700 young artists here for statewide festival

More than 700 of the state's finest young artists will gather Thursday through Saturday, May 11-13, for the 33rd annual Michigan Young Arts Festival at WMU.

The festival honors Michigan high school students gifted in the areas of dance, drama, instrumental and vocal music, visual arts, creative writing and film/video. Unique to the state of Michigan, the festival began in 1963 as a simple talent screening of young musicians. Today, it is the largest comprehensive arts spectacular, culminating in a nine-month search for the finest artists from the state's high schools.

Some 60,000 students across the state become involved in the adjudication process that results in the more than 700 students being invited to participate in the three-day festival. This is the 11th year that WMU has played host to this event.

Loretta M. Long, who created and has played the role of "Susan" on the hit "Children's Television Workshop" show "Sesame Street" for the past 26 seasons, has been named the honorary chairperson of the 1995 festival. A native of Paw Paw, Long will be giving an eight-hour search for the finest artists from the state's high schools.

The outstanding students attending the festival will share their talents with their peers and the public through free performances and exhibits. For more information and a schedule, persons may contact the College of Fine Arts at 7-5811.

Student, faculty member honored for community service

A WMU student and faculty member were honored by a statewide organization for their service to the community during a March 30 ceremony in East Lansing.

Ellen K. Muehleiber, a senior from Three Rivers, and Shirley A. Van Hoeven, communication, were honored at the Michigan State University campus. Muehleiber received the Student Community Service Award and Van Hoeven was presented with the MCC Faculty/Staff Community Service Learning Award.

According to Terri M. Benton, student volunteer services, each of MCC's 29 member institutions was asked to select a student and a faculty member who epitomize campus volunteer advocacy. Muehleiber and Van Hoeven were selected for their awards by WMU's Student Volunteer Services Board, which oversees volunteer activity on the campus.

Muehleiber, a recipient of WMU's prestigious Medallion Scholarship and a member of the Lee Honors College, is majoring in comparative religion and bio-

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medical sciences. She has been a volunteer leader in a number of campus organizations during her career at WMU. She has worked actively to promote both AIDS awareness and the need to combat sexual violence through Mortar Board, a senior service organization, serving as an organizer of such efforts as the Clothesline Project. Active in Alternative Spring Break, which places students in community service projects for one week each spring, Muehleiber served one year as a campus co-chairperson for the program and another as a site leader for volunteer work at a Detroit homeless shelter.

She has been a senator for the Western Student Association, public relations chairperson for the WMU Student Alumni Association and a member of the Student Volunteer Services Board. She also worked for two summers in WMU's student orientation program, serving as an orientation leader and as an orientation coordinator. Muehleiber, who was a Michigan finalist in the Rhodes Scholarship competition, recently was named a WMU Presidential Scholar in the Department of Comparative Religion. She also plans to begin graduate studies this fall.

Van Hoeven, a WMU faculty member since 1970 and director of the Department of Communication graduate program since 1979, has played an active role in serving both the University and the surrounding community. She was honored by MCC for her role in influencing students to become involved in community service or service learning.

She developed and currently teaches a class in "Interpersonal Communication," which incorporates hands-on service experiences.
More than 2,600 scholars are expected for the 30th Medieval Congress to be held May 4-6 in Kalamazoo to celebrate the 30th convening of the International Congress on Medieval Studies. The congress, organized by WMU's Medieval Institute, will feature a record 450 sessions in which more than 1,300 papers will be presented by medieval specialists who will come from such locations as Australia, Egypt, Hungary and Japan.

The congress, which will attract scholars from more than 25 nations this year, is traditionally the premier event for scholars in all disciplines whose work involves the study of life in the Middle Ages.

Otto Grunfeld, who has just retired as director of WMU's Medieval Institute, is overseeing his 21st and final congress this year. The growth in both the size and international stature of the congress, he says, has far exceeded the goals and expectations he had when he first took charge of the event in 1975.

Speech pathology and audiology lecture series to include celebration of the life of Van Riper

The Department of Speech Pathology and Audiology organized a lecture series to celebrate the life of its founder, Charles G. Van Riper, in a May 4-5 lecture series in his honor and a May 6 memorial celebration of his life.

Van Riper, an internationally known pioneer in the field of speech pathology, died May 24, 1993, before he could see many of the accomplishments he dreamed of. No funeral services were held following his death. The May events are intended as a salute to Van Riper and his work. The March of Dimes, a national organization that raises money for research and prevention of birth defects, also will be included.

The 12th annual Van Riper Lectures in Speech Pathology and Audiology will take place at 4 p.m. Thursday and Friday, May 4-5, in the Bernhard Center. "Voice and Voice Disorders: Current Standards of Care" is the topic of this year's lecture series.

The lecture series will focus on identification of disorders, including those caused by neurological problems, effective treatments of such disorders and managing the outcome of treatment. The series is designed for professionals in such fields as speech pathology, vocal music and medicine as well as faculty members and students.

This year's Van Riper Lectures are sponsored by the Department of Speech Pathology and Audiology and by the Constance Brown Hearing and Speech Center.

On Friday, May 5, following the closing sessions of the Van Riper Lectures, the memorial celebration will begin with a gathering between 5 and 6 p.m. at the Speech and Hearing Center on East Campus. The event will continue outdoors during the evening and on Saturday, May 6, with activities scheduled for Walhalla Hall.

The 64th annual Student Speech and Hearing Clinic in recent years, he notes.

At that time, we had about 800 partic-

ipants. Today, we're from 40 countries, he says. His goal of internationalizing the congress was quickly realized and the congress "internationalized" was added to the con-

gress title in 1979 to note its growing stature around the globe. While the phys-

ical boundaries of the congress have reached its practical limits, he says, no such limits exist for new areas of inquiry to be ad-

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sence Selection Committee to receive service awards for the final quarter of the fiscal year.

They are among the 37 employees nomi-
nated by their peers for the awards in this new program, which is designed to promote a spirit of excellence in service and recognize the outstanding service that employees perform.

Fourteen employees were also nominated for awards in the quarter preceding this one.

Those who will receive the awards are:

- Patricia J. Klee, human resources management specialist, will receive the award for the quarter ending May 31.
- Michael J. Era, career advising assistant, will receive the award for the quarter ending June 30.
- Dorothy A. Smith, administrative assistant, will receive the award for the quarter ending July 31.
- Linda A. K. Campbell, administrative assistant, will receive the award for the quarter ending August 31.

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On campus

FORMING A FOUNDATION

— Providing support services to graduate students enrolled in the Career English Language Center for International Students and the job of Cheryl M. Ruitter. An activities coordinator in CELICS, she helps integrate international students into the campus and community environment by planning extracurricular programs. CELICS offers language instruction for international students who wish to improve their proficiency in English in order to pursue higher education in the United States. An average of 125 international students are enrolled each semester, and a good share of them are pursuing their degrees at WMU. "My goal is to provide a feeling of unity for the international students, teach them about the culture, so they have a good foundation to support them during their studies at WMU," Ruitter says. "Many of the relationships the students build here last long after their studies at WMU."

The activities she coordinates range from dinners and sporting events to field trips through Michigan and neighboring states. She often invites speakers or offers workshops to the students so that they can practice their listening and note-taking skills. In addition, she puts out a newsletter, does some student advising and acts as a resource person for those who need help with their studies.

Zest for Life

Frank and Paula Jarmon are facilitating a program of Mediation Support Group for spring and summer. This group is being developed for individuals who have been involved in the Mediation Workshop in the past year, and others who have experience in mediation and wish to continue mediation practice in a supportive environment.

This support group is not designed for those interested in becoming mediators. It is open to anyone who has worked with mediators or those who have interest in learning more about mediation and would like to register, call the Office of Health Promotion and Education at 7-3263.

The popular "Tai Chi" class, led by Jahn Ahjuli, will be continued through the spring session. Tai Chi is an ancient Chinese exercise consisting of slow and relaxed movements. It involves physical exercises, will power, visualization and study in concentration. Classes will meet from 5:15 to 6:30 p.m. Mondays in Oakland Hall for the first openings. Contact Zest for Life program at 7-3262 for more information and to register.

Human resources

A few slots remain for seminars. "On campus" is scheduled to air on these Saturdays at 6:10 a.m. on WPRK-AM (1420) with the following speakers and topics: Ross Gregory, history, on the 50th anniversary of the end of World War II, May 6; and James B. Hammond, physician assistant, on what's next for national health care reform, May 13.

The seminar, sponsored by the Department of Human Resources, is open to all employees. If you've been too busy to reserve a place, or if you need to cancel the reservation you previously made, please call Debra Barber at 7-3260.
AWARD WINNERS — Several clerical and technical/and professional/administrative employees were recognized with awards during the annual spring luncheon April 12 sponsored by the Clerical/Technical Organization and the Administrative Professional Association. The award winners and those who presented them were: (standing from left) Toby J. Boyle, University computing services, who is president of APA; Julie M. Christiansen, external affairs/development, who received the C/TO Outstanding Service Award; Diane M. Snyder, Hawworth College of Business advising and admissions, who received the APA Outstanding New Professional Award; Mary J. DeRoo, president of C/TO; seated from left) Kathy O. Kreager, Employee Assistance Program, who received the C/TO Support Award; Dawn J. Papesh, auxiliary enterprises, who received the APA MVP Award. Unable to be present for the photo was Helen M. Horn, construction engineering, who received the APA Service Award.

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riences for her students along with class- room lectures and literature. She also has served the campus community through her mem- bership on a number of department, college and University committees.

Active in various community organiza-
tions, Van Hoeven is president of the Kalamazoo Valley Habitat for Humanity and has served on the boards of directors for both Family and Children Services and the Kalamazoo Association for Retarded Lerten.

Van Hoeven was named a “Woman of the Year” in 1990 by the WMU Commis- sion on the Status of Women and in 1976 was recognized for her superior teaching skills with an Alumni Teaching Excel-

The Michigan Campus Compact is an action-oriented demonstration project that encourages volunteer community service opportunities for students and promotes education for citizenship by supporting service and internships. It is funded by the W.K. Kellogg Foundation of Battle Creek and by MCC member institutions and affiliated with Campus Compact, a national project sponsored by the Education Commission of the States.

Sky Broncos capture third

Sky Broncos, WMU’s precision flying team, took third place in the National Inter- collegiate Flying Association championships April 25-29 in Greenville, Miss.

It was the fourth time in five years that the WMU team has placed in the top three. The team placed first in flight events and took the ‘judges’ trophy,’ which goes to the team with the most overall points. Coach Mark Serbenki was named “coach of the year.”

First place went to the University of North Dakota and Ohio State University was second.

Panel discussions, readings by noted writers open to public during Third Coast conference

WMU’s Third Coast Writers’ Confer-
ence has a diverse and "contemporary" flavor this year, when three Canadian au-
 thors and six American writers arrive in Kalamazoo to discuss literature and craft and conduct workshops with fellow writers Thurs-
day through Saturday, May 11-13.

Quality for this year’s conference includes such acclaimed authors as poets Linda Birdseye and Michael Van Walleghen and fiction writers Michael Ondaatje, Janis Kulyk Keffer and Leorn Roseo. The last three are Canadian residents who, between them, have received some of the country’s top literary awards and are among Canada’s most famous writers.

All of the writers will conduct work-
shops with conference participants and will give public readings in the evening.

This is the eighth year for the confer-
ence, designed as a celebration of literature in the region. Writers share their work and insights into the process of writing with the community. Nearly 100 writers interested in improving their skills were selected to attend the conference based on manuscripts they submitted.

All writers have been invited to join these writers in attending two panel discussions Friday, May 12: one at 2:15 p.m. with editors from major publications that will be published; and one at 3:30 p.m. with several writers on the influence of place on character and imagination in fiction and poetry. Both will take place in 3372 Brown Hall.

The free public readings during the con-
ference also will feature fiction writers Anne Finger and Catherine Gammon and poets Maurice Kilwein Guevara and Alane Rollings. The schedule will be: 7:30 p.m. Thursday, May 11, with Finger, Gammon, Guevara and Rollings; 8 p.m., Friday, May 12, with Kilwein Guevara, Finger, Rollings and 8 p.m. Saturday, May 13, with Birds and Van Walleghen. All readings will take place in 3770 Knauss Hall and will be followed by receptions on the 10th floor of Spray Tower.

For more information, persons may con-
tact the Department of English at 7-2572.

Swimming lessons offered

Faculty and staff members interested in having their children learn how to swim should sign up for classes being offered through University recreation programs and facilities.

Beginning June 14 and continuing through July 28, "Learn to Swim" classes will take place in three sessions at the Student Recreation Center pool. Children ages 10 and older will be eligible for participation in the American Red Cross pre-beginner and beginner swimming classes.

Each class is led by a certified instructor and meets eight times for 30 minutes. Ses-
sion I is scheduled for June 14-23, Session II, July 1-14 and Session III, July 15-28. The sessions will run Wednesday through Friday of each week and Thursday of Week One and Monday through Thursday of the last two weeks.

The cost for enrolling in each session is $30. Registration and payment must be received two weeks prior to the start of each session.

For more information on registration and fees, persons may contact: Maureen Bauermeier, University recreation pro-
grams and facilities, 7-3543.

Calendar

The master calendar maintained by news services for use in Western News is now available through Gopher at the VM/CHS calendar. Currently, there are three calendars available: May events; June events; and future events, which run from July through December.

This Month's Events, Future Events.

May

Thursday, May 4

(thru 7) 50th International Congress on Medieval Studies, Goldworthy Valley residence halls, Fetzer Center and Schneider Hall, all day.

Friday, May 5

Doctoral oral examination, “A Wellhead Protection Study of a Small Agricultural Waterfiel,” Michael Van Walleghen, Wallace Hall, all day.

Saturday, May 6

West Michigan Behavioral Network lecture, “Women of the World and the Nations” (with a focus on women in China), Faculty Dining Room, Bernhard Center, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Sunday, May 7

Opening of WMU Clinics and tours for the general public, University Medical and Health Sciences Center, 1-4 p.m.

Tuesday, May 9

Writing workshop for the preparation of doctoral dissertations, specialist projects and master’s theses, Graduate College Conference Room, Seibert Administration Build-

ing, 9-10:30 a.m.; call 7-3569 to register.

Reception honoring Graduate Research and Creative Scholars, President’s Dining Hall, 7-5105.

Wednesday, May 10

Human resources seminar, “Stress Management,” Edw. Wells, holistic health care, 157-159 Bernhard Center, noon-1 p.m.; call 7-3760 for registration information.

Doctoral oral examination, "Efficient Communication Methods for Echo-Pulse and Waveform Techniques," John C. Lee, mathematics and statistics, Commons Room, sixth floor, Everett Tower, 4 p.m.

Thursday, May 11

(thru 14) 54th Annual Michigan Youth Arts Festival, Dalton Center, Shaw Theatre, Miller Auditorium, all day.

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

First Coast Writers’ Conference public reading by writers Anne Finger, Catherine Gammon, Maurice Kilwein Guevara and Alane Rollings, 3770 Knauss Hall, 7:30 p.m.; reception following on the 10th floor of Spray Tower.

Friday, May 12

*50th annual Conference on Counseling, Bernhard Center, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.; call 7-1505 to register.

First Coast Writers’ Conference sessions: panel discussion on getting published, 3321 Brown Hall, 2:15 p.m.; panel discussion on the influence of place on character and imagination in fiction and poetry, 3321 Brown Hall, 3:30 p.m.; public reading by writers Michael Van Walleghen, Janis Kulyk Keffer and Leorn Roseo, 3770 Knauss Hall, 8 p.m.; reception following on the 10th floor of Spray Tower.

Saturday, May 13

Third Coast Writers’ Conference public reading by writers Linda Birdseye and Michael Van Walleghen, 3770 Knauss Hall, 8 p.m.; reception following on the 10th floor of Spray Tower.

Tuesday, May 16

Doctoral oral examination, “Interdisciplinary Collaboration in the Elementary School: A Case Study,” Kathryn Kinnman-Welsch, educational leadership, 3208 Sangren Hall, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Doctoral oral examination, “Step Domination in Graphs,” Kelly Schultz, mathematics and statistics, Commons Room, sixth floor, Everett Tower, 3 p.m.

*Admission charged