Bunda and Sharma vying for Faculty Senate presidency

Two persons were nominated Feb. 3 for president and two for vice president of the Faculty Senate. Ballots are to be mailed this week and are due in the senate office by Feb. 21.

Mary Anne Bunda, educational leadership, and Vishal Sharma, science studies, were nominated for president. Joseph S. Ellin, philosophy, and William B. Harrison III, geology, were nominated for vice president. Joseph S. Ellin currently serves as professor and vice president, respectively, of the senate. Both offices carry one-year terms.

Bunda, who came to WMU in 1974, is a senator-at-large. She has served on the Research Policies Council and the Committee on Safety in Research. She also has served as chairperson of the Human Subjects Institutional Review Board.

Sharma, who came to WMU in 1967, has served as senate vice president and recording secretary as well as chairperson of the Undergraduate Studies Council. He has served on several ad hoc committees, including ones to revise general education and the curriculum review process. He previously was chairperson of the Distinguished Service Award Committee.

Ellin, who came to WMU in 1962, is chairperson of the Regional Education Council. Harrison, who came to WMU in 1973, has been a member or alternate member of ad hoc committees to revise general education and to advise President Haenicke on academic planning.

Three persons have been nominated for three vacancies to the largest merit scholarships in American public higher education. Since the program began 10 years ago, more than 5,300 students have participated and some $10 million in scholarships has been awarded.

The program is paying off in terms of the success of its graduates, according to Henderson. A significant number of former Medallion Scholars have gone on to pursue advanced degrees. Some have attended law school and medical school, and others have found jobs in the business world. One is pursuing a master of fine arts degree and performing in an off-Broadway production, while another just finished a two-year stint in the Peace Corps.

Three persons have been nominated for the program. Two sets of the scholars have married: Sarah K. Caister and Jon T. Lea, now of Evanston, Ill.; and Joyce E. Hinders and Corey A. Leon, now of Ann Arbor. The Leons will be serving on the advisor teams during the group problem solving part of the Feb. 12 competition.

Registration for the event will be conducted from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. in the lobby of the Bernhard Center. At 10 a.m., students and their parents will be welcomed by Henderson and E. Thomas Lawson, chairman of the board of the Medallion Management Committee in the center's East Ballrooms.

The rest of the day for students will include writing tests and group problem solving. They also will attend panel discussions featuring some of the current Medallion Selected Recipients and representatives of the Lee Honors College. In addition, students will have an opportunity to experience a class by participating in "in-house collegia."

The parent agenda for the day will feature sessions on the Lee Honors College, financial aid and the transition from high school to college, as well as discussions with WMU faculty and staff. In addition, parents will have an opportunity to tour the residence halls and cheer on the Bronco men's and women's basketball teams.

The day will conclude with a closing ceremony and reception for parents and students at 5 p.m. in the East Ballroom of the Bernhard Center.

Besides the Bernhard Center, events will take place in Sangren Hall, the Fetzer Center and the Bernhard Center. The media and staff members will be involved in the program's various phases.

Board meeting date changed

The date for next month's meeting of the Board of Trustees has been changed from Friday, March 18, to Thursday, March 17. The meeting will take place at the Radisson Hotel in Lansing.

Bernhard undergoes surgery

President Emeritus John T. Bernhard is recovering from hip replacement surgery. The operation was performed Feb. 7 at Borgess Medical Center.

Playwrights to speak at next breakfast meeting

"Playwrights on Playwriting: Love Is Strange" is the topic for the next breakfast meeting for WMU alumni and friends Tuesday, Feb. 22.

The event will begin with a continental breakfast at 7:30 a.m. in the Fetzer Center.

The speakers will be Arnie Johnston, English, and Deborah Percy, assistant principal at Kalamazoo's South Middle School and a WMU alumna. The two playwrights, who are married, are frequent collaborators and their works have won several national awards.

The event is being sponsored by the WMU Alumni Association as part of a series this year titled "Good Morning, Kalamazoo!"

The cost is $6 for association members or $7 for non-members. Persons are requested to make reservations by Feb. 18, by calling the McKinley Alumni Center at 7-8777.

Campuswide efforts to promote diversity earn regional award from student personnel group

WMU's efforts to promote diversity have been recognized with an award from Region IV-East of the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators.

The award is a special recognition given to an institution for its successful record of achievement in creating and maintaining a campus environment that is culturally diverse and accepting of differences through student development programming, personal practices, equal opportunity, staff development, student support services and actions designed to improve the campus climate for diversity. "This is an award that the University really deserves," said Theresa A. Powell, vice president for student affairs, who accepted the honor with Diane K. Swartz, dean of students. "It's a reflection of a long effort, and it brings recognition to the University as a whole for our campuswide commitment to diversity."

"Western Michigan University is an outstanding example of an institution which demonstrates a consistent, visible and effective commitment to diversity," said Dr. Hart Merkle, assistant provost and dean of students at Grand Valley State University, who nominated WMU for the award. "WMU has put forth many initiatives throughout the institution to create a culturally diverse campus community. From recruitment and retention efforts to academic and social programs, Western strives to create a challenging, supportive and enriching learning environment for all students."

In support of his nomination, WMU submitted a 40-page booklet describing diversity efforts on campus. It covers everything from the diversity component of WMU's freshman orientation to the 315 programs on diversity topics that took place in 1992-93 in the residence halls. It also provides a comprehensive compilation of student support services that contribute to the campus climate of valuing diversity, ranging from disabled student resources and services to international student services.

Also included are special efforts within WMU's academic units as well as faculty/staff development programming in diversity and personnel practices. Special mention is made of WMU's Institute for Academic and Professional Development, one of only two in Michigan. In 1992-93, the institute co-sponsored a conference, "Aftermath of the L.A. Riots: Lessons in Race Relations," with the Kalamazoo Gazette that won a regional award from the National University Continuing Education Association.
The significant contributions student employees make to the daily operations of the University will be recognized during Student Employment Week Feb. 14-18. More than 4,100 students are on the University’s payroll this semester and an average of $501,000 is spent on their wages each student pay period, according to figures compiled by the student employment referral service.

Tour of Europe offered

A meeting for persons interested in going on WMU’s Grand Tour of Europe is scheduled for 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 15, in 204 Bernhard Center.

student employment referral service plans week to recognize contributions of student employees

The effect of underground activity on the University community will be explored in two lectures at the University Wednesday, Feb. 16.

Underground economy is topic of two lectures

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Music minifest to focus on rhythm and blues

Pinney, political science, who is an expert on Congressional affairs, will be there to encourage active students representing the College Democrats, the University Republicans and the Independent students, Kenneth A. Dahlberg, political science, will moderate the question and answer period.

The event is sponsored by the Department of Political Science and the Great Lakes Region Council of Political Science.

Poetry reading scheduled

Poet William Matthews will read from his book, on Tuesday, February 15, from 7-7:30 in 2300 Brown Hall. The reading, which is free and open to the public, will be followed by a reception.

Wilson earns service award from music therapy group

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Benton named head of student volunteer services

Terri M. Benton has been appointed director of student volunteer services in the Lee Honors College. She replaces Julie A. Wywara, who is now director of alumni relations at Kalamazoo College.

Benton will be re-
sponding the administrative offices, serving as the principal coordinator for WMU’s comprehensive student volunteer program. Her responsibilities will include working with campus organizations and volunteer groups, coordinating the annual Volunteer Opportunities Fair, and supervising the Spring Break program and serving as institutional liaison to the Michigan Campus Compact.

A WMU employee since 1986, Benton has been a member of the University Community Initiative, the Diversity Council, and the Women’s Center. She has also been active with the Core-Plus Mathematics Project, which is currently on a leave-of-absence from the University.

Benton earned her bachelor’s degree in mathematics, chemistry, and physics, and her master’s degree in mathematics education from the University of Michigan. She has been an adviser to several WMU student organizations and has been involved in the Mid-States Mathematics Association. Her responsibilities will include overseeing the development of the WMU Student Volunteer Program and working closely with the University’s Office of Community Service.

On campus

Awards andrecognitions

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Cash gifts for the month totaled $602,128, bringing the year-to-date total of gifts received during the current fiscal year to $2,224,010. That amount is higher than last year’s total year-to-date gift amount by $359,259, nearly 20 percent.

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**Physics colloquium, "Theoretical Spectroscopy of Doubly Excited Atoms," Hussein Sadeghpour, Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics, 1110 Rood Hall, 4 p.m.

**Refereed, "How to Make a Better Tower," 3:30 p.m.

Information meeting on WMU Grand Tour of Europe, 204 Bernhard Hall, 7 p.m.

**Wednesday, February 16

**Campuswide blood pressure screening: city-wide locations, thru 1 p.m.

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**University computing services workshops, "Introduction to File Transfer Protocol (FTP)," 2063 Kohrman Hall, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.; call 7-5430 for registration information.

**Student recital, Diane Derocha, piano, Dalton Center Recital Hall, 5 p.m.

**University Theatre production, "The Magic Flute," Shaw Theatre: Feb. 17-19, 8 p.m.

**University film series, "The Double Life of Veronique" (Poland and France, 1991), directed by Krzysztof Kieslowski, (thru 20) University Theatre production. Feb. 17-19, 8 p.m.; Feb. 20, 2 p.m.; call 7-5431 to register.

**Volunteers sought for a trip to Nicaragua, at least 15 persons, will provide assistance to Nicaragua April 25-May 7. The trip, open to 15 persons, will provide assistance to Nicaragua April 25-May 7. Those teams are now training other teachers in their home schools. WMU-trained teams can be found in locations from the city of Diriamba to the shores of Lake Superior.

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**Thursday, February 17

**University computing services workshops, "Macintosh Graphics," 2033 University Computing Center, 1-3 p.m.; call 7-5430 for registration information.

**Mathematics and computer science lecture, "Chaotic Things We Can Never Know," John H. Ewing, Indiana University, 1104 Rood Hall, 4 p.m.; (and other workshops) registration information available. Call 7-5430 for registration information.

**Student trumpet recital, Debbie Alatalo and Mark Howard, Dalton Center Recital Hall, 5 p.m.


**Biological sciences seminar: University of Chicago Soil Society seminar, "Watch Seed Prettiers as Determinants of Forest Regeneration Patterns and Plant-Disperser Coevolution," Greg Murray, Department of Biology, Hope College, 3720 McCracken Hall, 4:45 p.m.; refreshments, 3:45 p.m.

**Guest jazz trio concert, Ron Gez, guitar, Roy Cook, bass, and Tony Arcononary, drums, Dalton Center Lecture Hall, 7 and 9 p.m.

**Forum, "Converging Technologies," featuring Congressman Fred Upton and former Congressman Howard Wolpe, 2750 Knauss Hall, 7 p.m.

OPERATION PHYSICS (Continued from page three)

A simple demonstration project such as a bed of nails can be used to show students how the concept is developed for distributing weight over a large area - a fundamental physics concept. A wall of water and a large plexiglass balloon can be used to demonstrate changes in atmospheric pressure. Atmospheric pressure is also the topic when students are invited to "blow up the principal." In that simple demonstration, a garbage bag is sealed except for openings into which several straws are inserted. The principal is asked to sit on the bag and several students blow into the straws, causing the bag to inflate and the principal to rise.

Volunteers sought for Habitat trip to Nicaragua

Area students and other persons interested in helping to provide adequate shelter for Third World neighbors are encouraged to join the WMU Habitat for Humanity Chapter's Global Village home building trip to Nicaragua April 25-May 7.

The trip, open to 15 persons, will provide an opportunity to meet Nicaraguan citizens as the people the volunteers work alongside Nicolas and rural disadvantaged populations. Those teams are now training other teachers in their home schools. WMU-trained teams can be found in locations from the city of Diriamba to the shores of Lake Superior.

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**Staff members needed for 'on campus' photo

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