Fisheries grant to fund traveling exhibit for Great Lakes region

The historic tale of fisheries management and regulation in Michigan will be explored from four different viewpoints in a traveling exhibit being prepared by a team of WMU historians.

"Fish for All: The Legacy of Lake Michigan Fisheries Policy and Management" will take a historical look at how it became a traveling exhibit being prepared by a team of WMU historians.

"We want to raise public consciousness by presenting and interpreting the activities of each group and the particular view they have brought to fisheries management," says Chiarappa.

The exhibit is expected to be complete in January 2000 and is tentatively scheduled for three-month-long displays at the Denos Museum in Traverse City, Mich.; the Michigan State University Museum in East Lansing, Mich.; the Door County Maritime Museum in Sturgeon Bay, Wis.; and the Michigan Maritime Museum. The exhibit will be permanently housed at the Michigan Maritime Museum following its travels.

Lawson, Roehrick honored with 1998 Teaching Excellence Awards

Two WMU faculty members were recognized Feb. 12 for their superior classroom skills when they received 1998 Teaching Excellence Awards.

Presented by the WMU Alumni Association, the annual awards went to E. Thomas Lawson, chair of the Department of Comparative Religion, and Gregory D. Roehrick, professor of theater. The awards were presented by the annual dinner honoring the University's major award winners for 1998. Both received a plaque and a $2,000 cash award.

Lawson has been a WMU faculty member since 1961 and chairman of his department since 1976. He is an internationally respected scholar and author, writing on such topics as religions of Africa and politics and religion. The depth and breadth of knowledge he has in his discipline was frequently cited by those nominating him.

"Dr. Lawson has an uncanny knack for making the complex straightforward and for cutting to the key issues at the core of debates," said a former student. "Professor Lawson organizes discussions to get to the key issues at the core of debates, with a precision and clarity that I, for one, seek to emulate."

"Lawson's active life as a scholar inspired another nominator to write, "Tom Lawson exhibits a way of living that is dedicated to the importance of critical reflection on ideas as the most effective and humane means for the improvement of our world, our communities and ourselves."

Lawson earned his bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees from the University of Chicago. He is the author of four books, numerous book chapters and dozens of journal articles, book reviews, review essays and dictionary entries.

Roehrick, who also is director of design and technical production for the Department of Theatre, has been a faculty member since 1978. He has been the scenic designer for more than 100 productions, has twice served as scenic director for the Gilmore International Keyboard Festival and served as an architectural consultant for WMU's Gilmore Theatre Complex as well as facilities in Chicago, Wisconsin and South Dakota.

His attention to detail and energy were cited by several of his nominators along with a teaching style that is "efficient, organized, resourceful, detailed and thoughtful."

"Although I didn't realize it then," said a former student, "this unspoken consistency of thoroughness and attention to detail were principles of my own history that I recognized and then accept as my own, giving me a day-to-day mantra of expecting a higher standard."

"For nearly 20 years, Western's Design and Technical Production program has grown, evolved, flourished and thrived," said another. "That would not have been possible if Professor Roehrick's quality instruction was not part of the mix."

Roehrick earned a bachelor's degree from Lawrence University in Appleton, Wis., and a master's degree from Wayne State University.

Senate approves major changes in student academic rights and conduct policies

The Faculty Senate Feb. 4 approved significant revisions in the University's policies and procedures that govern student academic rights and conduct.

The revisions were recommended by the Ad Hoc Committee to Review University Policies and Procedures Concerning Student Academic Conduct. It was chaired by Carol VanAukcn-Haight, finance and commercial law.

The committee rewrote policies and procedures to distinguish clearly between those regarding academic honesty and conduct in research from those governing academic grade appeals. It also revised procedures for grade appeals to differentiate them from issues of academic dishonesty.

"We appreciate the information, insights and comments we received from the ombudsman, the registrar and the offices of academic affairs and student affairs," VanAukcn-Haight said. "This was helpful in assessing the complete scope of the ramifications of the issues of student academic conduct and misconduct."

The committee was guided by several principles, including that the faculty's judgment and control regarding grades are paramount, VanAukcn-Haight said. Others were that procedures be kept "user-friendly" and that students would be assured due process and fairness.

Legal liability risks are to be kept to a minimum, academic dishonesty offenses must be trackable and cumulative offenses accounted for, and time for appeals must be regularized and streamlined.

The revision recommendations now go to the administration for consideration.

BOK sets spring events, cancels March meeting

The University community is reminded that the inauguration of President Floyd is scheduled for 2 p.m. Tuesday, April 6, in Miller Auditorium.

He became the University's sixth president last Aug. 1. He came to WMU from the post of executive editor in some 30 years.

The exhibit is being compiled by a team from the Great Lakes Center for Maritime Studies, a partnership between WMU and the Michigan Maritime Museum in South Haven, Mich. The project is being led by Michael D. Lawson, history, and Kristi Szyliyan, history. Szyliyan also is executive director of the museum.

The Michigan fish have been a contested resource for years, says Szyliyan.

"This exhibit looks at the manner in which the most identifiable stakeholders - sport fishermen, commercial fishermen, Native Americans, the state governments, the federal government and environmental and advocacy groups - have handled, governed, monitored, and culturally valued the fish resources of Lake Michigan over the past 150 years."

The exhibit will feature artifacts, photographs and maps as well as oral history and audio recordings which will explain each group's management of the fish in terms of motives, methods, effectiveness and consequences.

In addition, educational and interpretative materials will accompany the exhibit. Public presentations and educational opportunities for educators, adults and children.

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PINPOINTING THE LESSONS OF HISTORY—The role of African American inventors was the topic Feb. 12 when Pin Points Theatre, a musical theatre troupe from Washington, D.C., made a stop at the Bernhard Center for a Black History Month presentation of "1,001 Black Inventions." Troupe member Linda Evans, center, seated, and cellist Ralph Ellison, center right, delivered the performance while Sherrie Fuller, minority affairs and event organizer, looked on. The performance was one of several events held to mark Black History Month on campus. (Photo by Neil Rankin)
State's budget grouping hurts your University

When I first began this column in Sep-tember, I pledged to clearly and consist-ently report that the impact this won-derful University has on the citizens of Michigan so that we could see the growing stature and reputation of WMI. I take that pledge very seriously, but all that we all re-duce our ef fforts on this front. Appar-ently, our message has not been heard in some very important circles.

As you may have seen reported re-cently in the media, the state budget of-fice issued its fiscal year 1999/2000 recommenda-tions for higher education funding. In formulat-ing its recommenda-tion to the legislature, the executive branch has developed what is referred to as an "equity funding formula." We agree whole-heartedly with the intent of this formula, which was to create a system whereby "Universities that offer similar programs and degrees regardless of level or state funding." In fact, we've been ac-tively proposing just such a formula.

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Group one (min. $3,500/student)
Michigan State University
Michigan Technological University
University of Michigan/Ann Arbor
Wayne State University
Western Michigan University

Group two (min. $4,700/student)
Oakland University
University of Michigan/Dearborn
Western Michigan University

Group three (min. $4,600/student)
Central Michigan University
Eastern Michigan University
Ferris State University

Group four (min. $4,500/student)
Grand Valley State University
Lake Superior State University
Northern Michigan University
Saginaw Valley State University
University of Michigan/Flint

These are the proposed groupings.

Fuel cell technology is topic for area engineers' meeting

Fuel cell technology, the power source that may drive the future of the automobile industry, will be the topic Tuesday, Feb. 23, when engineering groups from across the state of Michigan gather at WMU to observe Engineers Week. W. Mitchell will address the impact that the competition begins at 7:30 a.m. in the Student Recreation Area and will continue until about 9 p.m. The public is invited and there is no admission charge. "This is a wonderful achievement for the University community," Floyd said.
Board approves four faculty retirements

The Board of Trustees approved the retirements of four faculty members at its meeting Jan. 22.

The faculty members retiring with emeriti status, along with their years of service and effective dates of retirement are:

- Robert L. Betz, professor of counselor education and counseling psychology, 37 years, effective April 22, 2000; Mary Bush, professor of occupational therapy, 25 years, effective April 30, 1999; Edgar Inselberg, associate professor of biological sciences, 33 years, effective April 30, 1999; and Lewis Walker, chairperson of the Department of Sociology and professor of sociologist, 35 years, effective June 30, 1999.

The board also approved the resignations of three faculty members: Craig S. Arnold, professor of music, effective Aug. 9, 1999; Susan A. Fox, assistant professor of communication, effective Dec. 21, 1998; and Julia B. Smith, assistant professor of instructional leadership, effective Jan. 4, 1999.

In addition, the board approved a leave of absence and the previously announced resignation of Keith A. Pretty, vice president for external affairs and general counsel, effective Dec. 17, 1999.

Staff service nominations due in March

The winter 1999 seminannual Staff Service Excellence Awards program is under way with the goal of having nominations of non-faculty staff members for consideration.

The SSEA program is designed to recognize University personnel who exhibit true service excellence, far out-performing normal job requirements on a regular basis. Non-faculty staff members are eligible to win a $100 prize and a commemorative certificate.

Under the revised format of the SSEA, all nominations will be considered solely on the basis of the nomination. Persons making nominations should include as much detail as possible to describe the employee being nominated by the submitter. Nominations may be submitted through Friday, March 12, to Anne Thompson, human resources, by memo or e-mail directly to Anne.thompson@wmich.edu, or by using a nomination form that can be obtained from human resources by calling 7-3620. Winners for the winter 1999 round will be announced in early April.

Sports Medicine Clinic takes aquatherapy plunge

The Sports Medicine Clinic at Sincere Health Center is offering a new service called aquatherapy.

Aquatherapy is a soothing form of physical therapy for patients who want to build strength and flexibility in a partial weight-bearing environment or who need rehabilitation after surgery of a weight-bearing joint (knee, back, ankle, hip). Buoyancy and resistance help to achieve physical therapy in a calm and comfortable environment. Warm water aids relaxation, decreases pain, decreases joint and spine stress, provides for a cardiovascular workout without putting stress on the joints.

Aquatherapy is offered from 8:30-11:30 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Student Recreation Center therapeutic pool with Brenda Boerger. Boerger is a licensed physical therapist certified as an exercise specialist with the American College of Sports Medicine, 7-10 specialization in musculoskeletal injuries and aquatic therapy.

A description is required to experience aquatherapy. For more information, contact Marcia Ellis, Sincere Health Center, at 7-3574.

Jobs

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

- S-1 and S-2 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 directed to the appropriate dean or chairperson.
- (R) Assistant Professor: Tenure Track; Academic Year, 1/30, Accounting, 99/9-417, 2/16-2/22/99
- (R) Associate Professor: Tenure Track; Academic Year, 1/30, Aviation Sciences, 99/9-418, 2/16-2/22/99
- (R) Assistant Professor: Tenure Track; Academic Year, 1/30, Aviation Sciences, 99/9-419, 2/16-2/22/99
- (N) Internal Auditor: P-06, Internal Audit, 1/30, Accounting, 99/9-421, 2/16-2/22/99
- (R) Assistant Professor: PTE 1.25, Tenure Track; Academic Year, 1/30, Aviation Sciences, 99/9-422, 2/16-2/22/99
- (R) Assistant/Associate Professor: Tenure Track; Academic Year, 1/20/1- 30/1999, P-06, Aviation Sciences, 99/9-423, 2/16-2/22/99
- (R) Day Care Assistant: Tenure end 4/1/2001, P-06, Children’s Place Day Care Center, 99/9-430, 2/16-2/22/99
- (R) Secretary I, S-04, Graduate College, 99/9-431, 2/16-2/22/99

Service

These faculty and staff members are recognized for five, 10, 15, 20, 25, and 30 years of service to the University.

- 15 years — William A. Ritchie, political science
- 20 years — Robert A. Higgins, Brink printing services
- 25 years — Kanti S. Sandhu, University video services, and Beatrice Richel, University libraries
- 30 years — Marcia A. Agema, Davis dining service; Lunny D. Green, registrar’s office; and Hazel N. Williams, Valley Dining service
- 35 years — Mary J. Miller, physical plant-landscaping and grounds maintenance; Janice M. Ross, physical plant-landscaping and grounds maintenance; Marcia A. VanGennep, public safety; and Betty R. Veer, Valley Dining service
- 40 years — Teri Coburn, Sincere Health Center; John A. Ferguson, Paper Technology Foundation; Michael A. Matthews, physical plant-building custodial and support services; Natalie E. Morton, continuing education; and Sonya Scarff, Center for Developmentally Disabled Adults

HIS APPROACH TO STUDENTS IS FAR FROM UNIFORM—Officer Ronald E. Ware is instantly identifiable to students in the University community by his official Department of Public Safety garb, but Ware’s daily routine and work with students in Goldsworthy Village residence halls can be described as anything but uniform. Ware is WMU’s community policing specialist and has established an official presence as part of the Goldsworthy Village student community. A DPS officer since 1990, his current position was funded by the University’s Strategic Planning Group as part of a three-year effort to expand the University’s campus law enforcement. Ware’s 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. work hours were tailored to maximize his contact with students and his office in Garneau-Harvey Hall gives him a place to meet with individual students and retrieve phone messages from them. But for the most part, he is out and about in the valley residence halls, dropping by the cafeteria or lounge, meeting with student groups, checking students’ adherence to security precautions and establishing a sense of trust. “Community policing has some real benefits for students,” Ware says. “It’s a proactive approach that helps remove the adversarial element and establish a trusting relationship. I have a lot of one-on-one contact with students and many of them really open up to me.” Ware says much of his work in the residence halls involves following up on individual complaints and addressing property crimes. When student needs don’t conform to his work schedule, he often drop by the residence halls in his civilian clothes, sometimes startling those who thought he was out of uniform. “This is not an ‘eight-to-five’ kind of job,” he says. He’s been the University’s only community policing officer, but another officer is now in training to assume the same role elsewhere on campus. Ware’s experiences as a community policing, has become a trainer for other police officers enrolled in a six-month skills program at Lansing Community College designed to prepare them for similar roles. Married just last month, Ware enjoys spending time with his family whenever he can. He also is involved in acting with local theatre companies and in gospel singing, performing occasionally with groups on campus for such events as this month’s “Evangelion IV” gospel music festival in Miller Auditorium Feb. 19-20. (Photo by Neil Rankin)

Planning group launches Web page to detail work

The University’s strategic planning group Web page will be available to the University community beginning Monday, Feb. 22.

The committee, headed by Provost Timothy Light, has been charged with helping to set the University’s course in the area of academics and developing an overall academic vision. It is comprised of all faculty members, staff members and a trustee who are charged with preparing preliminary recommendations for President Floyd by April 30.

A link on the WMU home page will take visitors to the site, which will include a complete schedule of meetings, a list of members with contact information for each of the provost’s charge to the committee, the minutes of all meetings and information on public input opportunities.

Human resources

- Join the Lunch & Learn session today to learn about massage and stress relief from Jana Stasny, our nationally certified massage therapist. The session will focus on deep muscle work, healing, and relaxation in the session set for noon to 1 p.m. in Rion Ware’s office, 7-3574.
- Please join Christine Andrew, WMU Benefits Specialist, to discuss the Family Medical Leave Act and how the Benefits Office will help you when you need to take an FMLA leave. You don’t need a reservation to attend this session, so bring your lunch and enjoy this opportunity to learn about this very important benefit.
Modern gospel music is focus of annual African American History Month campus music festival

Modern gospel music is the music of a people in society, outside the hallowed walls of the church, will be explored Feb. 19-20 as part of Black History Month. "In praise of the Rose: A Gathering of Black American Spirituals," will be presented Friday and Saturday, Feb. 19-20. The event will feature music that grew up within the walls of the church, but moved outside to the streets and parks of the urban areas and developed the Black American gospel music we know today.

Students who participate in the music studies program will perform in the black American Studies Program annual music festival, which will feature lectures by four experts in African American music and gospel music. The lectures will be highlighted by performances by traditional and contemporary gospel music artists from Michigan.

Friday evening's program will feature two lecture segments. The first segment, "Spirituals," will be presented by Linda Z. Williams, music professor and chair of the music department, and Peter H. Middleton, director of the Kalamazoo College Music Department. The second segment, "Gospel," will be presented by with Sandy Barry-Loken, assistant director for Barry-Loken Student Center and the conferee for this year's Black History Month celebration. Sandy Barry-Loken gets prestigious regional award

Barry-Loken's award recognized her as one of the outstanding people in the field of student affairs.

The award ceremony took place Feb. 12 at the district's convention in Huntington, W. Va. The award was presented to Barry-Loken by the recognition of the National Association for Student Personnel Administration Region IV-East.

Brylinsky lauded by professional organization

Jody A. Brylinsky, health, physical education and recreation, received the 1999 Scholar Lecture Award last weekend from the Midwest District Hall, American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance.

The award ceremony took place Feb. 12 at the district's convention in Huntington, W. Va. The award was presented to Brylinsky by the recognition of the Continental record of service and distinguished accomplishments, included an opportunity to deliver a lecture at the convention. Brylinsky, a WMU faculty member since 1991, also has been serving since last April as the president of the National Association for Student Personnel and Sport Education. She has been active in recent months as a project director for the new Special Olympics Unified Sports, which are designed for unifying athletes' participation in the games.