publicly that he carefully raised his

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To the members  
of our University  
family we extend  
our best wishes  
for the holidays.

We hope the  
New Year will be  
filled with peace,  
hope, understanding  
and good health.

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Elson S. Floyd

Season's  
Greetings



# More than 1,800 set to get degrees Dec. 8

More than 1,800 degrees will be awarded to new graduates by Western Michigan University in commencement ceremonies Saturday, Dec. 8.

A total of 1,856 graduates will receive degrees, including 1,426 who will earn bachelor's degrees, 414 who will receive master's degrees, 15 who will be awarded doctoral degrees, and one who will receive a specialist degree. Graduates who earned degrees at the conclusion of summer session in August also will participate.

President Elson S. Floyd will preside over three ceremonies in Miller Auditorium: a 9 a.m. ceremony to honor graduates of the Haworth College of Business and the colleges of Fine Arts and Health and Human Services; an 11:30 a.m. ceremony for gradu-

ates of the colleges of Arts and Sciences, Aviation, and Engineering and Applied Sciences; and a 2 p.m. ceremony for graduates of the College of Education and the General University Studies Program.

Tickets are not required to attend the ceremonies. If the auditorium fills to capacity, guests may view the commencement exercises on a large-screen television in 3512 Knauss. Each ceremony will also be carried live on Channel 7 of EduCABLE, the University's cable television system, and on Channel 19 of the Charter Communication cable system. In addition, video of the commencement may also be viewed online at <www.wmich.edu/commencement>.

## 25 Year Club welcomes 38 faculty and staff members to its ranks

Thirty-eight faculty and staff members who have completed 25 years of service at the University were eligible for induction into WMU's 25 Year Club at the annual gala held Nov. 27 at the Bernhard Center.

The club, which now has 330 active and 419 retired members, was founded in 1982 with 98 charter members.

Those eligible for induction this year were:

Diana K. Allen, physical plant-building custodial and support services; Eva F. Blades, physical plant-building custodial and support services; Charles A. Boos, Office of Information Technology-Telecommunications; Willard E. Breur, physical plant-logistical services; Greg J. Brown, physical plant-building custodial and support services;

Thomas E. Campbell, physical plant-landscape services; Charon Lynn Carver, College of Education; Brenda L. Case-Parris, Career and Student Employment Services; Richard G. Cooper, occupational therapy; Janice L. Dekker, School of Community Health Services;

Charles J. Dineen, physical plant-utilities; Marilyn V. Duke, Academic Skills Center; Christin Fawley-Zehner, Valley #1 dining service; Jane V. Ferguson, social work; R. Wayne Fuqua, psychology;

Diana L. Garnaat, physical plant-building custodial and support services; John S. Geisler, counselor education and counseling psychology; Janice R. Harbach, occupational therapy; Salim K. Harik, economics; Dona G. Icabone, educational studies;

Ahmad D. Issa, finance and commercial law; Laura Latulippe, Career English Language Center for International Students; Ruth E. Mader, Bernhard Center; Gary Mathews, social work; Pamela J. Miller, Office of Teacher Certification; James E. Mort, Office of the Vice President for Business and Finance; Mark S. Rafferty, University Dining Services;

Marian L. Rosser, family and consumer sciences; Barbara Shouse, International Student Services; Caroline L. Smith, physi-

cal plant-building custodial and support services; Thomas J. Sopjes, physical plant-maintenance services; Baiba Z. Stepe, Auxiliary Enterprises;

Leo J. Stevenson, finance and commercial law; Lovette J. Teichert, Career English Language Center for International Students; Edward L. Trembley, counselor education and counseling psychology; Jon H. VanderMeer, Office of Information Technology-Telecommunications; Mary Ann Vernia, physical plant-building custodial and support services; and David A. Witt, Haworth College of Business.

The 25 Year Club was established by the WMU Board of Trustees as a way to recognize the valuable contributions made to the University by its employees who have committed their careers to WMU. New members receive a 25-year service pin and framed certificate, and they may choose from a selection of commemorative gifts. New, active and retired members are guests of the University for the evening.

## BOT OKs one faculty, six staff retirements

The retirements of one faculty member and six staff members were approved by the Board of Trustees at its Oct. 26 meet-

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Seelig



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Rice



Roberts

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Karen Seelig, associate professor of speech pathology and audiology, will retire with emerita status, effective April 27, 2002, after 34 and 1/2 years of continuous service to the University.

The staff members retiring, their departments, length of service and effective retirement dates are: Patricia Duzan, foreign languages and literatures, 15 years, effective Aug. 31, 2001; Barbara A. Johnston, Office of the President, 30 years, effective Jan. 31, 2002; Karen L. Rice, sociology, 18 years, effective Dec. 31, 2001; Lester A. Roberts, Fetzer Center, 32 years, effective Dec. 31, 2001; Jeanette M. Ross, physical

plant, 12 and 1/2 years, effective Aug. 31, 2001; and Janet B. Srackangast, physical plant, 27 years, effective Dec. 31, 2001.

The faculty members who resigned were: Robert J. Buck, statistics, effective Aug. 5, 2001; James E. Crehan, aviation, effective Sept. 30, 2000; Nancy C. Cornwell, communication, effective Aug. 4, 2002; Deborah M. Deliyannis, history, effective Aug. 15, 2001; Cheryl Delk, Career English Language Center for International Students, effective May 1, 2001; Jennifer J. Fager teaching, learning and leadership, effective Aug. 1, 2001; Laura L. Junker, anthropology, effective April 14, 2002; Mark V. Roehling, management, effective June 30, 2001; Martine Sauret, foreign languages and literatures, effective Aug. 5, 2001; and Deborah Spake, marketing, effective Aug. 3, 2001.

The staff members who resigned are: Diane Russo, head coach of women's track, effective June 30, 2001; and Cathy A. Zenz, registrar, effective Aug. 2, 2001.

## 'Holiday Spectacular' is Dec. 9

Those in need of a holiday fix can find one at the first-ever "Holiday Spectacular" Sunday, Dec. 9.

Sponsored by University Recreation Programs and Facilities, the event will take place from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Student Recreation Center. Booths, which can be reserved by faculty and staff members for \$25, will feature jewelry, clothing, arts, crafts and other items. For booth reservations or more information, call 7-3805.

## Barbara Johnston will be feted

Faculty, staff and friends are invited to honor Barbara A. Johnston at a retirement reception Friday, Dec. 14.

Well-wishers will gather from 3:30 to 5 p.m. at the Oaklands. Johnston, executive secretary in the Office of the President, plans to retire in January after 30 years with the University.



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## Seth honored by recreation professionals at state meeting

Amy Seth, University recreation, was honored by her professional peers early this month at an annual conference held in Ann Arbor.



Seth

Seth, who has directed her unit since January 2000, was awarded the Tom R. Jones Outstanding Member Award by the Michigan Intra-

mural Recreational Sports Association during MIRSA's Nov. 1-2 conference at the University of Michigan. The Jones award, named for a longtime Central Michigan University recreation administrator, is the highest award given by the MIRSA.

Seth was recognized for demonstrating outstanding leadership and service in the MIRSA and on behalf of recreational sports in the state of Michigan. She served as state director of MIRSA from 1998 to 2000 and also has served the organization as associate state director and treasurer/secretary.

## Cox heads Printing Pilot Plant

A veteran print and paper industry professional has been appointed to oversee WMU's Printing Pilot Plant.

Doug Cox brings more than 25 years of paper, converting and printing experi-



Cox

ence to his new role as director of the Printing Pilot Plant. He comes to WMU after working in technical paper sales, marketing, printing technical service, quality control, paper machine techni-

cal support and education for such firms as Plainwell Paper, Simpson Paper, Champion International Corp. Appleton Papers, Asia Pulp and Paper USA.

Cox joins Jan Walter, general manager of pilot plants, and Rick Reames, paper pilot plant director, in oversight of WMU's extensive paper, coating, printing and recycling pilot plants. Walter came to the University in January to manage the entire pilot plant operation. Reames is a longtime WMU researcher. The plants are affiliated with the Department of Paper and Printing Science and Engineering, offering faculty and students research opportunities as well as hands-on experience with industry.

In summer 2002, WMU pilot plant activities will begin a move to the University's Parkview Campus, which also will be home to WMU's new College of Engineering and Applied Sciences building, due for completion in 2003, as well as the Business Technology and Research Park.

The pilot plants will occupy a new \$18 million building, with new coating research facilities up and running by fall.

## Federal funds to state group boost campus ed technology efforts

Getting fourth-graders to take in a movie, go on a scavenger hunt or lead a rescue mission along the ocean floor—without ever leaving the classroom—is all in a day's work for Linda McConville, a student in the University's graduate educational technology program whose creative command of the computer is just what federal grantmakers want to see.

A \$2.2 million grant from the U.S. Department of Education awarded to COATT—the Consortium for Outstanding Achievement in Teaching with Technology—is aimed at making Michigan first in the nation when it comes to preparing teachers to use technology to enhance student learning. WMU is a member of the consortium, a partnership of 17 Michigan colleges, universities and K-12 districts.

"COATT allows our students the opportunity to go further with their technology skills and demonstrate an even greater level of proficiency with their exceptional capabilities," says Associate Dean Alonzo Hannaford, College of Education.

The three-year grant is being channeled through "Preparing Tomorrow's Teachers to Use Technology," a federal initiative intended to improve the quality of preparation given to new teachers before they enter the profession. The COATT money is one of several "catalyst grants" given to projects designed to achieve large-scale institutional change.

The new COATT funding will be used to significantly improve the technology experience students receive during their practice teaching assignments, particularly

those students whose assignments are in schools serving low-income children.

For the first time, the consortium this fall awarded the MCOATT—Michigan Certificate for Outstanding Achievement in Teaching with Technology—to practicing teachers who are making a difference in their classrooms through the effective use of technology. McConville, a 25-year teaching veteran who works in the St. Joseph (Mich.) Public Schools, and Jacklyn Inman, a special education instructor in Dowagiac, Mich., are among the recipients. Each is enrolled in WMU's totally online graduate certificate program in educational technology.

Previously awarded only to student teachers, the Michigan certificate is the first of its kind in the nation.



## Jobs

The following vacancies are currently being posted through the Job Opportunity Program by the Human Resource Services Department. Interested benefits-eligible employees should submit a job opportunity transfer application during the posting period, and may contact a human resource services staff member for assistance in securing these positions.

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

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

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

(R) **Customer Service Assistant**, 15, Telecommunications, 01/02-2737, 11/27-12/3/01

(R) **Assistant/Associate Professor**, 130/120, University Libraries, 01/02-2739, 11/27-12/03/01

(N) **Assistant Professor**, 130, Anthropology, 01/02-2740, 11/27-12/3/01

(N) **Assistant Professor**, 130, Physics, 01/02-2741, 11/27-12/3/01

(R) **Manager, Catering**, 17, Catering, 01/02-2744, 11/27-12/3/01

(R) **Senior Clerk**, 11, WMU Bookstore, 01/02-2746, 11/27-12/3/01

(R) **Receptionist**, 10, Educational Studies, 01/02-2747, 11/27-12/3/01

(N) **IT Communications Specialist**, 15, Office of Information Technology, 01/02-2748, 11/27-12/3/01

N = New

R = Replacement

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## Human resources

### MPSERS members to receive 2000-01 account statements

The Michigan Public Schools Retirement System will mail 2000-01 statements of account in December to the home addresses of active members.

The statement of account includes wages and service hours reported by the University, employees' personal contributions, service credit payments received and adjustments to employee accounts.

If you have any questions about the information on your statement, or if you are an active member of MPSERS and do not receive your statement before Jan. 1, please contact the Michigan Office of Retirement Services by phone at 1-800-381-5111 or by e-mail at <ORSCustomerService@state.mi.us>.

## Exchange

**FOR SALE**—Home with beautiful view of Woods Lake. Two-level brick walkout; three bedrooms, two baths, large family room, sunroom, three fireplaces; 2,000 square feet. \$149,000. Call 382-4645.

**FREE TO GOOD HOME**—5-year-old registered female Chow Chow. Well-mannered and well-trained, spayed, shots and medical checks current. To adopt, call Donna at 7-4330, 668-3706 or 668-2861.

**FOR SALE**—Clayton Estates manufactured housing community three-bedroom, two-bath home. Fireplace, oak cabinets, central air, all major appliances; on landscaped cul-de-sac in Oshtemo Twp. \$35,000. Call 7-4026.

## On Campus with Kim Peters



SHE'S STILL PINCHING HERSELF  
(Photo by Neil Rankin)

After a year and a half as office coordinator for Study Abroad, Kim Peters was recently promoted to coordinator of a new overseas program.

"When my boss asked me if I was interested, it took me all of one second to say yes," recalls Peters. "I've had a lot of really lousy jobs in my life, and I still can't believe how fantastic this position is."

Peters is so excited because her new job is a near-perfect match for her education, skills and interests. This photographer, turned writer, turned administrator is now in charge of marketing and organizing the Prague Summer Program, a four-week creative writing seminar to be held each summer in the Czech Republic.

"I've been so busy trying to make a living, I've allowed my creative work to slide," says Peters, who earned a master of fine arts degree in fiction from WMU after completing bachelor's degrees in photography and English literature from Grand Valley State University and WMU, respectively. "But I'm hopeful that interacting with writers on a regular basis will give me the impetus I need to get back to my own artistic work."

Peters says she's already picked up her camera again after visiting Prague last summer. She'll have plenty of opportunity to hone her creative skills in Eastern Europe, as she'll be returning every year to oversee the program. Peters plans to immerse herself, along with the students, in Czech literature, film and culture. While many Czechs speak basic English, she's also trying to learn their language.

In addition to the travel opportunities, Peters says her co-workers in Study Abroad, part of the Haenicke Institute for International and Area Studies, make her job fun. She also enjoys watching students transform during their study abroad experiences. "They come back changed people—for the better," she says.

Helping to train the department's new office coordinator while juggling the responsibilities of her own new job has meant some extra hours for Peters lately, but the jazz lover still finds time to lavish attention on her cats, Mingus and Louie. And, Peters notes with a smile, she bakes a mean apple pie.

## Decemberservice

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

**25 years**—Richard G. Cooper, occupational therapy.

**20 years**—Gaylene Luhman, information technology; Bruce L. Paananen, information technology; Kamlesh Sharma, biological sciences; and D. Terry Williams, theatre.

**15 years**—Deborah M. Coder, physical plant-maintenance services; Duane R. Hampton, geosciences; Guy Q. Harrison, information technology; Lonnie L. Page, physical plant-building custodial and support services; Mark W. Stafford, physical plant-maintenance services; Cindy A. Walton, physical plant-building custodial and support services; and Carl A. Woloszyk, family and consumer sciences.

## Obituary

University officials have received word of the death of Hazel Rupp, emerita in libraries. Rupp, who was 93, died Sept. 19 in Grand Rapids.

Rupp retired from Waldo Library as an associate professor in August 1971.

**10 years**—Deborah L. Cronkright, Davis dining service; Virginia D. Lytle, Valley #3 dining service; Muralitharan Shanmugam, University libraries; and Carol Sundberg, Center for Disability Services.

**Five years**—Sondra Y. Brooks, physical plant-maintenance services; Gary B. Darnell, intercollegiate athletics; Patricia Emelander, Registrar's Office; William W. Liou, mechanical and aeronautical engineering; Shawn L. McComb, Center for Disability Services; Anna Marie Murphy, physical plant-building custodial and support services; Elizabeth A. Saunders, student financial aid; David H. Thomas, College of Aviation; and Jiabei Zhang, health, physical education and recreation.

## Rec Center break hours set

During the holiday recess, the Student Recreation Center and University recreation will operate on a schedule of sharply reduced hours.

The center will be closed Dec. 8 and 9. Both the center and the University recreation office will be closed Dec. 24-26 and Dec. 31-Jan. 1.

For a complete list of hours during holiday recess, visit the SRC Web site at <www.src.wmich.edu>.

## ZestforLife

During the holiday season, don't let your busy schedule and travels get in the way of your exercise program, says Zest for Life's Amy Geib. With a little bit of planning, you can fit short exercise sessions into your schedule. Even small amounts of physical activity can help your health, as well as reduce the stress of the holidays.

Here are some steps to ensure you stay active and stress free.

- If you have a membership to West Hills Athletic Club, the Student Recreation Center or any other fitness facility, stick to your regular workout sessions. Check to see if the hours of operation have been changed because of the holidays, and plan accordingly. If you don't have a membership at a facility, set aside 20 minutes each day to go for a walk, play with your kids, or do some toning and stretching exercises.

- If you are traveling, make a reservation at a hotel that has an on-site fitness facility or ask the staff to suggest good walking routes around the hotel. If staying with relatives or friends, ask them to point you to the nearest exercise facility or to a local park where you can walk. If your travel plans include flying, walk the concourses and do plenty of stretching before boarding the plane.

- Be sure to set realistic expectations for yourself during the holidays. To help reduce stress, consider a massage or a visit at a spa. Play relaxing music or talk to someone you can trust and share your feelings.

Remember that you should take some time for yourself every day. Why not dedicate that time to improving your health? If you would like more information on exercises you can do at home or while traveling or ways to help reduce stress during the holidays, call Zest for Life at 7-3543.

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daughters as young ladies, 'who don't know anything and can't do anything.'"

Another common thread found in Twain's girl stories is that many are about capable women and incapable men.

"In order to elevate women, male roles are denigrated," explains Cooley. "The men are lacking in intelligence, or they're weak or indecisive."

One story included in the volume, however, may beg the question of being a "girl story." "Wapping Alice" depicts a male transvestite who convincingly fools the family for which he works as a female nanny and ultimately coerces a young man into marriage. Although dressed as a young lady, Alice most definitely is not. Cooley says that Twain later dismissed the male identity of Alice as "an inessential part of the story, with the swipe of a pen he could make Alice a girl."

Also influencing Twain's girl stories were his friendships beginning in 1905 with a dozen young schoolgirls who were members of his "Aquarium Club." These young girls were not unlike his own daughters at that age. They were all from wealthy families and fit into the Victorian ideal of an adolescent female. Clemens called the girls his "Angelfish," meeting and entertaining them in proper places such as concert halls, on ocean liners, in Bermuda hotels and at his estate in Redding, Conn.

"It's not a coincidence that there are a dozen girl stories and a dozen girls in the club," says Cooley, who wrote about the Aquarium Club in his 1991 book, "Mark Twain's Aquarium: The Samuel Clemens Angelfish Correspondence, 1905-1910."

Cooley notes that publishing the book "How Nancy Jackson Married Kate Wilson and Other Tales of Rebellious Girls and Daring Young Women" is especially timely, given that "Mark Twain," a new film directed by award-winning documentary filmmaker Ken Burns, will air on PBS stations Jan. 14 and 15.

## Cooley to sign books Dec. 1

John Cooley will sign copies of his new book, "How Nancy Jackson Married Kate Wilson and Other Tales of Rebellious Girls and Daring Young Women," at a special event from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 1, at Athena Book Shop, 154 S. Kalamazoo Mall.



# Elements of 'Kalamazoo Lost & Found' uncovered in new architectural history of area

Just hours before her surprise 1896 New Year's Eve wedding to Augustus Crane, young minister and prominent Kalamazoo resident Caroline Bartlett took photos in her well-decorated Sill Terrace apartment. Today, the picture at Sill Terrace is very different. The historic building remains at the corner of Rose and Lovell streets where one of its more prominent occupants is a street-level lingerie store.

That's just one of the things readers will discover in "Kalamazoo: Lost & Found," a new book on area architecture that will be the focus of a special book signing and reception from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. today in the Meader Rare Book Room at Waldo Library. Books will be available for sale. Authors Lynn Smith Houghton and Pamela Hall O'Connor will join their editor, Maria Perez-Stable, University librarians, and local photographer John Lacko in presenting their work. It is the first major book on Kalamazoo architecture to be printed since the early 1980s.

Published by the Kalamazoo Historic Preservation Commission, the first half of the book focuses on buildings that have been torn down. But unlike similar books about Boston, Chicago and New York, there is a second half that celebrates historic buildings that are still standing.

"I hope that when someone reads this book, they'll think about how a community has changed," says Houghton, a local historian and WMU alumna. "Certainly it never ceases to amaze me that so many of these buildings gave way to parking lots."

O'Connor, a preservationist, wants readers to gain a special "sense of place" from the book. "This has been the most wonderful education I could ever hope to have," she says. "It has firmly attached me to my community, and if other people can get the same

feeling, I'll consider my job well-done."

The "job" has lasted seven years. Houghton and O'Connor teamed up in 1994 to research, write and raise money for the book. And before settling on the book's 500 photos—most of which have never been published before—the two sifted through more than 100,000 local pictures and negatives, including thousands in the WMU Archives and Regional History Collections.

In doing so, the authors became the first to examine carefully 26,000 negatives in the archives' Ward Morgan Collection. The images document Kalamazoo life from the 1930s to the 1980s.

"As a staff we haven't had time to look at each of the 26,000 negatives," says Sharon Carlson, director of the WMU archives. "It's all very exciting when you see the images in the book, and just realizing that there are thousands of other images like them in our archives means there are many more books and articles to be written."



MAINTAINING EXCELLENCE—

Felicia Crawford, right, WMU's training and development manager, took the entire 150-person maintenance services staff through intense customer service training last month as part of a campuswide quality improvement effort. Getting pointers from Crawford were, from left, roofer Stephan Macomber, mechanical engineer Anand Sankey and carpenter Patricia Campbell. (Photo by Neil Rankin)

## Nine staff members honored for excellence

Nine outstanding staff members have been selected to receive semiannual Staff Service Excellence Awards, and each will receive a \$100 prize and commemorative certificate.

Staff Service Excellence Award recipients are nominated by their peers and selected by a committee made up of em-

ployee group representatives to recognize excellence in service far beyond job requirements.

Two winners are from the ranks of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees: Deborah A. Mitchell, Bernhard Center dining service; and Robert D. Purk, physical plant-landscape services.

Seven winners are from the professional, administrative, clerical and technical employee groups: Sherrie Y. Fuller, multicultural affairs; Rena J. Lynema, Diether H. Haenicke Institute for International and Area Studies; Karin H. Moses, paper and printing science and engineering; Marilyn K. Rowe, College of Arts and Sciences; Dawn J. Vanderploeg, Auxiliary Enterprises; Kevin B. Vichcales, Graduate College; and Kathryn A. Wright, geosciences.

Winners of the fall '01 and winter '02 semiannual awards are the candidates from which four employees will be selected in spring '02 to win an annual award with a \$1,000 prize. The winter '02 semiannual round will be announced in late February.

## 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>.

### NOVEMBER

#### 11.29 Thursday

Exhibition (through Nov. 30) paintings by Robyn Bomhof, Rotunda and South Galleries, East Hall, weekdays, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; reception, Friday, Nov. 30, 5-7 p.m.

Exhibition (through Nov. 30), "Over Africa," aerial photos from the 1930s by Mary Meader, Dalton Center Multi-Media Room, 1-5 p.m.

Reception and book signing, "Kalamazoo: Lost & Found," Meader Rare Book Room, Waldo Library, 3:30-5:30 p.m.

Computer science colloquium, "Fingerprint Matching," 3301 Friedmann Hall, 4 p.m.

Mathematics colloquium, "On Certain Classes of Finite Soluble Groups," Alavi Commons, Everett Tower, 4:10 p.m.

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

\*University Theatre production, "Annie," Shaw Theatre; Thursday through Saturday, Nov. 29-Dec. 1, 8 p.m.; Sunday, Dec. 2, 2 p.m.

Reading, poet and novelist Charles Baxter, 2304 Sangren Hall, 8:30 p.m.

#### 11.30 Friday

\*Miller Movies, sponsored by CAB, "American Pie," 7 p.m. and "American Pie II," 9:30 p.m., Miller Auditorium.

\*Hockey vs. Sacred Heart, Lawson Ice Arena, 7 p.m.

\*Western Film Society showing "Hedwig and the Angry Inch," The Little Theatre; Friday and Saturday, Nov. 30 and Dec. 1, 7 and 9:30 p.m.; Sunday, Dec. 2, 2:30 and 5 p.m.

### DECEMBER

#### 12.1 Saturday

\*Hockey vs. Sacred Heart, Lawson Ice Arena, 7 p.m.

\*Concert, Canadian Brass Christmas, Miller Auditorium, 8 p.m.

#### 12.2 Sunday

Annual Kalamazoo Holiday Concert, University Grand Chorus and University Symphony Orchestra, Miller Auditorium, 3 p.m.

#### 12.4 Tuesday

Roundtable discussion, "Evaluation Utilization," Sack Lunch Seminar Series sponsored by the Evaluation Center, 401B Ellsworth Hall, noon.

#### 12.5 Wednesday

\*Concert, Anne Murray Christmas, Miller Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.

#### 12.7 Friday

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

Holiday Reception sponsored by the Board of Trustees and President Floyd, 2:30-4:30 p.m., South Ballroom, Bernhard Center.

\*Kalamazoo Film Society showing "The Princess & the Warrior," The Little Theatre; Friday and Saturday, Dec. 7 and 8, 7 and 9:30 p.m.; Sunday, Dec. 9, 2:30 and 5 p.m.

\*Concert, "Toni Tennille Returns for Christmas," Miller Auditorium, 8 p.m.

#### 12.8 Saturday

Commencement, Miller Auditorium, ceremonies at 9 and 11:30 a.m. and 2 p.m.

\*Hockey, WMU Bronco alumni vs. Detroit Red Wings alumni (exhibition), Lawson Ice Arena, 7 p.m.

#### 12.9 Sunday

"Holiday Spectacular," arts, crafts, jewelry and resale items, Student Recreation Center, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Annual Brass Christmas Concert, Western Brass Quintet and select students, Dalton Center Recital Hall, 3 p.m.

#### 12.14 Friday

Business lecture, "What Keeps a Small Business from Getting Bigger?" Associate Dean Trudy Verser, Haworth College of Business, Keystone Community Bank breakfast lecture series, 2150 Schneider Hall, 7:30 a.m. For reservations call 7-5050.

#### 12.15 Saturday

\*Women's basketball vs. Butler, University Arena, 2 p.m.

\*Concert, "Nutcracker on Ice," Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra (also Dec. 16), Miller Auditorium, 2 and 7 p.m.

#### 12.21 Friday

\*Women's basketball vs. Wake Forest, University Arena, 7 p.m.

#### 12.22 Saturday

\*Men's basketball vs. Marshall, University Arena, 2 p.m.

#### 12.24 Monday

Holiday break, WMU offices closed through Jan. 1.

### JANUARY 2002

#### 1.2 Wednesday

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

#### 1.4 Friday

\*Hockey vs. Ohio State, Lawson Ice Arena, 7 p.m.

#### 1.5 Saturday

\*Men's basketball vs. Toledo, University Arena, 2 p.m.

\*Hockey vs. Ohio State, Lawson Ice Arena, 7 p.m.

#### 1.6 Sunday

\*Performance, "The Adventures of Little Bear," Buster Bronco Family Series, Miller Auditorium, 3 p.m.

#### 1.7 Monday

Winter semester begins. Classes begin at 4 p.m.

#### 1.9 Wednesday

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

\*Admission charged