

# WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY WESTERN NEWS

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## WMU draws international scholars for teaching, research

A former university president from Sri Lanka, a top Pakistani civil servant and a medievalist from England are among nine international scholars visiting WMU during the winter semester.

Howard J. Dooley, international affairs, says the University has always sought students and faculty from abroad, with the aim of encouraging joint projects and expanding WMU's student population.

"It's all really part of becoming a university with a global and national reputation," Dooley says. "We would like to become a scholarly mecca, attracting people from around the world who would come here to conduct joint research, take sabbaticals, use our facilities in the sciences or engineering — all the reasons that signal that the University is more than a regional player."

International scholars can take a variety of routes to get to WMU. Some are invited, a number take part in exchange programs and others arrive by scholarship. This year's guests include a Fulbright Scholar and an International Research and Exchange Board Scholar. Dooley says their presence sends a very important message.

"They (Fulbright and IREX scholarships) are very competitive," he says. "This is a very important signal that we're rising in the eyes of the U.S. Information Agency."

One of the most unique scholars to come to WMU this year is a former university president, Jayaweera Gunadasa. A guest of the Office of International Affairs, he served from 1991 to 1994 as vice chancellor (president) of Sri Lanka's leading institution, the University of Peradeniya. He currently is an associate professor of geography there and has interests in higher education administration, economic geography, rural development and regional planning.

Gunadasa is spending the winter semester at WMU researching the American system of higher education, focusing on management and curriculum. He hopes his WMU experience will not only make him a better teacher, but allow him to provide valuable input on a changing Sri Lankan higher education system.

Gunadasa says recent industrialization and the expansion of the private sector have made access to higher education a



**SHARING GLOBAL EXPERTISE** — Jayaweera Gunadasa, right, former vice chancellor (president) of the University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka's leading institution, is one of nine international scholars on campus during the winter semester. Howard J. Dooley, international affairs, whose office is the host for Gunadasa's visit, says the presence of such scholars is part of becoming a university with a global reputation.

politically sensitive issue. Even though the government pays for students' education in Sri Lanka, limited facilities prevent universities from accepting all qualified students.

"At the moment there's a great debate going on in the country about the relevance of university education and its quality," he says. "In light of my experience, I may be able to make some contributions in this area."

Since his arrival in January, Gunadasa quickly observed a lack of student unrest that has plagued the University of Peradeniya for the past two decades. Since 1971, there have been two rebellions in the country and it's not uncommon for the university to be closed for several weeks because students have taken up resistance against the administration and are boycotting lectures.

"Our students are much more politically aggressive," he says. "We have a lot of unrest in the university. You don't seem to be having that in this university. Students are much more engaged in their studies and they have a very peaceful environment in which to concentrate."

Gunadasa says the student agitation can stem from outside politics or from student affairs like proposals to decrease financial aid and increase prices in the cafeteria. He says the students jealously guard any efforts to make them pay for their college education.

Gunadasa is impressed by the wide range of departments and the subjects available to students at WMU.

"In our system, we don't leave so much flexibility for the students to go into breadth

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## Haenicke to testify before Senate subcommittee Feb. 23

President Haenicke will make the University's case for increased state funding at a public hearing Friday, Feb. 23, in Kalamazoo of the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Higher Education.

Haenicke is scheduled to speak at 3:15 p.m. in the Olmsted Room of Mandelle Hall at Kalamazoo College. The subcommittee is chaired by State Sen. Joe Schwarz of Battle Creek.

WMU is seeking recognition of its status as one of the state's four largest, state-wide universities and its only public Doctoral I university. Gov. John Engler has recommended that WMU receive an increase of 4 percent for 1996-97, the amount he proposed for all state universities.

Some other schools have been slated for additional funds to put them on a par with comparable institutions.

## 300 collegiate dancers here for festival Feb. 29-March 2

More than 300 dancers and teachers from five states will be on campus Thursday through Saturday, Feb. 29-March 2, for the Great Lakes Regional Festival of the American College Dance Festival Association.

The WMU Department of Dance is playing host to the event that will feature 42 dances judged by three experts in dance and choreography. WMU has entered two dances in the competition.

Other events will include master classes and three dance concerts, which will take place in Shaw Theatre. At 8:30 p.m. Thursday, there will be a faculty concert featuring performances by faculty dancers from several institutions, including WMU. At 8:30 p.m. Friday, a Michigan dance company showcase concert will include performances by several groups from around the state. The festival will conclude at 8 p.m. Saturday with a gala concert featuring the judges' choices of the best dances from the region.

Tickets for the concerts are \$10 for adults and \$8 for students and senior citizens and will be available at the door beginning at 6:30 p.m.

## Did you know?

■ Some 963 people participated in University computing services workshops during fall 1995: 537 students, 108 faculty members and 318 staff members. Three-quarters of the participants take the classes to improve personal productivity. A total of 84 percent of the participants would recommend UCS workshops to others.

■ Student Recreation Center users participated in drop-in recreation 48,685 times during fall 1995. A total of 201 faculty, staff, retirees and spouses were members of the SRC during that semester. The peak time for use of the facility is 7:30 p.m.

■ During the 1994-95 academic year, the residence hall staff coordinated 3,086 programs in such categories as diversity, academic enhancement, community service, alcohol education, environmental concerns, social and recreation.

## Board of Trustees Room named for trustee emeritus Alfred Connable

The Board of Trustees Room in the Bernhard Center was named for Alfred B. Connable of Kalamazoo in ceremonies Feb. 19.

The room has been used regularly for meetings of the WMU board since the independent governing body was created in 1964 with Connable as a charter member. He was the first to serve as the board's vice chairperson. While he left the board in 1967, he has continued to provide volunteer service to the University as a trustee emeritus.

"No name is more appropriately associated with this room," said President Haenicke. "Al Connable has served as a trusted counsel to three presidents of our University over a period of more than three decades. As a trustee and trustee emeritus, he has given valued advice to me and to my predecessors, John Bernhard and Jim Miller."

According to Haenicke, Connable was honored in recognition of both his long volunteer service to the University and his generous financial support. Among other gifts, Connable and his wife, Tenho, recently pledged \$250,000 through their estate to support the President's Unrestricted Endowment.



**CONNABLE HONORED** — Alfred B. Connable of Kalamazoo addressed guests during ceremonies Feb. 19 naming the Board of Trustees Room for him. Connable was a charter member of the governing body and has continued to provide volunteer service to the University as a trustee emeritus.

The dedication ceremony was planned in conjunction with Connable's 92nd birthday, which was the following day. Several members of his family attended. Principal participants included Haenicke, Connable, trustee emerita Gayl F. Werme of Portage, trustee emeritus Julius Franks Jr. of Grand Rapids and trustee Richard Y. St. John of Kalamazoo.

Although semi-retired, Connable serves as a consultant to a private trustee's firm established in 1894 by his grandfather. The Connables are charter members of WMU's President's Circle, which was founded in 1976 to honor major donors. He was previously recognized by WMU with an honorary doctor of humanities degree in 1962.



## APA plans luncheon for 25th anniversary

The Administrative Professional Association will celebrate its 25th anniversary with a Thursday, March 28, luncheon at the Fetzer Center.

"Silver Threads Among the Brown and Gold" will be the theme of the event as current and retired former members gather from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. to reflect on a quarter of a century of accomplishments and share insights about the organization's future.

"We hope to have a majority of our membership participate in this event," says Diane M. Snyder, Haworth College of Business, who is co-chairperson of the event. "Any current or retired member is welcome to attend. We promise lots of laughter and a few surprises."

Entertainment for the celebration will be provided by "Pieces of Dreams," a four-piece Kalamazoo band with a vocalist. Robert J. Ricci, music, is a member of the group, which will perform a variety of musical favorites.

The cost of attending the event is \$10 per person. Reservation forms have been mailed to all current APA members and must be returned with payment by March 15 to Linda J. Doremus, Bernhard Center. Retired members wishing to attend or persons with questions about the event should contact Snyder at 7-5088 or her co-chairperson Betty D. Dennis, Center for Academic Support Programs, at 7-3330.

## Admissions candidate here

Robert S. Magee, a candidate for WMU's director of admissions and orientation, will make a presentation on "Admissions Issues for 2000 and Beyond" at 4 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 22, in 157 Bernhard Center.

The University community is invited to attend the event, as well as the reception following it. Magee currently is assistant to the chancellor for enrollment services and director of admissions at Indiana University, where he has worked since 1979.

He is the second candidate being brought to campus for interviews, according to Carol L. Stamm, associate vice president for academic affairs and chairperson of the search committee. The first candidate, Troy Johnson, director of graduate admissions and enrollment management at Texas Tech University, visited last week.

## Volume explores the underground economy

Tax evasion, illegal drugs, youths and crime, and overseas holdings of U.S. currency are among the topics covered in a new book edited by a WMU faculty member.

Susan Pozo, economics, is the editor of "Exploring the Underground Economy: Studies of Illegal and Unreported Economic Activity." The volume is a collection of six papers presented during the Department of Economics' 30th annual lecture-seminar series on campus in the 1993-94 academic year. The series was co-sponsored by the Upjohn Institute for Employment Research in Kalamazoo, which published the book.

Individually, the papers offer detailed looks at issues having great economic and social impact on broad segments of our society. Taken together, they provide a thorough review of the size and signifi-

cance of one of the largest economies in the world — the underground economy.

"The underground economy refers to economic activity that is unrecorded," says Pozo, who also directed the lecture-seminar series. "There are two main reasons for economic activity to go underground. First, the production of the good or the transaction may be illegal, as in the case of illegal drugs. Second, the transactor may wish to avoid paying taxes on the production of legal goods and services."

Some experts claim the size of the underground economy is as high as 30 percent of total economic production, while others maintain it is as low as 1 or 2 percent. Generally, economists believe it accounts for about 10 percent of gross domestic product.

The economists contributing to the book and their topics are:

- "Overseas Holdings of U.S. Currency and the Underground Economy" by Edgar L. Feige of the University of Wisconsin at Madison.
- "The Mismeasurement of Illegal Drug Markets" by Peter Reuter of the University of Maryland.
- "The Supply of Youths to Crime" by Richard B. Freeman of Harvard University and the National Bureau of Economic Research.
- "Explaining Tax Compliance" by James Alm of the University of Colorado at Boulder.
- "Beating the System?" by Ann Dryden Witte of Florida International University and Wellesley College.
- "The Informal Economy: Perspectives from Latin America" by Alejandro Portes of Johns Hopkins University.

## Cultural celebrations

The Division of Minority Affairs has had reason to celebrate this month. February is designated as African Heritage Month and Feb. 12-19 was observed as Chicano History Week. **BELOW:** Mexican American sculptor Manuel M. Salas of Saginaw led a Feb. 13 brown bag lunch and discussed his work with wood carvings. **AT LEFT:** On the same day, participants could go next door in Ellsworth and sample an ethnic food feast of African and African American favorites. Tasting the spread were, from left, Elizabeth Richardson, Martin Luther King Jr. Program; Brenda C. Mansfield, King/Chavez/Parks Program; Jimmy Stacy, a junior from Chicago; and Tamara Y. Venable, a junior from Detroit.



## Beech hopes to unravel medieval mystery with new book

A new book by a retired WMU faculty member could provide the key to a mystery that has baffled literary scholars for many years.

George T. Beech, emeritus in history, is the author of "Le Conventum (vers 1030); un precurseur acquitain des premieres epopées" ("The Conventum: An Aquitanian Precursor of the Earliest Epics From Around 1030"). The 190-page volume was published in French by Librairie Droz in Geneva, Switzerland.

The book focuses on a document called

"The Conventum" that was written in about 1030 A.D. in Aquitaine, now southwestern France. Beech first ran across the document 30 years ago while conducting research for his dissertation and completing his doctoral degree in medieval history.

Although the document had been known in historical circles since the 17th century, Beech was the first scholar to write on it and bring it to the attention of modern medievalists. Most viewed it as a curious form of convention or political-legal agreement or treaty, although many were perplexed by its unique features.

Beech at first went along with this theory. But four years ago, he came back to the document with a new hypothesis.

"The idea had been developing in my mind that I was dissatisfied with all of the works that had been done on it," he says. "In the past 10 years, a lot of historians had seen it and a lot had been written about it. I was convinced that they had all failed to see what it was. So I decided to go back to it and test the hypothesis that it was a literary document that told a story."

In his book, Beech claims that "The Conventum" is a previously unrecognized precursor of the earliest medieval epics written in languages native to their particular regions.

"From the time of their first appearance in written form in early 12th century France, these long narrative poems enjoyed an immediate success and subsequently spread everywhere in Europe by the end of the Middle Ages, thereby laying the foundations for the literatures of the various European languages," Beech explains. "Yet, the origins of the epics has been one of the most puzzling problems in medieval literary history."

Beech says that the oldest known epics, such as the "Song of Roland," show a high degree of literary elegance and sophistication.

origins and predates the earliest fully developed verse epics by at least 75 years. In addition, it comes from the same region where several other forms of vernacular writing — the earliest known in the French language — also first appeared at about the same time.

"What has previously been thought to be a treaty is a story," Beech says. "This is a story with a plot that begins with the development of a conflict between two men. One man is a lord and the other is a vassal. The lord takes advantage of the vassal and 'does him dirt' in various ways. The conflict comes to a crisis where the vassal revolts, and he's in a position such that the conflict is resolved in his favor."

"This sounds like the plot of many of the medieval epics," Beech continues. "There is a dispute between people, the conflict grows to the point where there's a crisis and then it is resolved. This is a classic pattern all through the medieval epics. What I'm arguing is that this document is in fact a story and, in embryonic form, a kind of epic."

In addition to its classic plotline, "The Conventum" uses dialogue, which is another characteristic of epic poems, Beech says.

Because the document was thought to be a treaty for so many years, it was known mostly in historical rather than literary circles. Beech hopes his book draws the attention of literary historians to the work and promotes discussion of his theory.

Beech conducted most of his research for the book during a 1991-92 sabbatical leave in France, working on a manuscript of "The Conventum" housed in the National Library in Paris. Two of his French colleagues, Yves Chauvin and Georges Pon of the University of Poitiers, contributed to the book by preparing the edition of the original vernacular text and furnishing a French translation of it.

Originally written in English, the book was translated into French so that it could be published in what is the leading series of monographs on medieval French literature. A copy is available in Waldo Library.

Beech is the author of two other books and some 30 articles for scholarly journals. A faculty member at WMU for 32 years, he retired in 1992.

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## Nearly 100 students depart Feb. 23 for week of service through Alternative Spring Break

Instead of working on their tans, nearly 100 WMU students will be working on their volunteer skills during this year's spring break.

The contingent will depart from campus Friday, Feb. 23, to participate in "Alternative Spring Break" at eight sites in seven states. The volunteers will be engaged in activities ranging from delivering meals to people with AIDS in New York City to building homes in Florida.

Alternative Spring Break is a service-oriented initiative that provides students with an opportunity to participate in a positive volunteer experience while learning the importance of community service. Sponsored by WMU's student volunteer services, the program encourages students to leave their familiar surroundings and discover some very different experiences.

"College students can become so separated from the rest of the world's problems," said Rolland R. Elliott, co-chairperson of the program and a senior from Lapeer. "Alternative Spring Break puts students face to face with a totally different community and allows them to perform very worthwhile 'hands-on' service."

Elliott is chairing the program with Chandler W. Marietta, a junior from Goodrich. They were instrumental in setting up the opportunities for the other students. Together, they chose and secured the sites, interviewed and selected candidates, trained the site leaders and provided administrative support for the entire program. Elliott also will be acting as site leader for the program.

The Alternative Spring Break program, now in its fifth year at WMU, continues to draw more student volunteers each year. The first program in 1992 consisted of only 12 students and one site.

Elliott and Marietta selected the sites by using information from last year's Alternative Spring Break program and by contacting BreakAway, a nationwide network of alternative break resources. They tried to choose a diversity of sites because they wanted to appeal to as broad a spectrum of students as possible. Each site will be served by two leaders and a group of eight to 10 students.

The sites are located in Big Talbot Island, Fla.; Florida City, Fla.; Hanover, Va.;

### Changing campus culture subject of videoconference

"Coping with Changing Campus Culture" is the title of a videoconference scheduled for 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 5, in the Clock Tower Conference Room of the University Computing Center.

The program will focus on pressures affecting faculty members, including: increasing financial constraints; new competition for funds among colleagues; changing and challenging student populations; acrimonious arguments over political correctness; and the rapidly growing role of technology in teaching and learning.

The videoconference is intended to help faculty identify and understand these pressures, to examine possible additional changes in higher education and to develop skills to deal effectively with new realities.

A discussion among campus participants will follow the program.

The event is being sponsored on campus by the Office of Faculty Development Services. To register or for more information, call 7-5305 or send e-mail to: maryann.bowman@wmich.edu.

## Media

Two faculty members will be guests in the coming weeks on "Focus," a five-minute interview produced by news services. "Focus" is scheduled to air on these Saturdays at 6:10 a.m. on WKPR-AM (1420) with the following speakers and topics: Robert A. Wertkin, social work, on the social service system, Feb. 24; and Susan L. Caufield, sociology, on the status of the women's movement, March 2. "Focus" is also used on a regular basis by WKZO-AM (590), WKMI-AM (1360) and several other radio stations around Michigan.

Tahlequah, Okla.; New York City; Cleveland; Union, W. Va.; and Nashville. In addition to delivering meals and building homes, the students will be helping with upkeep of a bird sanctuary, tutoring children, volunteering with a Head Start Program and working at a refugee center.

Each student is expected to pay \$110 to cover part of the costs of the trip. This money, along with funding from WMU's Student Budget Allocation Committee and the Office of the President, made all of the trips possible.

Although the actual trip will end on Saturday, March 2, the students' dedication to increased community service will continue. When the students return to campus, they will participate in other community service activities designed to harness the enthusiasm of the groups upon their return.

"In order to obtain the long term goals of the program, we need to bring service back into our community," Marietta says. "The goal is to help students make the connections between the distant and the immediate community and bring the spirit of their work back to Kalamazoo."

### Photo ideas sought

Is there a University staff member you would like to see featured in "on campus"? Please call Ruth A. Stevens, news services, at 7-4114 with your ideas or e-mail her at: ruth.stevens@wmich.edu.

## On campus

**GET YOUR ANSWERS HERE** — Imagine seeing 25 students a day — almost all of whom need an answer to a different question. That's the job of Diane M. Snyder, an adviser in the academic advising and admissions office of the Haworth College of Business. She is one of four people in the office who sees everyone from prospective freshmen to graduate students. She provides advice in such areas as course scheduling and direction, getting acclimated to campus for freshmen and transfer students and moving from the undergraduate to the graduate business program. "No two students have the same question," she says. "There's always a different slant."

Snyder especially enjoys dealing with nontraditional students. "They're usually very fearful of going back to school," she says. "It's delightful to see how successful they are." Snyder holds a bachelor's degree in business education and taught high school, community college and adult education classes before joining the WMU staff. An employee for seven years, she worked in the Department of Finance and Commercial Law for a brief stint and then came to the advising office. When not at work, Snyder stays busy with her two high school aged children. Both are involved in sports, so she's active in the booster clubs. She's also active in her church and in the WMU Administrative Professional Association as chairperson of the Awards and Recognition Committee. Currently, she's hard at work coordinating the March 28 APA 25th anniversary luncheon.



## Gross chronicles experiences at spiritual retreat in diary

Books from faculty members are typically scholarly endeavors, but one professor has ventured into new territory with his latest work.

"Days With Uncle God-Momma" by Francis L. Gross Jr., comparative religion, is a personal diary of his spiritual retreats at a house of prayer located in the southeast Texan desert near Corpus Christi. The place is called Lebh Shomea, which is Hebrew for listening heart.

"I've always been interested in diaries, just because they're so personal and they're more interesting than the lists of deeds," he says. "So I just took the chance in writing the book."

Gross convinced his wife Toni to join him for a month-long stay at Lebh Shomea. The two lived separately, only visiting nightly during a four-mile walk. Most of the day was spent quiet and alone — reading, working, praying and meditating. Gross believes that most people understand the importance of the solitude he found at Lebh Shomea, even though many might find it playing golf or fishing instead.

"I think a lot of people who pine for the

Upper Peninsula love the silence," Gross explains. "The fishing, the hunting and all those things you do by yourself — I think they're basically the same thing. We just fancy them up with names like meditation. I think everyone who doesn't go crazy does some of these things and usually they aren't given sacred names."

Gross describes his spiritual retreat as an adventurous, scary time. He says when you're quiet for as long as a month, all the things that are hidden come out and you can't get away from them. For Gross, some of these things emerged in dreams and helped shape his understanding of God and himself.

In fact, the title of the book came from a dream he had about a large African American woman, combined with his thoughts of how his uncles contributed to his idea of God.

"There was a sense of being loved and held onto," he says of the dream. "It was as if she was a side of myself that I didn't know very well — if at all — and it was high time I made friends with it."

Gross' first retreat to Lebh Shomea was in 1992. He returned in 1994 for two weeks.

His diary covers both retreats and also includes a visit with some Jesuit friends at an Indian reservation in South Dakota. Gross is a former priest and member of the Society of Jesus, the Jesuit order. He says his retreats and visits with his Jesuit friends taught him some simple, but important lessons like self-acceptance. That despite his dreams of being a missionary in a faraway land, his true calling was to be exactly what he is — a teacher.

"The hard road is being whatever you are and not what you wish you were," Gross says. "For idealistic people that's always kind of disappointing because what you are isn't nearly as interesting as your great ideals of being far off and doing hard things."

Gross says he's especially interested in the confusion of modern man. He originally wrote his book for a male audience but admits he hasn't had a lot of feedback.

"What I'm finding out is that the people who read this book and like it are mostly women — and I don't know why that is," Gross says. "Guys aren't reading it. I give it to my male friends and their wives read it, maybe because it's easier for women to talk about their inner lives."

Gross says his book isn't a scholarly work, but he says it's better than any of the other scholarly items he's ever written. He wants readers of the diary to come away with a feeling of hope.

"Maybe there are other people out there who are funny, outrageous and holy at the same time, because that's not the stereotype," he says. "Maybe there are some people that have warts and lumps and are religious too. They have a drink, maybe smoke, have done some bad stuff, all that kind of thing, not just plain vanilla."

"The society we live in is friendly to the company type, that's how you get ahead," Gross continues. "So, if you write a book that isn't too 'companyish' maybe it could be encouraging to other people who don't want to get swallowed up in the system."

Gross has been a WMU faculty member since 1972. He is the author of seven other books, including "The Making of a Mystic: Seasons in the Life of Teresa of Avila," "Searching for God" and "How to Survive in College."

"Days with Uncle God-Momma" is published by Crossroad Publishing Co. of New York City. It's available at local bookstores for \$13.95.

## 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 can apply for any of these positions (bargaining or non-bargaining) by submitting a job opportunity transfer application during the posting period, or may contact an employment services staff member for assistance in identifying themselves as candidates for these openings.

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 III** (Term Ends 2/28/97), S-05, Mathematics and Statistics, 95/96-406, 2/20-2/26/96.

(R) **Microcomputer Resource Analyst I**, X-01, University Computing Services, 95/96-407, 2/20-2/26/96.

(R) **Assistant/Associate Professor**, I-30/20, Industrial and Manufacturing Engineering, 95/96-408, 2/20-2/26/96.

(R) **Instructor** (One-Year Term), I-40,

Finance and Commercial Law, 95/96-409, 2/20-2/26/96.

(R) **Assistant Professor** (Tenure Track), I-30, Management, 95/96-410, 2/20-2/26/96.

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# Calendar

The master calendar maintained by news services for use in Western News is available through Gopher on the VMScluster. Currently, there are three calendars available: February events; March events; and future events, which run from April through December. To view the calendars, type Gopher at the system prompt. At the next menu, choose 2. Western Michigan University, then choose 4. Campus Calendar. You will find options for 1. This Month's Events, 2. Next Month's Events and 3. Future Events.

## Thursday, February 22

Exhibition, pastel drawings and prints by Yvonne Leonard, Chicago, Space Gallery, Knauss Hall, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.  
 (thru 23) Exhibition, paintings by Corianna Garrels, BFA candidate, Student Art Gallery, East Hall, weekdays, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.  
 Mathematics and statistics lectures by Peter Hilton, State University of New York at Binghamton and the University of Central Florida, and Jean Pedersen, the University of Santa Clara: "Linking Geometry and Algebra in the Pascal Hexagon," Commons Room, sixth floor, Everett Tower, 10 a.m.; and "The Geometry of Multinomial Coefficients: The Pascal Cuboctahedron," 1104 Rood Hall, 4 p.m.; refreshments, 3:50 p.m.  
 "A Gathering of Women," Faculty Dining Room, Bernhard Center Public Cafeteria, noon-1 p.m.  
 Human resources seminar, "Managing Stress: Dealing with Difficult Personalities in the Workplace," Kathy O. Kreager, Employee Assistance Program, 157-159 Bernhard Center, noon-1 p.m.; to register call 7-3625.  
 Master class, Ursula Oppens, piano, Dalton Center Recital Hall, 2 p.m.  
 \*University computing services workshop, "DOS Intermediate," 2033 University Computing Center, 3-5 p.m.; for registration information, call 7-5161.  
 Presentation by candidate for director of admissions and orientation, "Admissions Issues for 2000 and Beyond," Robert S. Magee, assistant to the chancellor for enrollment services and director of admissions, Indiana University, 157 Bernhard Center, 4 p.m.

## Friday, February 23

\*University computing services workshops, 2033 University Computing Center: "Internet Introduction," 9-11 a.m.; and "Advanced Hardware Maintenance," noon-2 p.m.; for registration information, call 7-5161.  
 \*Concert, Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra with pianist Ursula Oppens, Miller Auditorium, 8 p.m.

## Saturday, February 24

(and 25) 13th annual Kalamazoo Invitational Goal Ball Tournament, Student Recreation Center, 8 a.m. Saturday thru noon Sunday.  
 21st Julius Stulberg International String Competition, Dalton Center Recital Hall, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

## Monday, February 26

(thru March 1) Spring break, no classes.

## Wednesday, February 28

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

## Thursday, February 29

\*(thru March 2) Great Lakes Regional American College Dance Festival Association: classes, lectures and seminars, 9 a.m.-5:30 p.m. each day; performances — Feb. 29, Festival Faculty Dance Concert, Shaw Theatre, 8:30 p.m.; March 1, Michigan Dance Companies Showcase Concert, 8:30 p.m.; March 2, Gala Concert, Shaw Theatre, 8 p.m.  
 "A Gathering of Women," Faculty Dining Room, Bernhard Center Public Cafeteria, noon-1 p.m.

# International scholars

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in the coverage of subject matter," Gunadasa says. "Students are made to study a given subject in great detail. If a person is majoring in geography, 95 percent of the work is only on geography, and this subject is done over a period of three years. So it's much more specialized.

"The advantage of having wider coverage," he continues, "is that I think these graduates have greater flexibility in fitting themselves to various employment and social situations."

Gunadasa says American universities also provide more guidance and organized instruction. He says some of the courses in Sri Lankan universities are slowly moving in a similar direction, but it may take some time before the entire system is changed.

For scholars from less developed countries, a visit to WMU can be an eye-opening experience and a chance to learn many new technologies. Muneer Ahmad, a visiting Pakistani scholar in the WMU Department of Political Science, says he was impressed by the University's wide use of automation and access to items like e-mail and voice mail.

"Everything is state of the art," he says. "Every faculty member has his own computer. He has access to the library catalogs sitting in his own office."

Ahmad, a chief instructor at the Civil Services Academy in Lahore, Pakistan, is spending the winter semester at WMU teaching international students who are pursuing careers in political science or public administration. Ahmad says he hopes to take what he's learned about the American civil service system and its administration back to his students in Pakistan.

"This will be very helpful in teaching courses on similar subjects in developing countries because then you can contrast and compare and tell how things are done here and how things are done in the de-

veloping countries," he says. "Most of the efforts at administrative reform and at reorganization are inspired by things done here (in the United States)."

For other scholars, a stay at WMU has more to do with the past than the future. Timothy Graham, an independent researcher from the University of Cambridge

## Saturday, March 2

\*Women's basketball, WMU vs. Bowling Green State University, University Arena, 2 p.m.

## Monday, March 4

\*University computing services workshops, 2033 University Computing Center: "WordPerfect 6.1 for Windows-Formatting Documents," 9-11:30 a.m.; "Creating Forms for the Web and Using CGI Scripts," noon-2 p.m.; and "Word 6.0 for Windows-Advanced Features," 3-5 p.m.; for registration information, call 7-5161.  
 (thru 26) Exhibition, "Inner Landscapes," ceramic sculpture by Katy Takahashi, Kalamazoo, Gallery II, Sangren Hall, weekdays, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; reception, Friday, March 8, 5-7 p.m.  
 (thru 8) Exhibition, graphic design by Jill Gruhn, Amy Briggs and Laura Nemshick, BFA candidates, Student Art Gallery, East Hall, weekdays, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; closing reception, Friday, March 8, 6-9 p.m.  
 Lecture, "Grantwriting for the Arts," Jon Meyer, professor of art, the University of Arizona, and juror for the WMU annual Art Student Exhibition, 2302 Sangren Hall, 7 p.m.

## Tuesday, March 5

\*University computing services workshops, 2033 University Computing Center: "Typing Mail Messages and Editing Files on Piglet/Tigger," 9-11 a.m.; "SPSS for VMS," noon-2 p.m.; and "Local Area Networks for New Installations," 3-5 p.m.; for registration information, call 7-5161.  
 Faculty development services videoconference, "Coping with Changing Campus Culture," Clock Tower Conference Room, University Computing Center, 2:30-4:30 p.m.; to register call 7-5305.  
 \*Performance, "Tommy," Miller Auditorium, 8 p.m.  
 \*Concert, Dalton Series, Audubon String Quartet, Dalton Center Recital Hall, 8 p.m.

## Wednesday, March 6

\*University computing services workshops, 2033 University Computing Center: "Electronic Mail Using PINE on VMScluster," 9-11 a.m.; "Excel 5.0 for Windows-Enhancing Worksheets," noon-2 p.m.; "Word 6.0 for Windows-Working More Efficiently," 2:30-5 p.m.; and "Surfing the World Wide Web," 5:15-7:15 p.m.; for registration information, call 7-5161.  
 (thru 28) Exhibition, "Going Koo-koo," kinetic, sound and collage sculpture by Woody Haid, Chicago, Space Gallery, Knauss Hall, Mondays thru Thursdays, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.  
 Writing workshop for the preparation of doctoral dissertations, specialist projects and master's theses, Graduate College conference room, Seibert Administration Building, 10 a.m.; to register call 7-3569.

Institute of Government and Politics lecture, "Local Food Systems: Giving Substance to the Rhetoric of Sustainability," Kenneth A. Dahlberg, political science, 3020 Friedmann Hall, 3:15 p.m.

## Thursday, March 7

"A Gathering of Women," Faculty Dining Room, Bernhard Center Public Cafeteria, noon-1 p.m.  
 Enhancing Instruction with Technology program, "Desktop Videoconferencing: Current Developments," Howard R. Poole, special education, and Marc Bagley and John Hickey, Apple Computer Inc., 3307 Sangren Hall, noon-1 p.m.; to register call 7-5305.  
 \*University computing services workshop, "PageMaker 5.0 for Windows-Introduction," 3-5:30 p.m.; for registration information, call 7-5161.  
 Meeting, Faculty Senate, Fetzer Center, 7 p.m.  
 \*Admission charged

## Visitors study topics from printing to politics

In addition to Jayaweera Gunadasa, Muneer Ahmad and Timothy Graham, who are profiled in the above story, several other visiting international scholars are on campus this semester:

■ Ulf Jonsson of Copenhagen, Denmark, an employee of the Aller Corp. He is spending six months in WMU's Department of Paper and Printing Science and Engineering as an Aller Fellow. Jonsson is taking classes and working in the printing pilot plant.

■ Jang Ho Kim, professor and chairperson of the Department of Economics at Sookmyung Women's University in Seoul, South Korea. He is a visiting professor in the Department of Management and is here as part of the WMU-SWU faculty exchange program.

■ Msungsoo Kim, professor of business administration at Suncheon National University in South Korea. He is a visiting professor in the Department of Marketing.

■ Larisa Klimanskaya, a faculty member in the Department of Political Science at Lviv Polytechnic University in the Ukraine. An IREX Scholar, she arrived on campus this month and intends to stay until April. Her host is the WMU Department of Political Science.

in England, is a visiting scholar in WMU's Medieval Institute.

Graham teaches Latin paleography as part of WMU's involvement in the Center for Renaissance Studies at the Newberry Library in Chicago. He describes Latin paleography as teaching people how to read medieval manuscripts that are written

She plans to conduct research on political psychology and political mythology, with an emphasis on how these topics relate to the transition from communism to a market-based economy and democratic political system. In addition, she will be observing WMU political science classes so that she can use the information to more fully develop political science as a discipline at her university. Previously, only classes in communism were taught there.

■ Aage Rydstrom-Poulson, a research fellow in the Department of Church History at the University of Copenhagen in Denmark. He arrived last July and plans to stay for one or two years. At the invitation of WMU's Medieval Institute, he is conducting research here on the concept of grace in the Western Christian tradition and hopes to write a book on that topic.

■ Ilona Valente, a technical assistant in the Department of Geology at the University of Riga in Latvia. Valente, who arrived last fall, is spending nine months at WMU as a Senior Fulbright Scholar in the Department of Geology. Her research will focus on hydrogeologic techniques and bioremediation of contaminated soil.

in the Latin language.

Graham also provides directive study in medieval Latin to WMU students enrolled in the medieval studies master's program and acts as a thesis adviser. Graham is pursuing research on Anglo-Saxon manuscripts and their use in the 16th and 17th centuries.

Graham, who also served as a WMU international scholar during a portion of 1995, was familiar with the University after attending the Medieval Institute's annual International Congress on Medieval Studies.

"I've found WMU extremely welcoming," he says. "It's been a pleasure to come here and work here. I've also found resources here better than I might have expected of a Midwestern state university. The Waldo Library really has some strong holdings in fields in which I'm interested."

Graham says medievalists don't spend all of their time among dusty manuscripts and are, in fact, very prominent in the field of using the latest technologies to help their work.

"Medievalists are actually playing a big role in the harnessing of computer technology to educational needs," he says. "For example, we're making digitized facsimiles of medieval manuscripts. We don't really live in the past all the time."

Graham will complete a seven-month stay at the University before returning to Cambridge to publish a series of articles on Anglo-Saxon manuscripts.

## No News during spring break

Western News will not be published next week during spring break. The next issue will be published Thursday, March 7. The deadline for that issue is noon Tuesday, March 5.