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Senate approves lion's share of proposal for revised general education policy

The Faculty Senate March 25 approved most of a proposed revision of the University's general education policy with four proficiencies and eight distribution areas, leaving only criteria for four distribution areas for its next meeting May 13.

The senate's action reflected more than two dozen changes that were made after the proposed policy was first distributed to faculty members and others on Feb. 19. It would provide the first change in general education in 20 years.

When the senate completes work on the policy, its recommendation will be sent to Provost Nancy S. Barrett for her review. She will then make a recommendation to President Haenicke.

"We did not seek change for the sake of change," said Arthur E. Falk, chairperson of philosophy. He is the chairperson of the senate's ad hoc Committee to Revise General Education, which proposed the new policy. "(We sought) to preserve what was good, correct what failed and exploit opportunities for improvements."

The proposed revision, Falk said, favors distribution over core requirements, sets no limits on the number of courses that can be applied to general education and seeks a balance between breadth and depth.

"The proficiencies allow students to improve skills that are fundamental to most intellectual endeavors," he said, "and the content areas, which we call the distribution component, give students a balanced and comprehensive overview of what is known."

The four proficiencies and eight distribution areas require at least 37 credit hours,

COMPARISON OF CURRENT AND PROPOSED GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

CURRENT POLICY

Distribution Program

Area I	Humanities and Fine Arts
Area II	Social and Behavioral Sciences
Area III	Natural Sciences and Mathematics
Area IV	Non-Western World
Area V	Optional Electives

TOTAL: 35 Credit Hours

Physical Education Requirement: 2 Credit Hours

PROPOSED POLICY

Proficiencies

1. College-level writing
2. Baccalaureate-level writing
3. College-level mathematics or quantitative reasoning
4. Advanced proficiency in one of six optional areas

Distribution

Area I	Fine Arts
Area II	Humanities
Area III	The United States: Cultures and Issues
Area IV	Other Cultures and Civilizations
Area V	Social and Behavioral Sciences
Area VI	Natural Sciences with Laboratory
Area VII	Natural Science and Technology: Applications and Implications
Area VIII	Health and Fitness

TOTAL: 37 Credit Hours

The proficiencies — the revised policy's major innovation — are: college-level writing; baccalaureate-level writing; college-level mathematics or quantitative reasoning; and advanced proficiency in one of six option areas.

The option areas, from which students would choose one, are advanced writing, mathematics or quantitative reasoning, critical thinking, oral communication, computer programming and applications and courses to advance proficiency in a foreign language to at least second-semester college level.

The proficiencies are different from ones the senate approved Oct. 3, 1991, when it created the committee to revise the policy, and so the senate rescinded them before approving the new ones. The previous proficiencies were in writing, mathematics, computer usage and health and fitness.

The eight distribution areas are: fine arts; humanities; the United States: cultures and issues; other cultures and civilizations; social and behavioral sciences; natural sciences with laboratory; natural science and technology: applications and implications; and health and fitness.

Course work must total at least 37 hours, the policy states, not counting the baccalaureate-level writing course except for designated majors. At least six hours must be taken from 300- or 400-level courses in the distribution areas and no more than two courses may be taken from any one department to satisfy distribution requirements.

The senate debated and approved such alternatives as proficiency in American Sign Language to meet an advanced proficiency option. It also extended the description on diversity in Area III of the distribution requirements (U.S. cultures and issues), emphasizing diversity as a central "challenge" of the nation's past, present and future.

The revision creates the Committee to Oversee General Education (COGE) as a standing committee of the senate's Undergraduate Studies Council (USC). The nine-member committee will determine which courses are approved for general education after they have been approved by department and college curriculum committees.

The COGE will assess the success of the general education program and recommend improvements to the USC, encourage development of a program of student and parent

the same number of credit hours as the existing program when two required credit hours of physical education are included.

The revised policy incorporates the University's college-level and baccalaure-

ate-level writing requirements, replaces the physical education requirement with a health and fitness requirement and lets the University's computer literacy requirement continue in force separately.

Two faculty members, two students earn MAGB awards

Two WMU faculty members and two students will be honored Wednesday, April 7, by the Michigan Association of Governing Boards.

The faculty members are: Erika Loeffler, anthropology; and Richard N. Passero, geology. The students are: David K. Kedrowski, a senior majoring in mechanical engineering from Farwell; and Mei Leng Wong, a senior majoring in geology from Malaysia.

Each year, the MAGB honors two outstanding faculty members and students from each of Michigan's public universities. The four will be honored along with their counterparts at the MAGB's 12th annual awards convocation at the Kellogg Center on the Michigan State University campus in East Lansing.

Each awardee will receive a certificate from the MAGB and be recognized with a special resolution of the Michigan Legislature. Using MAGB criteria, student recipients are nominated by a committee representing the offices of the provost, secretary to the Board of Trustees, Faculty Senate and vice president for student affairs from among students who are designated as outstanding by their academic departments. Faculty recipients are nominated by the executive board of the Faculty Senate.

Loeffler is widely regarded as an expert on Iran, the Iranian revolution and women in the Middle East. For more than 25 years, she has conducted field research on village and family life in Iran. She has written about her experiences in the critically acclaimed book, "Women of Deh Koh, Lives in an Iranian Village," which was nominated for the Victor Turner Prize for Ethnographic Writing. She is a contributing author and co-editor of the forthcoming book, "Women in Post-Revolutionary Iran."

A WMU faculty member since 1971, Loeffler was awarded the Distinguished Fac-



Kedrowski



Loeffler



Passero



Wong

ulty Scholar Award, WMU's highest honor for a faculty member, this past fall. Her work also has been recognized with grant support from several international organizations.

Passero is a national figure in the field of groundwater education and research. He has been instrumental in securing substantial external funding for projects at the University that have contributed to WMU's prominence in the area of hydrogeology. Since joining the faculty in 1966, he has established the Institute for Water Sciences, the Water Resources and Contaminant Hydrology Center and the Groundwater Education in Michigan Regional Center at WMU. The educational materials developed by the GEM center are used throughout the state and nation.

His work with others resulted in the publication of the "Hydrogeologic Atlas of Michigan," a standard reference for groundwater professionals in the state and a model recommended by the Environmental Protection Agency for similar projects in other states. He also has developed an aquifer protection system called Aquipro, which has received national attention and a prestigious award from the Kellogg Foundation of Battle Creek.

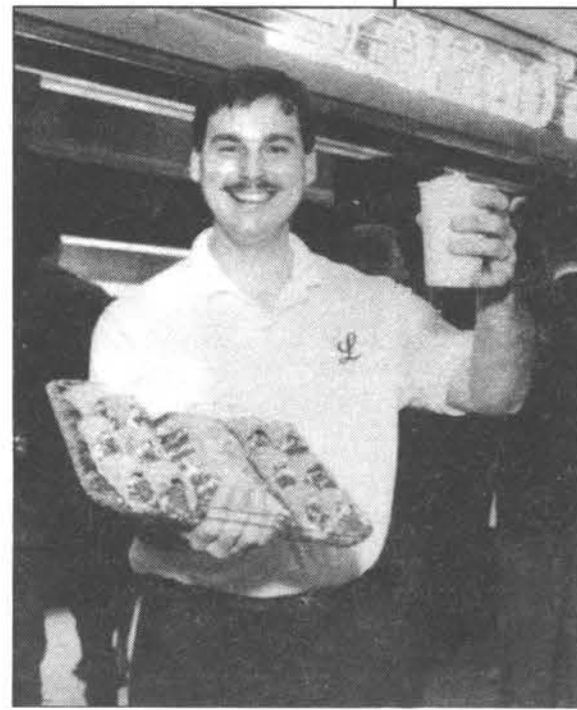
Kedrowski came to WMU as a prestigious National Merit finalist and was named the recipient of a \$22,000 Medallion Scholarship from the University. A member of the Lee Honors College, he currently is complet-

ing an honors thesis involving "wobbling gears in cordless screwdrivers." He recently was selected as a Presidential Scholar,

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Coffee's on!

Brian McDonald is certainly living up to his name. The manager of the WMU McDonald's has his hands full now that he's also running Lorico's Coffeehouse in the Bronco Mall. The coffeehouse, whose name is pronounced loh-REE-cohs, opened March 26. The restaurant serves a variety of coffees, from cappuccino to the "Diether Daily." Also available are the tempting cannolis in this picture, hot chocolate, hot cider, hot tea, Italian sodas, ice cream, cookies and muffins. Hours are 7 a.m. to midnight Mondays through Fridays, 9 a.m. to midnight Saturdays and 10 a.m. to midnight Sundays. Lorico's is the first coffeehouse in the country run by the McDonald's Corp.



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'WOMEN OF THE YEAR' — Two students and a retired faculty member were honored during a March 26 luncheon with "Woman of the Year" awards from WMU's Commission on the Status of Women. Presented with plaques by commission president Sherri Paxton, right, special services program, were, from left: Monica M. White, a graduate student in sociology; Joanne Dodgson, a graduate student in counselor education and counseling psychology; and Clare R. Goldfarb, emerita in English. The award, which has been given annually since 1978, is intended to recognize outstanding women employees and students at WMU and to increase awareness of the variety of their achievements.

Undergraduate researchers to showcase work

A passing interest in witchcraft and an assigned paper in a class on women and religion led WMU senior Rebecca L. Williams to research heights she never imagined possible as an undergraduate.

Williams, whose research on "Women and Witchcraft" evolved into a 62-page thesis, will join 45 other undergraduates as they present the results of their research at the fourth annual WMU Undergraduate Research Conference from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday, April 5, in the Red Rooms of the Bernhard Center.

The event, sponsored by the Lee Honors College, will include presentations on such

Candidates for social work post to make presentations

Four candidates for director of the School of Social Work will be on campus in the coming weeks for interviews. Each will make a presentation that is open to members of the University community.

All presentations will begin at 4 p.m. They will be followed by question-and-answer periods and receptions. The candidates and the titles, dates and locations for their forums are:

- Philip R. Popple, head of the Department of Sociology, Anthropology and Social Work at Auburn University, will speak on "Contemporary Folklore and Social Welfare" Monday, April 5, in the Fetzer Center.

- Mark W. Lusk, chairperson of the Department of Social Work at the University of Wyoming, will share his views on "Enhancing Faculty Vitality" Wednesday, April 7, in the Fetzer Center.

- Kay S. Hoffman, coordinator of the undergraduate program in the School of Social Work at Wayne State University, will describe "Social Work Education: New Challenges/New Directions" Tuesday, April 13, in Red Room C of the Bernhard Center.

- Robert L. Schneider, professor of social work at Virginia Commonwealth University, will define "The Five C's of Social Work Education: Community, Collaboration, Currency, Creativity and Caring-Research" Thursday, April 15, in 209 Bernhard Center.

topics as Michigan glacial formations, cordless screwdriver design and stuttering behavior among affected members of a single family. The conference is free and open to the public.

Like many of the presenters at the conference, Williams was the recipient of a WMU Undergraduate Research and Creative Activities Award. This awards program is designed to encourage both undergraduate research and mentoring relationships between the students and faculty researchers. Working under the guidance of Nancy E. Falk, religion, Williams began reviewing available literature about her topic and ended up interviewing 10 practicing witches in Michigan, Detroit and Ohio to gather information about their beliefs, backgrounds and practices.

According to Interim Dean Joseph G. Reish, Lee Honors College, the conference represents a natural culmination of the research process in which Williams and the other students became involved.

Three of the speakers at the WMU conference have already shared their work by presenting their findings at the seventh annual National Conference for Undergraduate Research March 25-27 in Salt Lake City. Next April, WMU will play host to that conference, which is expected to attract about 1,000 young researchers and hundreds of faculty mentors.

Among other presentations slated for the April 5 event are a discussion on "Gender Stratification in Comic Books," a description of "Gravity Modeling of a Reef in Allegan County," an examination of "The Effects of Calculators on Achievement in a Second Grade Classroom" and an analysis of "Data Communication in Medical Education." Presentations have been grouped into three broad topic areas: sciences, social sciences, and humanities and the fine arts.

Religion scholars to gather for meeting April 3-4

Nearly 200 scholars from around the nation will gather in Kalamazoo Saturday and Sunday, April 3-4, as WMU plays host to the annual midwest regional meeting of the American Academy of Religion.

"Reflections on the Parliament of the World's Religions" is the theme of the meeting, which will be conducted at the Radisson Plaza Hotel in the Kalamazoo Center. The program director of that international event and religion scholars from more than a dozen states and Canada will lead discussions on the theme as well as on ethics, religion and the arts, women and religion, religion and American culture, religious theory, religious history and sacred texts.

Sessions will begin at 9:30 a.m. Saturday and conclude at 12:30 p.m. Sunday.

According to E. Thomas Lawson, chairperson of religion and president of the AAR's midwest region, the meeting's theme was selected to place an academic focus on the World Parliament of Religions, which will be conducted in Chicago Aug. 28-Sept. 4.

WMU 'committed to proper zoning' for most of research and business park land, official says

The University remains "committed to proper zoning" for most of the land to be developed as part of its research and business park, a WMU official said last week.

"From the beginning of the project, the University has been committed to placing as much of the developable land at the site as possible on the local property tax rolls," said James A. Visser, assistant vice president for regional education and economic development.

"WMU is also committed to spurring overwhelmingly private development of the park's 260 acres through the sale of parcels for the construction of buildings by private companies," he continued. "This means that WMU is committed to proper zoning for most of the land to be developed in the park."

"WMU remains committed to completing the preliminary design and environmental standards of the park's summary plan that will be legally attached to the land by way of covenants and deed restrictions," Visser said. "These preliminary standards require further refinement, which will get under way shortly with the assistance of William J. Johnson & Associates."

The Kalamazoo City Commission this week approved a statement that supplements its earlier support of the park in concept, based in part on a 1991 Faculty Senate report endorsing the park, with a reference to zoning for that portion of the park to be developed within the city of Kalamazoo.

The statement was intended for presentation at a state Senate hearing on legislation permitting a research and business park as one of the uses for some of the land. The state House of Representatives unanimously approved the legislation March 2.

Before land is sold or development begins, the city commission stated, "it is essential that WMU keep its commitment to the city of Kalamazoo to submit a master plan to the planning commission containing design standards, environmental standards, and covenants and restrictions running with the land."

"We believe that the project area should be subject to all local zoning laws in the same manner as it would if it were owned by a private citizen," the statement said.

"It's clear that WMU and the Kalamazoo City Commission are in basic agreement on the direction for development of the park," Visser said. "We appreciate this expression of support and look forward to continuing this spirit of cooperation."

The Board of Trustees March 19 approved a summary plan for the park that was produced by William J. Johnson & Associates of Ann Arbor after months of commu-

Sunseeker 93 team sets sights on Indianapolis

They may not challenge any track speed records, but that won't disappoint members of WMU's Sunseeker 93 team when they visit the Indianapolis Motor Speedway Thursday through Saturday, April 8-10.

The students who have built WMU's solar-powered car hope to qualify for Sunrayce 93, a 1,000-mile solar vehicle race scheduled for this summer. The Indianapolis 500 track is the site of the Eastern Regional Qualifier for the race.

The parliament met only once before, 100 years ago, as part of Chicago's 1893 Columbian Exposition. Lawson says the first parliament was an attempt by the world's various religions to understand each other and to influence the direction of the world. It marked, he says, the beginning of interfaith dialogue.

Highlights of the Kalamazoo meeting will include an address by James Kenney, program director of this year's world parliament. He will give an overview of the "The 1993 Parliament of the World's Religions." The meeting's theme also will be addressed in a look back at the significance of "The 1893 Parliament of the World's Religions" by Richard Seager of Harvard University.

Sessions are open to non-members, but preregistration is required. The fee to attend the meeting is \$20 per person or \$10 per student. The cost of the Saturday and Sunday luncheons is \$11 for each meal and the Saturday evening banquet is \$19. To register or for more information about the event, persons should contact Lawson at 7-4394.

nity participation. The plan calls for development on 260 acres or 43 percent of the 600 acres of land the University owns in the southwest corner of the city of Kalamazoo and Oshtemo Charter Township.

The board also approved the development of the first phase of the project on a 15-acre site in the 54-acre Colony Farm Orchard parcel, the part of the park that is located in Oshtemo Charter Township. Tenants for the first phase include the Department of Natural Resources, two WMU research units and a private high-tech laboratory testing firm.

Top seniors to be honored

WMU's top seniors will be recognized at the 13th annual Presidential Scholars Convocation Thursday, April 8, at the Fetzer Center.

A total of 41 students will be presented as Presidential Scholars, WMU's highest honor to a senior. The convocation will begin with a reception at 5:30 p.m., followed by dinner and a program.

Seniors are nominated for the Presidential Scholar award by faculty members of the academic department in which they have a major. They are selected on the basis of general academic excellence, achievement in the department's programs and intellectual and/or artistic promise.

For the first time this year, three students will receive awards in two departments. Occasionally in past years, one student has been selected by two departments, but this is the first time there have been multiple award winners with double department designations.

The three are: Darrell S. Dow of Kalamazoo, the Presidential Scholar in Economics and in History; Heather M. Dulin of Vicksburg, the Presidential Scholar in Religion and in Science Studies; and Corey A. Leon of Detroit, the Presidential Scholar in Physics and in Political Science.

The speaker for the event will be Stuart J. Dybek, English. The title of his address is "Advice on Advice." Dybek is a poet and short story writer who has won numerous awards for his work, including three O. Henry Awards, a Whiting Writers Award and a Nelson Algren Award. He was named a Distinguished Faculty Scholar, WMU's highest honor for a faculty member, in 1986.

Ellen K. Page-Robin, president of the Faculty Senate, will preside at the convocation and President Haenicke will present certificates to the scholars. The event, intended to celebrate the excellence of WMU students, is sponsored by the Faculty Senate and the Office of the President.

The qualifier will be open to the public from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday.

Registration and a team meeting are scheduled for Thursday in Indianapolis. Friday will be devoted to "scrutineering." Each solar vehicle will be examined to ensure that it complies with regulations and meets safety standards. Each car will have to pass a drivability test; sizing, visibility, electrical and mechanical inspections; and two rolling tests, one for handling and one for braking.

On Saturday, each team must complete 50 miles (20 laps) on the speedway track with a corrected time of two and a half hours or less. This means that each car must be able to maintain a minimum average speed of 20 miles per hour.

Qualifying times will be used to determine starting positions in Sunrayce 93. The vehicle with the top speed in the regional qualifiers will get the pole position for the race. The top three qualifiers each will earn a prize of \$1,000 from Chevrolet.

WMU is one of 36 schools in the country chosen to participate in Sunrayce 93. The race will begin June 20 in Dallas/Fort Worth and end June 26 in Minneapolis. The winner will be the solar car with the lowest cumulative elapsed time in completing the official course.

Sponsors of the competition are the U.S. Department of Energy, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the Society of Automotive Engineers, the National Renewable Energy Laboratory and the General Motors Corp.

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Sharma, Ellin to lead Faculty Senate in 1993-94

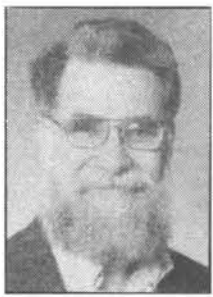
Visho Sharma, science studies, and Joseph S. Ellin, philosophy, have been elected to one-year terms as president and vice president, respectively, of the Faculty Senate for 1993-94.

Sharma and Ellin will assume office April 15 at the senate's annual dinner meeting, during which elections for corresponding secretary, treasurer and recording secretary will be conducted. After the election of officers, an election will be conducted to fill terms that expire in all seven of the senate's councils.

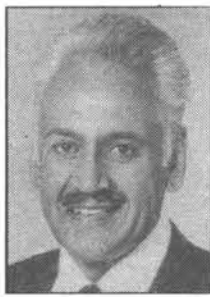
Sharma will replace Ellen K. Page-Robin, community health services, who will complete her fourth term as senate president. She is the first person to serve four terms as president. Sharma has been vice president this year and is chairperson of the Undergraduate Studies Council.

Ellin, who will replace Sharma, currently serves as chairperson of the Regional Education Council and is a senate representative to the Campus III Advisory Board.

The 1992-93 senate executive board, besides Page-Robin and Sharma, included David G. Dickason, geography, corresponding secretary; Larry J. tenHarnsel, English, treasurer; David A. Ede, religion,



Ellin



Sharma

recording secretary; and Linda M. Delene, marketing, immediate past president.

Three faculty members have been elected to three-year terms as senators-at-large. They are Peter W. Krawutschke, languages and linguistics; E. Thomas Lawson, chairperson of religion; and Judith F. Stone, history.

Elections were conducted in 21 departments this year to fill 22 seats in the new senate, representing an annual turnover of about one-third of the senate's membership.

Talk set on U.S. policy in Africa

"United States Policy Toward Africa at the End of the Cold War" will be the topic of a presentation at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 6, in 2303 Sangren Hall.

David S. Wiley, professor of sociology and director of the African Studies Center at Michigan State University, will be the speaker. He currently is co-chairperson of the Association of Concerned Africa Scholars, a national organization seeking greater scholarly input into U.S. foreign policy.

A panel of WMU African students will respond to Wiley's presentation. The event is being sponsored by the South African Solidarity Organization, the African Students Organization, the Caribbean-Latin American Club, the African Studies Program and the Student Activity Fund.

Senior projects to be unveiled

A collision-activated seatbelt retractor, an improved artificial leg for amputee athletes and a "smart pen" that can help blind people write are among the projects to be presented Tuesday, April 13, at the 12th Conference on Senior Engineering Design Projects.

The conference, sponsored by the College of Engineering and Applied Sciences, will run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Bernhard Center.

Bargaining, negotiation are topics of April 8 presentations

Communication strategies in bargaining, negotiation and organizational conflict will be the topic of a lecture and discussion Thursday, April 8.

Linda L. Putnam, professor of communication at Purdue University, will speak on "Bargaining and Negotiation in the Organizational Context" at 7 p.m. in 2750 Knauss Hall. The lecture will be followed by a reception in 2217 Brown Hall. She also will lead an informal discussion during a brown bag lunch from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the third floor conference room of Sprau Tower.

Putnam's visit is being sponsored by the Department of Communication, the Graduate Student Advisory Committee and Communique, an association of graduate communication students.

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WMU's highest honor for a senior, in the Department of Mechanical Engineering. He intends to begin graduate study in the fall and hopes to become a college professor.

In addition to compiling an outstanding academic record, Kedrowski has found time to serve as a Gold Guide, giving tours to prospective students and parents, as an usher for Miller Auditorium on campus and as a Bronco Buddy, helping students move into the residence halls in the fall. He is a member of several honor societies and serves as president of Tau Beta Pi, a student professional association. In 1991, he spent 10 weeks in Cameroon, Africa, as a Peace Corps intern.

Wong began her studies at Sunway College in Malaysia, a school with which WMU has a transfer agreement. She has been the recipient of a WMU-Sunway College Scholarship, a Seibert Undergraduate Research and Travel Award and an Undergraduate Research and Creative Activities Award.

On campus

BALANCING ACADEMICS AND ATHLETICS— Jeff A. Stone knows firsthand the challenges student-athletes face. As an undergraduate at Alma College, he worked to balance his academic work with his athletic activities as a member of the baseball and basketball teams. Now, he's helping athletes maintain their grade point averages along with their batting averages here at WMU. The athletic academic coordinator in the Division of Intercollegiate Athletics, he provides academic support services for WMU's 400 varsity athletes. He organizes study tables, coordinates tutors and works with college advisers on the mandatory advising for WMU's student-athletes. He also works closely with the admissions and registration staffs to monitor initial and continuing eligibility. Due to the construction on the Gary Center and Read Fieldhouse, Stone's office is temporarily located in the Bernhard Center annex — away from the Division of Intercollegiate Athletics offices in West Hall, but closer to the students he serves. "I don't work with every athlete every year, but I probably see most of them at some point during their time here," he says. "I make an effort to get to know them by name." Stone became interested in this line of work while earning his master's degree from Bowling Green State University. "This area combines athletic endeavors, which I enjoy, with academic endeavors, which is why the student-athletes are here," he says. He worked in a similar position at the University of Louisville before joining the WMU staff six years ago.



Human resources

University announces 1993-94 holiday schedule

Summer's coming, and the holiday and winter closure schedule for the 1993-94 fiscal year has been sent to all University offices and work stations for posting. All University employees will observe Memorial Day as a legal holiday on Monday, May 31, and Independence Day on Monday, July 5, because July 4 falls on a Sunday. There will be no classes in session, and all offices and units except those designated essential services will be closed on these days. Some other holiday observances may follow a different schedule for non-bargaining and bargaining unit employees. Please consult the posted schedule or your supervisor if you have questions.

U.S. Savings Bond drive on

Although U.S. Savings Bonds may be purchased any time, once a year the Department of Human Resources makes a special effort to inform employees about this convenient payroll savings plan. According to Barbara S. Liggett, associate vice president for human resources, all employees will be receiving a mailing during the week of March 29-April 2 that explains how and why to buy bonds, but there is no cutoff or deadline.

Savings Bonds offer safety, exemption from state and local income tax, deferral of federal tax until they are cashed, and market-based competitive interest rates when held at

least five years. Because they can be held for as few as six months, or as long as 30 years, bonds are ideal for both short- and long-term savings needs, like saving for your child's college education or your retirement. By using payroll deduction, employees can develop a regular savings habit, tailored to their own individual needs.

Retirement seminar set on Social Security

All employees and their spouses are invited to attend the final session of the Planning for Retirement seminar Wednesday, April 7, which will cover Social Security. The seminar will run from 10 a.m. to noon in the Red Rooms of the Bernhard Center.

Gary Mitts of Social Security Administration will discuss the most recent provisions governing Social Security retirement benefits. The retirement series is sponsored by the benefits and training and development offices of the Department of Human Resources.

Reservations are necessary, and may be made by calling Doris J. Moore at 7-3625.

Obituaries

Isabelle R. Smith, emerita in consumer resources and technology, died March 20 in Battle Creek. She was 68.

Smith joined the faculty in 1968 after earning her master's degree from WMU. Her bachelor's degree was from Wayne State University. She previously was a teacher at Battle Creek Central High School and a dietitian at Receiving Hospital in Detroit.

Smith served as interim chairperson of what was then WMU's Department of Home Economics in 1974-75. She retired from the University in 1983.

Stella C. Spiker, retired from consumer resources and technology, died March 24 in Kalamazoo. She was 79.

Spiker worked at the University as a teacher's assistant in the former Department of Home Economics for 41 years, retiring in 1984. She was past president of the VFW Auxiliary Post #1527 and was a volunteer for Senior Services.

Media

Irene S. Vasquez, religion, discusses the renewed attention on religious cults or sects on "Focus," a five-minute interview produced by news services. "Focus" is scheduled to air Saturday, April 3, at 6:10 a.m. on WKPR-AM (1420).

Candidate for graduate dean here April 8-9 for interviews

John D. Vitek, a candidate for dean of the Graduate College, will be on campus for interviews Thursday and Friday, April 8-9.

Vitek is a professor of geology at Oklahoma State University. From 1989 to 1992, he was associate dean of OSU's Graduate College after serving as its assistant dean in 1988-89.

He will be meeting with a variety of constituency groups during his visit. There will be an open forum for interested faculty and staff from 2 to 3 p.m. Thursday in 102 Wood Hall. An open forum for interested students is scheduled for 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Thursday in 205 Bernhard Center.

Forms on which persons can write their comments will be provided. The forms and other responses may be sent to Dean Douglas P. Ferraro, arts and sciences, who is chairing the search committee.

Workshop to cover patents

A free campus workshop covering patent and copyright procedures will be offered by two area patent attorneys from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 7.

David Boutell and Terryence Chapman from the Kalamazoo firm of Flynn, Thiel, Boutell & Tanis P.C. will lead the luncheon workshop that is sponsored by the Office of the Vice President for Research and the Office of the Vice President for External Affairs and General Counsel.

For additional details and to register for the workshop, persons should call Bobette Hampton, Office of the Vice President for Research, at 7-3698 by Monday, April 5.

Jobs

The following vacancies are 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 or sign the appropriate bid sheet during the posting period.

S-01 and S-02 clerical positions are not required to be posted. Interested University employees may contact an employment services staff member for assistance in securing these positions.

(R) Clerk II, S-03, Accounts Payable, 92/93-317, 3/30-4/5/93.

(R) Police Officer, G-01 (Hourly Paid), Public Safety, 92/93-318, 3/30-4/5/93.

The following faculty position has been authorized for search and applicants are being recruited by the department named:

(N) Assistant Professor (Temporary; 1-Year), I-30, Chemistry, 92/93-324.

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.

(N) New

(R) Replacement

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Calendar

Thursday, April 1

(and 2) Hispanic Awareness Week.
(thru 23) Exhibition, "Sylvia Wong Photographs Nature: The Four Seasons," Sylvia A. Wong, Three Rivers artist, Department of Human Resources, 1240 Seibert Administration Building, weekdays, 8 a.m.-noon and 1-5 p.m.
(and 2) Exhibitions, student art gallery, East Hall, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.: Rotunda Gallery, BFA show in graphic design by Paola Pastore; South Gallery, BFA show in graphic design by Kurt Munger.
Training and development seminar for supervisors, "Training New Employees: The Supervisor's Role," VeLois Bowers, human resources, 204 Bernhard Center, 10 a.m.-noon.
(thru 3) Earth Week: Thursday activities — tours of the Energy Research Institute, 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.; presentation, "Ecologically Sound Shopping," People for Animal Welfare and Students for a Sustainable Earth, 107 Bernhard Center, 7 p.m.
College of Education Research Convocation, second floor, Bernhard Center, 3:15-8:20 p.m.
Faculty Development Services presentation, "Sabbatical Leave Proposals," Beatrice Sichel, University libraries and chairperson, Sabbatical Leave Committee, Faculty Lounge, Bernhard Center, 3:30-5 p.m.; call 7-5305 to register.
Mathematics and statistics seminar, "On the Number of Independent Sets in Certain Graphs," Wing Chan, WMU graduate student, commons room, sixth floor, Everett Tower, 4:15 p.m.; refreshments, 3:50 p.m.
(thru 3) Service Week: Thursday event, Volunteer Recognition Celebration, Lee Honors College, 4 p.m.
University film series, "Boyz n the Hood" (USA, 1991), directed by John Singleton, 3750 Knauss Hall, 6 and 8:30 p.m.
Mircea Eliade Lecture on Religion, "A Consequence: The Creation and Transmission of Religious Truth," Pascal Boyer, senior research fellow in cultural anthropology, Cambridge University, 3760 Knauss Hall, 7:30 p.m.
*(thru 8) University Theatre production, "Julius Caesar," Shaw Theatre: April 1-3 and 7-8, 8 p.m.; and April 4, 2 p.m.

Friday, April 2

(thru 16) Exhibition, printmaking and painting by Mark Bartholome, MFA candidate, Gallery II, Sangren Hall, weekdays, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; April 2 opening reception, 5-8 p.m.
Hispanic Awareness Week events featuring Luis Valdez, writer/director of "La Bamba": lecture, "The Latin Culture, Education and the Arts," South Ballroom, Bernhard Center, 10:30 a.m.; film, "La Bamba," and talk, 3770 Knauss Hall, 7 p.m.
Visiting Scholars and Artists Program lecture, "Arts Advocacy and the Recession: Funding and Support for Theatre in the '90s," Richard Devin, producing artistic director, Colorado Shakespeare Festival, and professor of theatre, University of Colorado, Shaw Theatre, 11 a.m.
Earth Week luncheon address by John Etzcom, environmental specialist at Kraft Foods' Post Division in Battle Creek, Red Room C, Bernhard Center, noon.
Faculty Development Services presentation, "Helping Students Learn," Carol J. Frisch, Self-Enhancement Services, Tate Center conference room, 3210 Sangren Hall, 1:30-3 p.m.; call 7-5305 to register.
*(and 3) Softball doubleheader, WMU vs. Ball State University, Ebert Field: Friday, 2 p.m.; and Saturday, noon.
Psychology colloquium, "Social Cognition and Adult-Perceived Child-Behavior Problems," Kevin Armstrong, psychology, 3760 Knauss Hall, 4 p.m.
Student recital, Mark Young, tenor, and Margaret Lanning, soprano, Dalton Center Lecture Hall, 5:30 p.m.
Closing concert, Spring Conference on Wind and Percussion Music, University Symphonic Band, Miller Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.
Student recital, Anne Thompson, cello, Dalton Center Lecture Hall, 8 p.m.

Saturday, April 3

Football, Brown and Gold intrasquad game, Waldo Stadium, 1 p.m.
Earth Week festival of music and information, amphitheatre between Dunbar and Friedmann halls, 1-8 p.m.
Men's tennis, WMU vs. the University of Akron, Sorensen Courts, 1 p.m.
Men's track, WMU Open, Kanley Track, 1 p.m.

Sunday, April 4

*Softball, WMU vs. Northeastern Illinois University, Ebert Field, 1 p.m.
Dance concert, BFA candidates, Dalton Center Dance Studio B, 2 and 7 p.m.
Annual concerto concert, University Symphony Orchestra with student concerto competition winners, Miller Auditorium, 3 p.m.
Student recital, Claire VanBrandeghen, soprano, Dalton Center Recital Hall, 5 p.m.
Master class, Kevin James, trombone, 1115 Dalton Center, 6 p.m.
Student recital, John Bursch, clarinet, Dalton Center Lecture Hall, 6 p.m.
*WMU Shakespeare Festival concert, Collegium Musicum with the Society for Old Music and University Westersingers, Dalton Center Recital Hall, 8 p.m.
Student recital, Michael Bragg, double bass, Dalton Center Lecture Hall, 8 p.m.

Monday, April 5

Fourth annual Undergraduate Research Conference, Red Rooms, Bernhard Center, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.
(thru 9) Exhibition, BFA degree show by David Smith, Space Gallery, Knauss Hall, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
(thru 9) Exhibitions, student art gallery, East Hall, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.: Rotunda Gallery, MFA show in painting by Dale Strong; South Gallery, BFA shows in ceramics by Pete Bovee and Scott Rutherford.
Guest artist recital, Northern Lights Chamber Winds, Dalton Center Recital Hall, 2 p.m.
Presentation by candidate for director of the School of Social Work, "Contemporary Folklore and Social Welfare," Philip R. Popple, head, Department of Sociology, Anthropology and Social Work, Auburn University, Fetzer Center, 4 p.m.
Student recital, Ivan P. Yanakov, piano, Dalton Center Recital Hall, 5 p.m.
Faculty recital, Joseph Work, viola, and Silvia Roederer, piano, Dalton Center Recital Hall, 8 p.m.

Tuesday, April 6

*Baseball doubleheader, WMU vs. Valparaiso University, Hyames Field, 1 p.m.
*Softball doubleheader, WMU vs. Central Michigan University, Ebert Field, 2 p.m.
(and 7) Contest for players of Corpus Morphus, an educational board game about human anatomy, 208-209 Bernhard Center, 6 p.m.; call 7-5625 to register.
Lecture, "United States Policy Toward Africa at the End of the Cold War," David Wiley, professor of sociology and director of the African Studies Center, Michigan State University, 2303 Sangren Hall, 7:30 p.m.
Concert, University Concert Band, Dalton Center Recital Hall, 8 p.m.

Wednesday, April 7

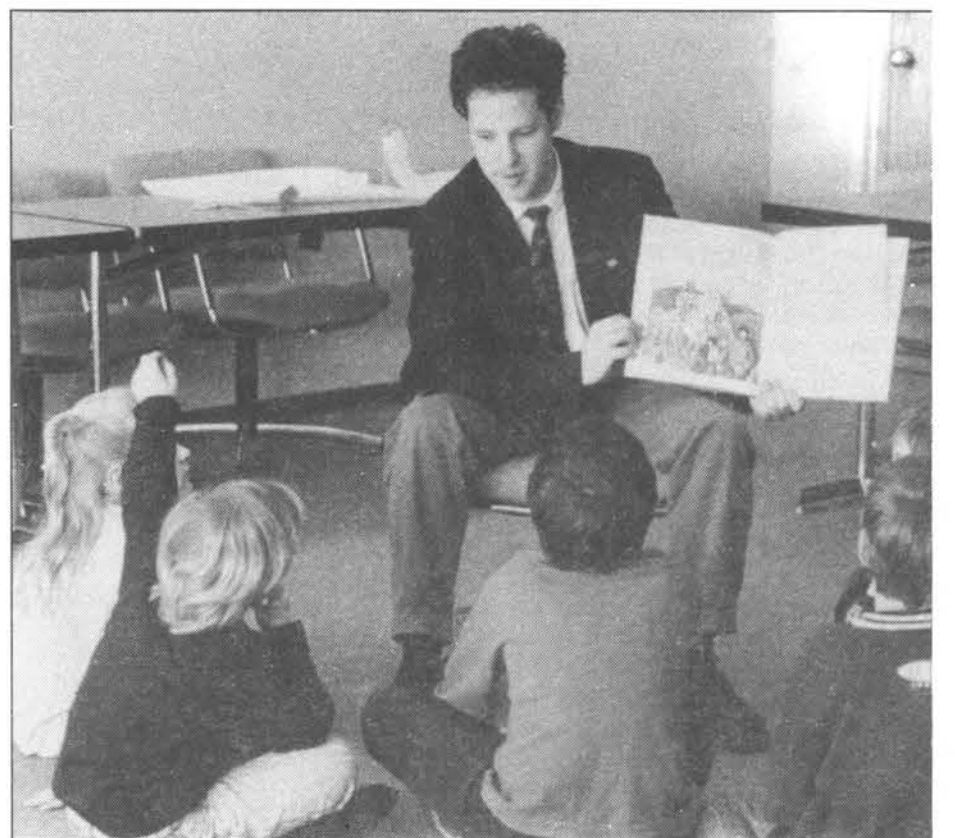
Training and development seminar, "Planning for Retirement — Social Security," Gary Mitts, Social Security Administration, Red Rooms, Bernhard Center, 10 a.m.-noon.
*Administrative Professional Association-Clerical/Technical Organization annual spring luncheon, North Ballroom, Bernhard Center, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
School of Music Convocation Series concert, Student Musicales, Dalton Center Recital Hall, 2 p.m.

*Baseball, WMU vs. Michigan State University, Hyames Field, 3 p.m.
Biological sciences seminar, "Sun Orientation by Loggerhead Shrikes During Foraging," Richard D. Brewer, biological sciences, 5270 McCracken Hall, 4 p.m.
College of Education research colloquium, "Toward a Theory of Teacher Evaluation," Daniel L. Stufflebeam, Evaluation Center, 2308 Sangren Hall, 4 p.m.
Presentation by candidate for director of the School of Social Work, "Enhancing Faculty Vitality," Mark W. Lusk, chairperson, Department of Social Work, University of Wyoming, Fetzer Center, 4 p.m.
Student recital, Barbara Lieurance, piano, Dalton Center Lecture Hall, 6 p.m.
*Concert, University Jazz Lab Band, Dalton Center Recital Hall, 8 p.m.

Thursday, April 8

Doctoral oral examination, "A Comparison of Strategic Decision Task Variable Analysis Between School and Business Executives," Peter A. Behnke, educational leadership, Tate Center, 3210 Sangren Hall, 2 p.m.
Open forums for candidate for dean of the Graduate College, John D. Vitek, professor of geology, Oklahoma State University: for faculty and staff, 102 Wood Hall, 2-3 p.m.; for students, 205 Bernhard Center, 3:30-4:30 p.m.
Student recital, Robert White, trumpet, Dalton Center Recital Hall, 5 p.m.
Presidential Scholars Convocation, Fetzer Center, 5:30 p.m.
Discussions on "Bargaining and Negotiation in the Organizational Context" with Linda L. Putnam, professor of communication, Purdue University: brown bag lunch, third floor conference room, Sprau Tower, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.; and lecture, 2750 Knauss Hall, 7 p.m., with reception following in 2217 Brown Hall.

*Admission charged



NATIVE AMERICAN CULTURE — John A. Bradley, admissions and orientation, shared his Native American culture with children attending the American Indian Family and Tribal Community Conference in the Fetzer Center March 26-27. Bradley read to the children in a session titled "Stories of Indian Heroes." The children's sessions ran concurrently with presentations for adults on current and historical problems facing Native Americans. The conference drew speakers from across the United States and Canada who addressed such topics as "Survival of the Tribal Community" and "Suppression of Indian Life."

General education (Continued from page one)

orientation and develop means to assist departments and faculty members with general education, the policy states.

Students may take examinations instead of courses for the proficiencies if the department offering the course work provides for credit by examination and the COGE agrees, the policy states.

Students would take three- or four-hour courses in fine arts, humanities, U.S. cultures and issues, other cultures and civilizations, social and behavioral sciences and natural science and technology; four- or five-hour courses in natural sciences with laboratory; and two hours in health and fitness.

The policy accommodates students who are enrolled in a curriculum that requires many credit hours with little flexibility, the proposal states. A partial remedy available now will continue, namely that departments can count general education courses toward their majors.

In addition, the COGE will have "broad discretionary powers." When, for example, an academic program includes content in the proficiencies or distribution areas, the COGE may exempt students in that program from the comparable general education requirement. It must have the approval of the Undergraduate Studies Council to do so.

Students may count a course in the distribution area as fulfilling a proficiencies requirement as well if the COGE agrees. And when a variance from the general education policy is required to meet external accreditation, the COGE may grant such an exemp-

tion with the approval of the USC.

Approval of the structure and criteria for general education represents the first phase of the senate's charge to the ad hoc Committee to Revise General Education. The next two phases are development of an implementation plan and a timeline and determination of resource requirements.

Under the current schedule, the policy could be implemented in the fall of 1995, the date determined when the senate created the ad hoc committee in October 1991. The revised program is an alternative to the combination of proficiencies and "core area requirements" that was developed by the USC and presented to the senate in September 1991 as the University Education Program (UEP).

Under the UEP, nine courses in four "core areas" would have been required, including two courses in the arts and humanities, two in the social and behavioral sciences, two in science and technology, two in world perspectives and one in issues and ethics. The UEP was described at the time as "modified distribution program."

The review of general education began in 1988 when then Provost George M. Dennison asked the Undergraduate Studies Council to do so. The council noted that faculty and students cited the current program's "lack of structure and coherence" and its "absence of contemporary perspectives and issues."

The current program has no proficiencies and five distribution areas plus a physical education requirement. It was put in place in 1975.