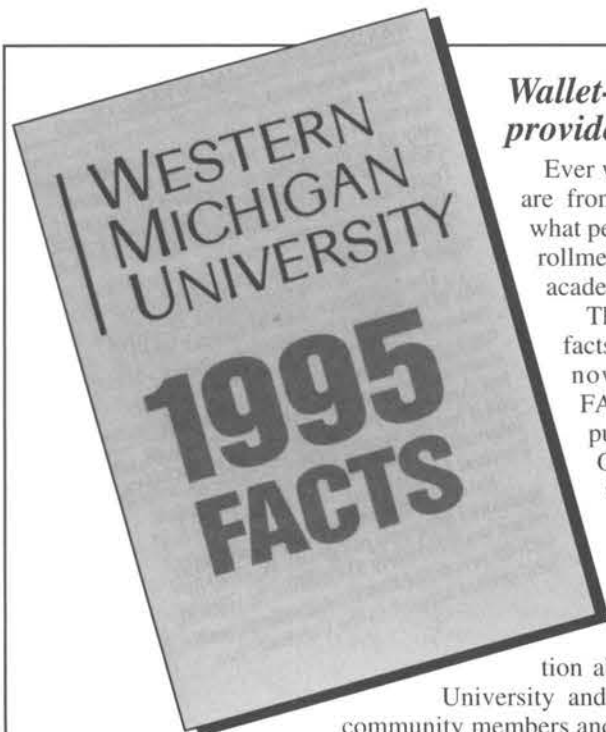


# WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY WESTERN NEWS

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## *Wallet-sized '1995 Facts' provides handy reference*

Ever wonder how many students are from Kalamazoo County and what percentage that is of total enrollment? Or exactly how many academic programs WMU has?

Those and dozens of other facts about the University are now available in "1995 FACTS," a handy, wallet-sized publication produced by the Office of Planning and Institutional Research and the Office of Public Relations and Communications.

"We hope members of the University community will use this information about basic elements of the University and share it with colleagues, community members and others," said Jan W. Lyddon, director of planning and institutional research.

"We are providing copies for each faculty and staff member through campus mail," said Joe Gagie, executive director of public relations and communications. "We welcome their comments and suggestions about what to include in next year's version."

Copies also are available by calling Sue Beougher, public relations and communications, at 7-2373 or e-mailing her at sue.beougher@wmich.edu. Comments and suggestions may be e-mailed to Gagie and Lyddon.

In addition, "1995 FACTS" will be available on-line on Gopher BRONCOS, the University's Gopher server, after Friday, Feb. 24; to access it, type *gopher* at the system (dollar-sign) prompt and select 2. Western Michigan University.

For the record, WMU has 4,347 students from Kalamazoo County, representing 16.9 percent of the University's total enrollment of 25,673 students. WMU has 240 academic programs, including 156 bachelor's, 61 master's, two specialist's and 21 doctoral programs.

## **71 students will spend their spring breaks volunteering at six sites across the country**

Instead of working on their tans, 71 students from WMU will be working on their volunteer skills during this year's spring break.

The contingent will depart from campus Friday, Feb. 24, to participate in "Alternative Spring Break" at sites located in six states. The volunteers will be engaged in activities ranging from delivering meals to people with AIDS in New York City to repairing homes in rural Virginia.

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. "Alternative Spring Break puts students face to face with a totally different community and allows them to perform worthwhile 'hands-on' service."

Elliott is chairing the program with Chandler W. Marietta. 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. In addition to coordi-

nating all the meetings, Elliott and Marietta also will be acting as site leaders for the program.

The sites are located in Atlanta, Ga; Big Talbot Island, Fla.; Hanover, Va.; New York, N.Y.; Cleveland, Ohio; and Tahlequah, Okla. 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.

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

In Atlanta, site leaders Tegan A. Amy and Steve R. Colmus will coordinate their group of 10 students to work on issues of hunger and homelessness in an urban setting with the Open Door Community. Their project will incorporate skills in political organizing, educating about the economics and systematic causes of homelessness and poverty, and creating a supportive and inclusive community.

Marietta and site leader Nick L. Mason will lead their group to Florida, where the team of 10 will work at the Bird Emergency Aid and Kare Sanctuary (BEAKS). The participants will help with the daily upkeep of the sanctuary and also will work with birds that have been injured by human carelessness.

In Virginia, site leaders Randy E. McMullin and Victoria M. Neely will mentor their 10 team members in repairing rural homes in Caroline County in connection with the Ivanhoe Civic League/Volunteers for Communities.

Site leader John C. Griffith will travel with his 10-member team to work with the Cherokee Indian Nation in Oklahoma. The students will interact with Native American children and help with the area's Head Start program.

Elliott and site leader Jennifer L. Klock will be leading their group of students to New York City to work with an organiza-

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**A  
job  
well  
done**



A WMU supervisor and a student employee were honored for their efforts on the job as part of Student Employment Week Feb. 13-17. Joseph S. Estkowski, University computing services, was named "Supervisor of the Year" and Rane B. Terrill, a junior from Kalamazoo employed by the Office of Student Life, was named "Student Employee of the Year" during a luncheon last week sponsored by the student employment referral service. ABOVE: Estkowski is surrounded in the UCS lab by his student employees, nearly 30 of whom nominated him for the award. The nominations spoke of his caring manner and his ability to encourage his students. "Seeing Joe work with others, one can really learn from the examples of courtesy, understanding and professionalism that he sets," one student wrote. AT LEFT: Rita K. Keller, right, student life, nominated Terrill for the award for the hard work she put into producing this year's Student Organization/Agency Directory as well as publicity and related support materials for Bronco Bash, Homecoming and other activities. "She has excelled and given back so much that some of the programs and events would not have been the same without her creativity and enthusiastic support," Keller wrote.



## **Did you know?**

■ WMU's master of public administration program is the largest in the Midwest and the second largest nationally among the 220 members of the National Association of Schools of Public Affairs and Administration. Since its inception in 1975, it has graduated more than 1,400 people who hold leadership positions in local, state and national government, independent sector agencies and health care organizations.

■ WMU's Sindecuse Health Center has the largest group of nurses certified in "college health nursing" of any university in the nation.

■ For the fourth consecutive year, WMU is among the nation's 230 best national universities in U.S. News and World Report's annual College Guide.



## University receives \$1 million each in gifts and grants

The University received more than \$1.1 million in grants and more than \$965,000 in cash gifts during December, according to reports presented to the Board of Trustees at its Jan. 20 meeting.

Grants totaled \$1,131,007, bringing the fiscal year-to-date total of grants received to \$9,432,189. Cash gifts totaling \$965,532 brought the year-to-date total of cash and deferred gifts received by the University to \$3,262,147.

The largest grants received were two awards totaling \$415,331 from the Kalamazoo County Human Services Department to WMU's Center for Developmentally Disabled Adults. The center provides daily living and socialization skills training to the county's population of persons age 26 and older who have developmental disabilities.

Among other major grants received was a \$220,000 award from the Michigan Department of Education to Zoe A. Barley, educational leadership, and Mark Jenness. Both are part of the Science and Mathematics Program Improvement project in the

### Nominations for service award due March 10

Faculty and staff members are reminded that nominations for the 1995 Distinguished Service Award are due at 5 p.m. Friday, March 10.

Guidelines have been distributed to faculty and staff members in campus mail. Materials should be submitted to Lewis Walker, chairperson of sociology and of the Distinguished Service Award Committee.

The award, first given in 1980, was established to recognize exceptional service in one or more of the following categories: service through innovative and effective programs that are academic or related to another facet of University life; service in areas and organizations that contribute to the growth and stature of the University; and service that extends the impact of the University into the larger community.

Up to two awards may be made each year. When two are made, one is given to a faculty member and the other to a staff member.

For more information, persons may contact Walker at 7-5281.

### Computer Competency Test dates set for March, April

Faculty and staff members are asked to tell their students about the Computer Competency Test being offered by the Center for Academic Support Programs in March and April. The on-line exam helps some students fulfill their computer usage requirement for graduation.

The test will be offered at these times in 2033 Computing Center: 6 p.m. Thursday, March 23; and 9 a.m. Wednesday, April 5.

Students interested in taking the test should complete the practice test available on the VAX prior to signing up for the actual test. To register for the test and for more information, students should contact the Center for Academic Support Programs in 201 Moore Hall at 7-4411.

In addition, the center is now capable of administering the test at WMU's regional centers. Students who wish to take the test at a regional center should work out dates and times with the regional center staff.

Center for Research on At-Risk Students. The grant will fund the pair's third year of work as evaluators for the Michigan State-wide Systemic Initiative in Science and Mathematics. The MSSI is designed to totally revamp mathematics and science programs in the state in grades K-12. It was funded in 1992 with a five-year, \$10 million grant from the National Science Foundation.

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration's Lewis Research Center in Cleveland awarded Daniel J. Dorney, mechanical and aeronautical engineering, \$100,000 in research time on a NASA Cray C 90 supercomputer housed at the Ames Research Center in Mountain View, Calif. The award will enable Dorney to access the computer to carry out simulations in his examination of the effects of unsteady flow through jet engine turbines and compressors.

Also received was an \$81,948 award from Michigan Technological University to William B. Harrison III, geology, to continue his work on determining reservoir characteristics and the effectiveness of new drilling technologies in oil fields in the Dundee Formation. That central Michigan geologic formation was once a leading producer of oil in the state and is currently being examined under a Department of Energy grant to determine if advances in drilling technology can effectively tap any of the oil resources that could not be recovered using earlier technology. It is estimated that about 80 percent of the formation's oil still remains to be recovered. This is the start of Harrison's third

year of work with a research consortium formed to investigate the Dundee Formation's potential.

Among gifts received was \$625,000 from a trust established by the late Gordon H. Sindecuse. The funds will be added to the Gordon H. and Elizabeth M. Sindecuse Endowment, which will support the Sindecuse Health Center. That campus facility was named for the couple after they made a \$1 million unrestricted cash gift to the University in 1986. Gordon Sindecuse was a resident of Sarasota, Fla., at the time of his 1993 death. Elizabeth Sindecuse, a 1933 WMU alumna, died in 1990.

Also received was a charitable remainder trust established anonymously by an alumna. The \$140,250 will be used to create an endowed Medallion Scholarship. Medallion Scholarships, each worth \$25,000 over four years, are among the largest merit-based awards in American higher education. Each year, about 1,000 of the nation's top high school seniors come to the WMU campus to compete for the awards.

Two anonymous gifts totaling \$22,000 were made during the month. A \$12,000 gift will be used for an endowed scholarship in the sciences and a \$10,000 gift will be used to establish an endowment for the Department of Dance.

A \$12,000 gift from the Chicago Food Brokers Association to the University's Food Marketing Program also was included in the report to the trustees. The association's annual contribution to the University is used for scholarships in that program.

## Fitness program for kids ages 6 to 10 offered in new Student Recreation Center

Faculty and staff members interested in seeing their children get into better shape should sign up for a new class being offered through University recreation programs and facilities beginning March 10.

"PhytKidz" is designed for children ages 6 to 10 and takes place in the new Student Recreation Center. Each one-hour class emphasizes the development of fundamental motor skills and fitness while participating in a positive physical activity.

The five-week classes are divided into two age groups: 6- and 7-year-olds; and 8-through 10-year olds. Classes for the younger set are offered at: 5 p.m. Fridays; 11 a.m. Saturdays; or noon Saturdays. Sessions for the older children are offered at: 6 p.m. Fridays; 1 p.m. Saturdays; or 2 p.m. Saturdays.

The cost is \$15 for five weeks of a one-hour class. Parents also have the option of paying \$4 for one session on a drop-in basis.

Parents of the children must be affiliated with WMU, as a faculty or staff member, student or member of another category listed in the winter Student Recreation Center brochure. Parents do not need to be members of the Student Recreation Center.

Those who are members can enjoy working out while their children are in class. Others may wait in a room set aside for that purpose.

For more information, persons may contact Amy J. Seth, University recreation programs and facilities, at 7-3765.

## State-of-the-art equipment gives campus new identity

Finding your way around the University can be a confusing experience even for long-time WMU employees. Just imagine the challenges faced by a new person on campus with a visual impairment.

A new area in the physical plant's remodeling services is dedicated to improving the identification of offices and other areas of importance for students, faculty, staff and visitors.

A sign shop began operation late last fall, complete with a state-of-the-art computerized router system. The shop is producing signs for building corridors, classroom and office doors, stairwells and exits that meet specifications outlined in the Americans With Disabilities Act. In addition to giving the buildings an updated and uniform identification system, the signs will meet the needs of persons with physical or visual disabilities.

The new signs, typically 8-by-8-inches, will have white raised letters and numbers on a dark brown plastic background, will have information in braille and will be mounted five feet from the floor. In office areas, the signs will have a place for an insert that can be revised as occupants change.

"This is a completely new thing for us because we have never had a sign shop of any sort," says Kenneth J. Fifelski, remodeling services. "At one time, the physical plant did a little engraving of desk signs and that kind of stuff, but as far as having an actual sign shop there has never been one around here."

"It made sense to buy the equipment and make our own signs," he added. "We felt we could make them a lot cheaper than buying them. It costs around \$40 or \$50 per sign just to have them made by an outside vendor, let alone installing the new signs and taking down the old ones. We can make our own signs for \$25 to \$30 per sign. So we are saving money and time."

"It also gives us a standardization and control over the entire process," he continued. "Five years from now, if we need to replace a sign in a building, we'll be able to make one that matches exactly. We won't have to go to a vendor and hope they would have the same process."

The process of developing the new sign shop began last spring. Before the computerized router system arrived last November, workers spent two months remodeling space in the Brink Printing Services building. In October, Edgar J. Zumburs was



**SIGNS OF THE TIMES** — Edgar J. Zumburs, physical plant-remodeling services, demonstrates the state-of-the-art computerized router system he uses to make the new signs for buildings on campus. The signs meet specifications outlined in the Americans With Disabilities Act and give the buildings an updated and uniform identification system.

brought on board as a graphic technician for training with the new equipment. He previously worked as stage technician in Miller Auditorium for 23 years.

The system consists of an engraving process, a routing process and an assembly process. A router head travels back and forth across a table-type surface, cutting out letters and numbers, engraving the signs and designing whatever the operator programs into the computer.

At least 500 signs currently are being installed in Sangren Hall, which is the first building on campus to receive them. That project is expected to be finished by the end of February.

"Sangren Hall represents a learning curve for us," Fifelski says. "There are a lot of things involved that we discover as we go along. The equipment is fairly sophisticated. The whole process is pretty unique compared to anything we've done before." The next project will be Walwood Hall

and Union. Within about five years, the signs will be installed in every academic building on campus.

"It's been an exciting process," Fifelski says. "There have been a lot of people involved in this. Campus planning, engineering and construction has been involved. They designed the signs and determined where they will be located."

With the new computerized routing system, remodeling services will have the ability to venture into other campus projects. The office, for example, is developing lettering for the University's newest fleet of vehicles. It is being done in-house for the first time. The equipment also has the ability to produce vinyl dye-cut letters.

"There are a lot of expectations and we are at the point where we can start showing some product for our efforts," Fifelski says. "As we learn more about making the signs, we'll expand the scope of our operation. This is just the tip of the iceberg."

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## Study abroad program launched in Mexico

Six students currently are studying in Mexico as part of the first foreign study program in that country sponsored by WMU Office of International Affairs.

The "full immersion" program offers WMU students the opportunity to enroll in the Universidad de Autonoma Queretaro in the colonial city of Queretaro, 135 miles northwest of Mexico City. The students are attending regular classes with Mexican students in the colleges of business or humanities and social sciences as well as studying Spanish language and Mexican culture. They are being housed with host families in the city.

John W. Benson, chairperson of foreign languages and literatures, escorted the participants to Mexico in January. He conducted a one-week on-site orientation program, assisted the students in selecting their classes and advised them on adapting to study and daily/family life. Benson will return for a mid-term evaluation at the end of February to monitor the status of the program. The students will complete the program in June.

Launching a program in Mexico fits with the Office of International Affairs' strategy to establish WMU study abroad sites in the major emerging trading blocs: the Association of South East Asian Nations, the European Union and countries involved in the North American Free Trade Agreement. The ratification of NAFTA made it imperative to establish a new WMU study abroad program in Mexico to prepare graduates linguistically and culturally to do business in a country where only 5 percent of the population speaks English.

The students are: Danielle J. Unger, a junior majoring in Spanish from Allegan; James B. Meyer, a junior majoring in marketing and Spanish from Harbor Springs; Jennifer L. Jendryka, a senior majoring in Spanish from Marshall; Donald P. Plichta, a senior majoring in secondary education, Spanish and German from Muskegon; Jeremy Sayles, a senior majoring in marketing from St. Clair Shores; and Kim T. Zebchazy, a junior majoring in Spanish and special education from Sterling Heights.

## APA sponsors noon-hour Covey video series

Effective leadership, time management and establishing an empowering work environment are among the skills that will be addressed in a two-part, noon-hour video series set for Wednesday, March 1, and Monday, March 6, in 157-159 Bernhard Center.

"Beyond Principle-Centered Leadership" is the title of the video presentation by Steven R. Covey, best-selling author of "The Seven Habits of Highly Effective People." The event is open without charge to the entire campus community and is sponsored by the Administrative Professional Association.

The video focuses on showing viewers how to incorporate effective habits into

their lives in a way that will allow them to manage productive and innovative employees while maintaining balance in their own lives.

Creating optimum conditions for empowerment, learning that letting go of control can actually increase influence and learning how to maintain control while giving workers the autonomy they need to be effective are among the primary lessons of the presentations.

Covey, the founder and chairperson of the Covey Leadership Center, also is the co-author of "First Things First" and the author of "Principle-Centered Leadership." Among his consulting clients are more than 200 of the nation's Fortune 500 companies as well as thousands of small and mid-sized companies, educational institutions and government organizations.

For more information about the presentations, persons should call Sheila Gothard, student financial aid and scholarships and co-chairperson of the APA's Professional Development Committee, at 7-6018.

## No News published March 2

Western News will not be published next week during spring break. The next issue will be published Thursday, March 9. The deadline for that issue is noon Tuesday, March 7.

## Scholar to present two talks

Nathan Sivin, a faculty member in the Department of History and Sociology of Science at the University of Pennsylvania, will give two free lectures Tuesday and Wednesday, March 7-8, on campus.

The presentations are part of the Department of Comparative Religion's Mircea Eliade Lectures on Comparative Religion.

He will speak on "The Idea of Comparison: Comparing Early Greek and Chinese Thought" at 7 p.m. Tuesday in 3760 Knauss Hall. At 7 p.m. Wednesday in 2303 Sangren Hall, he will discuss "The Practice of Comparison: Comparing Early Greek and Chinese Thought."

## Basketball outing scheduled

An evening of top-notch women's basketball is in store when the Administrative Professional Association sponsors a trip to the final home game of the season to watch the Broncos take on the University of Akron Zips at 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 1.

Tickets for the event at the University Arena are \$4 each for APA members and their guests. Reservations and payment must be made to Joe Odehnal, physical plant, by Monday, Feb. 27. For more information, contact Odehnal at 7-8525.

## Obituary

Maude Payne, retired from mimeographing, died Dec. 5. She was 88.

She joined the University staff as head of the mimeographing department in 1944. Her office duplicated news releases, articles for classroom use by students and faculty, internal publications and official notices. She retired in 1968.

Payne continued to live in Kalamazoo after her retirement. She was a life member of the Order of the Eastern Star in Hastings. Memorial contributions may be made to Meals on Wheels.

## On campus

### MORE THAN AN EDUCATION

When Angela M. Mahnke came to WMU in 1988 as a freshman from Pinkney, little did she know she'd find both her husband and a full-time job here. A word processor in the Graduate College, Mahnke processes graduate fellowship applications and graduate assistantship forms. She helps graduate students with questions about their awards, types correspondence and serves as a back-up for the college's secretary on telephones. "I love the flexibility and the people who come in," she says.

"The people I work with are super. I love everything about it — I never want to leave!" Mahnke has been in her present position since 1993. Previously, she worked for a year in the College of Education under a grant-funded program. She joined the staff shortly after earning her bachelor's degree in English in 1992. Her extracurricular activities included playing in the Bronco Marching Band, which is where she met her husband — she played mellophone and he played tuba. She lost her mouthpiece and he was the lucky one to find it. "We call it the 'Cinderella mouthpiece' story," she quips. Mahnke continues her musical endeavors now in her spare time as a member of the French horn section of the Kalamazoo Concert Band. She also enjoys gardening and teaching Sunday School at her church, as well as spending time with her husband.



## Annual seminar planned for office personnel

Topics ranging from assertiveness and self-esteem to stress and fatigue intervention will be discussed at WMU's 23rd annual Seminar for Office Personnel Wednesday, March 22.

The seminar, which runs from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., will take place at the Holiday Inn-West, 2747 S. 11th St.

Lois Wolfe-Morgan, director of Wolfe Associates Inc., will discuss how to deal with heavy workloads and constant demands from others in her keynote address, "Stress and Fatigue Intervention." Morgan

is a professional speaker, accomplished author, television host and seminar leader. Her writings and presentations have led to bottom-line profitability and individual high performance.

Other sessions scheduled for the day are:

- "Assertiveness: It's Your Choice" with Kathy O. Kreager, Employee Assistance Program;

- "Develop Listening Skills" with Steven C. Rhodes, communication;

- "Building Your Self-Esteem" with Tanya L. Ryskind, continuing education; and

- "Relationship Building Through Improved Memory" with Bob Skyllis, training consultant for the Ralph Nichols Corp.

The event is sponsored by the Department of Business Information Systems. The cost of the seminar, which includes lunch, is \$89 and the registration deadline is Friday, March 17.

For more information, persons may call the department at 7-5410.

## Jobs

The following list of vacancies is currently being posted through the Job Opportunity Program by employment services in the Department of Human Resources. Interested benefits eligible employees should submit a job opportunity transfer application 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.

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 Administrative I, S-07,

Anthropology, 94/95-330, 2/21-2/27/95.

(R) Finance Clerk IV (20 Hours/Week), S-06, WMUK, 94/95-334, 2/21-2/27/95.

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.

(R) Replacement

WMU is an EO/AA employer

## Service

These employees are recognized for five, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30 and 40 years of service to the University in February:

40 years — Dean Tyndall, occupational therapy.

30 years — Gerald Hardie, physics.

## 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: Gwen Etter-Lewis, English, on the history of "black talk," Feb. 25; and George Robeck, communication, on "talk radio," March 4.

Two programs on issues in higher education will air in the coming weeks on EduCABLE, the University's cable television system. Both are made available to WMU's video services by the Public Broadcasting Service's Adult Learning Satellite Service.

"The Future of Higher Education: Creating the New American College" will feature Ernest L. Boyer, president of the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching, in a discussion with Leon

Lessinger, Eminent Scholar for Educational Policy and Economic Development at the University of North Florida, and Carol Spalding Miner, president of Open Campus at Florida Community College at Jacksonville. It will air on Channel 36 at: 7 p.m. Monday, March 6; 4 p.m. Thursday, March 9; 3 p.m. Sunday, March 12; and 6 p.m. Wednesday, March 15.

"Developing Programs in Adult Education" will feature Edgar J. Boone, founding chairperson of the Department of Adult and Community College Education at North Carolina State University, and Marilyn Miller, past president of the American Library Association and chairperson of the Department of Library and Information Studies at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. It will air on Channel 36 at: 6 p.m. Tuesday, March 7; 3 p.m. Saturday, March 11; 7 p.m. Monday, March 13; and 4 p.m. Thursday, March 16.

25 years — Frederick G. Schulz, campus planning, engineering and construction.

20 years — Margaret J. Corbin, Davis dining service.

15 years — Diane G. Boston, Waldo Library; Leona Heerlyn, Sindecuse Health Center; Annie L. Mahone, physical plant-building custodial and support services; Daniel D. Miller, physical plant-landscape services; Jamie B. Predum, logistical services-freight/postal/delivery; and Catherine Sargent, Henry/Hoekje/Bigelow dining service.

10 years — Alice Boyd, physical plant-landscape services; Carolyn E. Cox, public safety; Elizabeth Hawkins, human resources; John P. McDevitt, public safety; Katherine McLain, Henry/Hoekje/Bigelow dining service; Patricia K. Rice, physical plant-building custodial and support services; Gilbert Ruiz, physical plant-building custodial and support services; and Burnie J. Tabb, accounts receivable.

Five years — William E. Clock, public safety; Carla V. Joyner, Valley II dining service; Rita H. Kohnke, art; Malcolm R. Malott, University computing services; Rebecca S. Middaugh, Henry/Hoekje/Bigelow dining service; Darlene R. Mosher, human resources; and Yvonne M. Steffler, Academic Skills Center.



Calendar

The master calendar maintained by news services for use in Western News is now 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 3. Campus Calendar. You will find options for 1. This Month's Events, 2. Next Month's Events and 3. Future Events.

Thursday, February 23

(thru 28) Black History Month exhibition, third floor, Waldo Library: Mondays thru Thursdays, 7:45 a.m.-midnight; Fridays, 7:45 a.m.-10 p.m.; Saturdays, 8 a.m.-10 p.m.; and Sundays, noon-midnight.  
(thru 28) Exhibition, quilts and stitchery by Lethonee A. Jones, emerita in social work, executive wing, third floor, Seibert Administration Building, weekdays, 8 a.m.-noon and 1-5 p.m.  
\*(thru 25) University Theatre production, "Dracula," Multi-Form Theatre, 8 p.m.  
Poetry reading, Mark Halliday, Indiana University, and Dean Young, Loyola University, 3770 Knauss Hall, 8:30 p.m.; reception following.

Friday, February 24

Last day to withdraw from winter semester classes, academic records office, third floor, Seibert Administration Building, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.  
Doctoral oral examination, "Teachers' Perception of Instructional Leadership and Student Achievement," David Anspaugh, educational leadership, 3208 Sangren Hall, 10 a.m.  
Concert, "High Noon at Dalton," Sigma Alpha Iota and Phi Mu Alpha choruses, Dalton Center lobby, noon.  
\*Concert, Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra, Miller Auditorium, 8 p.m.

Saturday, February 25

\*Men's basketball, WMU vs. the University of Toledo, University Arena, 4 p.m.  
\*Women's basketball, WMU vs. the University of Toledo, University Arena, 6:30 p.m.

Monday, February 27

(thru March 5) Spring break.

Wednesday, March 1

Administrative Professional Association video series, Steven Covey's "Beyond Principle-Centered Leadership, Part I," 157-159 Bernhard Center, noon-1 p.m.  
\*Women's basketball, WMU vs. the University of Akron, University Arena, 7 p.m.

Saturday, March 4

\*17th annual Kalamazoo Women's Festival, Bernhard Center, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.; call 7-2990 for registration information.  
\*Men's basketball, WMU vs. Bowling Green State University, University Arena, 2 p.m.  
\*Hockey, WMU vs. the University of Notre Dame, Lawson Arena, 7 p.m.

Sunday, March 5

\*Men's gymnastics, WMU vs. Army and the University of Michigan, University Arena, 1 p.m.

Monday, March 6

Administrative Professional Association video series, Steven Covey's "Beyond Principle-Centered Leadership, Part II," 157-159 Bernhard Center, noon-1 p.m.  
\*Performance, New York City Opera, "Barber of Seville," Miller Auditorium, 8 p.m.

Tuesday, March 7

(thru 28) Exhibitions: sculpture by Bernice Strawn, Space Gallery, Knauss Hall, Mondays thru Thursdays, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; and computer prints and paintings by Mel Strawn, Gallery II, Sangren Hall, weekdays, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Cooley compiles collection of critical essays on nature writers for new book published by U-M

General readers with an interest in nature writing and the environment will welcome a new book by John R. Cooley, English and environmental studies.

"It's the first collection of criticism on contemporary American nature writers," says Cooley of "Earthly Words: Essays on Contemporary American Nature and Environmental Writers." The book, published by the University of Michigan Press, is available at or through any local bookstore. The paperback edition costs \$18.95.

"Nature writing is flourishing in America as never before," Cooley says. "Besides an increased interest among academics, contemporary nature writers enjoy the unusual distinction of a growing popularity with general audiences."

Included in the book are critical essays on writers of "distinguished fiction and some of the finest prose nonfiction being written today," Cooley says. They include Edward Abbey, Wendell Berry, Annie Dillard, Joseph Wood Krutch, Aldo Leopold, Barry Lopez, Peter Matthiessen, John McPhee and Gary Snyder.

In his introduction to the book, Cooley traces the roots of contemporary nature writing to the pastoral Greek poet Theocritus, whose third-century B.C. "Idylls" celebrated "the agreeable and happy life of Sicilian shepherds," as well as to the Roman poet Virgil.

Its American roots he traces to Ralph Waldo Emerson and Henry David Thoreau, who were influenced by the European tradition of close, personal observation of nature. Cooley credits Thoreau with influencing most subsequent American nature writers.

"By alternating between the opposed traditions of detached, scientific observation and an intensely personal, first-person narrative that conveys autobiography, personal philosophy and ethics," Cooley says,

"Thoreau touches on most of the themes and ideas that have concerned nature and environmental writers even in the present day."

In "Walden," for example, Thoreau "extols the virtues of country life, but he also launches a pastoral attack on the corrosive impact of the values of urban capitalist society," Cooley writes. "In a gesture not uncommon to pastorals, he urges his readers to 'simplify, simplify' (their lives)."

Among the concerns of Cooley's essayists and the writers they criticize is the relationship between nature and the soul.

One essayist, James McClintock, observes that Annie Dillard "uses nature as a touchstone for spiritual insight," which also could apply to Wendell Berry and Gary Snyder, Cooley says. "In the tradition of pastoral guides, Dillard is a walker, a stalker, a seer, inviting all who will join in her nature pilgrimage to heightened awareness."

Another essayist, Patrick Murphy, "finds a common strand of spirituality running through the poetry of Snyder and Berry, even though Snyder embraces the Buddhist tradition and Berry the Christian," Cooley explains. The critiques of most American nature writers "are usually linked to a vision of harmony with nature."

Cooley finds nature writing a versatile vehicle, indeed, as he believes his collection of essays demonstrates. Nature writing, including its pastoral mode, he says, is most adaptable "to the interests of women as well as men writers, to wilderness and arid-land writers as well as to writers of farm and rural life."

The genre continues to attract both writers and readers, he asserts, because it can "embrace explorations into the nature of society" while being "flexible enough to embrace ideas for a sustainable balance between human activities and the biosphere."



NEW HIGHER ED CENTER IN MUSKEGON — President Haenicke, right, was among participants in the dedication Feb. 10 of the new \$10.4 million Muskegon Center for Higher Education on the campus of Muskegon Community College. WMU joins Ferris State University, Grand Valley State University and MCC in a consortium that offers upper-division and graduate programs at the 95,000-square-foot, three-story center. Through its Division of Continuing Education, WMU offers seven complete and five partial master's degree programs, three graduate certificate programs and four complete undergraduate programs through the new center, which houses WMU's offices. With Haenicke are, from left: Jeffrey Cross, associate vice president of academic affairs at FSU; Arend D. Lubbers, president of GVSU; State Rep. Paul Hillegonds of Holland, House majority leader; James L. Stevenson, president of MCC; and State Sen. Leon Stille of Spring Lake.

College of Education and College of Health and Human Services research colloquium, "Mediating Two Worlds: Popular Culture and Schooling in Student Experience," Gunilla Holm, education and professional development, 3208 Sangren Hall, 4 p.m.  
(and 8) Mircea Eliade Lectures on Comparative Religion by Nathan Sivin, Department of History and Sociology of Science, the University of Pennsylvania: March 7, "The Idea of Comparison: Comparing Early Greek and Chinese Thought," 3760 Knauss Hall, 7 p.m.; and March 8, "The Practice of Comparison: Comparing Early Greek and Chinese Thought," 2303 Sangren Hall, 7 p.m.  
Department of Art slide lecture by Mel and Bernice Strawn, 2750 Knauss Hall, 7 p.m.; reception following in Space Gallery; dance performance, Space Gallery, 8:30 p.m.  
\*Young Concert Artists Series performance, Nokuthula Ngwenyama, viola, Dalton Center Recital Hall, 8 p.m.  
\*Concert, Grammy-winning artist Jon Secada, Miller Auditorium, 8 p.m.

Wednesday, March 8

Doctoral oral examination, "The Relationship of Teacher Attitudes Toward Evaluation and School Building Climate," Timothy J. Lowe, educational leadership, 3310 Sangren Hall, 10 a.m.

Thursday, March 9

Doctoral oral examination, "Beliefs and Perceptions of Michigan Superintendents Toward Females Advancing in the Ranks: Perspectives to Increase the Minority Pool," Dennis J. Stanek, educational leadership, 3208 Sangren Hall, 10 a.m.  
Mathematics and statistics colloquium, "The Indiana Needle Problem," Hugh L. Montgomery, the University of Michigan, Commons Room, sixth floor, Everett Tower, 4 p.m.; refreshments, 3:45 p.m.  
Meeting, Faculty Senate, Fetzer Center, 7 p.m.

\*Admission charged

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tion called God's Love We Deliver. The 10 students will be preparing and delivering hot nutritious meals to people who are suffering from AIDS or are infected with the HIV virus.

Site leaders Kevin M. Lemke and Dina M. Matt will travel with their group of 10 to Ohio to work with an organization called the Catholic Worker. They will be learning and working with homeless people in the Cleveland area.

The 11 site leaders were selected on the basis of their leadership ability, motivation, dedication and past experiences with the break program. They work closely with the co-chairpersons to train and facilitate their teams. They also serve as the liaison for each designated site in order to develop the itinerary and plan programs for community interaction. During the week of the program, the site leaders will actively participate as well as facilitate activities.

Selection for the other 60 participants was based on the applicant's motivation, the degree of realism in their expectations of the program and previous volunteer experience. The coordinators of Alternative Spring Break also were looking for people who had never volunteered before to give them a unique volunteering experience. Flexibility, acceptance of diversity and the ability to make the time commitments to the program also were important criteria in the selection process.

Students have been meeting since the

beginning of December and will have attended six training sessions designed to prepare them for the ventures to their sites. The sessions have incorporated team building, group dynamics and issue area training as well as presentations and workshops by WMU faculty members and professionals from community agencies.

Each student is expected to pay \$125 to cover part of the costs of the trip. A concert featuring four bands from Kalamazoo raised about \$400 dollars for the program. The co-chairpersons also are seeking additional funding to make the program successful.

Although the actual trip will end on Saturday, March 4, the students' dedication to increased community service will continue. On Saturday, March 25, the participants will volunteer for several hours to help pack up the NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt. The quilt, which represents the many people who have died from AIDS, will be on display in the University Arena of Read Fieldhouse March 22-25.

"This activity is designed to harness the enthusiasm of the groups upon their return," Marietta says. "In order to achieve the long-term goals of the Alternative Spring Break program, we need to bring service back into our community. The goal is to help students make the connections between the distant and the immediate community and to bring the spirit of their work back to Kalamazoo."