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A streak into Battle Creek

A British Airways Concorde rolled up to the University's School of Aviation Sciences facilities March 7 to deliver the firm's first class of cadets to the new International Pilot Training Centre. The 16 cadets, who will spend 13 months preparing to become commercial pilots, were accompanied on the last leg of their London to Battle Creek journey by a delegation of federal, state, local and University officials, who boarded the plane in New York to officially welcome the students and finish the trip with them to Battle Creek's W.K. Kellogg Airport. Among the more than 40,000 people on hand for festivities at the airport were, from left,



Kalamazoo Mayor Robert B. Jones, Michigan Gov. John M. Engler, President Haenicke and Capt. Mike Jeffery, director of flight crew and chief pilot for British Airways. Jones, Haenicke and Jeffery were aboard the Concorde when it landed and the governor traveled to Battle Creek to meet the plane and extend his greetings and congratulations on the start of the firm's relationship with the University. (Photos by Neil Rankin)

Support for aviation climbs

A \$5.2 million award from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation of Battle Creek to WMU's School of Aviation Sciences is designed to send the school soaring to new heights in aviation education.

The grant from the foundation was announced by WMU March 7 during ceremonies at W.K. Kellogg Airport celebrating the launch of pilot training activities with British Airways.

The new award, which will come to the University over a three-year period, brings the Kellogg Foundation's support for the WMU aviation program to more than \$8.2 million since 1993. Earlier foundation funding was instrumental in a total redesign of the school's aviation education offerings and the 1997 move from Kalamazoo to new facilities in Battle Creek.

"This grant is yet another declaration of confidence and support for our School of Aviation Sciences and I express my deepest gratitude to the Kellogg Foundation for the vision and commitment this grant represents," President Haenicke said. "This will help us cement our position as the leading collegiate aviation education program in the United States — one that is accessible to all qualified applicants and one that produces job-ready graduates who have technical and interpersonal skills and a truly global perspective."

The new grant will be used to acquire more aircraft and state-of-the-art aviation equipment, hire additional personnel and secure expanded airport facilities.

Salute to Haenickes will include dance, music and theatre

Trumpet fanfares will mark the start of a gala salute in dance, music and theatre to President Haenicke and his wife, Carol, at 8 p.m. Monday, March 16, in Miller Auditorium. Haenicke announced last summer that he would retire from the presidency and return to the faculty July 31.

No admission is charged but tickets are needed. They are available at the Miller Auditorium ticket office or by calling 7-2300. The event, titled "WMU Salutes the Haenickes," is sponsored by the Board of Trustees.

"Our purpose is to celebrate the leadership and service of two outstanding individuals, our president, Diether Haenicke and his wife, Carol," said Lori B. Waddles of Detroit, chairperson of the Board of Trustees. "This event is a wonderful blend of the performing arts, from classical to jazz and from contemporary to humorous."

"All of us in the College of Fine Arts consider it an honor to participate in this special program," said Janet E. Stillwell, associate dean of fine arts and artistic director of the event. "We're thrilled to present something that recognizes two people who have given so much to us over the past 13 years."

D. Terry Williams, chairperson of theatre, will serve as master of ceremonies.

Faculty members and students from the Department of Dance will perform "A Sport for Swans," a jazz dance; "Stand by Your Man/Rose Adage," a humorous combination of ballet and ballroom dance; and "Oh It's So Quiet," a swing number.

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Ponchillia, Schma honored for distinguished service

Two WMU employees who together have dedicated some 40 years to the University have been selected as the recipients of this year's Distinguished Service Awards.

Paul E. Ponchillia, blind rehabilitation, and Geraldine A. Schma, distance education, will be presented with a plaque and a \$1,500 honorarium at the 18th annual Academic Convocation at 3 p.m. Tuesday, March 31, in the Dalton Center Recital Hall.

The two were chosen from campuswide nominations based on such criteria as: service through innovative and effective programs; 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.

Ponchillia, a faculty member since 1978, is being recognized for his contributions to his department as well as for his dedication to the field of blind rehabilitation. Trained as a plant pathologist, Ponchillia lost his eyesight in a hunting accident in 1973. He embarked upon a second career in blind rehabilitation after earning a master's degree from WMU's world-renowned program.

"He has distinguished not only himself but also his department and the University through the various activities in which he has engaged," wrote one colleague in nominating him for the award. "His untiring efforts on behalf of many individuals and organizations have clearly projected the presence of the University into the larger community. He has also had a major impact upon the lives of many students and has changed the lives of many blind people."

Ponchillia has a longtime interest in



Ponchillia



Schma

sports and has combined that with his expertise in blind rehabilitation to create many opportunities for visually impaired athletes. In the early 1980s, he initiated a goalball program and sports education activities at WMU for visually impaired young people and their teachers. Those now attract participants from across the country and serve as teaching and learning devices for students in many disciplines. His efforts in the sports arena were recognized in 1996 when he was selected as an official carrier of the Olympic torch as it made its way across the country from Los Angeles to Atlanta.

Ponchillia also travels around the United States as a consultant and educator on blindness, visiting with school children, community groups, academic, professional and service institutions, and government agencies. He regularly presents sessions at local, state, national and international levels. His professional activities include serving on the boards of the Michigan Commission for the Blind, Michigan Foundation for the Blind, Association for Education and Rehabilitation of the Blind and Visually Impaired, Michigan Blind Athletic Association and U.S. Association for Blind Athletes.

Letters in support of Ponchillia's nomination for the Distinguished Service Award came from around the country from students, colleagues, blind athletes and leaders in the profession. "Dr. Ponchillia has been a major figure in moving rehabilitation teaching from random untested efforts to a coherent discipline which produces teachers whose impact enables innumerable blind/visually impaired persons to live to their potential," wrote one person.

Ponchillia's recent activities include writing a textbook for rehabilitation teachers with his wife, Susan Ponchillia, also a WMU faculty member. "Foundations of Rehabilitation Teaching" has earned accolades from blind rehabilitators throughout the world as one of the few comprehensive works of its kind. He also has served as a peer reviewer for the Library of Congress

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Did you know?

■ WMU has 130,000 alumni worldwide. About 98 percent of them live in the United States.

■ Nearly 90,000 of the University's alumni — or 70 percent of the total — live in Michigan. WMU alumni constitute 1.3 percent of the state's voting age population.

■ There are 18,000 WMU alumni in Kalamazoo County. More than one of every 10 adults in the county attended WMU.



A KEY EVENT — The University officially received its charter for the prestigious Phi Beta Kappa honor society during formal chapter installation ceremonies Feb. 23 in Shaw Theatre. Seventy current and retired faculty and staff members were recognized as charter members of WMU's Theta of Michigan chapter. The first officers elected during the event were: (seated from left) John W. Petro, chairperson of mathematics and statistics, president; and Emily I. Hauptmann, political science, vice president; (standing from left) Annette N. Brown, economics, treasurer; Joseph G. Reish, dean of the Lee Honors College, secretary; and Catherine J. Julien, history, historian. "It is truly a genuine pleasure for me that this important moment in which we bring Phi Beta Kappa to our campus still occurs during my tenure as president," said President Haenicke, who spoke during the event. "I had hoped for this moment when I arrived here. Now it is accomplished and nothing could make me more proud." (Photo by Neil Rankin)

Presidential finalists expected to be named

Five finalists for the presidency of the University are expected to be announced Friday, March 20, during the next meeting of the Board of Trustees.

The meeting is scheduled for 11 a.m. in the Connable Board Room of the Bernhard Center. Because of expected interest in the announcement, the meeting will be carried live on EduCABLE Channel 7 on campus and on Community Access Television Channel 30.

EduCABLE may be viewed in many classrooms and offices. Designated viewing locations include 2302 Friedmann Hall, 2307 Sangren Hall, 3014 Kohrman Hall, the 10th floor lounge of Sprau Tower and the faculty lounge in Schneider Hall.

The board's Academic and Student Affairs Committee will meet at 9 a.m. and the Budget and Finance Committee will meet at 10 a.m., both in 204 Bernhard Center. All meetings are open to the public.

Other items on the agenda are expected to be 1998-99 room-and-board rates and a recommendation to establish two new doctoral programs. More information is available from the board office at 7-2360.

President Haenicke announced last summer that he would retire from the presidency July 31 after 13 years in office. The latest information on the search also is available by telephone at 7-4004 and on the World Wide Web at <www.wmich.edu/wmu/search/>.

Selection under way for Phi Beta Kappa

The University's new chapter of Phi Beta Kappa is in the process of selecting its first student members in course.

Letters of invitation to join the country's oldest and most widely recognized academic honor society are in the process of being mailed to students. The first group of students will be inducted into the society, which seeks to foster and recognize excellence in undergraduate liberal arts and sciences, in an initiation ceremony April 1.

Students are selected on the basis of general academic qualifications established by the national Phi Beta Kappa organization. WMU's chapter had the opportunity

to further define the criteria.

The chapter's selection committee is considering, in general, juniors and seniors who are enrolled in the College of Arts and Sciences. The minimum grade point average for a junior is 3.80 and for a senior is 3.50. Weight will be given to the breadth of the candidates' program of study as well as to their knowledge of mathematics and a foreign language.

Not more than 10 percent of the senior class and only 2 percent of the junior class enrolled in the College of Arts and Sciences may be elected to membership in Phi Beta Kappa. Chapter officials expect this first group of initiates to number about 100.

Around the campus

International Festival set

Members of the campus and local communities can "see the world" in a single evening during the University's ninth annual International Festival Sunday, March 22.

The event will be from 4 to 8 p.m. in the East Ballroom of the Bernhard Center. It will feature food, performances and displays from more than 20 countries on five continents. Many of WMU's international students will attend, dressed in traditional costumes and serving authentic ethnic foods. Admission is free and food will be sold for a nominal fee.

Biological sciences group to sponsor first banquet

WMU's Association of Minorities in the Biological Sciences will sponsor its first banquet Saturday, March 21.

The event will begin at 6 p.m. in the West Ballroom of the Bernhard Center and will feature an address by Reynold Trowers, director of the emergency department at Harlem Hospital Center and medical director of paramedics at the Harlem Base Station in New York City. The title of his talk is "Interpersonal Violence: Perspectives from a Black Emergency Physician."

The cost to attend the banquet is \$10. To make reservations and obtain tickets, persons may call Sherrie Y. Fuller, minority affairs, at 7-4785. The deadline for reservations is Tuesday, March 17.

2,000-3,000 expected here for 'Gold Pride Preview'

An open house where high school and community college students can do everything from tour the Student Recreation Center to visit a residence hall is scheduled for Saturday, March 21.

"Gold Pride Preview," WMU's largest on-campus recruitment event, is expected to draw between 2,000 and 3,000 students and their parents to Schneider Hall.

High school juniors and seniors and community college transfer students admitted to WMU have been invited.

Registration for the event will run from 9 to 9:30 a.m. Beginning at 9:30 a.m., participants will be able to acquaint themselves with WMU's academic programs and student services by attending four 30-minute workshops. From 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., students and their parents will be able to tour WMU facilities.

For more information, persons may contact the Office of Admissions and Orientation at 7-2000.

Top seniors to be honored as Presidential Scholars

The University's top seniors will be recognized at the 18th annual Presidential Scholars Convocation Thursday, March 26, at the Fetzer Center.

A total of 46 students will be presented as Presidential Scholars, WMU's highest honor to a senior. The convocation will begin with a reception at 5:30 p.m., followed by dinner and a program.

Seniors are nominated for the Presidential Scholar award by faculty members. They are selected on the basis of their general academic excellence, academic and/or artistic excellence in their major and intellectual and/or artistic promise.

The speaker for the event will be President Haenicke, who will discuss "Reflections on the Life of the Mind."

In addition, four Presidential Scholars have been selected to make presentations on their learning activities beyond the classroom.

Carol Payne Smith, president of the Faculty Senate, will preside at the convocation and Haenicke will present certificates to the scholars. The event, intended to celebrate the excellence of WMU students, is sponsored by the Faculty Senate and the Office of the President. The Presidential Scholars may invite a faculty member from the area in which they have a major as a guest.

Emergency research is topic

A panel of experts will lead a discussion on "Ethical Issues in Emergency Research" at 3 p.m. Friday, March 20, in 208 Bernhard Center.

The free event is being sponsored by WMU's Center for the Study of Ethics in Society.

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration recently lifted its ban and defined certain conditions under which such research can be conducted. The panelists will discuss the need for research without consent in emergency situations, the restrictions placed on such research by the FDA and the ethical issues in these situations.

Participating will be: Gail Pilgrim Ross, a food and drug attorney who specializes in pharmaceutical matters; Tim Hillary, a field investigator and the resident in charge of the Kalamazoo Resident Post for the FDA; and Richard Lammers, a board-certified emergency room physician and research director in the Department of Emergency Medicine at the Michigan State University/Kalamazoo Center for Medical Studies.

Ethics scholar to address the issue of human cloning

The ethical issues surrounding human cloning will be explored in a lecture Wednesday, March 25.

Dan W. Brock, the Charles C. Tillinghast Jr. University Professor at Brown University, will speak at 7:30 p.m. in the Kirsch Auditorium of the Fetzer Center. The title of his free lecture is "Human Cloning: The Ethical Issues."

He will assess the main arguments for and against human cloning in an effort to determine what public policy should be.

Brock also holds a joint appointment as a professor of philosophy and biomedical ethics in the Department of Philosophy and the School of Medicine at Brown. In addition, he is director of the Center for Bio-medical Ethics there.

He has served as staff philosopher for the President's Commission for the Study of Ethical Problems in Medicine and has been a consultant in biomedical ethics and health policy to numerous national bodies, including the Institute of Medicine and the Office of Technology Assessment of the U.S. Congress.

The lecture is being sponsored by the Center for the Study of Ethics in Society and College of Health and Human Services.

Balkan peninsula is focus of March 17 lecture

A political scientist who specializes in Eastern Europe will describe the civic challenges facing the war-torn Balkan peninsula in a talk Tuesday, March 17.

Robin Remington, professor of political science at the University of Missouri at Columbia, will explore the topic of "Social Capital and Balkan Security" when she speaks at 7 p.m. in 3502 Knauss Hall. Her free public address is part of a campus speaker series addressing "Citizen Politics: Changing Sources of Identity and Power."

Remington's presentation is also the first George Klein Lecture, named for a longtime member of the Department of Political Science who was an internationally known expert on Balkan politics and Eastern European political systems.

Remington's talk will focus on civic associations and the ties that bind a community or nation. She will describe the challenges faced in Balkan nations such as Bosnia, which are now trying to build trust between groups in a post-war society.

The lecture is co-sponsored by the Institute of Government and Politics and by the Russian and East European Studies Program.

First Graduate Program Open House scheduled

The University will present its first Graduate Program Open House on Tuesday, March 17, for persons contemplating pursuing a graduate degree.

The event will take place from noon to 2 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. in the East Ballroom of the Bernhard Center. It is being co-sponsored by the Graduate College and the Office of Admissions and Orientation.

Representatives from all of the University departments that offer graduate programs will be in attendance, providing informational materials and answering questions. Staff members from the Office of Student Financial Aid and Scholarships, Counseling and Testing Services, Career Services and the Graduate College also will be on hand.

For more details on these events, check out the News page on the WMU Web at <www.wmich.edu/wmu/news>.

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Open meetings set for associate dean candidates

Five candidates for associate dean of the Graduate College will interview on campus this month.

A search committee has reviewed more than 80 applications for the position and selected the five finalists. The committee includes faculty from each of the colleges as well as Shirley Clay Scott, dean of the Graduate College, and Donald E. Thompson, vice president for research.

To allow members of the graduate community to become acquainted with the finalists, two open meetings have been set for each of the candidates on the day they will interview. The open meetings are scheduled for 10:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. in 204 Bernhard Center. Faculty, staff, students and community members are invited to attend.

Senate hearing canceled

The hearing scheduled for Friday, March 13, of the state Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Higher Education has been canceled. The hearing was to have taken place at WMU's School of Aviation Sciences in Battle Creek.

The hearing would have been WMU's first public opportunity to make its case for increased state funding. The 1998-99 executive budget recommendation calls for an across-the-board 1.5 percent increase for higher education. The hearing may not be rescheduled.

"There will be other opportunities for us to address this issue with legislators," said Keith A. Pretty, vice president for external affairs and general counsel. "We also have the help of our Legislative Advocacy Network of alumni and friends, who will be urging their local representatives to increase support for WMU."

Board approves appointment and retirements

The appointment of a new department chairperson was among the personnel action taken Jan. 23 by the Board of Trustees.

Ajay K. Gupta was named chairperson of the Department of Computer Science, effective July 1, 1998. He will replace J. Donald Nelson, whose return to the faculty in that department, effective July 1, 1999, also was approved by the board. Nelson was granted a professional development leave from July 1, 1998, through June 30, 1999. Gupta has been a WMU faculty member since 1989.

The board also approved a sabbatical leave for Richard J. de Peaux, art, for fall 1998 and fall 1999.

In addition, the trustees accepted the resignations of these faculty members: Charles R. Johnson, philosophy, effective Dec. 14, 1997; and Claudio D. Milman,

The dates of the meetings and the candidates are:

- Thursday, March 12 — Richard D'A-mato, director of the School Psychology Programs at the University of Northern Colorado.

- Monday, March 16 — Fred Aki, graduate coordinator for the College of Engineering and Science at Louisiana Tech University.

- Thursday, March 19 — Carole Seyfrit, a sociologist and associate dean for research and graduate education in the College of Arts and Letters at Old Dominion University.

- Monday, March 23 — Steven Rebach, a marine biologist and estuarial scientist from the University of Maryland-Eastern Shore who is director of the Graduate Program in Marine, Estuarial and Environment Sciences there and assistant director of the interinstitutional doctoral program in that same field operated by the University of Maryland and involving the 13 campuses in the system.

- Tuesday, March 24 — Ronald Davis, chairperson of the Department of History at WMU.

Haenicke to hold Open Office Hours March 23

The next Open Office Hours session for President Haenicke will be from 9 to 11 a.m. Monday, March 23.

The session takes place in his office, 3060 Seibert Administration Building. There is no time limit unless others are waiting, in which case the visit is limited to 10 minutes.

Persons may discuss any matter of concern or interest to them.



Gupta



Martin

management, effective April 19, 1998.

The board also granted the retirements of these staff members, along with their years of service and effective dates: James D. Martin, public safety, 27-1/2 years, effective Jan. 30, 1998; and Judith J. Stuut, health, physical education and recreation, 17 years, effective Dec. 31, 1997.

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) **Secretary Administrative III**, P-01 (Hourly), International Affairs, 97/98-318, 3/10-3/16/98.

(R) **Utility Food Worker** (Repost; .65 FTE; Academic Year), F-1, Dining Services, 97/98-337, 3/10-3/16/98.

(R) **Utility Food Worker** (Repost; .65 FTE; Academic Year), F-1, Dining Ser-

Exchange

FOR SALE — 1990 Dakota LE, extended cab, 122K, automatic transmission, loaded, V-6, needs new brakes. Priced below market value to sell now. \$3,000 or best offer. Also, two-position horse trailer, in good condition, new floor and wiring, \$800 or best offer. Call Jim at 7-4181.

On campus



GIVING BACK TO THE BRONCOS — When Daniel Jankowski was growing up in Kalamazoo, his dad — a WMU graduate — would often take him to his alma mater to watch sporting events. Now, he's watching those games from the Bronco press box. Jankowski is the assistant media relations director in the Division of Intercollegiate Athletics. He worked for four years as a student assistant in that office while earning his bachelor's degree in public relations. After a few years as the assistant sports information director at the University of San Diego, he returned to WMU in 1995 to his present position. His job is to help publicize athletic teams and student-athletes as well as to create a greater awareness of the University through its athletics program.

He writes copy for news releases, yearbooks, hometown notices and game programs, and serves as a liaison between the University and the sports media. During athletic events, he assists by providing information, such as statistics, and coordinating interviews. "My years as a student at WMU were probably the best four years of my life," he says. "It's great to have the opportunity to give something back to the University through my work." Jankowski says he especially enjoys the interaction with the student-athletes and the coaches. "Our coaches really recruit fine individuals — well-rounded people who are nice both on and off the fields," he says. "I feel good about publicizing them." Though his job often requires practically a round-the-clock commitment, Jankowski enjoys playing ice hockey and in-line skating in his limited spare time. (Photo by Neil Rankin)

Staff service award nominations due March 27

The winter 1998 semiannual Staff Service Excellence Awards program is under way and the committee is seeking nominations of staff members for consideration.

The program is designed to recognize University personnel who perform in true service excellence, far out-performing normal job expectations. Up to 12 staff members are eligible to win a \$100 prize and a commemorative certificate.

Under the revised format of the program, all nominations will be considered solely on the basis of the nomination content. Persons making nominations should include as much detail as possible to describe the excellence exhibited by the nominee.

Human resources

"How to Cope With Difficult People" will be presented by Bob Hampton and Kathy Kreager of the Employee Assistance Program at the next Lunch & Learn session from noon to 12:50 p.m. Monday, March 16, in the Faculty Dining Room of the Bernhard Center.

Whether at home or at work, there are probably a few people who add stress to our lives. Difficult people can affect us as

Nominations may be submitted through Friday, March 27, to Anne E. Thompson, human resources, by memo or e-mail (anne.thompson@wmich.edu), or by using a nomination form that can be obtained from the Department of Human Resources (7-3620). Winners for the winter '98 round will be announced in April.

Library to conduct sale

The Music and Dance Library, 3008 Dalton Center, will conduct its annual sale from 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. Monday through Wednesday, March 16-18. Music scores, books on music and dance, and LP, cassette and CD recordings will be for sale, most for \$1 or less.

we attempt to communicate, work and coexist with them. But we don't necessarily have to buy into their negativity. We can learn to cope with difficult people and learn how to not let them spoil our day.

Join the presenters as they share their ideas and tips at this brown bag session. Reservations are not necessary, but seating is limited to the first 40 participants.

Service

These faculty and staff members are recognized for five, 10, 15, 20 and 25 years of service to the University in March:

25 years — Anthony E. Griffin, WMUK (posthumously); and Rodney Wade, physical plant-building custodial and support services.

20 years — Carol L. Farrance, WMU apartments; and Michael P. McDonnell, University libraries.

15 years — Patricia M. Guenther, WESTOPS; and Janice J. VanDerKley, assistant vice president for finance.

10 years — Francine L. Adams, telecommunications; John M. Barney, physical plant-maintenance services; Mary J. Grant, University computing services; Willie J. Harrell, physical plant-maintenance services; Hans J. Kruissel, physical plant-maintenance services; Elaine C. Potgiesser, power plant; Yvonne R. Rumery, Office of the Vice President for External Affairs and General Counsel; Richard A. Santman, physical plant-maintenance services; Barney Stockwell, physical plant-maintenance services; and Albert C. Whitlock, physical plant-maintenance services.

Five years — Mary L. Brooks, Academic Skills Center; Dale A. Hagens, physical plant-maintenance services; Jennifer Kennedy, finance and commercial law; David A. Locke, physical plant-maintenance services; William G. Rantz, aviation sciences; Laura Rietkerk, student financial aid and scholarships; Andrea B. Smith, education and professional development; and Dawn M. Vincent, customer account services.

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(R) **Benefits Specialist**, P-03, Human Resources, 97/98-345, 3/10-3/16/98.

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(R) Replacement
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Libraries

Throughout March and April, the University libraries is participating in a trial of the OCLC FirstSearch Electronic Collections Online service.

Electronic Collections Online provides the quality and perpetual access received with print subscriptions coupled with the added searching power of electronic documents. Whole collections of journals can be searched at one time.

Electronic Collections Online is a Web-based service. During the trial period, it is available as a database on the FirstSearch service or through the Libraries' Web page under Demo Databases. More than 500 journals currently are available on the service with more titles added each month. Both basic and advanced searching options with extensive browsing capabilities are available.

In addition to retrieving information

from the entire collection from a single search, individual journals can be searched and browsed. Selected topic areas help the user to search across journals, obtain a list of available journals or request a list of subtopics. Electronic Collections Online presents three views of journal content: citation, abstract and full-text articles.

During the trial, users who wish to view the full text of Academic Press journals included in the collection must enter an additional username name and password when prompted. For Academic Press journals, enter: username — OCLC-exw (exw must be in lower case); password — trial.

When the trial has been completed, the University libraries will be reviewing the electronic journals in this collection for possible subscription. Please direct your comments to Bettina S. Meyer, University libraries.

Calendar

The master calendar maintained by the Office of Marketing, Public Relations and Communications 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, March 12

(and March 13) Exhibition, graphic design by Cun Sulestio, Heather Miller, Matt Ryzenga and Jason Scherzer, BFA candidates, Rotunda and South Galleries, East Hall, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; reception, Friday, March 13, 5-8 p.m.
(through March 26) Exhibition, handmade paper by Paul Robbert, art, Gallery II, Sangren Hall, weekdays, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; reception, Friday, March 13, 4-7 p.m.
(through April 2) Exhibition, paintings by Dennis Wojtkiewicz, Bowling Green, Ohio, Space Gallery, Knauss Hall, Mondays through Thursdays, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
Open meeting with candidate for associate dean of the Graduate College, Richard D'Amato, director, School Programs, University of Northern Colorado, 204 Bernhard Center, 10:30 a.m. and 3 p.m.
Enhancing Teaching with Technology seminar, "Add Movement to Your Web Pages," Stewart Tower Conference Room, third floor, University Computing Center, noon-1 p.m.; to register call 7-5430.
Lectures by Marquette L. Goodwine, director of Vibes of Afrika and the Afrikan Kultural Arts Network, Brooklyn, N.Y., 3321 Brown Hall: "Gullah Tales: Sea Island Stories and Rhythms," 2 p.m.; and "The Underground Railroad: A Geechee Girl's Escape," 7 p.m.
Student recital, Kevin Fagen, viola, Dalton Center Lecture Hall, 5 p.m.
Whitney Young Jr. Scholars Award Program, "How Welfare Became a Dirty Word," Linda Gordon, the Florence Kelley Professor of History and Vilas Distinguished Research Professor, the University of Wisconsin at Madison, West Ballroom, Bernhard Center, 7 p.m.

Friday, March 13

*(through March 15) Kalamazoo Film Society showing, "Washington Square," directed by Agnieszka Holland, Campus Cinema, Oakland Recital Hall: March 13-14, 7 and 9:30 p.m.; and March 15, 2:30 p.m.
*Performance, Georgian State Dance Company, Miller Auditorium, 8 p.m.
*Guest jazz artist recital, the Bob Berg Quartet, Dalton Center Recital Hall, 8 p.m.

Saturday, March 14

*Closing concert, Western Invitational Jazz Festival, the Bob Berg Quartet and University Jazz Orchestra, Dalton Center Recital Hall, 7:30 p.m.
*Concert, GospelFest '98, Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra, Miller Auditorium, 8 p.m.

Sunday, March 15

*Visiting Scholars and Artists Program master class, David Howard, international ballet teacher, Studio A, Dalton Center, 2-3:45 p.m.; to register call 7-5841.
Student recital, Anne Galbraith, bassoon, and Christy Gaylord, clarinet, Dalton Center Lecture Hall, 5 p.m.
Student recital, Chad Wanstreet, percussion, Dalton Center Recital Hall, 6 p.m.
Student recital, Candace Downing, trombone, and Laura Sommer, horn, Dalton Center Lecture Hall, 9 p.m.

Monday, March 16

(through March 18) Music and Dance Library sale, 3008 Dalton Center, 8 a.m.-11 p.m.
(through March 20) Exhibition, graphic design by Angela Martin, Renee Pepera and Jeff Lear, BFA candidates, Rotunda and South Galleries, East Hall, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; reception, Friday, March 20, 5-8 p.m.
Open meeting with candidate for associate dean of the Graduate College, Fred Aki, graduate coordinator, College of Engineering and Science, Louisiana Tech University, 204 Bernhard Center, 10:30 a.m. and 3 p.m.
Visiting Scholars and Artists Program advanced ballet class, David Howard, international ballet teacher, Studio A, Dalton Center, 11 a.m.-12:45 p.m.
Employee Assistance Program luncheon, "How to Cope with Difficult People," Faculty Dining Room, Bernhard Center, noon-12:50 p.m.
Student recital, Rebecca V. Grausam, piano, Dalton Center Lecture Hall, 5 p.m.
Celebration, "WMU Salutes the Haenickes," Miller Auditorium, 8 p.m.; for tickets call 7-2300.

Tuesday, March 17

Grantseeking workshop, "Building a Successful Grantseeking Strategy," 157 Bernhard Center, noon-1:30 p.m.; to register call 7-8298.
Graduate Program Open House, East Ballroom, Bernhard Center, noon-2 p.m. and 6-8 p.m.
George Klein Lecture, "Social Capital and Balkan Security," Robin Remington, professor of political science, the University of Missouri at Columbia, 3502 Knauss Hall, 7 p.m.
*Performance, "Romeo and Juliet," The Acting Company, Miller Auditorium, 8 p.m.
*Plaza Arts Circle Young Concert Artists Series concert, Romain Guyot, clarinet, Dalton Center Recital Hall, 8 p.m.

Wednesday, March 18

(through April 7) WMU Annual Art Student Exhibition, Dalton Center Multi-Media Room, Mondays through Saturdays, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; awards ceremony and reception, Monday, March 23, 5-7 p.m.
School of Music Convocation Series concert, Romain Guyot, clarinet, Dalton Center Recital Hall, 1 p.m.

Thursday, March 19

Open meeting with candidate for associate dean of the Graduate College, Carole Seyfrit, associate dean for research and graduate education, College of Arts and Letters, Old Dominion University, 204 Bernhard Center, 10:30 a.m. and 3 p.m.
Concert, Southwestern Michigan Vocal Festival, Miller Auditorium, 7 p.m.
Student recital, Graduate Wind Quintet, Dalton Center Recital Hall, 8 p.m.
*(through March 22 and 26-28) University Theatre production, "The Art of Dining," Multi-Form Theatre: March 19-21 and 26-28, 8 p.m.; and March 22, 2 p.m.
Friday, March 20
Meeting, Academic and Student Affairs Committee of the Board of Trustees, 204 Bernhard Center, 9 a.m.
Meeting, Budget and Finance Committee of the Board of Trustees, 204 Bernhard Center, 10 a.m.
Meeting, Board of Trustees, Connable Board Room, Bernhard Center, 11 a.m.
Center for the Study of Ethics in Society panel discussion, "Ethical Issues in Emergency Research," 208 Bernhard Center, 3 p.m.
Master class, Mark Murphy, jazz vocalist, Dalton Center Recital Hall, 3 p.m.
*(through March 22) Performance, "Damn Yankees," Miller Auditorium: March 20, 8 p.m.; and March 21-22, 3 p.m. and 8 p.m.
*Guest artist recital, Mark Murphy, jazz vocalist, with drummer Billy Hart and saxophonist Chris Potter, Dalton Center Recital Hall, 8 p.m.

Saturday, March 21

*Banquet, Association for Minorities in the Biological Sciences, featuring keynote

address, "Interpersonal Violence: Perspectives from a Black Emergency Physician," Reynold Trower, director of the emergency department and medical director of paramedics, Harlem Hospital Center, West Ballroom, Bernhard Center, 6 p.m.; for reservations and tickets call 7-4785.

Sunday, March 22

Concert, University Symphony Orchestra with trumpet soloist Stephen Jones, Dalton Center Recital Hall, 3 p.m.
International Festival, East Ballroom, Bernhard Center, 4-8 p.m.
Student recital, Amy Schaub, soprano, Dalton Center Lecture Hall, 4:30 p.m.
Student recital, Michelle LaGruth, mezzo-soprano, Dalton Center Recital Hall, 6 p.m.
Student recital, Renee Carriere, soprano, Dalton Center Recital Hall, 8 p.m.
Monday, March 23
(through April 3) Photo exhibit, "America's Migrant Farmworkers," third floor, Waldo Library.
President Haenicke's Open Office Hours, 3060 Seibert Administration Building, 9-11 a.m.
(through March 27) Exhibition, ceramics by James Blanco, BFA candidate, and painting by Christie Slawinski, BFA candidate, Rotunda and South Galleries, East Hall, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; reception, Friday, March 27, 5-8 p.m.
Open meeting with candidate for associate dean of the Graduate College, Steven Rebach, director of the Graduate Program in Marine, Estuarial and Environment Science, University of Maryland-Eastern Shore, 204 Bernhard Center, 10:30 a.m. and 3 p.m.
Student recital, Daniel Myers, vocal jazz, Dalton Center Lecture Hall, 9 p.m.

Tuesday, March 24

Open meeting with candidate for associate dean of the Graduate College, Ronald Davis, chairperson, WMU Department of History, 204 Bernhard Center, 10:30 a.m. and 3 p.m.
Master class, Linda Chesis, flute, Dalton Center Recital Hall, 1 p.m.
Student recital, Barbara Lieurance, oboe, Dalton Center Lecture Hall, 5 p.m.

Wednesday, March 25

Enhancing Teaching with Technology seminar, "Developing Instructional Web Sites," Stewart Tower Conference Room, third floor, University Computing Center, noon-1 p.m.; to register call 7-5430.
School of Music Convocation Series concert, University Percussion Ensemble, Dalton Center Recital Hall, 1 p.m.
Center for the Study of Ethics in Society lecture, "Human Cloning: The Ethical Issues," Dan W. Brock, the Charles C. Tillinghast Jr. University Professor, Brown University, Kirsch Auditorium, Fetzer Center, 7:30 p.m.
Graduate recital, Kent Hayward, horn, Dalton Center Recital Hall, 8 p.m.

Thursday, March 26

Master class, Guarneri String Quartet, Dalton Center Recital Hall, 10 a.m.
Master class, Rich Illman, trumpet, Dalton Center Lecture Hall, 5 p.m.
Institute of Government and Politics lecture, "Difference as a Resource in Democratic Communication," Iris Marion Young, the University of Pittsburgh, 3512 Knauss Hall, 7 p.m.

*Admission charged

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Braille Development Section.
"I truly believe the one thing that makes Paul make such a difference for all those who come into contact with him is what I am calling his mentoring abilities," wrote one former student. "Dr. Ponchillia not only teaches subjects and skills, he lives his philosophy, and opens it up for all his students to scrutinize. He brings a level of honesty and humane feeling to his students that is rare."
Schma joined the WMU staff in 1977 and retired as director of distance education in 1997. She currently teaches children's literature for WMU. Initially a faculty member in the Department of English, Schma moved to the Division of Continuing Education in 1981 as director of self-instructional programs. Her responsibilities included planning, developing, marketing and delivering electronic and correspondence courses to distant learners. During her 10 years in that position, the program grew from 200 students enrolled in 40 courses to 2,800 students enrolled in 112 courses.
In 1991, she took on additional duties as director of distance education, supervising the development and delivery efforts of the Office of Telecourse Programs and Self-Instructional Programs. She coordinated the activities of 75 faculty members delivering courses through satellite, videotape, cable, compressed video, correspondence, computer assisted instruction and integrated television/computer instruction.
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Several groups from the School of Music will perform, including Gold Company, the University Chorale, the Western Brass Quintet and the Western String Chamber Orchestra.
Faculty members from the Department of Theatre will present a selection from William Shakespeare's "Twelfth Night." Music faculty members will perform an aria from the opera "Don Giovanni" by Mozart.
The salute will conclude with a special slide show reflecting the Haenicke years at WMU. The alma mater will be performed by the singers of Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia, WMU's music honorary.

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"The level of commitment and effort she demonstrated produced outstanding results sustained over many years," wrote another nominator. "Her everyday approach to her job has been clearly an example of outstanding service to Western Michigan University."