Academic Convocation set for Tuesday, Feb. 1

President Haenicke will present the "State of the University" address at 3 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 1, at the 14th annual Academic Convocation in the Dalton Center Recital Hall.

The event, which is open to the public, is intended to recognize and celebrate academic achievement and excellence at the University. It is sponsored by the Office of the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs.

Provost Nancy S. Barrett will give the welcome at the convocation. Alumni Teaching Excellence Awards will be presented by John A. Yellich of Thornton, Colo., president of the WMU Alumni Association; to David F. Kasten, theater; Edward J. Mayo, marketing; and Cecil L. McIntire, biological sciences.

Haenice comments on MLK Day and funding strategy

President Haenicke said he would review the University’s observance of the birthday of Martin Luther King Jr. for next year in part because it was "very moderate response" to the current approach.

Haenicke, in remarks Jan. 21 to the Board of Trustees, also thanked the University community for its support this year of United Way and praised essential services employees for their work during two closures last winter.

In addition, the president called on trustees, friends, alumni and staff members to join him in his campaign to seek a minimum of $5,000 per student in annual state appropriations for WMU as the state’s only doctoral university. The other state universities are either research or comprehensive universities, he said.

ST. JOHN, BOLDI Elected to board leadership posts

Richard Y. St. John of Kalamazoo and Larry Boldi of Kalamazoo were elected chairperson and vice chairperson, respectively, of the Board of Trustees at its meeting Jan. 17.

St. John, who served as vice chairperson of the board in 1993, replaces James S. Brady of Grand Rapids. His selection is in keeping with Section One of the board’s bylaws that identifies seniority as a key criterion for chairpersons.

"I have seldom seen here or in other universities a chairman of the board who was more serious and more dedicated to the chores that come with the office," President Haenicke said of Brady. "I have seldom seen a person who was more willing to give so freely of his time."

"The trustees who serve our University do so without any remuneration," he continued. "All of them are busy people with loads of other obligations, and they take upon themselves this public service duty as well as the inconvenience of travel in good and bad weather from out of town to come here. They leave behind their work, which they have to do when they get back. They make sacrifices in their family life by being absent, and they go on functions of the University here and elsewhere. All that takes time, effort and dedication, and we have that."

Other officers re-elected this year were: Betty A. Kocher, treasurer; Robert M. Bean, secretary; and Richard F. Bobbitt, student financial aid and scholarships.

Following the awards ceremony, Haenicke will give the address. The convocation will be followed by a reception in the lobby of the Dalton Center.

"The State of the University" address will be broadcast at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday on WMUK-FM (102.1), the University's public radio station.
Bhatt selected as chief of staff in health center

The appointment of a new chief of staff in the Sindecuse Health Center was part of personnel action taken Jan. 21 by the Board of Trustees.

Pradip N. Bhatt has been named to the position, effective Jan. 3, 1994. He takes over some of the duties formerly carried by Terry L. Baxter, who has been serving as director of the health center and as chief of staff.

Bhatt joined the health center as a staff physician in 1986 and, since 1991, has also been that center's chief of staff. Previously, he was in family practice for six years.

The trustees also approved the previously announced appointment of Cathy George as women's volleyball coach, effective Dec. 21, 1993, under a three-year contract.

Clothing needed for Domestic Assault Shelter

The campus campaign to collect clothing and other needed items for the Kalamazoo YWCA Domestic Assault Shelter will continue through Friday, Jan. 28.

Two campus employee groups, the Administrative Professional Association and the Clerical/Technical Organization, are sponsoring the third annual campaign to support the shelter for battered women and children.

Members of the campus community are urged to take a few moments to consider what items could be donated. Needed items include women's and children's gently used clothing, toys, books, games, bedding and personal care items. No food items will be collected during this drive.

Collection areas have been established in the following campus buildings: Seiberth Administration Building,Ellsworth Hall, Friedemann Hall, Koltman Hall, McCracken Hall, Shaw Theatre, Sindecuse Health Center, Spru Tower and Wood Hall.

Shaw appointed to lead fund-raising activities

Sondra C. Shaw has been named assistant vice president of external affairs. Her appointment, effective Feb. 14, 1994, was approved Jan. 21 by the Board of Trustees.

Shaw currently is director of development and state relations for the State Historical Society of Wisconsin, a state agency and 10,000-member organization affiliated with the University of Wisconsin at Madison. In addition, she is co-director of the National Network for Women as Philanthropists, which is housed in the U-W's School of Family Resources and Consumer Sciences.

The plans to lead the shelter's development with the network after coming to Kalamazoo.

The University of Michigan, Shaw will be responsible for fund-raising activities. "We are delighted to have a person of Sondra Shaw's abilities and experience join our development team," said Keith A. Pretty, vice president for external affairs and general counsel, to whom she will report. "She complements an already talented staff and will provide excellent leadership for our fund-raising activities.

Changes announced in affirmative action office

A change in reporting lines, duties and assignments for the director of the Office of Affirmative Action Office was announced by President Haenicke.

Effective Jan. 31, the office will report to Keith A. Pretty, vice president for external affairs and general counsel. David A. Glenn will become assistant general counsel and report to the director of the Office of Affirmative Action. He has been director of affirmative action since 1989.

The offices of affirmative action and that of the general counsel engage in many similar activities on behalf of the University," Haenicke said in a letter to employees.

"Both offices work closely with state and federal regulatory agencies to ensure compliance with a variety of state and federal laws. In addition, both offices also spend a large amount of their time in counseling faculty, staff and administration on compliance with laws and investigating complaints that arise."

Haenicke said he was confident that combining the offices would create greater efficiency and eliminate duplicative services for the University. The offices are located in 274 Wolfland Hall.

The appointments were announced previously to Chauncy J. Brinn, vice president for administrative affairs who is on administrative leave until his retirement in July.

Committee looks into violence on campus

The committee to Investigate Violence on WMU will conduct a forum at 11:30 a.m. Monday, Jan. 31, in the Red Rooms of the Bernhard Center.

The forum is the last in a series of sessions that began earlier this week. They are designed to help the committee with its investigation of campus violence, their causes, possible solutions and preventative strategies.

The committee is charged with discussing those concerns with appropriate members of the University community and with developing a statement concerning violence on campus. The committee's report is due at the end of April.

In addition to conducting the forums, the committee has developed a survey, which was published in the Western Herald and distributed to each student living in the residence halls.

The committee is being chaired by Stella J. Morado, Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs. Other members are: Nimish A. Chakravarti, a senior and resident hall advisor in the Office of Student Life; John J. Strnad, a junior; and Robert Strazdas, campus planning, engineering and information systems.

The committee is seeking suggestions on ways to improve the campus environment for students.

In other action, the trustees reappointed three deans, chairpersons and directors. "Both offices work closely with state and federal regulatory agencies to ensure compliance with a variety of state and federal laws. In addition, both offices also spend a large amount of their time in counseling faculty, staff and administration on compliance with laws and investigating complaints that arise."

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Butterfield returns from trip with fresh insight on Zhirinovsky and political climate in Russia

Students studying international and comparative politics at WMU this semester will be hearing some of the nation's most up-to-date information about the volatile Russian political scene.

James M. Butterfield, political science, returned from a 9-week trip to Russia where he was continuing his research on that country's emerging political parties. Butterfield, the former MMU student, visited Moscow, St. Petersburg, and the provinces of Nizhni Novgorod (formerly Gorky) and Ekaterinburg.

Butterfield, who spent seven weeks in Russia last summer, returned to assess the effects of the recent election, the peaceful but very violent upheavals that Russians refer to as "The October Events." Butterfield's research was astounding and initially very depressed over the outcome of the election," Butterfield says. "Vladimir Zhirinovsky, who captured nearly 24 percent of the vote, is regarded as an embarrassment by most — even those who voted for him."

"I talked with many people who voted for Zhirinovsky and they were embarrassed to admit it," Butterfield says. Most who voted for him did so to protest the hardships and conditions existing under Boris Yeltsin's reforms, he says.

Since Yeltsin and his supporters have dominated most of the competition, voting for Zhirinovsky's Liberal Democrats or the Communists were the only ways to lodge a protest, he says. Many people voted for Zhirinovsky thinking they would be one of the only ones to voice their frustration that way. But, they were astonished, he said, at the election results.

Zhirinovsky's strong showing, Butterfield says, is symptomatic of the kind of suffering that reform has brought and Russian anger and humiliation over "The October Events." "I was surprised at the level of fallout from last October's violence," he says. "People there are feeling great anger at Yeltsin and mortification and shame that their leaders behaved in such a way."

Butterfield, who speaks Russian fluently, says he was in the region. "I was there and worked while completing his doctoral work at the University of Notre Dame in social and economic policy, the trips kick off plans to return next summer and may spend part of his 1994-95 sabbatical year there."

Grant pave way for new high school math curricula

Teams from 90 Michigan high schools will learn about the latest developments in mathematics education and begin communicating through the new statewide computer network, called the Career Fair. Career services, 93/94-216, 1/25-1/31/94.

The award will allow school-wide teams consisting of mathematics teachers, academic advisors, and administrators to participate in full-day training sessions at 11 sites across the state. The sessions are designed to explore models, curricula, materials and issues associated with mathematics reform. The sessions also will help the teams develop appropriate classroom strategies.

For teachers who took part in the development program last year, the new funding will enable them to give another set of professional development activities and to provide training and workshops to other teachers throughout the state. The new project is under the direction of Christian R. Hirsch, mathematics and statistics, and also directs the career development efforts of the College of Engineering.

That five-year project, funded by a $6 million grant from the National Science Foundation, is developing a new national high school mathematics curriculum for all students that embraces the use of technology and encourages the cooperative learning. The CPMP curriculum emphasizes mathematical thinking and communication. According to Hirsch, the Michigan pilot test sites for the first year of the new curriculum were selected from among the 180 participating school districts. "It took us two years of operation. One part of the new M²A² funding will be devoted to an intensive workshop to bring that target from the 25 Michigan sites and from 10 national sites where the curriculum will be tested in 1994-95," he said.

All Michigan teams that take part in M²A² will also receive training and telecommunications software that will enable teachers and students to share resources and experiences with other Michigan teams through a statewide computer network and a resulting Internet. The M²A² network was operating since last fall on MicNet, the statewide data network that is linked to the Internet. After four telecommunications workshops offered last fall, 38 school teams began communicating through the network, learning how to prepare students for new teaching approaches and viewed by more than 200 teachers throughout the state. The teachers are participating in the development of curriculum materials. Hirsch expects the network to play an important role in supporting teachers as they implement new curriculum materials during the next several years.

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 eligible and qualified employees may contact an employment service representative.

(R) Secretary III, S-06, External Affairs/Development, 93/94-216, 1/25-1/31/94.
(R) Residence Hall Director, R-05, Residence Halls, 93/94-223, 1/25-1/31/94.
(R) Custodian (Second Shift, 4 p.m.-2:30 a.m.; Includes: Weekend Work, Student Recreation Center/Men's Locker Room), M-2, Building Custodial and Support Services, 93/94-214, 1/25-1/31/94.
(R) Custodian (Compass; Third Shift), M-2, Building Custodial and Support Services, 93/94-218, 1/25-1/31/94.
(R) Office Information Service at 7-3669 for up-to-date information on the Job Opportunity Program and vacancy available to external applicants.
(R) Replacement WMU is an EO/AA employer.
Several events planned in observance of Black History Month in February

Events ranging from stage presentations of a popular television series to rhythm and blues festival are being planned at the University of Nevada at Reno for Black History Month in February.

A highlight of the celebrations will be the stage presentation of "The Jeffersons." The productions are scheduled for 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 26, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 27, at Miller Auditorium. The play will feature the original cast members of the popular television series, including Sherman Hemsley, Isabel Sanford and Marla Gibbs.

In addition to the play, those attending will also hear a statewide gospel choir and poet Charles Peterson, TBB-1130 a.m. and (and Feb. 21) "Introduction to UNIX," 2063 Knauss Hall, 3-5 p.m.; registration preferred by calling 7-5430.

Student employment referral service internship information workshop, career services, first floor, Ellsworth Hall, 11 a.m. advance registration required by calling 7-2725.

Forum on campus violence, Committee to Investigate Violence on Campus, Red Rooms.

BURLIANO: Widely recognized author, teacher and activist Parker Palmer, right, presented the first William A. Burlian Memorial Lecture Jan. 24 in the volleyball court. He spoke more than 30 times and visited 115 universities and schools. For more information, go to www.burlianomemoriallecture.org.

The conference theme is "Black Americans Striving for Excellence." The conference will include workshops beginning at 9 a.m. on "The Life and Work of W.E.B. DuBois" and "African American Contributions to WUM." From 10 to 11:45 a.m., "Introduction to African American Studies Program," a lead a group discussion on compiling information on African Americans at WUM and the history of the black experience at the University.

An African American arts and cultural display can be viewed from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 15, in 105-107 Bernhard Center. The display will include historical artifacts and official artwork by WMU students. It is presented by the African Student Association.

The history and popularity of African American rhythm and blues will be featured in "Black Music: Nat "King" Cole," Friday and Saturday, Feb. 18-19, at the Dal-