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Students choose service projects over suntans for break

A group of 45 WMU students have priorities and expectations for Spring Break 1994 that differ from those of traditional Florida-bound students.

In an effort to discover the root causes of current issues, the students will depart from campus Friday, Feb. 25, to participate in "Alternative Spring Break" in sites located in four states.

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 strike out for some new experiences.

"When students are on campus, they are sheltered from what is really going on in the world and Alternative Spring Break allows them to change their focus," said David J. Martineau, a senior from Manistee and co-chairperson of the program.

Because Alternative Spring Break immerses participants in other cultures, it advocates life-long social action and promotes the value of community service, he said.

"Student growth depends on social intelligence, civic consciousness, academic excellence and cultural awareness. Alter-

native Spring Break is one way students can explore all of those elements and grow personally," said Terri M. Benton, student volunteer services.

Martineau is chairing the program with Ellen K. Muehlberger, a senior from Three Rivers. 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 as well as provided administrative support for the entire program. While Martineau is participating with the team going to Florida, Muehlberger will remain in Michigan and will provide support upon the group's return.

The sites are located in Atlanta, Ga.; Big Talbot Island, Fla.; Westmoreland, Va.; and Dupree, S.D. Martineau and Muehlberger selected the sites using a variety of resources. BreakAway, a nationwide network of alternative break resources, offered lists of possible sites. In addition, Martineau and Muehlberger contacted other colleges and universities and an advocacy group to obtain site suggestions.

"We were looking for a diversity of issues because we wanted to appeal to as broad a spectrum of students as possible," Martineau said.

In Atlanta, site leaders Thomas-Vito Aiuto, a senior from Tecumseh, and Angela M. Bodley, a senior from Kalamazoo, will coordinate their group of eight 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.

Martineau and site leader Melinda L. Ball, a senior from Eaton Rapids, will lead 10 students in Big Talbot Island, Fla., where the team will work at the Bird Emergency Aid and Kare Sanctuary (BEAKS). The participants will help rehabilitate birds injured from human tampering with the environment.

In Virginia, site leaders Tricia L. Rapson, a senior from Bad Axe, and Steven R. Colmus, a junior from Coleman, will mentor their team of 10 students in repairing homes in a rural Appalachian community in connection with the Ivanhoe Civic League/Volunteers for Communities.

Site leaders Eric L. Feucht, a senior from Troy, and Jeremy D. Dowsett, a sophomore from Lansing, will travel with their 10-member team to South Dakota to work for the Sioux YMCA. The students will interact with Native Americans on a reservation as they construct and repair homes.

Site leaders are selected on the basis of involvement in previous Alternative Spring Breaks. 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

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Computer systems safe from recent password problems

Despite a flurry of recent reports of password security problems on the Internet, active monitoring of WMU's systems has prevented such problems from occurring here, says a campus computer security expert.

On Feb. 4, the federally funded Computer Emergency Response Team warned Internet users of password security problems and urged users to change their passwords to prevent hackers from illegally collecting passwords. The security breach forced Rice University to be disconnected from the Internet until more than 3,000 passwords were changed and campus computer security improved.

"The recent problem was confined to a particular type of hardware and software," says George R. Kohrman, University computing services. "Macintosh and MS-DOS systems were not affected and, while the environment in question does exist on this campus, we've been monitoring it and are confident that we were not involved in the recent activity."

"Those most at risk in these situations," he adds, "are those with privileged passwords, most of whom work in our area. Because we are at risk, we've been very attentive to the possibility of a problem and very active in monitoring our systems. We also change our passwords more frequently than the average campus user."

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Top minority students here for HEIS Competition Feb. 18

Some 100 top minority high school seniors and their parents from across the state will gather at WMU Friday, Feb. 18, to participate in the 1994 Higher Education Incentive Scholarship Competition.

The event, sponsored by the Office of Admissions and Orientation, will run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Bernhard Center.

To be invited to participate, students had to have at least a 3.5 grade point average and had to be an ethnic minority.

Each student who comes to the competition and decides to attend WMU will receive at least a \$4,800 scholarship. Ten students will receive Higher Education Incentive Scholarships worth \$16,000 each. The awards are part of WMU's merit scholarship program, which is valued at \$1 million.

"Our ability to stimulate the interest of the scholars has been particularly successful this year," said Lewis Walker, chairperson of sociology and of the HEIS Committee. "WMU is delighted to have such an outstanding group of students competing for the Higher Education Incentive Scholarships."

Following a welcome, students and parents will hear a presentation on the Lee Honors College. At 9:30 a.m., students will participate in a composition exercise and listen to a panel discussion by current HEIS Scholarship recipients. During that time, parents will listen to presentations on financial aid and the Division of Minority Affairs.

A luncheon for parents and students will feature a speech by Wayne Hearn, a recent graduate of the Lee Honors College who now works at First of America Bank. After lunch, the students will participate in individual interviews and group exercises, while the parents take a campus tour. The event will conclude with a reception from 2:30 to 3 p.m. WMU faculty and staff members have been invited to several of the sessions during the day as observers and presenters.

"An event of this nature provides scholars with an opportunity to interact with faculty, staff and students and will enhance the quality of education they will receive at WMU," said Tony O. Dennis, admissions and orientation, who is coordinator of the competition.

Winter not as deeply rooted in Wood Hall greenhouse

In the midst of the sea of white and cold brought on by this winter's weather, there's an island of green and warmth in the middle of campus.

The greenhouse on the south side of Wood Hall offers not only a welcome change of scenery this time of the year, but also an educational experience for those who visit.

"The public is welcome to the greenhouse," says Larry W. Yarger, the technician who runs the facility for the Department of Biological Sciences. "We're open from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays if people are looking for a nice place to relax."

The primary role of the greenhouse, which was constructed in 1957, is to be a conservatory for educational purposes. Yarger and his staff of five students produce plant material for botany classes in the department. In addition, small rooms are available in the 65-by-35-foot facility for faculty members and graduate students conducting research.

But other departments are using the greenhouse as a resource as well. Students from the Department of Art come over to sketch plants. Faculty members and students in the Department of Occupational Therapy take advantage of lessons in transplanting as therapeutic examples for their clients. The Black Americana Studies Program brings in elementary school students to conduct exercises as part of its Hands On Science Program.

"We'd like to get more people involved," says Yarger, who also leads tours of the greenhouse for school and church groups. Last fall, about 100 junior high students from the area came through the facility.

What they see is more than your average collection of house plants. The greenhouse contains more than 1,000 species and probably double that number of plants. The greenery can range from a bean plant only a few days old to a "virgin's palm" that Yarger estimates to be about 500 years old.

"It's a challenge to keep the greenhouse from appearing too much like a jungle, but at the same time to maintain the diversity,"

Yarger says.

Besides palms, rubber plants and begonias, the facility contains orchids, cacti and some unusual plants called "lithops" that look like stones.

Yarger, who has worked in the greenhouse a little more than a year, has been in the process of inventorying, classifying and labeling all of the plants. Some of that inventory will get "weeded out" during the annual plant sale, which is scheduled for April 6-8 this year. Prices usually range from \$1 to \$25.

Yarger tries to maintain the temperature in the greenhouse at 65 to 70 degrees during the winter and 80 to 85 degrees during the summer. When the facility gets too warm, automated top vents open. Another way

Yarger regulates the temperature is by painting lime on the windows to act as a sunscreen.

Because of the facility's age, Yarger says it's getting harder to maintain an even temperature. He's hoping plans for the proposed new science building include an upgraded greenhouse.

Working in the greenhouse is a homecoming of sorts for Yarger. He attended WMU for three years before transferring to Michigan State University to earn his bachelor's and master's degrees in horticulture. He then spent 10 years living in Third World countries and working in agricultural and rural development. His experiences include two years in the Peace Corps and residency in such countries as Thailand, Mexico, Peru and Honduras.



A PLACE IN THE SUN — Larry W. Yarger, biological sciences, trims some of the foliage growing in the greenhouse on the south side of Wood Hall. He says it's a challenge to maintain the facility's diversity while keeping it from becoming too overgrown with plants. The greenhouse contains more than 1,000 species and some 2,000 plants.

Calling all admitted students: Phone-a-thon's goal to allay fears, provide information

Remember the anticipation and questions you faced as a high school senior deciding which college to attend?

WMU is seeking to put some of those concerns to rest through its best ambassadors — current students.

About 300 WMU students will be volunteering their time in the coming weeks to participate in the annual admitted student phone-a-thon organized by the Office of Admissions and Orientation. Between 4:30 and 8 on 18 nights in February and March, individuals and student groups will be calling 5,000 to 6,000 high school seniors who have been admitted to the 1994 freshman class.

"The purpose of the phone-a-thon is to reinforce enrollment decisions and answer any questions students may have about WMU," says Jodi L. Consolino, admissions and orientation, who is organizing the event.

The prospective students are mailed notification postcards a few weeks before the phone-a-thon so they have plenty of time to come up with their questions.

"We find that this is a very satisfying activity for both the high school seniors and the student callers," Consolino says. "The seniors enjoy the chance to talk to someone their own age about life at WMU and the current students like being able to share their experience."

She says the phone-a-thon, which is in its 11th year, has had a positive effect on students who are seeking more information to help them decide on a university.

WMU program to provide leadership training for Muskegon Heights High School students

Students at Muskegon Heights High School will have an opportunity to take part in a series of leadership training sessions through a WMU program this spring and summer.

A \$4,500 grant from the Michigan Campus Compact to Dean Smith of WMU's Martin Luther King Jr./Cesar Chavez/Rosa Parks Program will fund the leadership activities that Smith says will be an extension of the work the KCP program already is doing in Muskegon Heights Middle School.

According to Smith, current and former KCP program participants in Muskegon Heights will be contacted to help identify high school students who are perceived as leaders by fellow students. Those student leaders will be invited to take part in a series of leadership development workshops that will take place in the community from April through August.

"The students themselves will help us design the workshops by telling us the issues that are most important to them," Smith says. "This is an opportunity to expand what we have been doing in the middle school into the high school and impact some students who weren't exposed to the KCP program in middle school."

WMU's KCP program currently serves 20 Muskegon students in the middle school, as well as students in a number of other Michigan communities. The seven-year-old program uses enrichment activities, college visitations and cultural programs to introduce minority youth to the possibilities and benefits of a college education.

The leadership workshops will include sessions with community leaders, WMU staff members and volunteers who will focus on positive options student leaders have for the future. They also will center on different



HEART SMART — Heidi L. Volkhardt, left, a junior from Grand Rapids, took advantage of the annual Campus-Wide Blood Pressure Screening and Education Program to get tested by certified volunteer screener Sue Sayavongsa, a junior from St. Joseph. Sponsored by University wellness programs in the Sindecuse Health Center, the program was scheduled for 16 sites throughout campus over two weeks. It runs through Friday, Feb. 18. Check the calendar on page four for times and locations.

Applications sought for Passau exchange program

Applications are being accepted for the 1994 Faculty Exchange Program with the University of Passau, located in the city of Passau, Bavaria, Germany.

WMU faculty and Career English Language Center for International Students instructors have the opportunity to spend one month teaching, lecturing or researching in June or July. The University of Passau will provide a rent-free apartment for the exchange professor and accompanying family. Participants are responsible for their own transportation to and from Passau.

The University of Passau, founded in 1974, is Germany's youngest institution of higher learning. It enrolls about 9,000 students.

The deadline for applications is Tuesday, March 8. For more information, persons may contact the Office of International Affairs at 7-3951.

Doubt and faith face off in 'theological thriller' by Maier

A WMU historian and widely known biblical scholar has turned his talents to fiction in a new thriller woven around an archaeological discovery that challenges the basic tenets of Christianity.



Maier

Paul L. Maier, history, who is the author of a string of best-selling works on the origins of Christianity, has written "A Skeleton in God's Closet," just published by Thomas Nelson Publishers of Nashville, Tenn. The book, with a first printing of 75,000 copies, is the publisher's lead title for 1994. An audio cassette version of the book also will be available.

Maier's two previous works of fiction were historical novels — "Pontius Pilate" and "The Flames of Rome." The new novel marks a departure from his previous work both in its contemporary setting and in its format, a new genre that Maier calls a "theological thriller."

"I'm surprised that this plot hasn't been tried before. It's been crying for publication for the last 19 centuries," Maier says.

The plot propels the book's main character, Jonathan Weber, into an elaborate international scandal triggered by an archaeological discovery at a site near Jerusalem. His find, a skeleton almost 2,000 years old, and the evidence surrounding it challenge the core of Christian faith — Jesus' bodily resurrection. The discovery causes an international crisis and Weber follows the trail of evidence from Jerusalem to the Vatican, from the White House to London and from Mount Sinai to the Dead Sea.

"I had lot of fun in the middle of the book showing what could happen if the very core of Christian belief were challenged," Maier says. "I took the opportunity to use some of my favorite villains such as corrupt television evangelists and 'millennium mongers'

who deal in false prophecy."

Maier even threw in some real-life personalities such as television anchors Dan Rather and Tom Brokaw, evangelist Billy Graham and theologian Martin Marty. He also found a spot in the book for Jeffery Sheler, a religion writer for U.S. News and World Report with whom Maier has worked on several projects over the past two years.

"This was done in the interests of realism," Maier says. "I can only hope that these public figures will find their portrayal in my novel appropriate and congenial."

Maier, who reports having had the plot in mind since 1966, says he wrote the book as a hobby and is delighted that its publication coincides with rising public interest in the often conflicting roles of science and religion. The book explores the tension between doubt and faith, and science and religious belief.

One advance reader of the book, best-selling novelist Paul Erdman, lauded both its

Spirit Awareness Week planned for Feb. 21-25

WMU faculty and staff, along with students living in the residence halls, will be encouraged to get Spirit Awareness Week, Feb. 21-25, off on the "write" foot.

Spirit pencils from Buster Bronco will be distributed through campus mail to the University community that week to promote the celebration of WMU pride.

Supported by the Division of Student Affairs and residence hall councils, Spirit Awareness Week is being coordinated by seniors Sandy L. Barry and Christopher W. Tremblay.

The highlight of the week will be "Buster's Brown and Gold Blowout," a reception that honors students, faculty and staff. It will take place at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 23, in 209 Bernhard Center. Faculty and staff are invited to join the festivities, which will include refreshments, a raffle drawing and a chance to meet Buster.

Other activities will include a presentation by Buster to President Haenicke on Presidents' Day Monday, Feb. 21. Haenicke will be honored with an award recognizing his contributions to school spirit.

Students living in the residence halls will receive brown and gold Buster Bronco placards to display in their windows during the week. Several halls are planning spirit related programs for Wednesday, Feb. 23.

Members of the University community are encouraged to sport their WMU apparel on Feb. 23 for WMU Pride Day, which is designated as the last Wednesday of every month.

The Spirit Awareness Week concept originated in a group problem solving class taught by Paul Yelsma, communication.

Winter semester drops must be processed by Feb. 25

The last day to withdraw from one or more classes for the winter semester is Friday, Feb. 25. All "drops" must be processed in the academic records office on the third floor of the Seibert Administration Building. Hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

readability and theme.

"With 'A Skeleton in God's Closet,' Paul Maier has created a new genre — the theological thriller," Erdman said. "It reads like Robert Ludlum while expertly exploring the origins of Christianity. A superb book!"

Maier, a WMU faculty member since 1959, dedicated his new book "to my colleagues at Western Michigan University." Besides the two earlier works of fiction, Maier numbers among his publications the 1991 book "In the Fullness of Time," which includes updated editions of three best-selling earlier works — "First Christmas," "First Easter" and "First Christians." In 1989, he won the Gold Medallion Book Award, the religious counterpart of the National Book Awards, for "Josephus — The Essential Writings." That new edition of the first century Jewish historian's work was translated and edited by Maier.

"A Skeleton In God's Closet" is available in bookstores for \$19.95.

Students serve up lunches with atmosphere

A contemporary decorating scheme sets the mood for "Visuals," the seventh annual Department of Consumer Resources and Technology restaurant now open for lunch two days a week in 3004 Kohrman Hall.

The restaurant is open from 11:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. each Tuesday and Thursday through April 14. This year, for the first time, the restaurant also will open during the spring session on Tuesdays and Thursdays, May 10 through June 16. A take-out window will be available on each of the restaurant's operating days, offering sandwiches and salads from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Food preparation is being done by students enrolled in the food service administration and dietetics classes taught by Donna vanWestrienen, consumer resources and technology. The "heart

healthy" menu includes soups, salads, small entrees and desserts, all moderately priced.

The contemporary atmosphere is a product of interior design students in a visual design techniques class taught by Mary Jo Peterson, consumer resources and technology. Students produced their own colorful paintings and tailored the rest of the decor around those art works.

"The setting is very contemporary and upbeat with clean lines and bright colors," Peterson says.

Reservations are required because of limited seating and may be made by calling 7-3729 from 1 to 3 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays or by calling 7-3717 from 9 to 11 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. Peterson recommends that those wishing to reserve one or more of the 35 to 40 available seats call a day ahead of time.

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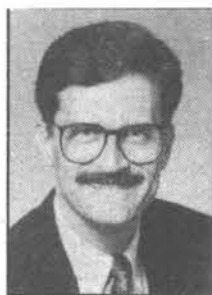
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Henderson named to national association office

The new president-elect of the American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers (AACRAO) will be Stanley E. Henderson, enrollment management and admissions. He will be installed at the association's annual meeting April 17-20 in Boston.



Henderson

Henderson has been very active in the organization for many years, including service as vice president for enrollment management, admissions and financial aid, and membership on the board of directors and corporate advisory board, all from 1990 to 1993.

After a one-year term as president-elect, Henderson will become president of AACRAO in 1995. More than 8,400 professionals from some 2,300 higher education institutions comprise the organization's constituency.

Henderson has held numerous positions

with both the Michigan and Kansas associations. His professional service also has included membership on several national task forces and chairing two national conferences on strategic enrollment management. He has written numerous articles for professional journals and he has made many scholarly presentations at state and national conventions.

Prior to joining WMU's staff, Henderson was director of admissions at Wichita State University from 1971 to 1985. He was a research assistant in the Office of School and College Relations and to the University Senate Budget Committee in 1977-78 at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. In 1970-71, he was an admissions counselor and resident director of orientation at Michigan State University.

He received his bachelor's degree with high honors in political science in 1969 from MSU and a master's degree in government in 1971 from Cornell University. He also has completed doctoral course work at Illinois. He is a member of Phi Beta Kappa, Omicron Delta Kappa, Phi Kappa Phi and several other national honoraries.

On campus

A HELPING METACARPAL — No bones about it, Jane A. Lyon enjoys her job as an administrative assistant in the Department of Occupational Therapy. "My specialty is solving problems," she says. "That's the most important thing I do."

Through a network of people and resources on campus, she smooths the way for students in the department who run into roadblocks on their way to getting an education. She helps students get answers to their questions about procedures in such areas as registration and financial aid. In addition, she manages the main office in occupational therapy. "As needed, where needed, when needed — that's my motto," she says. "I respond to what comes through the door." Lyon, pictured here with a friendly plastic skeleton used in the department's courses, has worked at WMU for 20 years and in occupational therapy for the last 10. She says she particularly enjoys the students she meets through her work. "Our students are undoubtedly the best students I've encountered," she says. "They're very caring and that shows in their involvement in the department and the community. It's a rare day when we have a bad seed for an occupational therapy student." When not in the office, Lyon enjoys spending time with her husband, David, associate dean of the College of Arts and Sciences and director of collective bargaining and contract administration, and her family. She keeps a menagerie of pets ranging from horses to cats on the 10 acres they own in Lawton. She also enjoys participating in an antique car club and is the proud owner of a 1931 Ford Cabriolet.



Recycling

In January, WMU recycled nearly 109 tons of materials. This was 13 percent more than last January. Paper accounted for about 104 tons of the materials with the rest consisting of colorless glass bottles and jars, kitchen metals and high density polyethylene (#2) plastic bottles and jugs.

Recycling 109 tons of materials saved approximately 359 cubic yards of landfill space or enough to fill 5.4 semi-trailers of legal weight. Recycling the 104 tons of paper saved about 1,765 southern pulpwood trees from being harvested, enough electricity to power more than 600 homes for one month

and about 726,000 gallons of process water, compared to making paper from wood.

Remember, break cardboard boxes down for recycling. WMU pays for the recycling program and it costs too much to ship air. Also, place cardboard next to the blue recycling bins and the student recycling aides will remove it. DO NOT place recyclables on loading docks without first contacting the recycling coordinator at 7-8165.

Thanks for your participation. Let's keep trying to reach our goal of recycling 35 percent by the end of March. We were at 26.4 percent for January.

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.

(R) **Finance Clerk II**, S-04, WMU Bookstore, 93/94-244, 2/15-2/21/94.

(R) **Secretary Executive I**, S-07, Dean of Students, 93/94-242, 2/15-2/21/94.

(N) **Assistant/Associate Professor**, I-30/20, Industrial Engineering, 93/94-241, 2/15-2/21/94.

(R) **Assistant Professor**, I-30, Dance, 93/94-243, 2/15-2/21/94.

Please call the Applicant Information Service at 7-3669 for up-to-date information on the Job Opportunity Program and vacancies available to external applicants.

(N) New

(R) Replacement

WMU is an EO/AA employer

Grant funds science education efforts in Muskegon

A \$53,679 grant to WMU's Center for Science Education will be used to put the latest science education techniques and findings in the hands of Muskegon area elementary school teachers.

The grant for Making Elementary Science Happen (MESH) was awarded to the center, which is directed by Robert H. Poel. The funding is a Higher Education Competitive Grant Award made by the Michigan Department of Education under the federal government's Dwight D. Eisenhower Mathematics and Science Education Act.

The MESH grant will extend that successful two-year-old effort into Muskegon County during the coming year. During the past two years, Poel has worked with the principals and lead science teachers in 26 elementary schools in Allegan, Kalamazoo, St. Joseph and Van Buren counties. This year, 15 schools in the Muskegon Intermediate School District will be selected to take part in the program that features interactive sessions designed to strengthen teaching strategies and build leadership for science education reform.

Principals and teachers involved in the program will attend a three-day conference during June 1994. The session is designed to make them aware of what is happening in elementary science education and to provide

program information that they can implement in their schools and use to develop their own action plan.

"Science education is an area in which many principals are not comfortable," Poel says, "but advances in science education won't happen unless principals exert their leadership in this area. The program is designed to help principals and lead teachers work together with their colleagues and their communities to reach that goal."

Scholarships available in College of Education

Applications are being sought for the College of Education Undergraduate Scholarship Program.

Students enrolled full time as freshmen, sophomores, juniors and seniors in the college who have demonstrated high academic achievement are eligible to apply. Qualified minority students and males seeking elementary or early childhood education degrees are asked to apply as part of the college's encouragement to recruit and retain underrepresented groups in teacher education.

Application forms are available in the dean's office, College of Education, 2306 Sangren Hall. The deadline is Tuesday, March 1.

For more information, persons may contact Amy L. Kampen at 7-2966.

Human resources

Seminar set on pay plans

How pay systems change in response to changes in an organization's practices and rewards will be explored in a brown bag lunch session at noon Tuesday, Feb. 22, in Red Room C of the Bernhard Center. Anne E. Thompson, human resources, will present "Pay Plans — Ideas for the Future."

All employees are invited to attend this session, which is one in a series sponsored by the Administrative Professional Association, the Clerical/Technical Organization and the Department of Human Resources. The final session, "The Transfer Opportunity System," will be presented by Janice E. Brown, human resources, on March 7.

Photo ID cards available at two locations

If you are one of the faculty or staff members still in need of a new photo ID, you may now have your photo taken at two locations: human resources information systems, 1240 Seibert Administration Building, from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. Tuesdays and from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. Fridays; and the public safety annex from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mondays through Fridays.

ID cards will be created and issued by the human resources information systems office. Please note that the "old" plastic/paper ID cards will no longer be issued. Due to equipment malfunctions in the past, it is recommended that you call ahead to human resources information systems at 7-3622 or the public safety annex at 7-4609.

Libraries

A new multi-media tutorial, designed to teach students basic skills in using the WMU libraries, is now available in Waldo Library.

"Welcome to the University Libraries" is a 15-minute interactive program that contains graphics, sound, animation and video clips. It offers instruction in how to use the online catalog (FINDER) and a general interest database (Readers Guide Abstracts) to find books and journal articles in the WMU libraries. Units on where to find the libraries on campus, their hours of operation and basic services also are included.

A written library assignment reinforcing skills learned in the tutorial also may be used. Library staff can help create a written assignment tailored to the needs of an individual class. An optional quiz component is built into the tutorial. If students pass the quiz, they may generate a personalized printed certificate of achievement.

This program was developed by the WMU libraries in cooperation with staff from University computing services' instructional computing area and media services. It can be accessed currently on three Macintosh workstations located in the public terminal area near central reference services on the first floor of Waldo Library.

Faculty are encouraged to incorporate the self-instructional tutorial into their courses. Contact Pat Vander Meer, University libraries, at 7-5191 or send her an e-mail message

at pat.vandermeer@wmich.edu for more information or to schedule time to use the tutorial as a class assignment.

Media services

Faculty and staff unable to attend "Solving Local and Wide Area Network Challenges" can arrange a loan of the videotape from the University film/videotape library by contacting the Media Resource Center at 7-5070. This interactive videoconference, presented earlier this month by PBS/ALSS, offered up-to-date client/server developments from top information systems professionals at large and mid-sized companies.

Two recently purchased videotapes will be of interest for classroom use during Black History Month. "Egypt During the Golden Age: When Black Men Ruled the World" covers the African origin of the human race and "The Daughters of Isis: Black Women in Antiquity" presents a comprehensive history of the black woman in ancient times.

Other recent additions to the University film/videotape library include "Amelia Earhart," "Blind Justice: Women and the Law," "Cry of the Muriqui," "Education in America: The 19th Century," "Freud: The Hidden Nature of Man," "Montessori for the Urban Child," "Shurtleff on Acting," "Ice-man" and "Tradesmen and Treasures: Gothic

and Renaissance Nuremberg."

To arrange for playback or loan for any of these new titles, contact the Media Resource Center in Sangren Hall at 7-5070.

Media

Jeanne Williams, education and professional development, discusses how children develop attitudes toward race and ethnicity on "Focus," a five-minute interview produced by news services. "Focus" is scheduled to air Saturday, Feb. 19, at 6:10 a.m. on WKPR-AM (1420).

"Congress: Responsiveness and Effectiveness," a forum on congressional reform sponsored by the Institute for Government and Politics, will be broadcast on Kalamazoo Community Access Television three times in coming weeks: at 10 p.m. Friday, Feb. 25, on Channel 31; at 10:30 p.m. Thursday, March 3, on Channel 32; and at 9:30 p.m. Friday, March 4, on Channel 33. The 90-minute forum, which was broadcast live Feb. 16, includes U.S. Rep. Fred Upton and former U.S. Rep. Howard Wolpe.

Calendar

Thursday, February 17

(thru 25) Exhibition, "Celebrating Urban America," oil paintings by James Watkins, Kalamazoo artist, Department of Human Resources, 1240 Seibert Administration Building, weekdays, 8 a.m.-noon and 1-5 p.m.

(thru 25) Western Michigan chapter of the American Institute of Architects traveling 1993 Awards Exhibition, interior design resource center, 3008 Kohrman Hall, 8 a.m.-9 p.m.

(thru 22) Exhibition, photography by John Bonath, Denver, Colo., artist, Gallery II, Sangren Hall, weekdays, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

(thru 22) Exhibition, paintings by Thomas W. Rice, Kalamazoo College, Space Gallery, Knauss Hall, Mondays thru Thursdays, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

(and 18) Exhibition, BFA painting show, Rotunda and South Galleries, East Hall, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; reception, Friday, Feb. 18, 6-8 p.m.

Campuswide blood pressure screening, outside 2037 Kohrman Hall, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

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

Mathematics and statistics lecture, "Chaos — Things We Can Never Know," John H. Ewing, Indiana University, 1104 Rood Hall, 4 p.m.; refreshments, 3:40 p.m.

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

University film series, "The Double Life of Veronique" (Poland and France, 1991), directed by Krzysztof Kielowski, 3750 Knauss Hall, 6 and 8 p.m.

*(thru 19) Annual concert of dance, Dalton Center Multi-Media Room: Feb. 17-18, 8 p.m.; Feb. 19, 2 and 8 p.m.

*Performance, "Vienna Choir Boys," Miller Auditorium, 8 p.m.

*(thru 20) University Theatre production, "The Magic Flute," Shaw Theatre: Feb. 17-19, 8 p.m.; Feb. 20, 2 p.m.

Reading by poet William Matthews, 3770 Knauss Hall, 8:30 p.m.

Friday, February 18

Higher Education Incentive Scholarship Competition, Bernhard Center, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

*University computing services workshops, 2033 University Computing Center: "Hardware Maintenance," 1-3 p.m.; and "Lotus Graphics," 3-5 p.m.; call 7-5430 for registration information.

Campuswide blood pressure screening, first floor lobby, Schneider Hall, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Doctoral oral examination, "Guiding the Wild Heart: Steering the State Safely Between Scylla and Charybdis," Robert P. Brown, public affairs and administration, 207 Walwood Hall, 2 p.m.

Psychology colloquium, "Reframing and Paradoxical Directives," Galen J. Alessi, psychology, 3760 Knauss Hall, 4 p.m.

(and 19) Black History Month event, "Minifest VI: Dat Rhythm...Dem Blues," Dalton Center Recital Hall: Friday, 7 p.m.; and Saturday, noon and 7 p.m.

*(and 19) Hockey, WMU vs. Lake Superior State University, Lawson Arena, 7 p.m.

Saturday, February 19

Medallion Scholarship Competition, Bernhard Center, Sangren Hall, Fetzer Center and Schneider Hall, 9 a.m.-6 p.m.

*Women's basketball vs. Eastern Michigan University, Lawson Arena, 11 a.m.

*Men's basketball vs. Eastern Michigan University, Lawson Arena, 1:30 p.m.

*Concert, "Superpops Spectacular," Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra, Miller Auditorium, 8 p.m.

Sunday, February 20

Concert, University Concert Band, Miller Auditorium, 3 p.m.

Student recital, Kathryn Prather, jazz vocalist, Dalton Center Recital Hall, 6 p.m.

Student recital, John Wojciechowski, saxophone, Dalton Center Recital Hall, 8 p.m.

Monday, February 21

(thru 25) Spirit Awareness Week.

*University computing services workshops, 2033 University Computing Center: (and 23) "SPSS for Windows," 9-11 a.m.; "Macintosh System 7," 1-3 p.m.; and "Lotus: Developing Macros," 3-5 p.m.; call 7-5430 for registration information.

(thru 25) Exhibitions, Student Art Gallery, East Hall, weekdays, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.: BFA show

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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 37 students was based on the applicant's motivation, the degree of realism in their expectations of the program and previous volunteer experience. Flexibility, acceptance of diversity and the ability to commit to the program were also important criteria in the selection process.

"We looked for candidates who had time and energy to continue their efforts. It's a big time commitment — it's just not the week of Spring Break," Martineau said.

A total of 103 undergraduate and graduate students applied for Alternative Spring Break.

Students have been meeting since November and will have attended seven 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 \$100 to \$150 to cover part of the costs. The co-chairpersons are seeking a grant to cover the expense of the van transportation to the sites.

While the trip ends Saturday, March 5, the students' dedication to increased community service will continue. Site leaders will arrange a service experience at an adopted sister site in the Kalamazoo area. The sister site will be a local agency that deals with the same issue as the Spring Break site.

This "Kalamazoo Connection" is designed to harness the enthusiasm of the groups upon their return. The goal is to help students make

the connections between the distant and the immediate community and also to involve students who were not able to participate in the Alternative Spring Break.

"It will serve as a tie to Kalamazoo and a place where the energy created on Alternative Spring Break can be used," Muehlberger said. In addition, the teams are developing an "Alternative Weekend" at their sister sites to coincide with Service Week, which is sponsored by student volunteer services and will take place the week of March 28.

The Alternative Spring Break concept originated at WMU in 1992 and a dozen students participated. During the past two years, students have traveled to Detroit, Kentucky, Virginia and Louisiana to promote community service.

Passwords

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passwords are at minimal risk, he says, those who use office PCs to access services at other universities or institutions should be vigilant about changing their passwords frequently, particularly if they have accounts at those other institutions. University users who routinely enter the University system from remote locations also should change their passwords regularly.

To change a password while on the VAX, login as usual and at the "\$" type "password." To change a password while on a Sun or Next workstation, login as usual and at the prompt type "password." In each case, the user will then be asked to type a current password and to type the new password twice for verification.

"It's just good policy for all of us to change passwords frequently and to use passwords others will not guess," Kohrman says.



MEDALLION COMPETITION — Some 500 top high school seniors turned out Feb. 12 for the 10th annual Medallion Scholarship Competition on campus. During a pause in the activities, from left, Stanley E. Henderson, enrollment management and admissions, went over some materials with Amanda Johnson from Grosse Ile High School and Ellen Skidmore from Climax-Scotts High School as Joyce and Corey Leon looked on. The Leons, now married and in graduate school at the University of Michigan, are former Medallion Scholars who were invited back to serve on the observer teams during the group problem solving part of the competition. Another 500 students are due here for the second part of the competition Feb. 19. The seniors are vying for more than \$1 million in academic awards, including the prestigious \$25,000 Medallion Scholarships.

in sculpture by Scott Brown, Rotunda Gallery; and BFA show in painting by Grant Johnston, South Gallery.

Doctoral oral examination, "The Effects of Utilitarianism on Performance Appraisal and Selected Output Measures in a Weberian Bureaucracy," Donald W. Wright, public affairs and administration, 207 Walwood Hall, 2 p.m.

*Concert, the Merling Trio, Dalton Center Recital Hall, 8 p.m.

Tuesday, February 22

*Breakfast program for alumni and friends, "Playwrights on Playwriting; Love Is Strange," Arnie Johnston, English, and alumna Deborah Percy, Fetzer Center, 7:30 a.m.; call 7-8777 for reservations.

*University computing services workshops, 2033 University Computing Center: (and 24) "Introduction to Microsoft Powerpoint for Windows," 9-11 a.m.; "Introduction to TPU," 1-3 p.m.; and (and 24) "Introduction to Microsoft Works for Macintosh," 3-5 p.m.; call 7-5430 for registration information.

Brown bag lunch sponsored by the Administrative Professional Association, Clerical/Technical Organization and Department of Human Resources, "Pay Plans — Ideas for the Future," Anne E. Thompson, human resources, Red Room C, Bernhard Center, noon.

Student recital, Kristin Blanchard, flute, Dalton Center Lecture Hall, 8 p.m.

Wednesday, February 23

WMU Pride Day.

*University computing services workshops, 2033 University Computing Center: "Introduction to Lotus 123," 1-3 p.m.; (and 25) "WordPerfect for Windows," 3-5 p.m.; and "Electronic Mail Using PMDF Mail for VMS," 5:30-8 p.m.; call 7-5430 for registration information.

School of Music Convocation Series concert, Student Musicale, Dalton Center Recital Hall, 2 p.m.

Spirit Awareness Week reception, "Buster's Brown and Gold Blowout," 209 Bernhard Center, 2 p.m.

Biological sciences and Bio Sci Society seminar, "Trophic Tricks of Dominant Detritivores: How Does Prochilodus Lineatus Achieve High Production on a Low Quality Diet?" Stephen Bowen, Department of Biological Sciences, Michigan Technological University, 5270 McCracken Hall, 4-5 p.m.; refreshments, 3:45 p.m.

Electrical engineering seminar, "Modeling and Reasoning About Distributed Discrete Systems," Richard W. Taylor, electrical engineering, 3034 Kohrman Hall, 4-5 p.m.

College of Education research colloquium, "Conversations With Educational Settings: The Use of Focus Group Interview Methods in Systemic Change," Patrick M. Jenlink, educational leadership, 2308 Sangren Hall, 4-5 p.m.

Cornelius Loew Lecture in Medieval Studies, "Hags and Bright Maidens: Female Encounters in Old English and Norse Literature," Helen Damico, the University of New Mexico, 110 Walwood Hall, 4:30 p.m.

Chamber music concert, Louise Uhl and friends, Dalton Center Recital Hall, 8 p.m.

Thursday, February 24

Doctoral oral examination, "The Relationship Among One's Beliefs Regarding Divine Sovereignty and Human Freedom, the Will of God and Internal-External Locus of Control," Timothy M. Robinson, counselor education and counseling psychology, 3210 Sangren Hall, 9:30 a.m.

University computing services and faculty development services videoconference, "Classroom Design With Technology in Mind," clock tower conference room, University Computing Center, 1-3 p.m.; call 7-5305 to register.

*University computing services workshop, "Advanced Electronic Mail Using PMDF for VMS," 2033 University Computing Center, 1-3 p.m.; call 7-5430 for registration information.

*Admission charged

Students offer tax return preparation assistance

As the deadline for filing income tax returns approaches, a group of WMU students is planning to offer tax assistance to the Kalamazoo community.

WMU's chapter of Beta Alpha Psi, a national accounting fraternity, will provide free tax preparation for the elderly and persons with incomes of less than \$20,000 who do not itemize their deductions. The students will be preparing forms through the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program (VITA).

Beta Alpha Psi will prepare both federal and state returns from 2 to 5 p.m. Thursdays, Feb. 17 and 24 and March 10 and 17, at the Douglass Community Center, 1000 W. Pater-son. In addition, members will prepare tax

returns at WMU from 2 to 5 p.m. Thursdays, March 24 and 31, in 1280 Schneider Hall.

The honorary accounting fraternity has been involved in the volunteer tax project for more than 15 years. The activity is important for the group because it gives accountancy majors the opportunity to put some of their knowledge to practical use to benefit the community. The students complete an individual tax course and receive additional VITA training before they participate in the tax preparation.

Persons seeking free tax assistance should bring with them their W-2 forms, Forms 1099 and any other pertinent tax information they have received.