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Floyd to present 'State of the U.'

President Elson S. Floyd will deliver a "State of the University" address Tuesday, Feb. 8, as part of WMU's annual Academic Convocation in the Dalton Center Recital Hall.

The 3 p.m. event, which is open to the public, is intended to recognize excellence and academic achievement at the University. It is sponsored by the Office of the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs.

Timothy Light, provost and vice president for academic affairs, will give the welcome at the convocation. Alumni Teaching Excellence Awards will be presented by M. Jamie Jeremy, executive director of the WMU Alumni Association, to Ronald B. Chase, geosciences, and Frank M. Gambino, marketing.

A Distinguished Faculty Scholar Award will be presented by Light to James M. Hillenbrand, speech pathol-

ogy and audiology. Light also will present the Outstanding Emeritus Scholar Award to Elizabeth B. Garland, emerita in anthropology.

George A. Franklin, chairperson of the Board of Trustees, will present Distinguished Service Awards to G.H. Yorgo Demetrakopoulos, former assistant to the dean in the College of Arts and Sciences, and C. Dennis Simpson, community health services and director of the Specialty Program in Alcohol and Drug Abuse.

Following the awards ceremony, Floyd will give the address. The convocation will be followed by a reception in the lobby of the Dalton Center.

At 7 p.m. Tuesday evening, Floyd's "State of the University" address also can be heard in a tape delay broadcast presented by WMUK (102.1), the University's public radio station.

Franklin, St. John elected to head WMU Board of Trustees for 2000

George A. Franklin and Richard Y. St. John, both of Kalamazoo, have been elected

to one-year terms as chairperson and vice chairperson, respectively, of the WMU Board of Trustees.

The election took place at the board's annual meeting Jan. 28, as provided in its bylaws. Both Franklin and St. John are in their second terms as members of the WMU board and both previously have held board offices.

Franklin, who was appointed to the board in 1989, is vice president for worldwide government affairs at the Kellogg Co. in Battle Creek. He began working at Kellogg in 1980 and before joining the company, he represented it as an attorney in private practice in Washington, D.C.

St. John has served on the board since 1987. He was an employee of the Upjohn Co. of Kalamazoo, now Pharmacia & Upjohn Inc., for 35 years before he retired in 1992 from his position as manager of community and legislative affairs. Later that year, he was named vice president for public affairs for the Kalamazoo Foundation, a position he held until his 1998 retirement.

Other officers elected to one-year terms were: Betty A. Kocher, secretary to the

board; Robert M. Beam, treasurer and assistant secretary; and Lowell P. Rinker, assistant treasurer.

Trustees also were advised by William W. Carmody of Shelter Bay that he is resigning his position as a member of the Board of Trustees, effective Feb. 1.

Carmody recently was ap-

pointed by Gov. John Engler as a judge for the 5th District Probate Court for Alger and Schoolcraft counties.

"This is a bittersweet event for me as I have thoroughly enjoyed my association with WMU as a trustee and will always be honored to have served in this capacity," Carmody explained in a letter to 1999 board Chairperson Joan Krause, which she read at the meeting. "WMU is an outstanding university and is in excellent hands to move forward in this new millennium and become an even greater institution."

Carmody, a lawyer with a private practice in Munising, was appointed to the board by Engler in 1997 for a term that was to expire in 2004.



St. John, left, and Franklin

WMU lands 747 gift from Northwest Airlines

A B747-100, will arrive at the College of Aviation's facilities in Battle Creek at 1:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 4, after making its final flight as part of Northwest Airlines.

The plane is being given by Northwest to the college for use in its aviation programs. Transfer of the Boeing-built plane's ownership marks the first known gift of a 747 to any college or university.

A 1 p.m. news conference has been scheduled in the large hangar of the College of Aviation's Aircraft Maintenance Center to detail the gift and the college's future use of the plane.

Taking part in the event will be: George

A. Franklin, chairperson of WMU's Board of Trustees; WMU President Elson S. Floyd; Northwest's Bill Wade, vice president for line maintenance operations; Douglas Rothwell, president and chief executive officer of the Michigan Economic Development Corp.; Ted Dearing, mayor of Battle Creek; and Northwest Capt. Chris Blenderman, a 1977 graduate of WMU's aviation program.

Attending the event also will be a number of area legislators, Northwest executives, state and area aviation officials, Battle Creek city and economic development leaders, and representatives of the University.

Three provost candidates to visit campus this month

Campus presentations have been set over the next two weeks for three final candidates in the University's search for a new provost and vice president for academic affairs. The three candidates, the dates of their visits to campus, and the time and location of their public presentations are:

- Fred Dobney, executive vice president and provost of Michigan Technological University; Monday and Tuesday, Feb. 7 and 8; presentation at 4 p.m. Monday, Feb. 7, in the Kirsch Auditorium, Fetzer Center.
- Glen Hahn Cope, professor of public administration and dean of the College of Public Affairs and Administration at the University of Illinois at Springfield; Wednesday and Thursday, Feb. 9 and 10; presentation at 4 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 9, in Brown Auditorium, Schneider Hall.
- Thomas A. Storch, professor and dean of the College of Science at Marshall University; Thursday and Friday, Feb. 17 and 18; presentation at 4 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 17, in Brown Auditorium, Schneider Hall.

A full vita on each candidate is available at the information desk in Waldo Library and in the dean's office of each college. Limited numbers of each candidate's vita will be available at the scheduled public session for that candidate.

Garland to be honored as University's second 'Outstanding Emeritus Scholar' for decades of work in archaeology

A retired WMU professor of anthropology who has made her mark on history through continued contributions to the archaeological knowledge of Michigan has been selected as the University's second-ever Outstanding Emeritus Scholar.

Elizabeth Baldwin Garland, a faculty member from 1964 to 1992, will receive her award at the University's Academic Convocation at 3 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 8, in the Dalton Center Recital Hall.

Garland is only the second recipient of the Outstanding Emeritus Scholar Award, which was instituted in 1998 to recognize retired faculty members with exemplary scholarship. Criteria for the award parallel those for the Distinguished Faculty Scholar Award, WMU's highest honor for a faculty member. Those criteria include having a significant body of achievement and wide recognition beyond the University.

Garland is being recognized for her more than three decades of work as a teacher, researcher and field archaeologist, work that continues today, eight years after her retirement. Recognized by one colleague as "Michigan's foremost expert for several major periods of Great Lakes prehistory," Garland has conducted major research into the prehistoric archaeologi-

cal record of Michigan. Her efforts have resulted in numerous publications, a significant collection of artifacts housed at WMU and a number of former students who are now practicing archaeologists.

Garland joined the emerging WMU

anthropology department in 1964. By 1966, she had helped establish WMU's archaeology program and a joint field school with Michigan State University.

During her career, she directed and par-

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Garland

Demetrakopoulos, Simpson named winners of WMU's annual Distinguished Service Awards

A substance abuse educator who has generated more than \$13 million in grants and contracts and an administrator who recently retired after more than 34 years of service to the University have been selected as recipients of the 1999 Distinguished Service Awards.

George H. Yorgo Demetrakopoulos, College of Arts and Sciences, and C. Dennis Simpson, Specialty Program in Alcohol and Drug Abuse and community health services, will receive their awards at the University's annual Academic Convocation set for 3 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 8, in the Dalton Center Recital Hall. (See related story on this page.)

The two were chosen from campuswide nominations based on such criteria as: service through innovative and effective pro-

grams; service in areas that contribute to the growth and stature of the University;

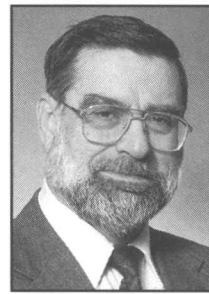
and service that extends the impact and presence of the University into the larger community. Demetrakopoulos and Simpson will each receive a plaque and a \$1,500 honorarium.

Demetrakopoulos, who retired in January after 34-1/2

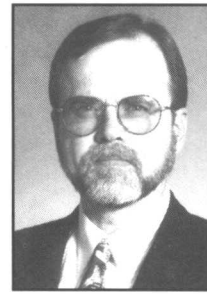
years of service, began his career at WMU in 1965 as an instructor in the history department. In 1970, he became assistant director for the Medieval Institute and three years later moved into the position of assistant director of academic advising in the College of Arts and Sciences. In 1978, he became an assistant to the dean for the College, overseeing academic advising.

During his tenure he was responsible

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Demetrakopoulos



Simpson

New travel instruction degree paves way for nation's newest human service profession

Whether it comes to driving a car or riding on a bus, the ability to travel is a key to independence and often essential to a person's capacity to live life to the fullest.

But for many people with disabilities, traveling is a problem, a struggle they face every time they leave their homes.

To help people with disabilities meet this challenge, WMU has developed a travel instruction baccalaureate program that is training students to help people with disabilities travel safely and effectively.

The program is the first of its kind in the nation and complements an existing program that trains students to help blind people with orientation and mobility. That very successful program, part of the University's Department of Blind Rehabilitation, has been offered since 1961.

The new travel instruction program will train students to work with people with a wide range of disabilities, from developmental disabilities to hearing or speech impairments to those who use wheelchairs. It is being offered to meet an increasing demand for travel by people with disabilities in the wake of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

"In the past, people with a disability would turn to a classroom teacher," says Chairperson William Wiener, blind rehabilitation. "If they were lucky, they had a teacher that could take them out into a community. But when you have a classroom full of kids, you can't take each student out individually. Usually it would be done as a classroom field trip."

The result is that many people with disabilities grow into adulthood without fully learning the ins and outs of traveling. Counselors, meanwhile, who work with these people later in life, typically learn how to teach travel instruction through trial and error, a process that can take years.

Through travel instruction training, instructors can learn how to help people with disabilities travel safely and effectively much more quickly.

To develop its curriculum, WMU studied successful travel instruction programs in several cities that did a good job teaching people with disabilities how to travel.

A job analysis of travel instructors was completed along with a list of competencies needed from which the University built a travel instruction curriculum. Travel instruction programs were studied in New York City, Akron, Ohio, the greater Philadelphia area and Minneapolis/St. Paul.

WMU came up with a 122-credit hour baccalaureate program that includes a 24-credit-hour travel instruction major. In addition to the major, students will be required to complete a 20-credit hour interdisciplinary minor that will supplement the major.

Besides classroom instruction, students must complete a practicum and a 40-hour per week internship, each for one semester. In the coming months, students also will take part in several exercises that will expose them to the rigors of traveling with a disability, such as using a wheelchair and public transportation to travel to a destination across town or other exercises that will simulate speech or hearing impairments.

Eight students currently are enrolled in the program. Wiener hopes to boost that number to 10 students per year with the help of a \$350,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Education that will pick up the in-state tuition costs for juniors and seniors plus give them a stipend for books and other expenses. To help establish the program, the Federal Transit Act also has contributed \$300,000 to develop standards for the preparation of independent travel specialists and to develop a program leading to instructor certification.

When they graduate, students will be eligible for jobs at centers for independent living, adult service agencies, school systems and transit systems. They will teach people with disabilities how to establish and maintain their orientation and travel safely in indoor areas, residential neighborhoods, rural areas, businesses and urban centers.

Students who have enrolled in the program say it offers a unique undergraduate-level educational opportunity while providing a much-needed service to people with disabilities.

"One of the advantages of travel instruction is we'll work with all disabilities,



LEARNING TO NAVIGATE THE OBSTACLES—Justin Latulippe, left, and Morgan Scafe, both students in the University's new travel instruction degree program, get a taste of what it's like to navigate Kalamazoo using wheelchairs and public transportation. Helen Lee, right, an instructor in the program, is helping them learn the techniques they can pass on to future clients and students. (Photo by Neil Rankin)

not just visual impairment," says Morgan Scafe, a senior who switched from social work to travel instruction when the program became available. "My biggest interest is in giving everyone the opportunity, especially those with disabilities, to travel independently and be independent in their recreation, employment and school."

Students also are attracted to what they believe will be a growing field.

"I think there will be a big demand for travel instructors," says junior Justin Latulippe. "A lot of agencies are demanding this type of experience."

Helping people with disabilities travel independently will become increasingly important, Wiener agrees, noting that being able to travel lets people take part in educational programs, gain employment and become a contributing member of a community.

In addition to the Americans with Dis-

abilities Act, several other pieces of legislation are making travel instruction a necessity, Wiener adds. One example is the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, which mandates that children with disabilities be taught how to travel independently. Another example is the recently reauthorized Rehabilitation Act, which deals with adults returning to work and mandates that travel instruction be provided if necessary.

"What tends to happen in these cases is there are no travel instructors available," Wiener says. "So they find whoever they can find—catch as catch can—unless they happen to be lucky enough to live in a city with a program that's already up and functioning. So we're hoping our graduates will fill that void."

Expert on tax treatment of health insurance will speak

An expert on health and pharmaceuticals and a resident scholar at the American Enterprise Institute for Public Policy Research will be the next featured speaker in the University's "The Economics of Health Care" lecture series Wednesday, Feb. 16.

Robert B. Helms will address "The Tax Treatment of Health Insurance," at 3 p.m. in 3508 Knauss Hall. The lecture is free and open to the public.

Helms, also is the director of health policy studies at the Washington D.C.-based institute, which is one of America's largest and most respected think tanks. He has written and lectured extensively on health economics and policy.

February message to the campus community is 'Let us pump you up'

Take this message to heart—get your blood pressure checked.

That's the theme of Western's Annual Campuswide Blood Pressure Screening and Education Program, a preventive health screening benefit for faculty and staff that will travel to 13 campus locations for your convenience over the next two weeks, beginning Monday, Feb. 7.

This program, sponsored by Sindecuse Health Center's Office of Health Promotion and Education, offers free blood pressure assessments and preventive health education for all members of the university community.

High blood pressure, high cholesterol and tobacco use greatly increase the risk of heart disease. This program is designed

- to help prevent the rise of blood pressure through lifestyle modifications,
- to increase high blood pressure awareness and detection,
- to improve recognition of the importance of high-normal blood pressure, and
- to support the control of high blood pressure in those who are working to keep blood pressure in a safe and healthy range.

Approximately 30 percent of all adults over the age of 18 have high blood pressure. Only about 54 percent of hypertensive adults are aware of their high blood pressure and only about 11 percent have their blood pressure under control.

Blood pressure control can be successfully achieved through healthy weight management; reduction of alcohol, caffeine and sodium intake; cardiovascular exercise; quitting smoking; stress management; and, if needed, medication.

High blood pressure and high cholesterol have no symptoms, so getting them checked regularly should be high on everyone's list for preventive health care.

Let us pump you up! Get your blood pressure checked at the screening site most convenient to your schedule. Check the calendar in this issue of Western News for a complete list of testing sites, dates and times.

Take the following steps

Your heart disease risk reduction plan should include all of the following.

- **A blood pressure assessment** every six to twelve months if your numbers are in the normal range below 130/84 mm. Higher levels require more frequent evaluation and follow-up.

- Baseline **cholesterol assessment** by age 20; recheck every three to five years if you are in the desirable range of less than 200 mg/dl. Higher levels require more frequent evaluation.

- Developing a taste for and select **low-fat, high nutrient foods.**
- Engaging in **planned cardiovascular exercise** at least three times a week.
- Taking advantage of Sindecuse Health Center's Nicotine Dependence Recovery Program, offering employees **financial reimbursement for effective strategies and supportive resources.**

Trustees approve retirement plans of five

The retirements of one faculty member and four staff members were approved by the University's Board of Trustees at its Jan. 28 meeting. The board also approved changing the previously announced retirement date for Edward J. Pawlak, social work, to June 11, 2000.

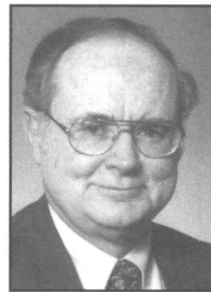
The faculty member who is retiring is doing so with emeriti status. Her name, years of continuous service and effective date of retirement are: Lyda J. Stillwell, theatre, 34 years, effective April 22, 2000.

The staff members retiring are: Alberta M. Cumming, history, 20-1/2 years, effective Feb. 29, 2000; Michael J. Matthews, Office of University Relations, 20 years, effective Jan. 14, 2000; Philip S. Roekle, transportation services, 30-1/2 years, effective April 16, 2000; and

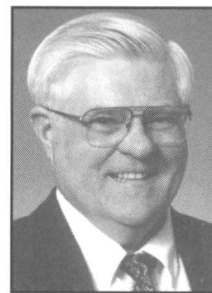
Robert W. Sprick, Residence Life, 34-1/2 years, effective March 5, 2000.



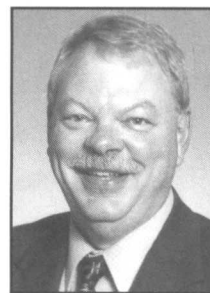
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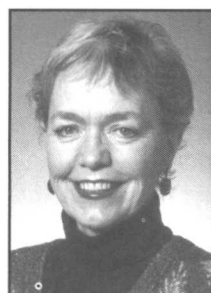
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16th annual Medallion competition will bring 700 top high school students to campus

More than 700 of the brightest high school seniors in Michigan and 10 other states will gather on campus over two Saturdays, Feb. 12 and 19, for the 16th annual Medallion Scholarship Competition.

These academic stars from more than 300 high schools will converge on WMU to compete for \$4 million plus in four-year scholarships to attend the University beginning this fall. The event is one of the biggest scholarship competitions of its kind in Michigan.

Since the annual competition began 16 years ago, nearly 11,000 students have participated and some \$76 million in four-year scholarships has been offered.

Capping off the competition are the prestigious Medallion Scholarships, which are currently worth \$32,000 over four years. These awards are among the largest merit scholarships in American public higher education. In 1999, 23 students earned these top awards and, to date, 241 students have shared about \$6 million in Medallion Scholarships.

Only the cream of the crop of this year's high school graduating classes is invited to attend. Students had to apply to WMU by Dec. 31 and had to carry at least a 3.8 grade point average and have an American College Test score of 25 or better. The selection committee will consider grades, courses, test scores and performance in the on-campus competition as well as leadership activities, recommen-

dations and, in some cases, personal interviews. Awards will be offered by March 31.

Among the participants this year are 290 students who have perfect 4.0 GPAs and 150 who have ACT scores of 30 or higher. The highest ACT score is 36.

More than 1,000 of their parents also will be attending to participate in information sessions and other activities.

Deadline nears for campus international photo contest

The deadline for the "Focus on Your World International Photo Contest" is Tuesday, Feb. 15, and faculty and staff are asked to encourage their student contacts to enter.

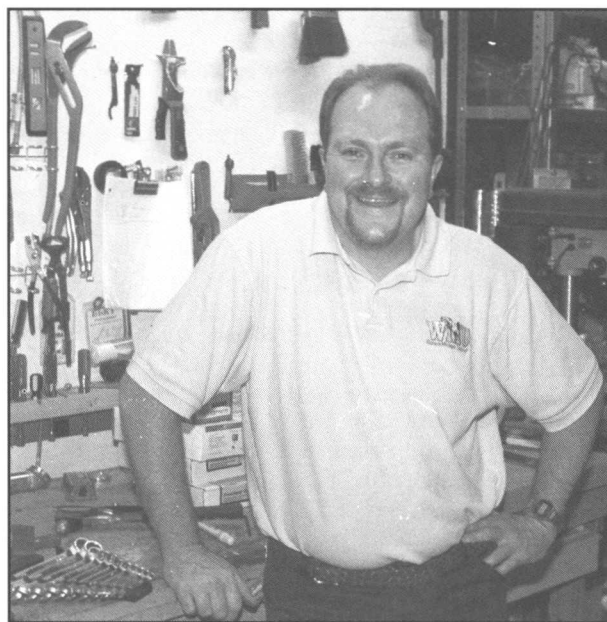
First prize in the contest, which was first announced last fall, is a round-trip ticket to anywhere in the continental United States served by Travel Consultants, one of the contest sponsors. Two first prizes will be awarded, one in the "People" category and one in the "Places" category. The contest is open only to WMU students.

A number of other prizes also are available in the contest that is organized and sponsored by the Study Abroad Office and the Office of University Relations.

Entries must be submitted to the Study Abroad Office by 4:30 p.m. on Feb. 15. Winners will be announced at the March 19 International Festival.

For more information or to secure an entry form, contact the Study Abroad Office at 7-5890.

On campus



MR. FIXIT—It's no exaggeration to call Tom Lentz, the building operations supervisor at the University's Grand Rapids Regional Center, "Mr. Fixit." When he's not preparing bids or checking up on the work of contractors, he can often be found carrying tools around the building making repairs himself or helping to unload a delivery at the side dock. "No two days are the same," says Lentz, who began his WMU career on the main campus 10 years ago in air conditioning repair—the chiller shop—in the physical plant. He

assumed his present duties in 1996 at the center, which functions as a conference center by day and a classroom building by night. A licensed mechanical contractor himself, Lentz coordinates the work of vendors who provide such varied services as landscaping, asphalt paving, custodial work, interior painting, roofing and satellite-downlink maintenance for the 38,000-square-foot facility. "And I've got a great office, with a view of a beautiful wooded area with a stream running through it," he says, with obvious pleasure, of the center's campus-like setting. When not at work, Lentz indulges his interests in old cars and boats, including a 1957 Chevy wagon, which he calls "the working man's station wagon, from the pre-minivan era." He also is the owner of a couple of 1940s-era Chris-Craft speed boats. He and his wife, Susan, a teacher, enjoy heading up north to the Traverse City area or the Upper Peninsula, pulling a 1967 tear-drop camper "that just happens to match the paint on the Chevy wagon." The couple, who live in Rockford, just north of Grand Rapids, have three children, aged 19 to 21, whom they like to include on such trips whenever they can. They also own and operate a few apartments. That's a business, Lentz says, they hope to take with them into retirement. (Photo by Neil Rankin)

Omission on January service list noted

Due to an editing error, the name of Thomas Ramsdell, Brink Printing Services, was omitted from the January service list published in the Jan. 20 issue of Western News.

On Jan. 7, Ramsdell celebrated his 20th anniversary of service to WMU.

Jobs

The following list of vacancies is currently being posted through the Job Opportunity Program by employment services in the Department of Human Resources. Interested benefits-eligible employees should submit a job opportunity transfer application during the posting period, and may contact an employment services staff member for assistance in securing these positions.

S-01 and S-02 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.

(R) **Gardener**, M3, Physical Plant-Landscaping and Grounds Maintenance, 99/00-1151, 2/1-2/7/00

(N) **Secretary, Administrative II** (term ends 6/30/01; .50 FTE, 20 hours per week),

S-08, NCA Re-Accreditation/Provost, 99/00-1152, 2/1-2/7/00

(N) **Aviation Maintenance Technician** (hourly, term ends 6/30/00), P-04, College of Aviation, 99/00-1153, 2/1-2/7/00

(N) **Assistant Chief Flight Instructor** (term ends 6/30/00), P-06, College of Aviation 99/00-1156, 2/1-2/7/00

(R) **Senior LAN Specialist**, X-06, Office Of Information Technology, 99/00-1157, 2/1-2/7/00

(R) **Library Assistant II**, S-05, Waldo Library, 99/00-1158, 2/1-2/7/00

N = New

R = Replacement

Please call the Applicant Information Service at 387-3669 for up-to-date information on the Job Opportunity Program and vacancies available to external applicants.

Compensation 2000 update: Team members discuss market pricing with colleges and departments

The Compensation 2000 team is preparing for "market pricing," which is the process of comparing compensation for University jobs with the compensation for similar jobs in relevant markets. Throughout February, Comp 2000 team members are meeting with representatives of each University college and department to determine the markets that should be used for comparison. Em-

ployee job profiles will be used to identify comparable jobs for market pricing.

Data from the comparisons will be used to establish new University pay ranges. If there is not an appropriate market comparison for any given WMU job, that job will be placed into one of the new pay ranges through a new job evaluation process.

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Compensation 2000 is the University's project to design and implement new compensation and performance management systems for clerical, technical, professional and administrative staff. Towers Perrin is the firm providing professional consulting services to human resources for the project.

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Staff Service Excellence

Award nominations sought

We all know them—those outstanding University employees whose contributions often go unrecognized. Maybe it's time to tell the rest of us about those fine coworkers and let them be publicly recognized for their excellence. The Staff Service Excellence Awards are a great way to do just that.

The Winter 2000 semiannual Staff Service Excellence Awards program is seeking nominations of non-faculty staff members for consideration. The SSEA program is designed to recognize University personnel who perform in true service excellence, far out-performing normal job expectations. Up to 12 non-faculty staff members are eligible to win a \$100 prize and a commemorative certificate.

All nominations will be considered solely on the basis of the nomination content. Nominations should include as much detail as possible to describe the excellence exhibited by the nominee. Nominations may be submitted through Friday, Feb. 18 to Kitty Scheffers, human resources, by memo or by email <kitty.scheffers@wmich.edu>. Nominations also may be submitted using a nomination form that can be obtained from human resources by calling 7-3620.

Winners for the Winter 2000 round of awards will be announced in early March.

Amazon trip will tap geographers' expertise

The Department of Geography is sponsoring a field travel seminar for students and other interested persons to the Brazilian Amazon June 12 - 27.

The WMU Brazilian Amazonian Program is a credit/non-credit program that will enable WMU students and non-WMU students to engage in the study of a rainforest and the Brazilian culture. In addition to sightseeing and shopping excursions in the cities of Manaus and Belem, travelers will have the opportunity to spend a night in a hammock, experience ecotourism along the Guama River and examine erosion as well as atmospheric changes due to excessive lumbering in the rainforest.

The program costs \$2,500 and includes tuition for three academic credits at WMU, round-trip air transportation from Kalamazoo to Brazil, ground and water

transportation to the field, entry to sites specific in the itinerary, accommodations, nearly all meals, maps and field guides, health insurance, instructional costs, and administrative expenses. The cost of the trip without receiving academic credit is \$2,200.

The 16-day trip will be led by Chairperson Eldor Quandt, Elen Cutrim and David Lemberg, all in geography.

A completed enrollment form and deposit of \$200 per person by Feb. 25 is required to confirm participation. Full payment must be made by April 28. The department also is offering an installment scheme in which students pay \$1,000 by March 31 and \$1,300 by April 28.

For more information about the WMU Brazilian Amazonian Program or to receive an enrollment form, contact Barbara Peacock, geography, at 7-3415.

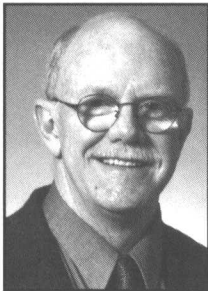
Vander Weg’s appointment as art chair approved by BOT

The Board of Trustees approved the appointment Jan. 28 of Phillip Vander Weg as chairperson of the Department of Art, effective Dec. 13.

It also accepted the previously announced resignation of James E. Crehan, who has stepped down as the College of Aviation dean to return to the faculty, effective Jan. 21. In addition, trustees granted a professional development leave for David Curwen, dance, effective Aug. 7 through Dec. 10.

Vander Weg came to WMU in 1989 from Middle Tennessee State University in Murfreesboro where he had taught art for 21 years. He was chairperson of WMU’s art department from 1989 to 1997 and directs the University’s Sculpture Tour Program, which he founded in 1991 to exhibit national and international invitational large-scale contemporary sculpture work on campus for extended viewing.

Vander Weg replaces Charles Stroh, whose return to the faculty also was approved at the meeting.



Vander Weg

Kruglak honored by state physics teachers group

Haym Kruglak, emeritus in physics, recently received an Outstanding Service Award from the Michigan Association of Physics Teachers. Kruglak joined the WMU physics department in 1954. He has authored three books and more than 160 articles, and is listed in Who’s Who in America.

Garland

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ticipated in numerous excavations throughout the state, including several intensive surveys of the Kalamazoo River basin and the archaeology mitigation for the U.S. Highway 31 project that, at the time was the largest archaeology project ever undertaken in Michigan. Her efforts generated more than \$750,000 in external research support, and as recently as 1998, she received additional grant funding for excavation of a site in Berrien County.

“Dr. Garland’s contract excavations all yielded scientific insights and significantly expanded our knowledge about prehistoric settlement and migration processes of the whole area,” wrote a WMU colleague who supported the nomination. “Since her retirement, she has kept on doing what she has always done, get grants and write. She continues to leave her mark on the profession.”

Among the accomplishments, Garland is noted for is her work with students. Garland became a powerful mentor to many students, particularly women, who have gone on to pursue careers in archaeology.

Her commitment to students was acknowledged through the 1996 publication of a festschrift, a collection of articles by colleagues and former students published in her honor. The 500-page volume, “Investigating the Archaeological Record of the Great Lakes State: Essays in Honor of Elizabeth Baldwin Garland,” features a biography and anecdotes about Garland and 11 essays by 21 authors and co-authors she has influenced.

“All of us have been strongly influenced by Betsy,” said Margaret B. Holman, one of the book’s editors, at the time it was published. “Betsy is a longtime contributor to Michigan archaeology and research in the region. She has very high standards, she has a very serious interest in her profession and she engenders that kind of response from her students and colleagues.”

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for the development of several programs and policies implemented by the College of Arts and Sciences. Among these are the current guidelines used for transfer students, the development and implementation of the Liberal Education Curriculum, and the creation of a “pre-law” curriculum designation and advising system for students preparing to attend law school. As assistant director of the Medieval Institute, Demetrakopoulos contributed significantly to the growth and stature of the University by making the biennial Medieval Conference into an annual event, increasing participation from 300 to more than 1,500 individuals from around the world.

In addition, Demetrakopoulos initiated several programs for minority students, including the development of the Kimom Bounazos Award that is part of the annual Martin Luther King Day Program. He was also instrumental in developing a plan for the College of Arts and Sciences to provide services to minority students that later became a state-funded program for that college.

“Yorgo’s primary focus was placing the students first and he would do whatever he could to ensure positive benefits for our student population,” wrote a colleague in nominating him. “During his years at the University, he has affected the lives of thousands of students. The students were always given the benefit of the doubt.”

Demetrakopoulos also served on numerous campus committees and professional organizations.

Simpson, a faculty member since 1978, is being recognized for his contributions to WMU’s School of Community Health Services and the field of substance abuse services. Simpson is the director of the SPADA program, which provides education and training in substance abuse services, and he has established himself as an expert in that field.

“Dennis has created and maintained a

standard of quality for this academic program and its efforts in education, research, community outreach and the professionalization of the field of substance abuse services which is without equal,” wrote one colleague in nominating him for the award.

When Simpson joined WMU, the SPADA program consisted of a director, 10 graduate students, and no grant or contract funding. The program now has several hundred students enrolled, with classes offered on campus and through distance education, and a graduate program offered at four of WMU’s regional centers. In addition, Simpson has been the principal or co-principal investigator or consultant on nearly 100 grants and contracts amounting to more than \$13 million to provide substance abuse research and services.

Simpson has served as a consultant for numerous organizations including the AFL-CIO, American Council on Education, General Motors Corp., Ford Motor Co., National Association of Children of Alcoholics, George Mason University and University of Wisconsin.

Simpson has held more than 30 elected or appointed positions. He also was the founder and president for seven years of the Michigan Consortium on Substance Abuse Education, an effort to get colleges and universities in the state to develop and offer substance abuse education.

In nominating Simpson for the award, one colleague wrote that he “is a rare individual who moves like a whirlwind through his days, stirring things up, but accomplishing great things,” and the success of the SPADA program and its graduates is evidence of his contributions.

“This is the thing which makes me most proud about Dennis and this program he has nurtured,” the colleague wrote, “that he and our graduates have the ability to go into the world and make miracles.”

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>.

Thursday, Feb. 3

Exhibition (through Feb. 4), Art Education Student Group Show, Rotunda and South Galleries, East Hall, weekdays, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. (reception, Friday, Feb. 4, 5-7 p.m.)
Exhibition (through Feb. 11), Interior Design Senior Show, Katrina Liechty, Meghan Piersma and Nancy Pierson, Trimpe Gallery, weekdays 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
Exhibition (through Feb. 17), Digital Imaging, Department of Art showcases, Sangren Hall.
Exhibition, “Silence of the Bunnies in the Age of Appropriated Identity,” painting and sculpture by Robyn Bomhof, Space Gallery, Knauss Hall, weekdays 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
*Women’s basketball vs. Eastern Michigan, University Arena, 7 p.m.
*University theatre production (through Feb. 12), “Antigone,” Multi-Media Room, Gilmore Theatre Complex; Feb. 3-5 and Feb. 10-12, 8 p.m.; Feb. 6, 2 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 5

*Men’s basketball vs. Akron, University Arena, 2 p.m.
*Drummers of West Africa, performance, Miller Auditorium, 8 p.m.

Sunday, Feb. 6

Gymnastics “Michigan Classic,” University Arena, 2 p.m.
University Symphony Orchestra, Miller Auditorium, 3 p.m.

Monday, Feb. 7

Exhibition (through Feb. 11) Advanced Printmaking Exhibition, Rotunda and South Galleries, East Hall; reception, Feb. 11, 5-7 p.m.
Campuswide blood pressure screening, Waldo Library, Atrium area, main entrance, 10 a.m.-7 p.m.
Public session for provost candidate Frederick J. Dobney, executive vice president and provost of Michigan Technological University, Kirsch Auditorium, Fetzer Center, 4 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 8

Campuswide blood pressure screening, Waldo Library, Atrium area, main entrance, 10 a.m.-7 p.m.; Auxiliary Enterprises, Valley 1, Regions 1 and 8, 2:30-3:30 p.m.
Academic Convocation, Dalton Center Recital Hall, 3 p.m.
*Young Artist Concert, Stephan Loges, Bass/Baritone, Dalton Recital Hall, 8 p.m.
Reading, Daniel Mueller, WMU’s winter semester Writer-in-Residence, 3512 Knauss Hall, 8:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 9

Campuswide blood pressure screening, Wood Hall, first floor commons and second floor lobby, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
Public session for provost candidate Glen Hahn Cope, professor of public administration and dean of the College of Public Affairs and Administration, University of Illinois at Springfield, Brown Auditorium, Schneider Hall, 4 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 10

Campuswide blood pressure screening, Seibert Administration, lobby, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.
Women’s tennis vs DePaul, West Hills Tennis Courts, 6 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 11

Campuswide blood pressure screening, Walwood Hall, east lobby, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Lecture, American Studies Program winter lecture, “Homelessness within Prosperity: Popular Imaginings, Everyday Practices and Social Policy in Massachusetts,” Vincent Lyon-Callo, anthropology, Honors College Lounge, 3:30-5 p.m.
Women’s tennis vs. DePaul, West Hills Tennis Courts, 6 p.m.
*Film showing (through Feb. 13), Audrey Wells’ “Guinevere,” Campus Cinema, Oakland Recital Hall: Friday and Saturday Feb. 11 and 12, 7 and 9:30 p.m.; Sunday, Feb. 13, 2:30 and 5 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 12

*Men’s basketball vs Central Michigan, University Arena, 12:30 p.m.
*Women’s basketball vs. Ball State, University Arena, 2:30 p.m.
*Gold Company annual show, Miller Auditorium, 2 and 8 p.m.
Concerto Competition, School of Music, Dalton Recital Hall, 4 p.m.

Sunday, Feb. 13

Western Winds, School of Music, conducted by Yoshimi Takeda, Dalton Recital Hall, 3 p.m.
Faculty recital, Trent Kynaston, saxophone, Dalton Recital Hall, 8 p.m.

Monday, Feb. 14

Exhibition (through Feb. 11) Sculpture by Shay Church and Mark Porter, Rotunda and South Galleries, East Hall; reception, Feb. 11, 5-7 p.m.
Exhibition (through March 10), “Pink and Blue,” works of Direct Encounter with the Arts students, Space Gallery, Knauss Hall, weekdays, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
“Healthy Strides Into the Next Century,” wellness conference sponsored by State Sen. Dale Shugars, keynote address by astronaut Jerry Linenger, Fetzer Center, 8 a.m.-3 p.m.

Campuswide blood pressure screening, outside 2037 Kohrman Hall, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.; Student Recreation Center, lobby service desk, 3-5 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 15

Campuswide blood pressure screening, Sangren Hall, lobby, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 16

Campuswide blood pressure screening, Bernhard Center, first floor lobby and Bronco Mall, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Campus Services Building, conference room, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.; Physical Plant, first floor hallway, 2:30-3:30 p.m.
“The Economics of Health Care” lecture, “The Tax Treatment of Health Insurance,” 3508 Knauss Hall, 3 p.m.
Department of English panel discussion, “Teaching Huck Finn: The Controversy and the Challenge,” with Peaches Henry, Notre Dame University, 1021 Brown Hall, 4 p.m.; call 7-2605 for information.

Public session for provost candidate Thomas A. Storch, professor and dean of the College of Science, Marshall University, Brown Auditorium, Schneider Hall, 4 p.m.
*Men’s basketball vs. Northern Illinois, University Arena, 7 p.m.
Department of English “Seminar on Twain: Developing the Issues and Contexts,” third floor English Lounge, Brown Hall, 7:30 p.m.; call 7-2605 for information.

Thursday, Feb. 17

Campuswide blood pressure screening, Schneider Hall, main lobby and faculty lounge, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
Jazz concert, School of Music, University Jazz Orchestra directed by Trent Kynaston and University Jazz Lab Band directed by Thomas Knific, Dalton Recital Hall, 8 p.m.

*Admission charged