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## Earthquake jolts Seattle, but gymnasts refuse to be rattled

Members of the WMU gymnastics team don't get shaken easily. Just hours after surviving a major earthquake, team members defeated Seattle-Pacific University in a non-conference meet Feb. 28.

Six of the 16 squad members and five support staff personnel were sightseeing in Seattle's Space Needle earlier that day when the region was hit by an earthquake measuring 6.8 on the Richter scale. The rest of the travel party was on the ground at the time.

"Being in the Space Needle during an earthquake was not something on our itinerary," coach Terry Casperson told the Cable News Network (CNN). Casperson said the Space Needle staff "did a great job keeping people calm."

There were no injuries reported among any of the students or staff from WMU, and those who were in the tower returned to the ground about 30 minutes after the earthquake and following a safety inspection of the tower's elevator system.

## Virtual tour new to WMU site

The newest addition to the WMU Web site is a "virtual reality" campus tour, featuring 360-degree views from some unique campus locations.

The new tour uses QuickTime VR technology to provide full-circle views that are scrollable up, down, left and right. It can be found on the Web at [www.wmich.edu/vrtour](http://www.wmich.edu/vrtour).

The tour, created by Bryan Husk, university relations Web manager, offers visitors the opportunity to see places that are not easily accessible to the public, including the College of Aviation flight line and Boeing 747, Waldo Stadium from the field at the 50-yard line, and the campus valley from atop Sprau Tower. Additional panoramas will be added during the summer.

The existing "picture postcard" tour of campus will remain available and will continue to be updated periodically with new photographs. It contains more than 70 still images of the campus and various activities. The traditional picture tour can be found on the Web at [www.wmich.edu/wmu/tour](http://www.wmich.edu/wmu/tour).

## Future of voting in electronic age is lecture topic tomorrow

The future of voting in the electronic age will be the topic of a presentation by a political scientist visiting the University tomorrow.

Richard G. Niemi, the Don Alonzo Watson Professor of Political Science at the University of Rochester, will address "Electronic Democracy: Considering the Future of Voting" from 3 to 5 p.m. in 3508 Knauss Hall. Sponsored by WMU's Institute of Government and Politics and the Political Science Graduate Association, Niemi's presentation is free and open to the public.

Niemi is the co-author of a number of books on voting patterns, legislative districting and public opinion, including his most recent work, "Civic Education: What Makes Students Learn."

For more information, contact the WMU Institute of Government and Politics at 7-5372.

## Increased funding needed to manage rapid growth, Floyd tells state

Despite being the fastest growing university in Michigan and one of the fastest growing universities among its peer institutions in the nation, WMU is near the bottom when it comes to funding.

That's the message WMU President Elson S. Floyd delivered in Lansing this week when he testified in front of the House Appropriations Committee's Subcommittee on Higher Education March 5. Floyd made his case for increased funding for the University when he spoke to the subcommittee headed by Rep. Sandra Caul.

Pointing to a student growth figure of

2,189 over the past two years, Floyd told the committee that WMU is the seventh fastest growing university among the nation's 102 schools that have been placed in the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching's highest category—Doctoral/Research Universities-Extensive.

"This growth places us in the top 10 percent nationwide," Floyd told the committee. "Unfortunately, we fall within the bottom 10 percent when measured against our peers in unrestricted state appropriations per student."

Floyd's testimony was one of a series of presentations in recent weeks by the presidents of Michigan's 15 public universities. Legislators are considering whether or not Gov. John Engler's proposed 2 percent across-the-board increase in appropriations for higher education will meet the needs of the state's public colleges and universities. The governor has proposed an additional 1.5 percent be added if the state's tuition tax credit is repealed.

Floyd told the committee WMU needs a 5.1 percent increase to bring it to the

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## 'Lab on a chip' serves up speedier science

WMU researcher Subra Muralidharan calls it "a lab on a chip."

What may sound like a type of appetizer is actually an ambitious new research effort under way at WMU using nanotechnology to embed the capabilities of a state-of-the-art laboratory onto a microchip with the potential to speed the process of scientific discoveries by a factor of 100.

It's an idea that not only has been awarded \$750,000 in funding from the state's Life Sciences Initiative, but also has attracted the collaboration and support of Pharmacia Corp. and Argonne National Laboratory.

Muralidharan, chemistry, and colleagues Jay Means, chairperson of chemistry, and Charles Ide, the Environmental Institute, learned in December that they received funding from the Michigan Life Sciences Initiative for the project.

The Michigan Life Sciences Initiative was launched last year by Gov. John Engler to boost the state's high-tech economy and is financed by the state's share of a legal settlement against tobacco companies.

Muralidharan explains that the WMU project is to develop "chip-based chemistry," creating a microchip or an array of chips that can perform a complex sequence of tasks that are normally conducted in a laboratory. Specifically, the project is aimed at designing a chip that, through the use of centrifugal force, will separate, synthesize and perform high throughput screening of molecules in extremely small volumes.

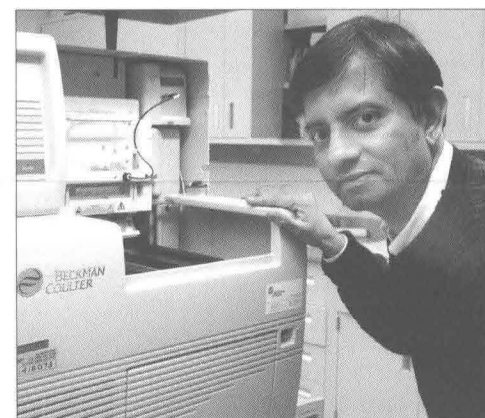
"Currently this kind of proposed technology would use an electrically driven field, and is limited to simple homogeneous liquids," Muralidharan says. "Our idea is to use a centrifugal field resulting from spinning chips at a very high speed. Once you do that, the chip can be used to conduct several types of analyses at once, even in complex nonhomogeneous mixtures."

"Essentially it will be a faster, cheaper and better way to do what takes a lot more time and effort now," he says.

Pharmacia Corp.'s involvement in the project stems from its interest in using the technology for the research and development of new pharmaceuticals. Muralidharan says that the chip can also be used to do combinatorial synthesis, a process in which many

structurally related molecules are synthesized simultaneously. Currently, such synthesis is done at a painstakingly slow rate of merging one molecule at a time.

"We will be able to make hundreds of drug molecules in a short time," he says. "Additionally, researchers will be able to determine immediately, by high throughput screening, which of these drug



Subra Muralidharan in his lab

molecules are viable for future development and which ones to eliminate."

Muralidharan says that chips will have the potential for making speedy medical diagnoses by analyzing clinical samples for a variety of illnesses, including those that are gene related.

These chips could make a major impact in genomics, where they will help scale down and speed up the current gene-mapping and sequencing technology.

"Through gene mapping, we could determine whether or not someone has the propensity for a gene-related illness, like Parkinson's or Lou Gehrig's disease, years before it manifests itself," he says. "And in cases where that knowledge can't be used to prevent the onset of the disease, we can hopefully minimize its impact and greatly improve the future quality of life."

This nanotechnology will also allow for the analysis of very small biological samples, such as a spot of blood instead of a vial, lending itself to many applications in medical, forensic and environmental sciences.

## CELCIS turns 25, gets national accreditation

Since 1975, students from Algeria to Zaire have recognized WMU's Career English Language Center for International Students as one of the best places in the United States to learn English.

Now, the nation's first and only accrediting body for intensive English programs, or IEPs, has recognized CELCIS as one of a select few U.S. programs and institutions that qualify for accreditation.

The Commission on English Language Program Accreditation was formed in 1999 and announced its inaugural list of five-year accredited programs and institutions this past summer—just as CELCIS was beginning its 25th anniversary celebration.

"There are over 500 IEPs in the United



LOOKING OVER THE LEGISLATORS—State Reps. Tom George and Alexander Lipsey, left and center, greet some of the more than 250 well-wishers from the University community who streamed into the Fetzer Center Feb. 19 to greet the two new legislators representing Kalamazoo County. The pair was honored at the event by President Floyd, who was joined in the effort by Rep. Jerry VanderRoest, Sen. Dale Shugars and a representative from Congressman Fred Upton's office. (Photo by Neil Rankin)

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# Prospective students offered WMU Preview

Some 1,000 prospective students and their parents are expected to attend WMU Preview, the annual open house for high school and community college students, which will take place Saturday, March 17, and Saturday, March 24.

Registration for WMU's largest on-campus recruiting event will begin at 8 a.m. each day. Informational sessions will start at 9 a.m., and the day will wrap up by 3 p.m.

The students participating in the event will be able to meet with academic college representatives; tour the campus, residence halls and Student Recreation Center; and meet with staff members from Student Financial Aid and Scholarships, Residence Life, Study Abroad and various other departments.

In order to provide the best program for the most people, the two WMU Preview Saturdays have been divided according to academic colleges. March 17 will be for students interested in the College of Aviation, Haworth College of Business, and the College of Engineering and Applied Sciences.

The March 24 event will showcase the colleges of Arts and Sciences, Education, and Health and Human Services. Students inquiring about the College of Fine Arts or University Curriculum may attend either Saturday.

High school juniors, admitted high school seniors and community college transfer students have been invited to the annual event.

## CELCIS

States and we're among the first 12 to receive accreditation," says Laura Latulippe, director of CELCIS. "What a wonderful birthday present. This accreditation shows that we not only provide high-quality instruction, but already employ some of the best practices in our profession."

Of the 12 programs and institutions to be accredited, CELCIS is the only one located in the Midwest. Four are in Texas

and one each is based in Washington, D.C., and Colorado, Florida, Hawaii, South Carolina, Tennessee and Washington.

WMU began offering CELCIS in 1975-76 to prepare second language learners to study at American higher education institutions. Depending on their proficiency level, students remain in the program for two months to a year.

Initially, CELCIS had a strong career focus, with students taking specially designed classes to help them get ready for specific major areas of study, such as business and the social sciences. Today's program has a broader emphasis—preparing students to succeed academically, regardless of their major areas of study.

About 75 students from more than 20 countries participate in CELCIS each semester and session. After a quarter of a century of operation, thousands of international students from 89 countries have learned English through the program.

CELCIS graduates have included members of various royal families, Olympic athletes, visually and hearing impaired students, members of the Vatican's papal Swiss Guard, a pair of doctors from Bulgaria, and a Baptist minister from Siberia who was part of a prisoner exchange during the Carter administration.

"The program really gave us confidence in dealing with others," says Munir Sindi, a former student from Saudi Arabia who enrolled in August 1975 when CELCIS opened its doors. "Besides learning grammar, composition and so on, we learned

about the American culture, which was very different."

Sindi, now an architect with a firm he co-owns in Makkah (Mecca), Saudi Arabia, spent a year in the program.

"I have a lot of respect for all of my professors, especially those in Kalamazoo," he says. "My (CELCIS) teachers were such nice people. They were very educated, open-minded and dedicated. Back then the training was excellent, and I bet it's even better today."

The Commission on English Language Program Accreditation might well agree.

"The overall impression of CELCIS is that it is a mature, well-run IEP that has strong support on its host campus and respect from its students," the commission says in its site review summary. "Policies and procedures have been thoughtfully developed and carefully documented."

On the teaching team are three language specialists who have been with the program since its inception: Robert J. Dlouhy, Pamela Kessler and Darryl A. Salisbury. Latulippe joined CELCIS a year after its founding and has been director since 1984.

"We've seen many changes in the past 25 years," Latulippe muses. "At first, CELCIS enrollment consisted primarily of males from oil-rich countries in the Middle East and South America. Now, our completely coed population comes from all over the world, with the largest numbers from Asia and the Middle East."

## Communication expert to focus on gender, leadership

One of the leading national experts in the field of communication, Judy C. Pearson, will explore the links between gender and leadership in the new century during a presentation at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 21, in the West Ballroom of the Bernhard Center.

Pearson's talk, "Gender and Leadership: The Perils and Promises for the New Millennium," is the last presentation in the WMU Keystone Leadership Society's 2000-01 speaker/workshop series and is free and open to the public. It is co-sponsored by the Department of Communication.

A professor of human development and associate dean of the Graduate School of Virginia Tech Northern Virginia Center, Pearson is widely regarded as one of the nation's outstanding female education executives and leading communication scholars. Her academic research specializes in families, love, raising children, gender differences and anti-social behavior in young adults. Her research has appeared in more than 250 newspapers and a dozen magazines and her television credits include the PBS series "Love and Marriage," CNN's "Early Prime," ABC's "Sunday Evening News," "CBS This Morning," and the syndicated "Jenny Jones" and "Sally Jesse Raphael" shows.

## The academy's environmental responsibility will be explored in March 15 ethics lecture

Does higher education have a responsibility to help solve such global dilemmas as overpopulation, natural resource depletion and starvation?

A campus expert in environmental studies will answer that question Thursday, March 15, in a presentation sponsored by the Center for the Study of Ethics in Society.

Harold Glasser, environmental studies, will speak on "Sustainability and the Ethical Responsibility of Institutions of Higher

Learning" at 7 p.m. in the Brown and Gold Room of the Bernhard Center. The presentation is free and open to the public.

Glasser will explore the views on the responsibility of educators and institutions of higher learning to address environmental responsibility and sustainability concerns.

For more information, contact the Center for the Study of Ethics in Society at 7-4397.

## Shen named to national service learning position

A WMU education professor has been appointed to the National Commission on Service-Learning, the critical leadership component of the W.K. Kellogg Foundation's Learning in Deed Initiative.

Jianping Shen, teaching, learning and leadership, will serve with commission



Shen

chairman U.S. Sen. John H. Glenn and other commission members from across the nation, including Michelle Engler, wife of Gov. John Engler. The commission is co-sponsored by the John Glenn Institute

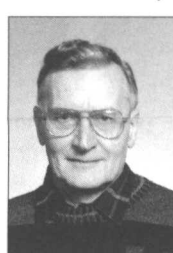
for Public Service and Public Policy.

Building on a decade of support for service programming and the efforts of numerous service-learning advocates, the Kellogg Foundation launched a \$13 million initiative, Learning In Deed, to promote service learning as an integral part of K-12 education. In so doing, foundation representatives hope to help American schools address some of the biggest challenges in their efforts to make a difference in the lives of young people. Organizers hope to see schools return to preparing students for active involvement in democratic life.

## Curtis-Smith composition tapped for Van Cliburn event

The Van Cliburn International Piano Competition has selected "Twelve Etudes for Piano" by C. Curtis-Smith, music, as one of the works to be performed by this year's competitors.

More than a year ago, the Van Cliburn



Curtis-Smith

invited some 40 composers, who had been named by a nominating committee, to submit works for consideration to be performed in the semifinal round at the 11th Van Cliburn Competition, May 25-June

10, in Fort Worth, Texas. This group of 40 works was eventually narrowed down to five by an adjudicating panel.

Curtis-Smith's "Twelve Etudes" is among the five selected works that survived the elimination process.

Each piano competitor, in turn, must choose to play one work from the five as part of the semifinal round. The five works are being sent out anonymously to the 30 pianists invited to this year's Van Cliburn competition.

Each composer whose work is selected by one of the 12 semifinalists will receive a cash award. The work receiving the greatest number of performances during the semifinal round will be awarded an additional grand prize.

## Group taps Parrott, Nagel for national leadership posts

David W. Parrott, assistant vice president for student affairs, was recently elected to a two-year term on the Association of Student Judicial Affairs Board of Directors. In addition, Suzanne Nagel, director of Student Judicial Affairs, was appointed to a two-year term to coordinate the ASJA's national conference.

ASJA is the national organization for professionals involved with judicial affairs and student conduct issues in higher education.

Parrott is one of six directors serving on the national board. His term runs from February 2001 through January 2003. Nagel will act as the assistant conference chairperson during the first year of her appointment and as chairperson during the second year.



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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 at 7-3669 for up-to-date information on the Job Opportunity Program and vacancies available to external applicants.

(R) **Director, Student Support Program** (term ends 8/31/01), 17, Academic Skills Center, 00/01-2290, 3/6-3/12/01

(R) **Custodian** (third shift), M1/M2, Physical Plant-Building Custodial and Support Services, 00/01-2292, 3/6-3/12/01

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(R) **Custodian** (third shift), M1/M2, Physical Plant-Building Custodial and Support Services, 00/01-2297, 3/6-3/12/01

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(R) **Clerk**, 10, Admissions and Orientation, 00/01-2300, 3/6-3/12/01

(R) **Office Assistant** (term ends 8/31/01, possibility of renewal), 11, Academic Skills Center, 00/01-2301, 3/06-3/12/01

(R) **Instructor** (term ends 8/4/02), I-40, Mathematics and Statistics, 00/01-2302, 3/6-3/12/01

(R) **Instructor** (term ends 8/4/02), I-40, Mathematics and Statistics, 00/01-2303, 3/6-3/12/01

(R) **Instructor** (term ends 8/4/02), I-40, Mathematics and Statistics, 00/01-2304, 3/6-3/12/01

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SUN, STUDENTS AND STAINED GLASS INSPIRE HER  
(Photo by Neil Rankin)

## On Campus with Michele Moe

Michele Moe says she's a "sunshine kind of gal." At least that moniker applies when it comes to the weather, reports this 29-year veteran of the Haworth College of Business. She and her husband escape the Southwest Michigan winters whenever they can, as they did just last month on a cruise to Cozumel, Mexico, and the Grand Cayman islands.

When she's not traveling the world in search of sunshine, Moe works as the business college's director of student development, overseeing the student experience that can range from high school recruitment to the completion of an MBA. Her connection to the University runs deep. She graduated from WMU in 1970 and joined the University staff two years later as an admissions officer for the MBA program. While rising through the college's professional ranks in the mid '70s, she rejoined the ranks of HCOB students part time to complete her own MBA.

"I love my job, especially working with the students," she says. "They keep me young. The more they change, the more they stay the same—no matter what, a freshman is still a freshman."

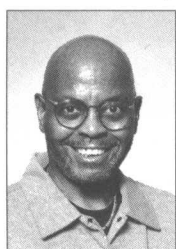
The students may not change much, but there are a lot more of them these days. The College of Business is bursting at the seams, with more than 5,000 students, compared to the 1,500 enrolled when Moe first came to work at WMU. She's served on a variety of committees over the years, including the group that helped shape Schneider Hall, which was built in 1991.

Whatever the task, she sees herself as student advocate. "The students need representation," she says. "I try to see things from their perspective, and I work to make the University a place where students can navigate with some ease."

Away from the office, Moe enjoys time with her husband and two children (son Geoffrey is a student in the College of Business), and even finds a few hours to make beeswax candles and create stained glass artwork.

## Retirements of four approved by board

The retirements of four staff members were approved by the WMU Board of Trustees at its Jan. 19 meeting.



Hensley

Their names, years of continuous service and effective dates of retirement are: Carol Converse, first cook in Davis Dining Services, 21 years, effective Feb. 1, 2001; Melrose Hensley, custodian in Plant-Building Custodial and

Support Services, 12 years, effective Jan. 1, 2001; Katherine McLain, second cook in Bernhard Center Dining Services, 16 years, effective March 1, 2001; and Mary Vandenberg, medical office assistant in the Sincuse Health Center, 12 years, effective Dec. 31, 2000.

## Human Resources

### Diet and nutrition are focus of March 20 Lunch and Learn

Did you know there is a great resource for help and information about diet and nutrition right here on campus?

Gretchen Kauth, a clinical dietitian in health promotion and education at Sincuse Health Center, specializes in wellness, cardiovascular nutrition, weight management, diabetes, eating disorders and fitness/exercise.

Join Kauth from noon to 1 p.m. Tuesday, March 20, in the Faculty Dining Room of the Bernhard Center for a Lunch and Learn discussion about overall health and fitness and how she can help you. Contact the Employee Assistance Program at 7-3264 for more information.

### TIAA-CREF schedules personal financial consulting sessions

TIAA-CREF officials recently mailed invitations to the homes of faculty and staff announcing their financial education seminars, scheduled to begin March 12, and offering one-on-one financial counseling appointments on March 13, 14, 28 and 29.

The invitations contained detailed information on the seminars, which do not require reservations, but neglected to mention how faculty and staff could schedule one-on-one counseling appointments. If you would like to have a personal financial counseling session with a TIAA-CREF representative, please telephone Linda Baker at 1-800-842-2044 to schedule an appointment.

## Perinatologist is AMBS keynote speaker

Paula Mahone, one of the two perinatologists who delivered the McCaughey septuplets in 1997, will be the featured speaker at this year's banquet for the WMU Chapter of the Association of Minorities in the Biological Sciences.

The banquet, which is open to the public, will take place at 7 p.m. Saturday, March 17, in the Fetzer Center. AMBS and the Division of Multicultural Affairs are the primary co-sponsors for the event.

AMBS supports minority students who are planning to become doctors. The banquet is one of the ways the WMU chapter recognizes its members, brings students together with preeminent physicians from around the country, and interacts with broader campus and local communities.

Mahone has been the medical director of perinatal services at Iowa Methodist Medical Center in Des Moines, Iowa, since 1993. Her role in the septuplets' delivery not only brought national attention to the quality of health care in her state, but to the role of women and African Americans in science and medicine as well.

## Nutrition in later life is scholar's topic

The role of good nutrition during later life is the topic of a series of area lectures in March being presented by a national expert on dietetics.

Ronnie Chernoff, professor of nutrition and dietetics at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences in Little Rock, is speaking at WMU, the Battle Creek Veteran's Affairs Medical Center and Kalamazoo Valley Community College with support from WMU's Project AGE—the Alliance for Gerontology Education.

In addition to serving as professor, Chernoff directs the Arkansas Geriatric Education Center at the Donald W. Reynolds Center on Aging at the University of Arkansas and serves as associate director of the Geriatric Research Education and Clinical Center for the Central Arkansas Veterans Healthcare System.

On Thursday, March 15, her WMU presentation will focus on the effect of age on nutrient needs, the types and effectiveness of supplements, and cautions for supplement use in a presentation titled "Nutrition in Older Adults: Diet, Supplements and Herbal Remedies." The presentation is open to the public and scheduled for 4 p.m. in the Media Room on the concourse level of the University Medical and Health Services Building.

For more information about her talks, call Project AGE co-directors Sandra Glista at 7-8064 or Maija Petersons at 7-3710.

Mahone is president of the Iowa Chapter of the National Medical Association and a junior fellow of both the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists and the Society of Perinatal Obstetricians.

For more information about the banquet or tickets, call Sherrie Fuller at 7-4785.

## Poet to give reading of work

A poet who has been described as a master of the dramatic monologue and the autobiographical soliloquy will present a reading of his work on campus Wednesday, March 14.

Frank Bidart will read from his work at 8:30 p.m. in 3512 Knauss Hall. A reception will follow in the lobby of Knauss Hall, and books will be available for sale by Athena Bookstore. The reading is sponsored by the Department of English and is free and open to the public.

Bidart is an award-winning author of five books of poetry, including "Desire," which was a finalist for the 1997 National Book Award and the National Book Critics Circle Award.

## Floyd testimony

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\$5,700 funding floor the state already has established for the tier WMU was placed in two years ago. An appropriation increase in the 6 percent range would allow WMU to keep tuition increases under 4 percent, he said.

Among the University's critical needs, Floyd told the subcommittee, are resources to increase faculty and staff hiring to serve the growing student population. He has set a target of hiring 200 additional full-time faculty members and 50 full-time staff members over the next decade.

Despite its national recognition and status as one of the state's four research universities, Floyd noted, WMU receives 42 percent less than the combined average of the state's other nationally recognized research universities.

The president recommended that rather than use an across-the-board increase for all schools within a tier—thus perpetuating the historical disparities that exist—appropriations this year should focus on closing the funding gap and bringing schools to the minimum funding levels already set.

Want to help? Express your views on increasing WMU's appropriation by contacting your state representative. Visit <wmich.edu/legislative> for information about joining the Bronco Legislative Network.





NCA VISIT—Members of the 14-member North Central Association evaluation team launched their whirlwind three-day visit to the campus Feb. 19 by conferring with President Elson S. Floyd. The three meeting with Floyd were, from left: John Campbell, president emeritus of Oklahoma State University; Michael Schwartz, president emeritus of Kent State University; and Nancy Talburt, chairperson of the team and associate vice chancellor for academic affairs at the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville. The team's visit capped a two-year process aimed at securing reaccreditation. Following the visit, the team made its recommendation to the NCA's Commission on Institutions of Higher Education. The University will learn of the NCA's final decision in mid-April. (Photo by Neil Rankin)

## 2001 Platinum Awards event set for March 23

About 65 WMU students will be recognized for their academic achievements and leadership abilities during the 2001 Platinum Awards celebration at 5:30 p.m. Friday, March 23, in the Bernhard Center's East Ballroom.

The WMU community is invited to join the students and their families for this event, which is being sponsored by the Division of Multicultural Affairs to honor and encourage students who participate in the division's programs.

Music, gift giveaways and a variety of ethnic food will add to the evening's festive atmosphere. Tickets for the event cost \$5 per person.

Following the welcoming address by Theresa A. Powell, vice president for student affairs, several named scholarships and leadership awards will be presented and 56 freshmen and sophomores who have attained a 3.0 or better grade point average will be recognized.

The named awards will include the Kimon Bournazos and Martin Luther King Jr. scholarships, the Liderazgo and Ogimaawiiwin leadership awards, and the Mentor of the Year Award.

For more information, call Elizabeth Richardson in the DMA at 7-3334. To reserve a ticket to attend the event, call the DMA at 7-3317.

## Anti-gay harassment program is March 14

The student group OUTspoken and the Lesbian, Bisexual and Gay Student Services office will sponsor a program on "How to Respond to Anti-Gay Harassment" at 8 p.m. Wednesday, March 14, in 210 Bernhard Center.

The program is designed to teach lesbian, bisexual, gay and transgendered students, along with their faculty and staff allies, how to respond should they be harassed while on campus. It will be presented by Mary Brundage, Residence Life; David Parrott, Division of Student Affairs; and Sgt. Ronald Ware, public safety.

John Martin, vice president of OUTspoken, says a 1999 survey found that 39 percent of WMU's LGBT students said they had been harassed at some point during their college career, but only 1 percent officially reported the harassment.

"LGBT students are becoming less willing to suffer harassment in silence—they want their voices heard," he says.

## Weinreich elected to board

Donna Weinreich, gerontology, recently was elected to a two-year term on the board of directors of the Michigan Society of Gerontology.

The Michigan Society of Gerontology was founded in 1956 to support education and professional development and to promote the exchange of information between academia, service providers and practitioners and improve the well-being of older people.

## Renowned Indian classical musician to play on campus

The campus community will get a sample of the south Indian classical music of the chitravina, considered one of the world's oldest instruments and the precursor for the slide guitar, when nationally acclaimed Indian musician Ravikiran performs at the University Wednesday, March 14.

His performance, at 7 p.m. in 1110 Dalton Center, is sponsored by the Diether H. Haenicke Institute for International and Area Studies and the School of Music. It is free and open to the public.

Ravikiran, from Chennai in southern India, is considered by many the undisputed master and most significant proponent of the chitravina. He also has the distinction of being the youngest performer of a concert, which he did at the age of two.

A performer, composer and teacher, he has created and directed numerous ballets and orchestras. In addition, he has worked with musicians from around the world and was the first Indian musician to collaborate with BBC Philharmonic artists.

Ravikiran also has written a number of books, including "Appreciating Carnatic Music" and "Perfecting Carnatic Music." During his performance at WMU, Ravikiran will be accompanied on the violin by Jayashankar Balan of Detroit, and on the mridangam (percussion) by Rohan Krishnamurthy, a Kalamazoo ninth grader who has been described as a "percussion prodigy" and has performed extensively in the U.S. and India.

For more information, contact Matthew Steel, music, at 7-4682.

# Calendar

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## MARCH

### 3.8 Thursday

Exhibition (through March 9), BFA show, graphic design by Shane Dubai, Ben Fetterley, Mike Henderson, Troy Johnson and Todd Marcy, Rotunda and South Galleries, East Hall, weekdays 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; reception, Friday, March 9, 5-7 p.m.

Exhibition (through March 20), photography by artist-in-residence Osamu James Nakagawa, Gallery II, Sangren Hall, weekdays, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Exhibition (through March 16) Annual Art Student Graduate Exhibit, Space Gallery, Knauss Hall, weekdays, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

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

\*Film showing, "Charlie's Angels," Campus Activities Board, Miller Auditorium, 7 and 9:30 p.m.

\*Guest artist recital, Ian Bousfield, trombone, member of the Vienna Philharmonic, Dalton Center Recital Hall, 8 p.m.

### 3.9 Friday

Lecture, "Electronic Democracy: Considering the Future of Voting," Richard G. Niemi, University of Rochester, 3508 Knauss Hall, 3 p.m.

\*Performance (through March 11), "Rent," Miller Auditorium: March 9, 8 p.m.; March 10, 2 and 8 p.m.; March 11, 2 and 7:30 p.m.

\*Jazz concert featuring guest artist Billy Hart, drums, performing with the Western Jazz Quartet, Dalton Center Recital Hall, 8 p.m.

### 3.10 Saturday

Men's tennis vs. Wisconsin-Green Bay, West Hills Athletic Club, 10 a.m.

Men's tennis vs. Kalamazoo College, Wagner Cup Match, West Hills Athletic Club, 3 p.m.

21st Annual Western Jazz Festival concert featuring drummer Billy Hart, the University Jazz Orchestra, and the band and combo from the festival, Dalton Center Recital Hall, 7:30 p.m.

### 3.11 Sunday

Concert, Kalamazoo Pipe Band, traditional Scottish music sponsored by the Student Entertainment Team, Center Stage, Bronco Mall, 6:30 p.m.

### 3.12 Monday

Exhibition (through March 16), BFA show, graphic design by Haleem Ar-Rasheed, Ivo Gasparotto, Simon King, Sara Russell and Sarah Williams, Rotunda and South Galleries, East Hall, weekdays 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; reception, Friday, March 16, 5-7 p.m.

Exhibition (through April 3) Annual Art Student Undergraduate Exhibit, Dalton Center Multi-Media Room, Monday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Safe on Campus orientation session, 208 Bernhard Center, 12:30-2:30 p.m. For information or to register, call 7-2123 or e-mail <wanda.viento@wmich.edu>.

### 3.13 Tuesday

Lecture, "Tangible Pictures by People Who are Blind," Morton Heller, Eastern Illinois University, 1010 Fetzer Center, noon-1:30 p.m.

### 3.14 Wednesday

Dalton Convocation Series, Selected outstanding student performances from area recitals, Dalton Center Recital Hall, 1 p.m.

Performance, Ravikiran, Indian chitravina, 1110 Dalton Center, 7 p.m.

Concert, University Percussion Ensembles directed by Judy Moonert, Dalton Center Recital Hall, 8 p.m.

Informational program, "How to Respond to Anti-Gay Harassment," 210 Bernhard Center, 8 p.m.

Poetry reading, Frank Bidart, Wellesley College, 3512 Knauss Hall, 8:30 p.m., reception follows.

### 3.15 Thursday

Lecture, "Nutrition in Older Adults," Ronnie Chernoff, University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences in Little Rock, Project AGE, University Medical and Health Services Building Media Room, 4 p.m.

Ethics center lecture, "Higher Ed's Role in Addressing Environmental Woes," Harold Glasser, environmental studies, Brown and Gold Room, Bernhard Center, 7 p.m.

Concert, 63rd Annual Southwest Michigan Vocal Festival with guest conductor Eph Ehly, featuring 1,700-voice festival chorus, honors choir, WMU Grand Chorus, University Symphony Orchestra, University Symphonic Band brass and percussion, Miller Auditorium, 7 p.m.

\*Bernie's After Hours, Leighann Lord, sponsored by CAB, East Ballroom, Bernhard Center, 9 p.m.

### 3.16 Friday

\*Jazz concert, New York Voices with WMU's University Jazz Orchestra, Dalton Center Recital Hall, 8 p.m.

\*Performance, "Aida," Miller Auditorium, 8 p.m.

### 3.17 Saturday

\*21st Annual Gold Company Jazz Festival featuring high school and college vocal jazz ensembles from the Midwest and Canada, Dalton Center Recital Hall, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

\*Banquet, Association of Minorities in the Biological Sciences, physician Paula Mahone featured speaker, Fetzer Center, 7 p.m.

\*Concert, Gold Company, Dalton Center Recital Hall, 8 p.m.

### 3.18 Sunday

Concert in memory of Maestro Yoshimi Takeda, University Symphony Orchestra and Grand Chorus performing Mozart's Requiem K.626, Miller Auditorium, 3 p.m.

Performance, University Theatre's Annual Senior Showcase, Multiform Theatre, Gilmore Theatre Complex, 4 p.m.

### 3.19 Monday

Exhibitions (through March 23), BFA shows, "Stand by Your Man," photography by Lara Sfire, Rotunda Gallery; and "Contemplations," painting by Micheal Boetsch, South Gallery, East Hall, weekdays 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; reception, Friday, March 23, 5-7 p.m.

Student recital, Chang Hyun Kim, double bass, Dalton Center Recital Hall, 8 p.m.

### 3.21 Wednesday

Performance, Dalton Convocation Series, scenes from "Postcard from Morocco," Dalton Center Recital Hall, 1 p.m.

Lecture, Werner Sichel Lecture-Seminar Series, "How Family Structure Affects Labor Market Outcomes," Joyce P. Jacobsen, Wesleyan University, 3508 Knauss Hall, 3 p.m.

Lecture, "Gender and Leadership: Perils and Promises for the New Millennium," Judy C. Pearson, Virginia Tech, West Ballroom, Bernhard Center, 7:30 p.m.

### 3.22 Thursday

Men's tennis vs. Ferris State, Sorensen Courts, 2 p.m.

Student recital, Rob Haight, saxophone/jazz, Dalton Center Lecture Hall, 8 p.m.

\*Opera performance, "Postcard from Morocco," Dalton Center Recital Hall; March 22-24, 8 p.m.; Sunday, March 25, 2 p.m.

\*University Theatre production, "The Tale of Tsuru," Multiform Theatre, Gilmore Theatre Complex: March 22-24 and 29-31, 8 p.m.; March 25, 2 p.m.

\*Admission charged