Two of the first national poets published by the University’s New Issues Press Poetry Series were selected for publication. The works include “Firehouse” by Davy Roth, and “Downsides of Fish Culture” by David Dodd Lee. Herbert S. Scott, who is editor of the series, made the selections for the regional component, along with an advisory board from the Department of English.

Butts and Lee are both graduates of WMU’s master’s program in creative writing. Butts is a doctoral student at the University of Missouri at Columbia. Lee was raised in Muskegon and presently resides in Kalamazoo and works at an area hospital.

All of the writers chosen for the series will read at the University during the year. Following de la O and Reynolds, Lee is scheduled for a Nov. 12 reading at Kalamazoo College and Sorby will read during the Third Coast Writers’ Conference at WMU in May. Butts gave a reading in early October and Larson’s date is still being finalized.

Since its inception more than one year ago, New Issues Press has published seven books of poetry and has earned praise from publishers, editors and poets, according to Scott. More than 670 manuscripts were entered in the latest competition and he expects 1,000 entries for 1998.

“We have received dozens of letters praising this new venture as one greatly needed,” Scott says. “It’s unique in the U.S. and a boon to both undergraduate and graduate students who get to work as editorial assistants and assistant editors on a national publishing project.”

Scott and his group have been aggressive in establishing a national presence for the New Issues Series, advertising in high profile poetry publications and working with mainstream distributors. Last year, the first books were reviewed in such places as Publishers Weekly, Booklist and the Detroit Free Press.

“New Issues Poets within the next two years will be considered the outstanding new poetry publisher in the U.S.,” Scott claims. “There will be no better first book of poems published this year than New Issues Poetry Prize winner Marsha de la O’s ‘Black Hope.’” The deadline for the 1998 contest is Nov. 30.

MBA goes global with agreement to offer complete degree program in Malaysia

For the first time in 20 years, WMU is offering students in another country the opportunity to complete a degree entirely on their home turf.

The University will begin offering its master of business administration degree in Malaysia in spring 1998. Malaysian students will be required to successfully complete 36 credit hours (12 classes) of postgraduate business courses presented on the campus of Sunway College near the capital city of Kuala Lumpur.

This is the first time since the 1970s, when the University offered graduate education degree programs in Greece and Guam, that international students will be able to complete their WMU degrees without traveling to the United States. But it’s also the wave of the future for WMU, according to Timothy Light, provost and vice president for academic affairs.

“We need to increasingly look at bringing our degree programs to the students, rather than asking the students to come to us,” he said. “This is especially true in certain areas where we have a niche, such as a new degree program that is a good fit or a special group of students with whom we have a connection.”

Malaysia and Sunway College are natural choices for the WMU MBA, he said. WMU has been educating students from Malaysia since the 1970s and, since 1987, has offered a “twinning program” at Sunway. Some 1,500 Malaysian students have participated in that program, taking their first two years of WMU-designed courses at Sunway and then transferring to WMU for their final two years to complete their degree. Currently, WMU offers five undergraduate degree courses in the twinning program, including one in business administration.

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Dooley and other University officials from the Office of International Affairs and the Haworth College of Business have been negotiating the agreement for the past two years. The college is among a select 25 percent of U.S. business schools that are accredited at both the undergraduate and graduate levels by the AACSB—The International Association for Management Education.

“This will be the first time a U.S. university will offer an AACSB-accredited MBA program in partnership with a private institution of higher education in Malaysia,” said James W. Schromm, business college dean. “Successful students in Malaysia will be awarded the same WMU MBA, with the same high quality, as students who take the course in Kalamazoo.”

He said that recruiting in Malaysia will begin immediately, with an initial target class of at least 23 students. The 12 classes that constitute the MBA degree program will be taught by Haworth College of Business faculty members and Malaysian instructors approved by WMU starting in May 1998.

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Did you know?

It only takes a moment to make a Greater Kalamazoo United Way contribution. Its impact, however, is felt throughout the year.

According to Scott, “New Issues Poets” were made through the ARK, a 24-hour, seven-days-a-week emergency and crisis intervention center and shelter.

9,134 certificates were issued by the American Red Cross locally to train people to save lives in first aid, CPR, baby-sitting, water safety and back injury prevention.

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As of Oct. 27, a total of $101,974 had been collected in the campus United Way campaign. That’s 63 percent of this year’s goal of $162,000. Although the drive is scheduled to end on Oct. 31, donations will continue to be accepted after that date.
Two new sculptures have been installed on campus as part of the University's permanent art collection this fall. The bronze pieces are located on the southwest side of the Waldo Library/Computing Center complex. One of the life-like sculptures, titled "Campus Talk," depicts a group of three students, complete with umbrellas and bicycles, conversing on their way across campus. The other piece, the "Professor," is of a faculty member addressing his students outside the Library. Coincident with the acquisition of these sculptures, the Waldo Library is extending its hours to accommodate the many students who will be using the library while they are studying for finals.

The new pieces complement the many fine abstract works installed on campus this year as part of the WMU Sculpture Tour Program. Smith's art focuses on the creation of exuberant bronze figures of life-size pieces, Smith is particularly experienced in the creation of life-size compositions that can be appreciated as sculpture and as landscape and interior enhancements for major building projects. After spending time with Haenicke by telephone and seeing pictures of the campus, Smith produced a series of sketches and models for inspiration. He created sculptures in the Salt Lake City area and took photographs of students conversing with each other, walking along the sidewalk. As with many of his works of young people, Smith said he tried to convey a sense of youth and awe with those pieces.

The idea for the look of the professor came mostly from Smith. "I just immediately saw the gesture of him totally buried in his book, walking along," he said. Smith, who also writes poetry and a column for Salt Lake City's daily newspaper, said the many faces of James Howard's Walter Mitty character played a part.

"I thought of this guy preoccupied in his own world," said Haenicke. Once Haenicke approved a full-scale model, the figures were cast in bronze. Smith said the pieces are actually a few inches larger than life-size so that they appear more to scale in the vast exterior space. The bronze for the pieces is textured, rather than smooth like many more traditional sculptures of people. "The key was to do something that had a textural dynamic about it that enhanced the aesthetic focus so that it wasn't just portraiture," Smith said. "I didn't want to do sculptures that felt like they were trying to be people."

The artist explained that he approaches some of his work from a more conservative perspective, while he also has a progressive side and assembles pieces that are totally abstract. "What I tried to do with these sculptures was to kind of bridge that gap," he said. "I wanted to do something that had a textural vitality and an aesthetic strength to it and, at the same time, pull it enough into a traditionalist mode that most people could feel comfortable with it.

These new permanent pieces complement the 14 traveling works installed on campus this year as part of the WMU Sculpture Tour Program.

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Board to meet Friday

The Board of Trustees will meet at 11:30 a.m., Friday, in the Board Room of the Bernhard Center. Agenda items include the presentation of the 1997-98 Comprehensive Budget for approval. The Presidential Search Advisory Committee has been working with its consultants to complete the search and find a successor to President Haenicke, who is stepping down as president next spring to return to the faculty.

The position description has been prepared based on information gathered in several interviews with constituencies of the university including the faculty, students and staff.

Committee meetings will precede the full board meeting in 204 Bernhard Center. Times are: Budget and Finance Committee, 10:15 a.m., and Academic and Student Affairs Committee, 11 a.m. All meetings are open to the public.

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Ceremony planned at stadium

Volunteer leaders and University officials will be on hand in public groundbreaking ceremonies for the Bronco Alumni Football Center at Waldo Stadium Saturday, Oct. 31.

The event will begin at 11:30 a.m. at the southwest corner of the stadium. It will commemorate the beginning of a $10 million gift from Michigan University, which starts at 1 p.m. Participants will include Willard A. (Bill) Bracken, president of WMU, and Charles Ford, senior vice president and chief operating officer of Western Michigan University.

The new center will include locker rooms, coaches' offices, meeting rooms and training facilities.

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K/CP Scholar to speak

"Preparing Future Faculty for the Next Millennium: Challenges and Opportunities" is the title of an address to be presented Monday, Nov. 10. Orlando L. Taylor, dean of the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences at Howard University, will speak at 4 p.m. in 2304 Stryker Hall. His free address will be followed by a reception in the Lee Honors College.

Taylor, who works on campus as a King/Chavez/Parks Visiting Scholar, oversees research-oriented graduate programs at Howard in 30 departments offering master's and doctoral degrees. He has established and chaired a task force that prepared a strategic plan for graduate education and research at Howard. He also initiated a Teaching Excellence Program to prepare students for undergraduate instruction at Howard and for future careers in university and college teaching.

His lecture is being sponsored by the Department of Communication and the Institute for the Study of Race and Ethnic Relations.

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Shaw among six slated for Hall of Fame induction

Jack Shaw, intercollegiate athlete, is among this year's inductees into the WMU Athletic Hall of Fame. Shaw, who is in his 28th season of coaching crosscountry and track at WMU, will be honored during a dinner Saturday, Nov. 8, at the Feterer Center. Other inductees include former WMU head football coach Don Brubeck; men's basketball and baseball coach Jim Johnson; basketball players Sarah Powers and Barbara Ransdell; and former WMU women's tennis player Amy Yeast.

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Food drive starts Monday

Five WMU employee groups will join forces next month for an all-campus food drive to benefit Loaves and Fishes of Kalamazoo.

Drop-off points in 18 buildings around campus have been designated for the collection which is slated for Monday, Nov. 3 through Friday, Nov. 6.

Building coordinators have been provided with complete lists of supplies needed. Those who wish to donate money can do so by making checks payable to Loaves and Fishes and giving them to building coordinators or their employee group representative.

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Contact Staff Writers for information.

An increasing number of behavioral problems in the classroom will be the topic of "Issues in Education" forum at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 11, at the McKee Alumni Center in Waldo Hall.

Titled "Behavioral Challenges in the Classroom," the forum is the third in the "Issues in Education" series sponsored by the WMU Alumni Association's Education Society.

Panelists will include: Peg Bird, former elementary and principal current consultant for those whose expertise is in attention deficit disorder; Dr. Nancy Becker, director of the Michigan Association for Children with Emotional Disorders; Debra Johnson, a parent with a child who suffers from Tourette's syndrome and attention deficit disorder; and Jan Reinstein, a fifth grade teacher from St. Monica School in Kalamazoo.

The group will discuss the issues and help to the ax to the problems of students unable to cope with authority and the demands placed upon them at school. After a brief presentation by each of the panelists, a discussion will be led by moderator Steven Fryling, a member of the Education Society's board of directors and assistant principal at Mattawan Middle School.

Voice/mail training available

The Department of Telecommunications is making voice/mail training available at Beginning and advanced levels for WMU faculty and staff. If you'd like to sign up, please call your telecommunications account service representative or call the main office at 7-6918.

Parking permits extended

To allow employees time to receive their new "R" parking permits, the Department of Public Safety will honor the current permits, which expire on Oct. 31, until Nov. 14. Employees who have not received a renewal form in the mail should contact the parking services office at 7-4609.
Afro-musicologist to present series of sessions

A nationally known Afro-musicologist will present a series of lectures and demonstrations in the Kalazomo/Battle Creek area Monday through Friday, Nov. 3-7, as part of the Kalamazoo Community Foundation’s Expert in Residence Program.

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A memorial service for William A. Lascelles will be held at 11 a.m. Nov. 6, in the Division of Minority Affairs lounge on the second floor of Elwes Hall; and from 1 to 2.15 p.m. Nov. 3, in the Black Student Affairs lounge on the eighth floor of Sprau Tower.

Two kinds of vaccines available at health center

Flu shot is around the corner and it’s time to consider vaccination. Who should get the influenza vaccine? Anyone over 6 months of age, especially those who are at risk of complications from contracting the flu this winter. It is especially recommended for people with asthma, diabetes, heart disease, chronic medical condition or HIV; children on chronic aspirin therapy; health science workers; and health care personnel age 65. Protection lasts for several months. The cost is $35 at the Sindecuse Health Center.

Other important vaccines for some people are pneumococcal vaccine, given for the prevention of pneumonia caused by a type of bacteria (strep-like organisms). It is not effective against other organisms that can cause pneumonia. This vaccine is recommended for persons with chronic illness of the lungs, heart, liver or kidneys; with sickle cell disease, diabetes mellitus, Hodgkin’s disease (if given before the onset of treatment) or multiple myeloma; or who abuse alcohol, are immunosuppressed, are without a spleen or are 50 years of age or older. Immunity lasts five to 10 years. A clinician’s order is required.

Vacancies available at Sindecuse Health Center for individuals 12 years of age and older. Walk-in hours for obtaining the flu shot are 11 a.m. and 1 to 4 p.m. Monday through Wednesday and Friday; or 11 a.m. and 1 to 4 p.m. Thursday. Allow 30 to 40 minutes for the visit.

Obituary

A memorial service for William A. Woodard, 81, will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 30, at Kalamazoo’s Second Reformed Church, 2323 Stadium Drive. He died Oct. 24 at age 81.

Wichers joined the WMU faculty in 1980 and served as department head from 1985 to 1996. He earned his master’s degree in industrial education from the University in 1956. He was a faculty member and undergraduate adviser in the department until retiring in 1996.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Second Reformed Church.

On campus

On the RIGHT WAVEMOUNT—David F. Flor-

ido describes his job as be-

ing the “chief cook and bottle washer” in the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering. However, the department’s lab supervisor, repairs equipment, procures parts and supports computer systems. “It enables the professors and students to go about their business,” he says. He’ll deal with everything from oscilloscopes and logic analyzers to function generators and electric motors in a given day. One of the big

new challenges he’s facing is working with a software package called LabVIEW, which allows engineers to replicate the work of many of those instruments on a personal computer. Florida supervises four students in the lab and also teaches a class in the department. “Teaching helps me get a feel for what the students are doing every day,” he says. In fact, his interaction with students on a day-to-day basis is his favorite part of the job. He also likes the challenge of trying to keep up with the changes in technology. Florida began his work in this position for a year and previously worked for five years in University Computing Services, where he joined the staff when he was completing his master’s degree in electrical engineering at the University. He holds a bachelor’s degree in electrical engineering from the University of Michigan. When not on the job, Florida enjoys spending time with his niece and nephew as well as keeping up with the local music scene. He lives in a 112-year-old house with two other WMU employees. (Photo by Neil Rankin)

Board approves faculty and staff appointments and retirements

The board also approved the appointment of Donald R. Schreiber as interim chairperson of the Department of Chemistry, effective Sept. 1, 1997, to Dec. 31, 1997. He will serve until Jay C. Means, whose appointment was approved in June, comes on board on Jan. 1, 1998. Schreiber has been a WMU faculty member since 1988.

In other action, the board approved a return to the faculty for Joel P. Bowman as a professor of business information systems, effective June 30, 1998, and of Richard J. Dieker as a professor of communication, effective Aug. 5, 1997. Bowman has been serving as interim chairperson of the Department of Business Information Systems since 1992. Dieker had been approved for a leave of absence to serve as resident director of Sunway College in Malaysia.

The board also approved a leave of absence for Richard W. Pippin, biological sciences, effective Aug. 11, 1997, to June 30, 1998, to serve as resident director of Sunway College in Malaysia. He is currently holding that position from 1992 to 1995.

In addition, the board accepted the resignation of Michelle D. Chin, family and consumer sciences, effective Aug. 27, 1997, and of Stella I. Morado-Caline, social work, effective May 15, 1998.

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Wednesday, November 11
Lecture, "When the Music Changes," Patrick Olivelle, director, Center for Asian Studies, the University of Texas, 3 p.m.; reception following in the Lee Honors College.

Wednesday, November 12
Lecture, "American music, the University of Massachusetts at Amherst, Black Americana Studies Program," 3502 Knauss Hall, 7 p.m.

Thursday, November 13
Musical, "A Chorus Line," Miller Auditorium: Nov. 7, 8 p.m.; and Nov. 8-10, 8 p.m.

Friday, November 14
Women's volleyball, WMU vs. Northern Illinois University, University Arena, 7 p.m.

Monday, November 17
Lecture, "Ethical Issues in a University Health Care Setting," Center for the Study of Ethics in Society lecture, "Ethical Issues in a University Health Care Setting," 213 Bernhard Center, 3:30-4:30 p.m.; to register call 7-5430.

Tuesday, November 18
Workshop, "Earning Tenure and Promotion at WMU," 213 Bernhard Center, 2-4 p.m.; to register call 7-3569.

Wednesday, November 19
Workshop, "Tactics for Effective Leadership: Interaction and Society in Indian Culture," Patrick Olivelle, director, Center for Asian Studies, the University of Texas, 3502 Knauss Hall, 7 p.m.

Thursday, November 20
Lecture, "American music, the University of Massachusetts at Amherst, Division of Minority Affairs lounge," 3-4:30 p.m.; to register call 7-3569.

Friday, November 21
Concert, "Great American Brass Band Festival," Miller Auditorium, 8 p.m.

Monday, November 24
Women's volleyball, WMU vs. Northern Illinois University, University Arena, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, November 25
Workshop, "Earning Tenure and Promotion at WMU," 213 Bernhard Center, 2-4 p.m.; to register call 7-3569.

Wednesday, November 26
Musical, "A Chorus Line," Miller Auditorium: Nov. 7, 8 p.m.; and Nov. 8-10, 8 p.m.

Thursday, November 27
Women's volleyball, WMU vs. Penn State, Ewigleben Indoor Arena, 7 p.m.

Friday, November 28
Women's soccer, WMU vs. St. Joseph's University, WMU Soccer Complex, 7 p.m.

Saturday, November 29
Women's basketball exhibition, WMU vs. Chicago Challengers, University Arena, 7 p.m.

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