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BIRD'S-EYE VIEW — The W.H. Upjohn Rotunda in Waldo Library takes on some interesting dimensions in this photograph from the top floor overlooking the information desk.

Faculty member donates his entire net salary

Salim E. Harik, economics, has donated his entire 1995-96 net salary to the Department of Economics through the WMU Foundation.

The contribution, valued at \$35,000, will fund four Harik Doctoral Associateships for Ph.D. students in the applied economics program. WMU officials said they knew of no other instance of such a gift at any other institution.

"We are deeply appreciative of Dr. Harik's remarkable generosity," President Haenicke said. "It reflects a unique commitment to his discipline, his department, the University and the education of students."

"This is the best investment anyone could make," said Harik, who indicated he was able to make such a gift because of good investments he himself had made. "It helps to focus resources where they are most needed in the department, which is in the new Ph.D. program."

Werner Sichel, chairperson of economics, said, "This is a wonderful, heart-



Harik

felt gesture by Dr. Harik and his family. His generosity has made a tremendous difference in the lives of four students, as well as in our program. I know of no other case, at any institution, where a professor has given up his entire salary to help students."

The associateships provide recipients with a stipend that pays for all of their education expenses. In return, recipients must perform teaching assistant or research assistant duties.

Students do not apply specifically for these associateships. Instead, students apply to the applied economics program in general and for financial aid in general. A

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Chicago advertising executive, WMU alumnus to head marketing, PR and communications

Matt Kurz, a Chicago advertising executive and WMU graduate, has been appointed assistant vice president for external affairs and director of marketing, public relations and communications.



Kurz

The appointment, effective April 29, was approved April 19 by the Board of Trustees. He replaces Martin R. (Joe) Gagie, who has been named senior adviser to the president until his retirement Dec. 31, 1996. Kurz will supervise the Office of Public Information, which includes News Services and University Publications.

"I'm delighted to have someone of Matt's background and experience to lead us in new directions with the concept of integrated marketing," said Keith A. Pretty, vice president for external affairs and general counsel, to whom Kurz reports. "I'm also pleased that we could find an alumnus of the University with such a strong background in marketing, public relations and advertising for a wide variety of national and international clients."

In a report to President Haenicke, a task force on University marketing that met last year recommended the creation of the position of assistant vice president for external affairs. The task force also recommended a University-wide marketing, advertising and communications program that would be coordinated by the assistant vice president.

Kurz brings nearly 20 years of experience as a successful marketing communications executive with J. Walter Thomp-

son, one of the world's leading advertising agencies. From 1976 to 1995, he created effective communications programs for Kellogg, Gillette, Bristol-Myers Squibb, Fisher-Price, S.C. Johnson and McDonnell Douglas Aircraft.

Kurz directed integrated marketing campaigns that won gold and silver Effie Awards, the American Marketing Association's equivalent of the Academy Awards. He has provided on-site strategic consulting to clients and their local agencies in Canada, Latin America and Asia. He has led teams that included professionals in database marketing, advertising, public relations and promotion.

For the past year, Kurz has been a partner in Ririe-Kurz Communications, specializing in advertising and public relations. Before joining J. Walter Thompson, he spent four years as an account executive in Chicago with Leo Burnett, another major advertising agency.

Kurz earned his bachelor's degree in communication at WMU in 1969 and completed a master of business administration degree at Loyola University of Chicago in 1973.

Offices now in Walwood

The offices of Public Information, News Services and University Publications have moved from Ellsworth Hall to the second floor of Walwood Hall on East Campus and are now part of the Office of Marketing, Public Relations and Communications.

The new main office telephone number is 7-8400. The new fax number is 7-8422.

Texas Tech administrator selected for admissions post

Troy M. Johnson has been selected as WMU's new director of admissions and orientation. His appointment, effective May 15, 1996, was approved April 19 by the Board of Trustees.

Johnson will come to WMU from Texas Tech University, where he has worked in admissions for nine years. For the past year, he has been director of graduate admissions and enrollment management there. He replaces Stanley E. Henderson, who left WMU to become associate vice president for enrollment management at the University of Cincinnati.

"The director of admissions and orientation is a very critical appointment, as this office is the first point of contact that prospective students and their families have with our University," said Provost Nancy S. Barrett. "We are fortunate to have a person of Dr. Johnson's caliber stepping into this important role."

Johnson joined the Texas Tech staff in 1987 as an admissions counselor. He was promoted to assistant director of new student relations in 1988 and to associate director of new student relations in 1990. A year later, he was named director of graduate student recruitment, a joint appointment he held with his position in new student relations until being named to his present post in 1995.

Under Johnson's leadership, the graduate school implemented sweeping admissions changes and achieved record high applications and enrollments, including a 70 percent increase in African-American enrollment and a 45 percent increase in Hispanic enrollment.



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Johnson has served as vice president for admissions and as chairperson of the Graduate and Professional School Relations Committee of the Texas Association of College Registrars and Admissions Officers. He earned his associate's degree from South Plains College in Levelland, Texas, and his bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees from Texas Tech.

In further action, the board approved two other administrative appointments: Alonzo E. Hannaford as associate dean of the College of Education, effective April 22, 1996; and David G. Houghton as interim chairperson of the Department of Political Science, effective July 1, 1996, to June 30, 1997.

Hannaford has been a faculty member in the Department of Special Education since 1970 and has chaired that department since 1986. He replaces Floyd L. McKinney, whose resignation, effective March 20, 1996, was accepted by the board.

Houghton has been a faculty member in the Department of Political Science since

1974. He replaces Chester B. Rogers, whose leave of absence, effective July 1, 1996, to June 30, 1997, also was approved by the board.

In other action, the trustees accepted the resignation of David O. Lyon as associate dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, effective Dec. 31, 1996. The board also approved a leave of absence for Lyon from his associate dean duties, effective Sept. 1 to Dec. 31, 1996. He will retain his faculty rank as a professor of psychology and continue his half-time appointment as director of academic collective bargaining and contract administration during the fall semester and after his leave.

The trustees also approved the retirement with emerita status of Louise S. Forsleff, community health services, effective Aug. 30, 1998. Forsleff, who joined the faculty in 1962, also served as director of the Counseling Center from 1968 to 1973 and from 1981 to 1985 and as associate vice president for student services from 1985 to 1990.

Did you know?

■ WMU has gone from recycling basically nothing in January 1990 to recycling about 37 percent of the total waste generated in December 1995.

■ In addition to common recyclables, WMU recycling services collects items such as household batteries, polystyrene foam, magazines, junk mail, hardbound books, feeder strips from computer paper and forms, and toner cartridges.

■ Since 1989, the University steadily has been decreasing the amount of trash taken to the landfill. For peak months (school opening in September and closing in April), the amount has been cut nearly in half. For most other months, the amount taken to the landfill has been reduced by one-third.

2,700 medievalists due on campus for 31st congress

Topics including ancient warfare, medieval ethnic jokes, Robin Hood and the Canterbury Tales will be on tap as medievalists from around the world gather at WMU Thursday through Sunday, May 9-12, for the 31st International Congress on Medieval Studies.

As many as 2,700 scholars will travel to Kalamazoo from locations ranging from Arkansas to Australia in what may be the largest such gathering in the congress' history. Those attending will include representatives from institutions as varied as the

Vatican, the Scottish National Library, the Institute for Naval Archaeology and the Virginia Military Institute. In all, every state in the nation, five Canadian provinces and 25 nations will be represented at the conference.

"It's been said that if you wait long enough in the lobby of Harrison-Stinson halls, you will meet every medievalist in the world," says Paul E. Szarmach, Medieval Institute, who directs the annual congress. "That sounds like public relations puffery, but it is absolutely true." The

Harrison-Stinson lobby is the congress' registration site.

"For four days each May, the campus becomes the focal point for people who believe in cultural history," Szarmach says. "A colleague of mine says that for that brief time in Kalamazoo, when you walk down the street, you don't have to explain what a medievalist is. You have to explain why you're not one."

Monks, musicologists, military experts and museum curators will join faculty and students from colleges and universities located in every corner of the globe for the event. Nearly 1,800 of those attending will live in campus residence halls, eating meals together and forming a small international community of scholars. Daily sessions will take place in the Goldsworth Valley residence halls, the Fetzer Center and Schneider Hall.

Registration for the congress will begin at noon Wednesday, May 8, in the Harrison-Stinson halls lobby and continue throughout the event. There is no registration fee for WMU faculty, staff members and students or for Kalamazoo County residents.

WMUK-FM ends spring fund drive in record time

WMUK-FM, the University's public radio station, conducted the quickest spring on-air fund-raising campaign in its history and raised more than \$80,000.

The on-air campaign, which began the morning of April 15, concluded the afternoon of April 16 as soon as it reached its goal. The final tally was \$80,339.56. A total of 1,430 donors contributed and the average pledge was \$56.18.

"Our goal was \$5,000 more than it was last spring," said Floyd Pientka, WMUK. "What is most significant about this early finish is that listeners responded to our early mail-in effort in record numbers. For years — in the interest of reducing the time spent with on-air pledging — we've promised to end the campaign the minute the goal is reached, and encouraged supporters to mail in their contributions ahead of time."

"The spring," he continued, "two-thirds of the goal was reached before we opened up the telephones. It shows that our listeners believe that promise, and that more and more of them prefer to keep our air-time uncluttered by any more pledge appeals than necessary."

Clock tower named for major donor's parents

The Board of Trustees April 19 approved a resolution naming the University's majestic clock tower for the parents of

Powell elected to office in student personnel group

Theresa A. Powell, vice president for student affairs, has been elected a regional vice president of the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators. The region includes 328 institutions of higher education in seven Midwestern states and the province of Ontario.

She will serve for three years in the post, including one year to fill the unexpired term of another member. Her duties as one of seven regional vice presidents are to represent the region at national meetings, coordinate regional activities and strengthen membership in the region.

the late Helen J. Frays of Kalamazoo, a 1934 WMU graduate and major donor to the University.

Her parents were Thomas and Mary Stewart of Kalamazoo. Frays died April 10, 1994, after expressing the wish that WMU name its new clock tower for her parents. The tower joins Waldo Library and the University Computing Center and has become a major campus landmark.

The \$19.3 million renovation and expansion of Waldo Library and construction of the \$7.6 million University Computing Center were completed in 1991.

Expert on Japanese religion to discuss Aum Shinrikyo

An expert on Japanese religion will present a talk, "Aum Shinrikyo and Modern Japanese Religions: This-Worldly Orientation and Its Discontents," at 3 p.m. Thursday, May 9, in the Lee Honors College lounge.

Susumu Shimazono, a faculty member in the religious studies department of Toyko University, specializes in new religious movements. He is one of the few scholars who has carefully studied Aum Shinrikyo, the religious group responsible for the gas attack in the Tokyo subways a year ago in which some 3,300 people were sickened or killed. The trial for the leader of that group, Shoko Asahara, began last week.

The talk, which is free and open to the public, is being sponsored by the Department of Comparative Religion. A question-and-answer period will follow.

WMU to continue East Campus improvements

The University is getting an additional \$475,000 in one-time funds from the state this year.

The money will be used to continue the renovation of East Campus, which already has included Spindler, Vandercook and Walwood halls. The University now plans to refurbish the Oakland Recital Hall for use as an art film theatre.

The money is WMU's share of funds set

aside by lawmakers for public higher education and state building improvements if the state's budget for 1994-95 had a large enough surplus. The state ended its fiscal year last Sept. 30 with a \$95 million surplus, most of which will go to the state's rainy day fund.

Geology, water sciences facilities open for tour

Technology ranging from a camera-equipped blimp to specially outfitted boats and ground penetrating radar will be highlighted as WMU's geology and water science specialists open their facilities to the public Friday, May 3.

The Department of Geology and the Institute for Water Sciences will play host to a day-long open house of campus research facilities that will include tours and hands-on demonstrations of equipment. Those attending will be able to have lunch with a geoscientist, see the WMU research blimp in action and learn how computing technology has impacted the world of earth science.

The open house will run from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and will include facilities in and around Rood Hall and the Trimpe Building on the main campus and West Hall on the East Campus.

The open house will include tours of water research laboratories and the Michigan Core Research Laboratory, which is used in oil and gas research. It also will feature demonstrations of coastal and wetlands research equipment, computer capabilities and state-of-the-art geophysical equipment, which is used for non-invasive study of the subsurface.

The day's activities also will include a Colloquium on Environmental Earth Science, which will begin at 9 a.m. in the Fetzer Center and will feature more than a dozen faculty and student papers on such topics as coastal geology, inland lake studies and environmental geochemistry. The public is invited to drop in to that free event.

Later in the day, the Institute for Water Sciences will play host to a Michigan Groundwater Professionals Forum starting at 4:30 p.m. in the Fetzer Center. Reservations are required for the forum, which will include a social hour, dinner and a talk by a well-known groundwater remediation specialist.

The open house and environmental

Senate will meet tonight

The Faculty Senate will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday, May 2, in the Fetzer Center. The agenda includes an informational item on the relocation and availability of laboratories and classrooms resulting from renovations as well as an action item on revisions of the University curriculum review process.

Edwards earns award from national OT organization

Sandra J. Edwards, occupational therapy, has been selected to receive a 1996 Roster of Fellows Award from the American Occupational Therapy Association. She was honored at the organization's annual conference and exposition April 23 in Chicago.

The roster is awarded to those members who have made significant contributions to the education and professional development of others in the association. Edwards is being recognized for her creative activities, clinical practice, research and scholarly activities.

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AWARD WINNERS — Several WMU staff members were honored at the Clerical/Technical Organization's annual spring luncheon April 10 in the Bernhard Center. Pictured with Mary J. DeRoo, center, University computing services, who is president of the C/TO, are: Tony E. Griffin, left, WMUK, who is president of the Administrative Professional Association and received the C/TO's Outstanding Support Award; and Stefan S. Sarenus, University libraries, who received the C/TO's Outstanding Service Award. Griffin also named the winner of the APA's "MVP" Award as Cindy L. Zimmerman, investments and endowment management, who was not present.

University will honor Barn Theatre founders

The Board of Trustees April 19 authorized the University to award honorary doctor of fine arts degrees to Jack and the late Betty Ragotzy, founders of the Barn Theatre in Augusta, at its June 22 commencement.

The couple is being recognized for their contributions to the arts at the Barn, the state's oldest resident summer theatre.

"Under Jack's consistent artistic leadership and Betty's keen arts management sense, this dynamic duo became a treasure to the community, the region and the state," President Haenicke said. "Although I am sad that Betty is no longer with us, I am delighted that Jack and their son, Brendan, can accept our thanks for their many contributions to the arts."

Betty Ragotzy, who died in 1995, and Jack Ragotzy, a Kalamazoo native, were married in 1946 after they met at the Kalamazoo Civic Theatre, where Betty had joined the staff as its first scholarship apprentice. That summer, they established the Village Players, which became the Barn Theatre after a move to the Augusta barn site in 1949.

APA to hold drawing for first scholarship May 14

A drawing to award the first Administrative Professional Association Scholarship will be among the highlights of the APA spring general membership meeting Tuesday, May 14.

The event, set for noon in 157-159 Bernhard Center, also will include discussions on compensation issues and the possible merger of the APA with the Clerical/Technical Organization.

The \$500 scholarship will be available for the fall 1996 semester to the child of a current member. To be eligible, the child must be sophomore or higher class, have at least a 2.5 overall grade point average and be a full-time WMU student. Applications for the scholarship drawing have been sent to all current members and must be returned by Wednesday, May 8, to Diane M. Snyder, Haworth College of Business, 2130 Schneider Hall.

The recipient of the one-time, non-renewable scholarship will be determined through a random drawing at the May 14 meeting. An official letter of award will be sent in June. For more information about the scholarship, persons should contact Snyder at 7-5088.

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: Donald L. Alexander, economics, on the telecommunications bill, May 4; and Linda L. Dannison, chairperson of family and consumer sciences, on sharing domestic tasks, May 11. "Focus" is also used on a regular basis by WKZO-AM (590), WKMI-AM (1360) and several other radio stations around Michigan.

A teleconference on retirement planning will air in the coming weeks on EduCABLE, the University's cable television system, and on Cablevision of Michigan. Titled "Save! Your Future Depends on You," the teleconference is sponsored by TIAA-CREF, the world's largest pension fund and the premier one for higher education.

The 90-minute program will air on

Exchange

FOR SALE — Queen-size sleeper sofa, rust and gold, \$75; Ethan Allen swivel rocker, peach, \$25. Call 324-0958.

FOR RENT — Luxury condo in Branson, Mo. Two bedrooms, two baths, sleeps six. Just off main highway. June 30-July 6. \$850. Call 373-2887 after 5 p.m.

FOR RENT — One-bedroom apartment. \$365/month plus utilities. Close to campus, quiet, no pets, no smoking. References required. Call 373-2887 after 5 p.m.

Spending their winters in New York and their summers at the Barn, Betty and Jack Ragotzy pursued successful careers in the early days of television drama and in Broadway and off-Broadway productions. Jack worked as an actor and director and Betty as an actor until the early 1960s. Jack received an Obie award for best direction of American plays off-Broadway. Betty replaced Kathleen McGuire in the leading role in the Obie-winning play, "The Time of the Cuckoo."

Jack Ragotzy graduated with honors from Kalamazoo College in 1948 and a year later earned a master's degree in theatre at the University of California at Los Angeles. Betty, a native of California, also studied at UCLA.

The couple has earned many honors over the years, starting in 1979 with an award for distinguished service from the Michigan Foundation for the Arts and similar recognition from the Michigan Theatre Association. In 1995, they received the Kalamazoo Community Medal of Arts Award as well as the Governor's Arts Award. In 1983, the Barn Theatre was listed on the Michigan Register of Historic Sites as the home of the state's oldest resident summer theatre.

Over the years, hundreds of actors have started their careers at the Barn and gone on to the professional stage as well as film and television. Among those carrying with them the training fostered by the Ragotzy family and staff are dozens of WMU graduates, including Barbara Marineau and Marin Mazzei, who have performed in many recent Broadway and off-Broadway productions.

Board approves housing rate increase for new residents

The Board of Trustees April 19 approved increases in rates for room and board and campus apartments, effective with the fall semester.

The rates, which apply to new residents only, will increase an average of 4.5 percent for room and board and an average of 3.3 percent for apartments. In March 1995, the board approved a proposal by President Haenicke to freeze 1995-96 room and board and apartment rental rates at 1994-95 levels. In addition, the measure called for any student in the system during the 1995-96 year to be guaranteed the same rate for the 1996-97 year.

EduCABLE Channel 36 at noon Friday, May 3, and Wednesday, May 8. It also will air on Cablevision of Michigan at: 7:30 p.m. Friday, May 3, on Channel 33; 8 p.m. Wednesday, May 8, on Channel 32; 8 a.m. Saturday, May 11, on Channel 30; and 2 p.m. Monday, May 13, on Channel 32.

Obituaries

A memorial service for James H. Powell, emeritus in mathematics and statistics, is planned for 1:30 p.m. Thursday, May 2, at the First Congregational Church, 129 W. Park St. He died April 29 at age 69.

Powell joined the WMU faculty in 1955 and served as chairperson of the Department of Mathematics and Statistics from 1960 to 1967 and from 1977 to 1984. He also was associate dean of the College of Arts and Sciences from 1966 to 1969.

A leader in the area of computers, Powell was instrumental in steering WMU into the "information age." He served as coordinator of Project EXCITE, the program implemented in 1982 to ensure that all WMU students graduate with some computer literacy. Under his direction, WMU was the first public institution to establish a computer literacy requirement for undergraduate students.

Powell also fostered the development of programs in applied statistics and graph



Powell

On campus

VARIETY IS THE SPICE — Although her main tasks are to assist the chairperson with his work and to monitor the budget, Klazina A. Welch might find herself doing everything from changing a bulb on a piece of audio-visual equipment to covering a class for a sick faculty member during a given week. An administrative assistant in the Department of Industrial and Manufacturing Engineering, she also helps hire part-time faculty and works on scheduling classes. "I like the variety and I like the people I work with," says Welch, who has been at the University for more than 20 years. "It's such a diverse group that I can learn from each and every one of them." When not on the job, Welch enjoys spending time with her husband, three children and their families. Her husband is a self-employed game bird breeder and she helps out with that business in her spare time. She also likes to square dance, sew, read and go to antique auctions. When asked about her unusual first name, Welch explains that she was born in the Netherlands and the name has been in the family for many years.



Nominations due May 30 for service awards

The Staff Service Excellence Award Selection Committee is seeking nominations for the 1995-96 annual awards. These are the pinnacle of the Staff Service Excellence Awards program and are reserved for the University's most outstanding staff members who have exhibited true excellence in service and dedication in the past year.

Up to four staff members will be selected to receive a \$1,000 cash prize and a commemorative certificate. Award recipients also will be honored at a luncheon and receive other public recognition.

Nominations should include information on how the staff member has exhibited a level of excellence that reaches far beyond his or her job responsibilities. They are due Thursday, May 30, to Anne E. Thompson, human resources, by memo,

fax (7-3441) or e-mail (anne.thompson@wmich.edu). Those who would like a form may obtain one by calling human resources at 7-3620.

Any regular part- or full-time staff member can be nominated. Nominations are open to previous nominees as well as winners of the quarterly Staff Service Excellence Awards, although they must be specifically nominated again to be considered for the annual award.

Winners of the 1995-96 annual awards will be announced in June. Last year's winners were: Terry L. Baxter, Sindecuse Health Center; Alberta M. Cumming, history; Carol R. Dedow, public safety; Thomas H. Flickinger, building custodial and support services; and Bryan K. Sutton, building custodial and support services.

Human resources

Non-bargaining employees may request summer flextime hours under certain conditions. In 1996, flextime is available June 3 through Aug. 30.

Employees interested in working flextime hours must make arrangements with their supervisor, who must consider departmental staffing and servicing needs.

Employees on flextime are still required to work a full day, but may begin their workday anytime between 7 a.m. and 9 a.m., and end their workday between 3:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. Regardless of the time

employees begin or end the workday, their schedule must include working during the hours of 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. A one-half-hour or one-hour lunch may be taken between the hours of 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. During flextime, offices are to be staffed and fully operational from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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) **Administrative Assistant**, P-01 (Hourly), University Recreation Programs and Facilities, 95/96-484, 4/30-5/6/96.

(R) **Administrative Assistant II**, P-02, Continuing Education-Grand Rapids Regional Center, 95/96-485, 4/30-5/6/96.

(R) **Business Manager**, P-04, Miller Auditorium, 95/96-487, 4/30-5/6/96.

(R) **Associate Dean** (Tenured; One-Year Term), P-09E, College of Arts and Sciences Dean's Office, 95/96-488, 4/30-5/6/96.

(R) **Associate Dean** (Tenured; One-Year Term), P-09E, College of Arts and Sciences Dean's Office, 95/96-489, 4/30-5/6/96.

(R) Replacement
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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: May events; June events; and future events, which run from July 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.

Thursday, May 2

(thru 4) Sports Education Camp for Visually Impaired Athletes, various athletic facilities, all day.

Meeting, Faculty Senate, Fetzer Center, 7 p.m.

*(thru 4) Third Coast Writers' Conference, Brown and Knauss halls, Thursday evening thru Saturday; May 2 free public reading by Mark Halliday, J. Allyn Rosser and Daniel Lyons, 3770 Knauss Hall, 8 p.m.

Friday, May 3

Department of Geology and Institute for Water Sciences events: open house, Rood Hall, Trimpe Building and West Hall, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.; and "Colloquium on Environmental Earth Science," Fetzer Center, 9 a.m.

(and 4) Softball doubleheader, WMU vs. Ohio University, Ebert Field: May 3, 2 p.m.; and May 4, noon.

Third Coast Writers' Conference public sessions: panel discussion, "The Craft of Fiction," 3321 Brown Hall, 4:15 p.m.; reading by David Shields, Richard Jones and Debra Monroe, 3770 Knauss Hall, 8 p.m.

Saturday, May 4

Third Coast Writers' Conference public sessions: panel discussions, 3321 Brown Hall — "An Editor's Panel," 2:15 p.m.; and "Question/Answer Session" with poets Gerald Stern, Richard Jones and Mark Halliday, 3:30 p.m.; reading by Amy Hempel and Gerald Stern, 3770 Knauss Hall, 8 p.m.

Monday, May 6

Softball, WMU vs. the University of Detroit, Ebert Field, 2 p.m.

Wednesday, May 8

Baseball, WMU vs. Grand Valley State University, Hyames Field, 3 p.m.

Thursday, May 9

*(thru 12) 31st International Congress on Medieval Studies, Goldsworth Valley residence halls, Fetzer Center and Schneider Hall, all day.

(thru 11) Michigan Youth Arts Festival: Thursday events — visual arts exhibit, Dalton Center Multi-Media Room, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Gala Performance, Shaw Theatre, 7 p.m.

Comparative religion lecture, "Aum Shinrikyo and Modern Japanese Religions: This-Worldly Orientation and Its Discontents," Susumu Shimazono, faculty member in the religious studies department at Tokyo University, Lee Honors College lounge, 3 p.m.

Friday, May 10

(thru 11) Michigan Youth Arts Festival: Friday events — visual arts exhibit, Dalton Center Multi-Media Room, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.; vocal ensemble performances, Dalton

Gifts top \$6.8 million mark through March

More than \$1.2 million in current and deferred cash gifts made to the University during March pushed the year's gift total past the \$6.8 million mark, the Board of Trustees learned at its April 19 meeting.

Gifts totaling \$1,204,603 brought the fiscal year-to-date figure to \$6,893,180. That amount is \$826,023, or 13.6 percent, more than the total for the same period in the previous year.

The largest gift received during March was an anonymous donation of \$500,000. The gift was made to fund the Diether H. Haenicke Endowment, named for WMU's president.

An initial \$100,000 distribution from the estate of Frances E. Noble will be used to establish the Frances E. Noble French Language Endowment Fund. The fund will help support WMU's new foreign study center in Besancon, France. Noble, a WMU

faculty member for 42 years, taught French and started the University's foreign travel/study program. She retired from WMU in 1973 and was a resident of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., at the time of her death in 1995.

A charitable gift annuity of \$10,000 was given to WMU by Harry S. Barnes of Boynton Beach, Fla. The gift to the President's Unrestricted Endowment Fund was made in honor of Barnes' granddaughter, Victoria J. Valdez, a 1969 WMU alumna. Barnes attended WMU briefly in the 1920s and his wife, the late Marjorie Shafer Barnes, earned a two-year teaching certificate from the University in 1914.

Also noted on the board report was a \$35,000 charitable gift annuity established by a Florida alumna. The anonymous gift will be used to fund a College of Education scholarship.

Dances selected for performance at world congress

A dance faculty member and a student have been invited to show their original choreography in the Jazz Dance World Congress Choreography Competitive Event July 3-7 at the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C.

Lindsey A. Thomas, dance, and Beth LaBaren-Root, a senior dance major from Grand Rapids, have earned invitations to the event, which is one of the many activities associated with the fourth Jazz Dance World Congress.

Seven WMU dancers will perform the fourth section of Thomas' "Manana a Noche," which was premiered at WMU in

February 1995 and performed in Chicago the following month. The dance is a part of the current repertory of WMU's Children's Repertory Dance Theatre as well.

LaBaren-Root will present a sextet titled "Umoja," which was premiered in the Department of Dance's annual concert of dance in October 1995.

Both dances were selected by judges through videotapes. They are among 16 dances that were chosen from a pool of 40 from the United States and four other countries. They will compete for awards at the jazz congress.

Harik

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committee then grants the Harik awards to the most deserving applicants.

Harik joined the faculty at WMU in 1976. He has previously supported the University through two other programs that he established with his brother, Bas-sam E. Harik, economics.

One, a small loans program for graduate students, honors their mother, Marie, and the other is an award honoring their father, Elias. It is given to one economics student each spring, based on outstanding academic performance.



PARENT APPRECIATION — A number of graduates during the April 20 commencement exercises used their mortar boards to advertise their employment skills, but this one chose to thank her parents for their support. More than 2,500 degrees were awarded during three ceremonies in Miller Auditorium. For the first time, the ceremonies featured WMU's version of Times Square's "Jumbotron." A big screen on stage and a camera provided a larger than life view for those in the audience of their graduates receiving their diplomas.

Center Recital Hall, 1 p.m.; gala performance, Shaw Theatre and Miller Auditorium, 6:30 p.m.

*(thru 12) Kalamazoo Film Society showing, "Mighty Aphrodite," directed by Woody Allen, 2750 Knauss Hall: April 10-11, 8 p.m.; and April 12, 2:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 11

(thru 11) Michigan Youth Arts Festival: Saturday events — visual arts exhibit, Dalton Center Multi-Media Room, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.; dance concert, Multi-Form Theatre, 10:30 a.m.; various instrumental, vocal and film performances, Dalton Center Recital Hall, 11:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.; performances, All-Michigan Honors Orchestra, Honors Jazz Ensemble and All-Michigan Honors Band, Miller Auditorium, 2:15 p.m., 3 p.m. and 3:45 p.m., respectively.

(and 12) Baseball doubleheader, WMU vs. Eastern Michigan University, Hyames Field, 1 p.m.

Monday, May 13

Doctoral oral examination, "The Impact of Michigan Public Act 25 on Middle Level Schools in Berrien County, Mich.," Judith A. Burns, educational leadership, 3310 Sangren Hall, 10:30 a.m.

Tuesday, May 14

Writing workshop for the preparation of doctoral dissertations, specialist projects and master's theses, Graduate College Conference Room, Seibert Administration Building, 10-11:30 a.m.

Meeting, Administrative Professional Association, 157-159 Bernhard Center, noon.

*Admission charged

Board OKs use of asset management firms

The Board of Trustees April 19 approved two recommendations allowing the University to employ the services of several professional investment firms to manage its cash and charitable assets.

The first recommendation authorizes the administration to employ the First of America Investment Corp. of Kalamazoo, the Western Asset Management Corp. of Pasadena, Calif., and The Common Fund of Westport, Conn., to manage the University's working capital funds. The proposal allows the administration to allocate cash pools between the three investment managers as circumstances require.

The measure comes on the heels of a revised University Cash Investment Policy that was approved by the board last June and provides for the retention and evaluation of external investment management.

"It is the goal of the University to re-

structure the cash investment program to enhance safety, to provide due diligence, to realize competitive rates of return and to elevate efficiency while continuing to provide the required liquidity," said Janice J. Van Der Kley, assistant vice president for finance. "Through regular evaluation of the selected external managers and ongoing maintenance of the investment policy, the University will retain its control over the management of these assets."

The second recommendation authorizes the treasurer of the board to enter into an agreement with the State Street Bank and Trust Co. of Boston, Mass., to provide custody and master trustee services with regard to the University's charitable asset management as well as its working capital funds. WMU's charitable deferred gift program has become increasingly popular as an alternative giving opportunity, Van Der Kley noted, but the University's ability to provide support services and software systems has not been able to keep up.

"The explosion of contributions being received by both the University endowments and the WMU Foundation endowments has taxed the capability of the supporting software systems," Van Der Kley said. "It is vital that the University has the support of a bank capable of keeping pace with the latest technology and services available."

Both recommendations call for quarterly reports to the Board of Trustees.

In other action, the board authorized the administration to receive and acknowledge the donation of a piece of property by First of America Bank-Michigan of Kalamazoo. The property is located next to the bank's former branch on West Michigan Avenue and is contiguous to the campus. The University purchased the branch bank building in March 1995.

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