Two to be honored with ‘Woman of the Year’ award

A WMU faculty member who specializes in mathematics education and a politically active student have been selected to receive the "Woman of the Year" award presented by WMU’s Commission on the Status of Women.

Ruth Ann Meyer, mathematics and statistics, and Michele A. Virva, a senior from Kalamazoo, will be recognized at an awards luncheon at noon Wednesday, March 14, in the Board Room of the Bernhard Center. The speaker will be Dean Janet I. Pisaneschi, health and human services.

The award, which has been given annually since 1978, is intended to recognize outstanding women employees and students at WMU and to increase awareness of the variety of their achievements. This year marks the first time a student has received the award.

Meyer, a faculty member at WMU since 1976, currently serves as coordinator of the mathematics education area in her department and advises prospective elementary and secondary teachers as well as students interested in mathematics education.

A native Kalamazooan, Meyer has focused on promoting mathematics teaching and education among women and improving the quality of mathematics education in elementary and secondary schools across the state.

She is currently a co-director of a state-wide project supported by $340,382 in federal funds to enhance the mathematics teaching skills of nearly 42,000 Michigan elementary teachers. She also is co-director of a Teacher Mathematics Teacher Preparation Improvement Project funded by a $287,875 grant from the National Science Foundation.

In past years, externally funded projects directed by Meyer have focused on improving the mathematics and teaching skills of inservice elementary and secondary school teachers.

Meyer has been an active member of the University community, serving in 1983 and 1984 as chair of the Affirmative Action and Middle School Teachers. During the 1970s as a registered graduate student, she served on the Action College Task Force and the Research Committee.

Meyer currently serves as vice president of four-year colleges in the Michigan Council of Teachers of Mathematics and as a member of the Board of Teachers of Mathematics, the School Psychology Association, and the Delta Kappa Gamma Society.

Virva is majoring in political science and minor in Spanish and criminal justice. Over the past two years, she has become a leader in the campus and community pro-choice movement.

In October 1989, Virva helped establish Students for Choice as a new campus organization. In spring 1990, she became president of that group and began planning its public events.

She organized a spring rally to protest the views of Gov. James W. Ryder, who was then visiting the campus as Republican candidate for governor. In September 1990, she organized a candlelight vigil to call attention to a parental consent for abortion bill that was before the state Legislature.

Other activities of Students for Choice undertaken under Virva’s leadership included circulating petitions, staffing informational tables and soliciting student signatures on letters to the editor and guest editorials for the student newspaper and making video presentations and leading discussion groups in campus residence halls. The group also was active in fall election campaigns.

Virva has established close ties to Kalamazoo community organizations. Last fall, she was elected to the board of directors of the local Planned Parenthood Center.

In addition to her pro-choice activities, Virva has served as president of WMU’s Center for Kid’s Connection, a program run by the state Department of Social Services. Because of her expertise in Spanish, she has been matched with a young Hispanic girl in a “big sister” relationship.

Four other nominees for this year’s "Woman of the Year" designation also will be honored at the March 14 luncheon. They are: Evalyn T. Dearmen, chairperson of education and professional development; Stacie J. Device, plant maintenance and operations; Leslie H. Lehniger, social work; and Shirley A. Ray, handicapped student services.

The luncheon is open to the public. Persons may make reservations by sending a check, payable to the Commission on the Status of Women, for $7.50 per person by Monday, March 18, to Sandy Lemley, WESTOPS.

Candies to make presentations

Five candidates for dean of the College of Education will be on campus in the coming weeks to interview and make public presentations.

The candidates and the dates of their presentations are:

• Jane H. Appleget, associate professor of teacher development and curriculum studies and associate dean of the College of Education at Kent State University, Monday, March 18;
• James P. Payne, professor of special education and dean of the School of Education at the University of Mississippi, Thursday, March 21;
• Elaine M. Jarchow, professor and head of the Department of Counseling and Instruction at New Mexico State University, Tuesday, March 26;
• Norma Nutten, professor of curriculum and instruction and dean of the College of Education at East Tennessee State University, Monday, April 1; and
• William B. Rice, professor of education and dean of the College of Education at the University of Akron, Wednesday, April 3.

The presentations will begin at 3 p.m. in the Nutter Center and will be followed by a reception in the lobby. Each candidate has been asked to speak on “What Is the Future of Education and the Implications for a College of Education?”

The person selected for the position will replace Arnold M. Gallegos, who returned to the faculty. Floyd L. McKinney currently is director of minority affairs.

Meyer Virva

Mathematics Education, the Affirmative Action College Task Force, and the entry Curriculum Committee for Women.

She also has been a member of Western’s Network for Women, an adviser to the Women in Science Committee and is now in her third year as chairperson of her department’s Women and Graduate Committee.

Meyer currently serves as vice president for student services.

Agenda items include a recommendation that the Board of Trustees meet at 10:45 a.m. Friday, March 15, in the Board Room of the Bernhard Center.

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Quality is focus of Tuesday program

A program designed for corporate leaders and managers concerned with quality and how it impacts their operations will be presented Tuesday, March 19, at the Fetzer Center.

The first "Quality Program" sponsored by WMU's new Service Quality Institute will run from 2 to 6:30 p.m. It will feature addresses by representatives from two companies known for their attention to quality: the Cadillac Motor Car Division of the General Motors Corp.; and the Marriott Corp.

The program will begin with registration and a welcome by Donald L. Thompson, vice president for research. John W. Hutzman, director of consumer relations for Cadillac in Detroit, will speak at 3 p.m. on "The Technical Quality Journey: Cadillac Division, General Motors Corp., Malcolm Balridge Quality Award Recipient, 1990." He will discuss the shift in work patterns and habits that occurred in the industry when the company was seeking the Balridge award, which is sponsored by the U.S. Department of Commerce.

At 4:30 p.m., Roger J. Dow, vice president for sales and marketing services for Marriott Hotels, Resorts and Suites in Washington, D.C., will discuss "The Functional Quality Journey: Marriott Corp., Root Beer to Lifecare." He will focus on the individual side of the quality journey in which Marriott has been engaged since its origin as a root beer stand in 1927.

A reception will follow the program. The cost for the seminar is $25.80 per person. Persons may register by calling 7-6063 or 7-4099.

WMU's Service Quality Institute plans to organize at least one of these programs a year. The institute was formed about a year ago to bridge the gap between academic research on service quality and the use of those research findings in business and industry for quality improvements. The director of the institute is Linda M. Delene, marketing.

Gray to be fashionable color at 'Senior Prom'

Dow

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Formal wear specialists say "dove gray" is a trendy color for this year's senior proms. For those attending WMU's "Senior Prom," the color gray is always fashionable.

Students are planning a Wednesday, March 20, Senior Prom to bring students and area senior citizens together for an evening of music, dancing and reminiscing about the proms and student life of bygone days. The event is scheduled for 7 to 10 p.m. in the East Ballroom of the Bernhard Center.

Class and gender is topic of talk

"Class, Ethnicity and Gender" is the title of a talk to be presented at the University Monday, March 18.

Brackeet F. Williams, associate professor of anthropology at Queens College of the City University of New York, will speak at 7 p.m. in 2002 Sangren Hall.

The free lecture is part of a series this semester organized by the Department of Anthropology on "The Foundations of Gender Inequality."

Williams has carried out intensive field studies in Guyana, a country with black, white and Indian populations. He has studied class divisions, ethnic divisions and gender divisions in the society to understand how they affect the South American nation's internal politics.

He is the author of the book, "War in My Veins, Stains on My Name: The Politics of Cultural Struggle and Guyana." Williams is soon to become director of the African American Institute being established at the University of Arizona.

Minority Leadership Conference set

"Your Education Today ... Is Our Better Tomorrow" is the theme for WMU's 15th annual Minority Student Conference Friday through Sunday, March 15-17.

The conference, designed for higher education faculty, staff and students, parents, high school personnel and student representatives, is concerned with building minority leadership.

The event, which will take place Friday in the Bernhard Center and the other days at the Kalamazoo Country Club, will include workshops and lectures by nationally known speakers. It is being sponsored by WMU's Consortium for Equity Concerns and Division of Minority Affairs.

The conference will begin at 8 a.m. Friday and end at noon Sunday. On-site registration is $50 for students and $45 for the public. For more information, persons may contact the Division of Minority Affairs at 7-7176.

Report on East Campus slated for meeting

"A Report on East Campus" will be presented at the next breakfast meeting for alumni and friends Tuesday, March 19.

A continental breakfast will be served at 7:30 a.m., and the meeting will begin at 7:40 a.m. at the Fetzer Center.

L. Michael Moskovis, vice president for institutional advancement, will present plans for East Campus, now that the Hayworth College of Business has moved from there to its new building on West Campus. In 1988-89, Moskovis chaired a study committee appointed by President HaeNieck to make recommendations on the project.

The program is part of a series sponsored by WMU and its Alumni Association, the cost, including the breakfast, is $6 for association members and $7 for nonmembers. Persons are encouraged to make reservations by Friday, March 15, by calling the McKee Alumni Center at 7-6179.

Education specialists to share research

The research findings of 37 WMU faculty members and students will be presented at a College of Education Research Convocation series Tuesday, March 19.

The convocation, which will take place in the North Ballroom of the Bernhard Center, is open to the public and will feature topics that range from "Cultural Transmission in a Multicultural Elementary School" to "Developing Confident Classroom Interventions for At-Risk Pupils."

According to Floyd L. McKinley, interim dean of the College of Education, the event is designed to provide an opportunity for faculty and students to obtain feedback and additional perspectives on their research efforts. The convocation also, he says, signals to students the value that faculty members place on scholarly activity.

Polish scholar to speak

Jacek Kurczewski, a founding member and director of the Polish American National Committee in Poland, will speak at WMU Tuesday, March 19.

Kurczewski, who is dean of the Institute of Political and International Relations at the University of Warsaw, will discuss his book "Transformacja Organizacji Innej Kultury w Polsce" ("Transformation From Organized Injustice to a System of Justice") at 3 p.m. in 2203 Sangren Hall.

His lecture will discuss the political situation in Poland. His visit is being sponsored by the Criminal Justice Program, Department of Government and Office of International Affairs.

German panel scheduled

Three scholars from universities in what was formerly East Germany will come to Kalamazoo to share their views on the German nation during a Thursday, March 14, presentation.

"The Federal Republic of West Germany: Perspectives from the East" is the title of a panel discussion. Topics will be presented to WMU students by representatives from the former German Democratic Republic.

The discussion is set for 8 p.m. in 3750 Knudson Hall.

Unis Reinhs and Frank H. Unger are professors from the University of Rostock in what was East Berlin. They will be joined on the panel by Eckhardt Fuchs of the University of Halle, former secretary general of the National Association of Biology Teachers.

Fuchs is currently spending a month at WMU under a grant from the International Fulbright Commission, and will return to his teaching duties at the University of Halle in June.

While on campus, he is working with Ernst A. Breisach, history professor, to share research findings of 37 WMU faculty members and students will be presented at a College of Education Research Convocation series Tuesday, March 19.
Activities planned for Spring Into Wellness

Protecting our personal health and the health of our environment is everyone's responsibility. So plan to participate in the sixth annual Spring Into Wellness celebration March 21-28.

The activities are designed to encourage us to live a balanced lifestyle of physical, psychological, spiritual and environmental health. More than 30 University offices, academic departments and student organizations have joined the University Wellness Committee to help sponsor a variety of events throughout the week. Some events will take place from March 21-28. For more information, visit the Wellness Web site or call the Student Health Center at 7-3263, or look for the March 18 insert to the Western Herald.

Earth Day celebrations. Speakers will focus on the relationships between the health of our environment and our personal well-being.

Beginning March 21, with alternate weeks for activities scheduled for all residence halls at 7 p.m. They are sponsored by the Counseling and Psychological Services, the Alcohol Responsibility and Education.

From 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, March 23, the Wellness Fair will be held in the Bernhard Center, seminars on "Dressing for Success" will be held in the Physical Sciences Library in Rood Hall. The University's Divest Disc contains news and writings and citations of the world's research literature in mathematics and related areas such as computer science theory, physics, mathematical economics and mathematical statistics. The database is compiled from Mathematical Reviews and Current Mathematical Publications, which are published by the American Mathematical Society. Coverage begins with January 1980 and currently ends with June 1990. The database is updated monthly. The Silver Platter Information System provides the software to search this database. It is easy to design and use for library patrons (familiar with MR and CPM) to search independently with the aid of handouts and guides located at the CD-ROM station. There also are help files on the Silver Platter Information System. Citations and reviews may be either printed on the accompanying printer or downloaded on a 3.5-inch disk.

Media

Thomas F. Pagel, communication, discusses women's roles in the media on "Focus." The program is produced by news services. "Focus" is scheduled to air Saturday, March 16, at 6:10 p.m., and is repeat shown Monday, March 18, at 5:45 p.m. on WKZO-AM (590).

Expert on business ethics to lecture

The importance of ethics in the business world will be explored by an expert in business ethics at 4 p.m. March 21 in 1010 Fetzer Center. The lecture will be held Thursday and Friday, March 21-22, as part of the Visiting Scholar program. The Visiting Scholar program is sponsored by the College of Business Administration and the Department of Legal Studies.

Thomas W. Dunfee, the Kolody Professor of Social Responsibility at Wharton University, will discuss "Business Ethics and the Skeptical Manager" at 7 p.m. Thursday in 1010 Fetzer Center. Dunfee teaches courses on business ethics, commercial law and anti-trust law at the Wharton School, where he also is chairperson of the Department of Legal Studies. The author of numerous textbooks and articles for law reviews and business periodicals, he has written the widely distributed Wharton report ad- vocating the integration of business ethics into MBA programs.
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Training and development seminar for non-supervisory employees, “Valuing Diversity,” Doreen A. Brinson and Larry C. Scott, both human resources, 204 Bernhard Center, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

Exhibition, oil pastel drawings and small paper collages by Anne M. Curley, March 14 thru 28, 7:30 a.m.-10 p.m.

Concert, Southwest Michigan Vocal Festival with the Western String Chamber Ensemble, Bernhard Center, 7 p.m.

United Campuses Against Militarism lecture, “The Role of the United States in the New World,” Bernard Goldberg, principal flute, Pittsburgh Symphony, 2302 Sangren Hall, 7 p.m.

Meeting, Academic and Student Affairs Committee of the Board of Trustees, 204 Bernhard Center, 8:30 a.m.

Meeting, Business and Finance Committee of the Board of Trustees, 204 Bernhard Center, 10:15 a.m.

Meeting, Board of Trustees, Board Room, Bernhard Center, 10:45 a.m.

Training and development seminar, “Pay and Performance: Options and Opportunities,” Meg Hardman, vice president for human resources, 3770 Knauss Hall, 8 a.m.


Visiting Scholars and Artists Program lectures by Thomas R. Dietz, the Kolodny Professor of Social Responsiveness of the Visiting WMU Monday, “Extant Social Contracts and Business Ethics,” 3050 Haworth College of Business, 3 p.m.; and “Business Ethics and the Skeptical Manager,” 1010 Fetzer Center, 7 p.m.

Workshop for the preparation of doctoral dissertations, specialist projects and master’s theses, Faculty Lounge, Bernhard Center, 3:30-5:30 p.m.

Mathematics and statistics colloquium, “The Searchlight Hypothesis,” Frank C. Hoppesteedt, dean, College of Natural Sciences, University of Michigan, Commons Room, sixth floor, Everett Tower, 4:10 p.m.; refreshments, 3:55 p.m.

Administrative Professional Association special meeting, featuring a report from the Collective Bargaining Fact-Finding Committee, Bernhard Center, 2 p.m.

University film series, “Diabolique” (France, 1955), directed by Henri-Georges Clouzot, 2750 Knauss Hall, 5:30 and 7:30 p.m.

Gay/Lesbian Awareness Days panel discussion by parents of friends and lesbians and gays, 3770 Knauss Hall, 7 p.m.


*Satellite telecast, “Building Capacity for Community: Latin American Feminist, Scholar and Activist: Poetry Reading,” Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Center, 8 a.m.-10 a.m.

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

*Luncheon for professional/technical/administrative and clerical/technical staff, Whittemore Center, Bernhard Center, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

*Luncheon, is $75 and the registration deadline is March 20.

*Campus Forums Inc. in Kalamazoo, will speak on "Effective Post-War Evaluation, Paul de Rooij, doctoral student at the U. of M., 209 Bernhard Center, 7:30 p.m.

*Admission charged

Laborde to speak on business communication

A specialist in business communication, sales and communication techniques will speak at WMU Monday, March 18, as part of the Visiting Scholars and Artists Program.

Genie Z. Laborde will discuss "Guaranteed Skills for Relationships," from 7 to 8 p.m. in 1120 Haworth College of Business.

Lisa Newton, director of the Program in Applied Ethics and the Program in Environmental Studies, will introduce the topic, "How Valuable Is the Environment?" on Monday, March 18, at 7:30 p.m.

The day will begin with a speech on "Catching Yourself Doing Something Right" by Eileen M. Montgomery, president of the College of Education and Associate in Springfield, Ill.

Spokesperson, Paul M. Knudstrup, president of Midwest Consulting Group Inc. in Kalamazoo, will speak on "Effective Self Management: The Key to Getting More Out of Work and Life."

Fay B. Hauert, assistant professor of political science, will be able to choose two of the following three sessions to attend: "Balancing Family and Work," Saturday, March 16, from 9 a.m.-noon, and "Secretaries as Planners.""