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Season's Greetings

We wish all members of the WMU community
and their families the happiest of holiday seasons,
and we hope that the New Year is
full of good health, promise and fulfillment for all.
We join with each of you in hoping for a
good New Year for our University as well.

Diether and Carol Haenicke

Speaker of the House to be honored for exceptional career and devoted service

One of Michigan's most outstanding legislative leaders, State Rep. Paul C. Hillegonds of Holland, will receive an honorary doctor of public service degree Saturday, Dec. 14, during the University's 9 a.m. commencement exercises.



Hillegonds

First elected to the Michigan House of Representatives in 1978, he has been the Republican leader there for 10 years and co-speaker or speaker since 1994.

"Our goal is to recognize Speaker Hillegonds for his exceptional career in the state Legislature and his devoted service to the people of Michigan," said President Haenicke. "He has brought remarkable commitment to the tasks of public service for many years."

Demonstrating a talent for leadership

and consensus building, the Michigan native has served on special subcommittees on workers' compensation and unemployment insurance. He helped negotiate major reforms of both systems and has led the way in product liability, tax and tort reform, property tax reduction and school finance reform.

Hillegonds established the House Republican Policy Committee in 1987. That body has issued two dozen comprehensive reports on such varied issues as job competitiveness, child care, AIDS, school finance and the environment.

An architect of public policy in Michigan, Hillegonds' achievements as a legislative and political leader have been widely recognized. In 1988 the National Republican Legislators Association selected him as one of the 10 Outstanding Legislators of the Year.

The Michigan Mainstream Republican Committee has given Hillegonds its Dis-

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University will award nearly 1,900 degrees

The University will award nearly 1,900 degrees in commencement exercises Saturday, Dec. 14, in Miller Auditorium.

There will be three ceremonies: one at 9 a.m. for graduates of the College of Arts and Sciences and the College of Fine Arts; one at 11:30 a.m. for graduates of the Haworth College of Business and the College of Engineering and Applied Sciences; and one at 2 p.m. for graduates of the

College of Education, the College of Health and Human Services and the Division of Continuing Education's General University Studies Program.

A total of 1,437 bachelor's, 422 master's and 21 doctoral degrees will be awarded. At the 9 a.m. ceremony, State Rep. Paul C. Hillegonds, speaker of the Michigan House of Representatives, will receive an honorary doctor of public service degree. At the 2 p.m. ceremony, the first graduates of WMU's new School of Nursing will receive their degrees (see related stories on this page).

Music for the ceremonies will be performed by the Western Brass Ensemble directed by Robert L. Whaley, music. The national anthem and the alma mater will be sung by WMU's chapter of Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia professional music fraternity. The graduates will be welcomed as new alumni of the University by Robert Miller, president of the WMU Alumni Association. President Haenicke will preside over the ceremonies.

Giving the invocation and benediction during the ceremonies will be: Father Kenneth Schmidt of St. Thomas More Student

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Graduates include first four from nursing program

Four Kalamazoo area health care professionals will earn the first bachelor's degrees in nursing from the University during commencement ceremonies at 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 14, in Miller Auditorium.

The four, who already are registered nurses, are the first of more than 70 students with nursing diplomas who are completing requirements for a bachelor's degree in one of the new School of Nursing's two curriculum tracks. Another 90 students are enrolled in a second track designed for beginning students with no previous nursing education. Those students will begin receiving bachelor's degrees in 1999.

"This community should be pleased and happy that this is really going to happen," says Bernardine M. Lacey, director of the school. "When these four students walk down the aisle on Dec. 14, it will mean the struggle of many people in this community to build this School of Nursing will come to fruition. It has happened because of the support of our donors, the community at large, the WMU community and our dedicated and visionary faculty."

The first four graduates are all employed as nurses in the Kalamazoo area. They are: Paul K. Kokales, a nurse at Bronson Methodist Hospital; Danielle H. Kuzma, a nurse at Westside Medical Center; Lisa McMillan, a nurse at Bronson Methodist Hospital; and Kimberly G. White, a research nurse at Pharmacia & Upjohn.

All four began their studies at WMU in January 1995 and have been enrolled year-round since then. They attended WMU full time while working full time.

"This is an energetic group of students. They've had to be," says Diane B. Hamilton,

nursing, who has been working closely with the students. "They are also very committed to earning a bachelor's degree in nursing."

Because the registered nurse track is tailored for working professionals, the school has made every effort to accommodate work schedules, Hamilton says. All classes are offered in the evenings and on weekends and are often blocked together on the same day. With course work and nursing practice assignments, that can mean a 12 hour per week commitment to the degree program.

The first four graduates came into the program with an edge — three had already earned bachelor's degrees in other disciplines and the fourth had been working toward a bachelor's degree. Their previous academic credits meant they already had met much of the nursing curriculum's general education requirements. And all four brought a sense of commitment to the effort, since earning a degree in their chosen profession was pivotal to their career plans.

"These four students have been magnificent. They are leaving for us a very exciting kind of legacy," Lacey says. "They took a chance on a program that was new and along the way they have provided feedback that will make this an even stronger program. They've shared with us what they see in practice and helped us create a significant program that can be viewed and emulated by nursing programs around the country."

Being a pioneer in a new nursing program was well worth the effort, says Kuzma, one of the four new graduates. She already had earned both a bachelor's degree in occupational therapy from WMU and a nursing diploma from Kalamazoo Valley Community College, but her professional

goal was a bachelor's degree in nursing.

"I knew the nursing program was in the planning stage for several years and I was literally waiting with bated breath for it to start," Kuzma says. "If it hadn't started up when it did, I certainly would have been forced to consider going somewhere else to earn the degree."

The School of Nursing in the College of Health and Human Services was approved by WMU trustees in 1994 after more than three years of planning. Development of the program was funded with grants and gifts to the University totaling more than \$5 million. WMU offers the only bachelor of science degree in nursing at a public college or university in Southwest Michigan.

The school opened its doors at the beginning of the winter 1995 semester with the enrollment of 15 registered nurses in the progression track. The following fall, the first class of four-year pre-licensure students began their studies. Total enrollment in the school is eventually expected to be about 360 students.

Nurses who leave the program, Lacey says, will have a thorough knowledge of the history of nursing and the legacy of nurses through history as well as a clear idea of where nursing may be headed in the next millennium. Nursing is something that can be done any place where there are people, she notes, and the profession is moving away from the hospital as its base and back to its roots in the community.

"It was very far-sighted of Western to recognize that the future of health care is in community-based care," Lacey says. "We have built a program based on a foundation of relationships as a part of the healing

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Did you know?

■ The departments with the largest number of undergraduate majors this fall are: education and professional development with 1,601; finance and commercial law with 1,551; marketing with 906; communication with 890; biological sciences with 847; and sociology with 803.

■ Rounding out the top 10 are: psychology with 733; English with 705; accountancy with 665; and mechanical and aeronautical engineering with 554.

■ The undergraduate curriculum with the most students is University Curriculum, a program for beginning and transfer students who wish to explore academic and career options. It has 1,781 students.

WMU historian to help tell Christmas story on national television program

A WMU historian is one of four national scholars featured in an upcoming broadcast of the A&E Television Network's award-winning "Biography" series.

Paul L. Maier, history, who is an internationally recognized biblical scholar, will be included in "Biography: Mary of Nazareth," which will premiere worldwide at 8 p.m. Monday, Dec. 23.

The program will explore the life of Mary, the young mother of Jesus, who lived in Palestine some 2,000 years ago. It will address the difficulties Mary faced throughout her life, including her family's response to her pregnancy and how she and Joseph escaped King Herod's attempt to kill the newly born Jesus by ordering the murder of all males under two years of age.

Maier will draw upon his research to comment on how Mary may have been raised, her engagement to Joseph, her role in rearing Jesus and how she felt

about Jesus' death.

The producers of the program made contact with Maier through the University's Office of Marketing, Public Relations and Communications and a service called ProfNet, an international network of public relations offices that fields requests from the media for experts on a variety of topics. Producers were so impressed with Maier that they will use him as a source again in an upcoming "Mysteries of the Bible" series.

The author of numerous books, Maier has become a well-known international expert on the origins of Christianity. His insights have been sought by numerous media including U.S. News and World Report, The Learning Channel and the international broadcasting service of the United States government, Voice of America. In 1994, his book, "A Skeleton in God's Closet," became a number one national best-seller in the religious fiction category.

Group works to protect underwater treasures

Shipwrecks and geologic treasures under the southern portion of Lake Michigan may soon get official state protection, and four WMU faculty members have been charged with developing a plan to maximize the educational and recreational use of the area.

The WMU team, led by Michael J. Chiarappa and Kristin M. Szylvian, both history, has been awarded a \$10,000 grant to write a strategic plan that will help make more people aware of the kinds of archeological and geologic structures that need to be protected in the area as well as increase knowledge about Michigan's network of underwater preserves.

David A. Barnes, geology, and James B. Lewis, health, physical education and recreation, also are part of the year-long project, which has been funded by a John Butler Johnson II Memorial Grant, a competitive private fund established by Robert and Ellen Johnson of Fennville.

In developing the plan, the four will act as consultants to the Southwest Michigan Underwater Preserve Committee Inc., a non-profit corporation that was formed in 1990 to get the southern portion of Lake Michigan bottom land added to the state's existing network of underwater preserves. That system, begun in 1980, already has nine areas designated as preserves.

The committee has petitioned the state to form a 10th preserve from the area that begins at the southern tip of Lake Michigan along the Indiana border and goes north to Holland. The preserve would include bottom land off Holland, Saugatuck, Douglas, South Haven, Benton Harbor, St. Joseph and New Buffalo and would extend from the shoreline out into the lake to the 130-foot depth contour or five miles.

According to Szylvian, the area under consideration offers a wealth of items of interest to historians, scientists and sport divers. Those include shipwrecks, natural formations and such structures as piers that once extended far out into the lake. Envi-

ronmental assessments and public hearings on the request already have been completed and the Michigan Department of State and the Department of Environmental Quality are expected to make a joint recommendation on the request to the Michigan Legislature in the coming months.

The new area being proposed for reserve status includes 370 square miles of lake bottom. It would be second in size only to Lake Superior's Whitefish Underwater Preserve, which includes 376 square miles.

More than 40 shipwrecks have been identified in the proposed new preserve area, Szylvian says. The area also includes wharves and piers that are now submerged.

"There are all kinds of things down there that are interesting from both an archeological and a geologic perspective," she notes. Besides the wrecks and pier remains, those include geologic features such as clay banks north of South Haven, and various glacial ridges and canyons.

Piers and geologic features attract various species of aquatic life, including trout, salmon, perch, walleye and carp, Szylvian notes. Such formations also offer laboratories in which to study the effects of and solutions to such problems as zebra mussel colonization.

If the area becomes a preserve, work already started by volunteers will continue to mark the important sites contained in the area. Shipwrecks as well as natural and manmade structures will be identified, mapped and marked for sport divers and researchers. Efforts also will be made to educate those interested in the sites in the preservation ethic.

The strategic plan being developed by the WMU group will be designed to help the preserve committee move forward with its work in promoting and planning for wise use of the area. In addition to addressing the needs of sport divers and researchers, the plan also will assist school groups and local tourism organizations in their use of the area.

Alumnus places third in prestigious competition

The School of Music's reputation for producing accomplished jazz artists moved up another notch recently when one of its graduates finished third in an international competition.

John Wojciechowski, who received his bachelor's degree in music education from WMU in 1995, earned a \$5,000 prize for his saxophone performance in the 10th annual Thelonious Monk International Jazz Competition finalist John Wojciechowski and other student musicians now have the opportunity through a new compact disc produced by the University Jazz Orchestra titled "Disposable Income."

The 18-member orchestra has earned international acclaim for its work, including awards from Down Beat magazine and invitations to perform at the International Association of Jazz Educators conference two consecutive years. Its last CD, titled "Sprite Overdue" and produced in 1995, earned a Grammy nomination last year in the big band jazz category.

The CD is available for \$12.95 at the WMU Bookstore in the Bernhard Center, at Flipside Records and through Trent P. Kynaston in the School of Music.

saxophonist who worked with Wojciechowski. "He was really hard-working. We knew he was a world class jazz artist."

"This comes as no surprise to us because we've always believed he is one of the greatest sax players in the country," added Stephen L. Zegree, music.

Kynaston notes that Wojciechowski won the School of Music's student concerto competition as a senior, performing a classical composition.

"He's multi-talented — not just a jazz musician," Kynaston said. "That's what our program is all about."

As a student, Wojciechowski won several Down Beat magazine awards as a soloist

and as a member of Groov'tet, a student jazz ensemble. He also was a member of the University Jazz Orchestra.

President restores funds for faculty computers

President Haenicke has restored the proposed \$300,000 budget increase for computer equipment and software for faculty members.

The proposed increase had been eliminated temporarily from the 1996-97 budget to help the University deal with a projected \$2.2 million shortfall.

"We're pleased to be able to restore these funds to the budget," Haenicke said. "It is imperative that faculty mem-

bers have the best possible technological resources, including computers. It is, of course, the student who ultimately benefits."

The additional \$300,000 brings to about \$1.5 million the budget for faculty instructional equipment this year. The funds became available from the University's carry-forward balance from the 1995-96 fiscal year. This allocation exhausted the carry-forward balance.

English and theatre students to present plays during reader's theatres Dec. 5 and Dec. 11

Area theatre buffs will have an opportunity to be the first to see the work of 10 new playwrights as English and theatre students collaborate to present two evenings of reader's theatre Thursday, Dec. 5, and Wednesday, Dec. 11.

Both free public presentations, set for 8 p.m. in 3321 Brown Hall, will feature the work of students in playwriting classes taught by Arnie Johnston, English. The work of five undergraduate students, selected by vote in Johnston's beginning playwriting class, will be performed on Dec. 5. Five graduate student works will be performed on Dec. 11.

The 10- to 15-minute play segments will be staged by theatre students, per-

forming with scripts in hand and without props, scenery or movement.

"These aren't full-scale productions by any means," Johnston says. "But hearing a play read in public by talented actors who give the lines full emotional value provides any playwright with vital lessons in the craft."

"Reader's theatre also offers great entertainment for audiences and gives them a glimpse of the creative process in action," says D. Terry Williams, chairperson of theatre. "Student actors and directors gain valuable experience from working with plays no one has ever seen or heard, playing characters no other actor or director has staked a claim on."

Play topics presented will range from the plight of a corporate dropout seeking redirection for his life from a guru in Utah to the tale of two characters from theatre classics who find themselves together in a play of their own called "Yorrick and Godot on Ice."

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A WORLD OF DIFFERENCE

Hands-on opportunity

Some members of the University community who attended the Nov. 19 Sincuse Health Center open house found themselves more relaxed after the event. Meredith L. Nicholson, right, a freshman from Cadillac, took advantage of the opportunity for a free massage by Jana Stastny, a certified massage therapist who works with the Zest for Life program. The open house was intended to showcase the renovated health center along with its broad range of services. Faculty, staff and students could pick up health-related publications, talk with Sincuse staff members and participate in activities ranging from massage to blood pressure screening to using a new interactive computer resource. The health center's renovation began last year and most of the work was completed by the beginning of the fall semester.



Admissions efforts grow in Grand Rapids area

The University has expanded its admissions services for Kent and Ottawa county residents, basing a full-time admissions officer at the Grand Rapids Regional Center.

The new post allows Grand Rapids area residents to more conveniently obtain information about WMU and enroll at the University. It also allows WMU to work more closely with the area's high school counselors, community colleges, businesses and non-traditional students.

"Basing an admissions officer in Grand Rapids means we'll be able to give prospective students, their parents, high school counselors and the rest of the community more attention and service," said Diane M. Ariza, admissions and orientation. "There's going to be a focus on enhancing what we've already been doing in Grand Rapids and there's going to be greater involvement with our alumni who live in the area."

Aaron G. Molenda, a Chicago area native, was hired this fall to fill the admissions officer position.

"What I'd like people to know first is that they can come to me here at the Grand Rapids Regional Center and do literally everything they could do if they were in Kalamazoo, except physically tour the main campus — although I can help arrange a tour too," Molenda said. "In effect, we've brought WMU's admissions office from Kalamazoo to Grand Rapids, providing year-round personal attention and immediate access to information."

Molenda comes to WMU with four years of admissions experience at Aquinas College in Grand Rapids, from where he holds a bachelor of science degree in business administration and communication arts.

He will primarily work with high school



Molenda

juniors and seniors and community college transfer students. He also will devote much of his time to serving the needs of counselors in the area's 40 high schools and Grand Rapids Community College.

Molenda will be a first contact for students interacting with the University. Through his regional center office, they can get up-to-date information about WMU's admissions requirements, facilities and costs, as well as detailed information about academic programs — right down to which ones are the most popular and what careers might be open in those fields. With such initial questions out of the way, students can concentrate on other issues when they visit the Kalamazoo campus.

In addition, those applying for admission may obtain all of the necessary application materials from Molenda. Once completed, he reviews these materials on site in Grand Rapids and immediately notifies applicants whether they have been admitted. Official notification is mailed later.

During certain times of the year, Molenda also will be a resource for organizations and nontraditional students, providing information about the Grand Rapids Regional Center's wide variety of graduate and professional programs, center director James L. Schultz said.

Holiday reception set

Faculty and staff members are invited to the annual holiday reception sponsored by President Haenicke and the Board of Trustees from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 13, in the South Ballroom of the Bernhard Center. Supervisors are encouraged to arrange work schedules so that staff members who wish to attend the reception sometime during the afternoon may do so.

Arts and sciences establishes research awards

The College of Arts and Sciences has established a new awards program to increase opportunities for undergraduates to participate with faculty mentors in professional activity outside the classroom.

Up to 60 College of Arts and Sciences Research and Creative Activities Awards of \$500 will be available each year. Applications for the first awards are being accepted through Friday, Dec. 13.

"This program reflects our desire to better integrate the teaching and research missions of the college and provide the hands-on experience for our undergraduates," said Interim Dean Elise B. Jorgens, arts and sciences.

The program permits students to apply for a specific role with an ongoing faculty-directed research project or to initiate new projects in cooperation with faculty. Preference will be given to projects that actively involve students in significant experiences that go beyond those typically available in the classroom.

In order to facilitate the development of proposals for experiences with ongoing projects, faculty and research centers or institutes will be encouraged to post opportunities for students on a special page of the college's World Wide Web site (<http://www.wmich.edu/cas>).

To be eligible for the award, students generally must have declared a major or minor in a program or department within the college, have completed at least 30 credit hours and have at least a 3.0 grade point average within their major.

Students may receive the award only once and may not hold one during the same semester as an Undergraduate Research and Creative Activities Award administered by the Lee Honors College.

Work associated with the award may be conducted during the fall or winter semesters or during the combined spring/summer sessions. Course credit may be arranged, if desired, through independent study. Award recipients will be asked to file a brief report of their experience with the college at the completion of their project.

Application forms are available in the college office in 2304 Friedmann Hall and in departmental offices. They must be completed by the student, the faculty member who will supervise the project and the recommending department or unit. Faculty members may agree to serve as the mentor for only one applicant per annual competition.

Students should submit the forms to the appropriate department or program. A college committee will rank applications and make recommendations to the dean.

Application forms and more information also are available on the college's home page on the World Wide Web.

Human resources

Jane Brady-Ertz, Juliette Jacobs and Cheryl Wilczak from SDMG Investment Advisory Services will be on campus offering free consultations to WMU employees in December.

Employees participating in the voluntary tax-deferred savings programs can meet with these representatives to learn more about their investment options with TIAA-CREF, Fidelity and Calvert Mutual Funds. They will also calculate allowable salary reduction amounts for 1997.

All employees must submit a signed 1997 salary reduction agreement to SDMG, with a postmark no later than Dec. 20, to participate in the plan next year. All currently-participating employees recently were sent a 1997 salary reduction calculation and agreement. These forms can be signed and returned directly to SDMG without a consultation.

For those employees who want to discuss a possible change in their contribution level, review investment opportunities or start a tax-deferred savings program, private consultations are available.

Consultations will be scheduled through Thursday, Dec. 19. Appointments will be made on Mondays and Wednesdays between 1 p.m. and 4:20 p.m., and on Tuesdays and Thursdays between 8:40 a.m. and

On campus

THERE'S A SCIENCE TO CONDUCTING RESEARCH — Sylvia H. Lyles has an interest in the sciences that carries over into her work in Waldo Library as a science reference evening supervisor. A graduate of Kalamazoo College with a bachelor's degree in chemistry, she began her job here two and a half years ago while still a student. She supervises a dozen students, instructing them on how to help library patrons with such equipment as microfilm machines. She also assists people in researching science topics from anatomy to zoology using some 60 databases and paper indexes, reference books and other materials. "I like helping people," she says. "The work they do is significant and I like being part of helping them complete things." In her spare time, Lyles enjoys bike riding. She eventually hopes to build on her interest in science by attending graduate school in pathology.



Jaksa earns service award from state group

James A. Jaksa, emeritus in communication, has received the 1996 Distinguished Service Award from the Michigan Association of Speech Communication.



Jaksa

Jaksa, who retired this past April after 29 years on the faculty, was recognized for his significant contributions to the field of speech communication and for being a "positive influence" on that profession. The organization cited him for being a "leader and scholar in the speech profession, especially in the area of ethics, as a founder of the Communications Ethics Commission and the director of the National Communication Ethics Conference."

He also served as a member of the

executive committee of the Speech Communication Association and as president of the Michigan Association of Speech Communication. Jaksa is the author of numerous papers, articles, professional presentations and books.

Board will meet Dec. 13

The Board of Trustees is scheduled to meet Friday, Dec. 13, in the Bernhard Center. Times and places of committee meetings and the full board meeting were not available at Western News press time. All meetings are open to the public.

Exchange

FOR RENT — Two-bedroom condo at Cherry Knoll. Air, pool, deck, quiet wooded area centrally located two miles from WMU and three miles from Crossroads Mall. \$465 per month. Call 375-6763.

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) **Clerk II**, S-04, Admissions, 96/97-178, 12/3-12/9/96.

(R) **Word Processor Operator I**, S-05, Graduate College, 96/97-179, 12/3-12/9/96.

(R) **Placement Coordinator**, P-03, Career Services, 96/97-181, 12/3-12/9/96.

(R) **Medical Office Assistant**, S-05, Sindecuse Health Center, 96/97-182, 12/3-12/9/96.

(R) **Power Plant Operator I**, M-6, Power Plant, 96/97-184, 12/3-12/9/96.

(R) **Assistant Professor** (Tenure Track; Academic Year), I-30, Business Information Systems, 96/97-187, 12/3-12/9/96.

(R) **Assistant Professor** (Tenure Track; Academic Year), I-30, Occupational Therapy, 96/97-188, 12/3-12/9/96.

(R) **Assistant Professor** (One-Year Term; Fiscal Year), I-30, Occupational Therapy, 96/97-189, 12/3-12/9/96.

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

NOTE: Job Opportunity Program posting dates and deadlines will be adjusted over the holidays. The last posting period for the year will be Dec. 17 through Dec. 23. There will be no job postings during the winter closure period. In order to be posted in the first posting period of 1997 (Jan. 7 through Jan. 13), signed authorizations must be received in employment services by noon Thursday, Jan. 2.

(R) Replacement
WMU is an EO/AA employer

Media

Several faculty members will be guests in the coming weeks on "Focus," a five-minute interview produced by the Office of Marketing, Public Relations and Communications. "Focus" is scheduled to air on these Saturdays at 6:10 a.m. on WKPR-AM (1420) with the following speakers and topics: Martin S. Meloche, marketing, on the holiday shopping season, Dec. 7; Ariel L. Anderson, on holiday toys, Dec. 14; Maija Petersons, family and consumer sciences, on fruitcake, Dec. 21; and Matthew C. Steel, music, on the story behind "The 12 Days of Christmas," Dec. 28. "Focus" is also used on a regular basis by WKZO-AM (590), WGVU-FM (88.5) and several other radio stations around Michigan.

Calendar

The master calendar maintained by the Office of Marketing, Public Relations and Communications for use in Western News is available through Gopher on the VMScluster. Currently, there are three calendars available: December events; January events; and future events, which run from February through December. To view the calendars, type Gopher at the system prompt. At the next menu, choose 2. Western Michigan University, then choose 5. Campus Calendar. You will find options for 1. This Month's Events, 2. Next Month's Events and 3. Future Events. The calendars also are available through WMU's home page on the World Wide Web under University Information.

Thursday, December 5

*Management development workshop, "Conflict Management and Mediation Skills for Managers," Fetzer Center, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.; to register call 7-3232.
(thru 13) Exhibitions by Michael Dunn, MFA candidate: printmaking, drawing and art books, Gallery II, Sangren Hall, weekdays, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and Saturday, Dec. 7, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; and painting, Student Art Gallery, East Hall, weekdays, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and Saturday, Dec. 14, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; receptions, Friday, Dec. 6: Gallery II, 4-6 p.m.; and Student Art Gallery, 6-8 p.m.
Retirement reception honoring F. Gregory Fisk, education and professional development and science studies, the Oaklands, 3-5 p.m.
Student recital, Kelly A. O'Hara, horn, Dalton Center Lecture Hall, 6 p.m.
Concert, Collegium Musicum, Dalton Center Recital Hall, 8 p.m.
Reader's theatre, segments of plays by five undergraduate English students performed by theatre students, 3321 Brown Hall, 8 p.m.

Friday, December 6

*(and 7) Hockey, WMU vs. Miami University, Lawson Arena, 7 p.m.
Concert, Collegium Novum, with featured guest, composer Joan Tower, Dalton Center Recital Hall, 8 p.m.
*(thru 8) Kalamazoo Film Society showing, "Wallace and Gromit: The Best of Aardman, Animation," 2750 Knauss Hall: Dec. 6-7, 8 p.m.; and Dec. 8, 2:30 p.m.

Saturday, December 7

*Men's basketball, WMU vs. the University of Evansville, University Arena, 2 p.m.
*Performance, Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra with violinist Itzhak Perlman, Miller Auditorium, 8 p.m.

Sunday, December 8

Concert, "Jazz for the Holidays," Western Jazz Quartet, Gold Company, GCII, University Jazz Orchestra, Diana Spradling and Sunny Wilkinson, Miller Auditorium, 3 p.m.
**"Choirs, Christmas, Cuisine," University Chorale, Fetzer Center, 6 p.m.

Tuesday, December 10

Faculty development services program, "Creating an Effective Syllabus," Mary Ann Bowman, faculty development services, 3001 Waldo Library, 11 a.m.-noon; to register call 7-5305.

Wednesday, December 11

Doctoral oral examination, "The Relationship Between Cooperating Teachers' and Student Teachers' Concerns," Dan A. Gerbens, educational leadership, 3504 Sangren Hall, 1:30 p.m.
Reader's theatre, segments of plays by five graduate English students performed by theatre students, 3321 Brown Hall, 8 p.m.

Friday, December 13

Meeting, Board of Trustees, times and locations to be announced.
Doctoral oral examination, "Reconstruction of Wetland Hydrology Dynamics Using Tree Rings," Allan P. Hascall, geology, 3330 Rood Hall, 2 p.m.
Holiday reception sponsored by President Haenicke and the Board of Trustees, South Ballroom, Bernhard Center, 2:30-4:30 p.m.

Saturday, December 14

Commencement, Miller Auditorium, 9 a.m., 11:30 a.m. and 2 p.m.
*Hockey, WMU vs. Bowling Green State University, Lawson Arena, 7 p.m.

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process. It's a different way of thinking and other schools of nursing are now changing to reflect that kind of thinking. We are really on the leading edge here and, as we go on, the vision is becoming clearer."

For students that means changing both their perceptions about what nurses do and working at relating to both the faculty and other students in new and demanding ways.

"It wasn't easy by any means," says McMillan of the pressures of juggling the demands of family, work and student life

as she completed her degree requirements. "But now I can say it's pretty satisfying to have made it through. The small group format and a lot of one-on-one work with faculty made it possible for me to put this all together."

With the first set of bachelor's degrees being awarded, Lacey says she and her staff feel a tremendous sense of accomplishment, but are by no means ready to rest on their laurels. There's work still to be done.

"The school will always be a work in progress," Lacey says. "We're not sure what the future of health care will be, but we're confident we're at least providing a peek into what that future will look like."

Hillegonds

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tinguished Republican Leader Award. Governing Magazine named him its national Public Official of the Year and the Michigan Manufacturers Association this year selected him as its first Legislator of the Year.

Hillegonds' career in public service has been a bridge between the state's public and private sectors. Even though he has decided to leave the state Legislature at the end of this term, he will continue to serve both sectors as president of Detroit Renaissance. A private organization, it seeks to revitalize the state's largest city.

Hillegonds, 47, graduated with a degree in political science from the University of Michigan and earned his law degree at the Thomas M. Cooley Law School in Lansing. He currently serves on the law school's board of directors and on the board of Michigan First.



DISTINGUISHED SPEAKER SERIES — Daniel R. Smith, who retired earlier this year as chairman and chief executive officer of the First of America Bank Corp., presented the second lecture in the Haworth College of Business' Distinguished Speaker Series Nov. 20. He discussed the accelerating rate of global change in the commercial banking industry. Following the lecture, Smith, second from right, attended a reception with, from left, President Haenicke, Interim Dean F. William McCarty, Haworth College of Business, and, at right, Christopher M. Korth, chairperson of finance and commercial law and coordinator of the series. The lectures are intended to bring together business, education and government leaders to discuss a variety of topics of interest to the University and to Southwest Michigan.

Sunday, December 15

Concert, 14th annual Christmas Festival of Brass Music, Western Brass Quintet and brass and percussion students, Dalton Center Recital Hall, 3 p.m.

Wednesday, December 18

*Women's basketball, WMU vs. the University of Detroit, University Arena, 7 p.m.

Saturday, December 21

*Men's basketball, WMU vs. Northern Illinois University, University Arena, 2 p.m.

Monday, December 23

*Men's basketball, WMU vs. the University of Detroit, University Arena, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, December 25

(thru Jan. 1) Holidays and winter closure, most offices closed.

Tuesday, December 31

*Viennese New Year's Gala, Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra, Bernhard Center, 8:30 p.m.

Friday, January 3

*(and 4) Hockey, WMU vs. the University of North Dakota, Lawson Arena, 7 p.m.

Saturday, January 4

*Women's basketball, WMU vs. Ohio University, University Arena, 2 p.m.

Tuesday, January 7

Winter semester classes begin.

*Jazz concert, Sunny Wilkinson, vocals, Frank Potenza, guitar, Trent Kynaston, saxophone, Thomas Knific, bass, and Billy Hart, drums, Dalton Center Recital Hall, 8 p.m.

Wednesday, January 8

School of Music Convocation Series concert, GCII, Dalton Center Recital Hall, 2 p.m.
Master class, Randy Brecker, trumpet, Dalton Center Recital Hall, 4 p.m.

*Men's basketball, WMU vs. Bowling Green State University, University Arena, 7 p.m.

*Concert, GCII and the Western Jazz Quartet with Randy Brecker, trumpet, Dalton Center Recital Hall, 8 p.m.

Thursday, January 9

(thru 28) Exhibition, handmade books and lithographs by Jo Anna Poehlmann, Milwaukee artist, Gallery II, Sangren Hall, weekdays, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Meeting, Faculty Senate, Fetzer Center, 5:15 p.m.

*Admission charged

Faculty member performs in 'virtual concert'

A WMU faculty member has achieved a first by taking his music on the information superhighway — and he traveled with some pretty esteemed companions along the way.

Thomas Knific, music, was selected to be part of a group that performed the first live interactive concert on the Internet Nov. 24 from Seoul, South Korea.

He says that an earlier concert was broadcast live on the Internet from Japan, but it wasn't interactive like the one in which he participated at the request of John Kim, chief executive officer of Cyber Planet Korea.

Kim, who is considered one of the most creative users of the Internet in Asia, put his idea of a "Dream Band" together for the event. It was dubbed a virtual jazz conference/Dream Band jazz concert and was part of the Internet 1996 World Exposition.

In addition to Knific, who plays bass, the "Dream Band" included well-known artists: Eric Marienthal on saxophone, who has performed in Chick Corea's group and was the first signee on a new label for Polygram, a major record producer; Toots Thiemans on harmonica, who does a lot of studio work and has performed on numerous recordings — such as the theme from "Sesame Street"; Harvey Mason on drums, who also has done a lot of studio work; and Kenny Werner on piano, who has played in

the Vanguard Jazz Orchestra and will be on campus in March as an artist-in-residence.

"Everybody was from L.A. or New York," Knific said. "I was the only one there without an agent!"

The three-hour event took place at the Seoul Hilton Convention Center before an in-house audience of 1,500. It was carried live throughout the world on the Internet through a satellite connection.

"There must have been 100 people involved in technical support alone," Knific said.

He likened the concert to an MTV production. "It was like I imagine making a music video would be," Knific said. "Jazz is usually done in a more intimate setting. This was so different with all the cameras and the staging."

In front of each of the musicians on stage were two-by-two-foot computer screens. During breaks between the pieces, viewers could submit questions, which the performers answered on stage.

This was Knific's fourth Asian tour and his third trip to Korea, whose people, he says, are just beginning to develop an interest in jazz. Organizer Kim first took notice of Knific two years ago when he attended the International Association of Jazz Educators conference in Anaheim, Calif. Knific performed there with the Western Jazz Quartet and vocalist Sunny Wilkinson.