Canadian-American relations to be colloquium focus

Promoting a better understanding of both historic and newly emerging ties between the United States and Canada is the goal of an international colloquium set for Friday and Saturday, Sept. 15-16, at the Fetzer Center.

"Facing North/Facing South: A Colloquium on Canadian-American Relations" is expected to attract about 200 government, business and educational leaders from both countries to explore cultural, environmental, economic, legal, political, trade and educational issues that affect both nations. Specific issues that will be discussed by internationally recognized experts include the U.S.-Canadian Free Trade Agreement, acid rain, protection of the Great Lakes, and Canadian and American demographics.

The event is the first major conference on Canadian-American relations to take place since the implementation of the Free Trade Agreement in January of this year. The colloquium will offer 25 presentations and commentaries during the event alternating between the two. The long-range goal of the project is still to set up such an agreement, but the scope of the conference has been significantly expanded.

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A WMU welcome

Students received a hearty welcome to WMU earlier this week during a series of activities designed to make them feel at home on campus. ABOVE: Buster Bronco met some new friends in the Delta Zeta sorority during the Bronco Bash Aug. 19. About 18,000 people, assistant dean of the Office of Miller Auditorium plaza that featured participation by 150 area merchants and student organizations. AT LEFT: President Haenicke, right, was one of several administrators who donned aprons and dished out 750 pizzas to students during the WMU Open House Forum Aug. 27. About 2,150 newcomers got some basic instruction in the rudiments of college life during the special event in Miller Auditorium.

Updated Agency Resource Directory available

Kalamazoo residents looking for assurance in areas that range from adoption to weight reduction now have an updated resource to use in finding that help.

The third annual Agency Resource Directory, an update guide to health and human service organizations that serve the Greater Kalamazoo area, has been published by WMU's Community Information System and Gryphon Place, a Kalamazoo community help-line.

Nearly 500 area agencies are listed in the 1989 edition of the directory, which notes the name, address, telephone number, service description and eligibility requirements for each agency. The new edition reflects changes in more than 40 percent of the programs listed and includes the new telephone number for WMU, Bronson Methodist Hospital and the agencies affiliated with both institutions.

Also included in the directory are some listings for state and national organizations that offer assistance via free numbers and information lines. Most agencies listed operate on a non-profit basis.

The directory contains sections listing agencies by acronym and by service or type of client served as well as a main index listing all agencies in the directory by each agency's function, location, hours, affiliations and the name of its director or coordinator.

Designed for agency personnel, the directory is intended to help organizations located in the region find each other and make connections with agencies seeking help, the Agency Resource Directory is a cooperative effort of the Greater Kalamazoo United Way; the Dorothy U. Dalton, Irving S. Gilmore and Kalamazoo Foundations; the City of Kalamazoo and the WMU Community Information System.

President reasserts stance on racial, ethnic harmony

President Haenicke wishes to remind the University community that he has issued this statement on this sensitive subject.

"Western Michigan University is firmly committed to the principles of racial equality and nondiscrimination. On its campus, students, faculty and staff members of minority races and other backgrounds live and work closely together day by day in offices, classrooms and residence halls. This racial and ethnic mix brings richness and diversity to the cultural, intellectual and personal dimensions of campus life. The University benefits from this diversity and seeks to enhance it.

"All members of the University are expected to contribute to an atmosphere of racial and ethnic harmony. This includes: Tolerating many points of view; displaying respect for cultural differences and courtesy and civility in discourse with students, faculty and staff of diverse backgrounds and origins.

"In this regard, no room for any derogatory comments of a racial nature, be they in the form of slurs, posters, songs, graffiti or the like.

"Most members of the campus community need not be reminded of the institutional position in this regard. The very few who need the admonition must realize that the University will take the strongest possible action, including dismissal, against those who through racist acts bring discord to this campus.'"
On campus

The University Libraries have installed a Library Information and Assistance Line that you can reach by dialing 7-5155. This is a menu selection line that currently has three choices: #1 provides the hours of operation for Waldo Library and other library facilities; #2 provides a directory of library system telephone numbers; and #3 transfers you directly to Waldo Library. Several enhancements are planned, such as locations of libraries and directions on how to get there.

Although summer may seem like a slower time for the campus community, news about the University continues to go out at a steady pace.

• New trustees. Two new members added to the Board of Trustees this summer. Gov. James J. Blanchard in May appointed Launa L. Boldt of Kentwood and George A. Franklin of Kalamazoo to the Board. They replace the late Alfred L. Edwards of Ann Arbor.

• Grant record. The University received a record $9 million in grants for wind energy research. Since 1984-85 fiscal year, annual external grants have risen more than $7 million.

• Personnel matters. In recognition of his leadership in securing grants for support of research at the University, Haenicke this summer promoted Donald E. Thompson to vice president for research! In 1984-85, Thompson had been serving as assistant vice president for academic affairs and chief research officer.

Despite the lower than expected increase in state appropriations, Haenicke recommended approval of the 9 percent increase in tuition and fees that had been proposed to the Board June 23. At that time, the Board approved the increase routinely to allow for public comment.

Even with the increase in tuition and fees, which was approved by the Board, the University will face a $1.4 million budget shortfall for the current fiscal year. "We expect it to be $500,000 more than previously expected," Haenicke said. He will be reviewing University job vacancies, but no layoffs will occur. He said the University is an exception to an across-the-board cut because the University cannot accommodate many of its students with the current level of state support.

• Salary increase. At its June 23 meeting, the Board approved a 7 percent salary increase for administrators. The Board approved a 5.5 percent across-the-board increase and 1.5 percent merit. For the second consecutive year, Haenicke donated his raise -- $8,216 this year -- to the WMU Foundation to support the University Library System.

Among the new and revised telephone directories for the 1989-90 academic year is "The Great Debate: The Intellectual Origins of the Constitutional Debates," a program produced by media services for the Department of Government and International Affairs.

End of the road for the Human Resources Department Telephone Directory is being prepared. The names, titles or classifications, campus addresses and campus telephone numbers of all employees will be included.

Certain options are available regarding the amount of home information that will be included in the directory. They are:

• Complete home information spouse's name (if applicable), street address, zip code, city and telephone number.

There is no need to do anything if this is what you want and your records are up-to-date.

• No home information of any kind -- you can forward this request with your social security number to Gertrude V. Peterson, telecommunications. The University will be notified if this request is Friday, Sept. 8.

• Omission of spouse's name or an unlisted telephone number -- please change your University master file record through the human resources information system.

 Persons with questions should contact telecommunications at 7-9705.
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SPRUCE UP SANGREN -- Students were putting the finishing touches on renovations to the large lecture halls in Sangren Hall last weekend. Over the summer, Rooms 2302 and 2304 were gutted and new carpeting, seating, lights, a sound system and audiovisual facilities were installed. Faculty members will be able to control the lighting and audiovisual systems from a specially designed podium. "It's very high tech," said Philip S. Roekle, University facilities. The large lecture halls in Knauss Hall also got new carpeting and reconditioned seating over the summer. Lighting and audiovisual installations are slated for those rooms next summer.

Three new degree programs offered

Graduate students attending WMU will have three new degree programs from which to choose.

The Board of Trustees July 28 granted approval to offer a master of arts degree in comparative religion, a master of arts degree in philosophy and a doctor of philosophy degree in physics.

"These new degree programs enable the University to recognize the strengths and accomplishments of the faculty in the three areas and broaden our graduate offerings into critical areas," said Provost George M. Dennison.

"The master's degree in philosophy and the doctoral degree in physics will be implemented this fall, while the master's degree in comparative religion will be offered beginning in the fall of 1990."

Armstrong fifth employee to pass secretarial exam

Stephanie Armstrong, Academic Skills Center, has been certified as a professional secretary by Professional Secretaries International.

Armstrong passed the Certified Professional Secretary (CPS) exam, becoming the fifth WMU employee to receive a CPS ranking.

Professional Secretaries International, a professional organization for secretarial and clerical workers, offers the exam twice a year, in November and in May. The exam consists of six separate sections, each testing a different area of knowledge.

The section topics include: behavioral science in business; business law; economics and management; accounting; office administration and communication; and office technology. Secretaries must attain a passing score of 70 percent on all of the sections.

Honors College contract awarded to Doscia-Smith

The construction contract for WMU's new Carl and Winifred Lee Honors College has been awarded to Doscia-Smith Associates of Kalamazoo.

Doscia-Smith was the low bidder on the project at $992,000. The Board of Trustees approved the awarding of the contract at its meeting July 28 based on recommendations from the University's campus-planning, extension and engineering staff and from the project architect, DeWinter Associates Inc. of Grand Rapids.

Construction of the 8,400-square-foot structure began this month and is scheduled for completion in May. The facility will be located on the West Campus pedestrian mall, just east of Rood Hall.

Series to focus on 'Economics of Discrimination'

"The Economics of Discrimination" will be the topic of the 26th annual Lecture-Seminar Series organized by the Department of Economics.

Seven experts from across the country will visit campus during the 1989-90 academic year to present their views on the topic.

"Discrimination, which is unequal treatment based on race, gender, age, national origin, religion and similar shared characteristics, is both illegal and unethical," said Emily P. Hoffman, economics, who is coordinating this year's series.

"Comparing full-time, year-round women, workers currently earn only 66 cents for every $1 men earn," she continued. "Black families currently have median family income of only 67 cents, or 77 cents for every $1 of income for white families. The speakers will explore what part of these differences can be explained by discrimination."

The speakers, their topics and their dates are:

• Edward P. Lazear, the Isadore Brown and Gladys J. Brown Professor of Urban and Labor Economics at the University of Chicago, on "Laws and Policies Concerning Discrimination," Sept. 20.

• Paul J. Taubman, professor of economics at the University of Pennsylvania, on "Discrimination Within the Family," Oct. 11.

• Barbara L. Wolfe, professor of economics and preventive medicine at the University of California at Madison, on "Economic Discrimination: A Broader Perspective," Nov. 15.

• William A. Niskanen, Jr., professor of economics at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, on "Race, Class and Economic Inequality," Jan. 17.

• Johnathan S. Leonard, associate professor in the School of Business Administration at the University of California at Berkeley, on "Impact of Affirmative Action," Feb. 7.

• Glenn J. Cain, professor of economics at the University of Wisconsin at Madison, on "What Does Economics Contribute to the Theory and Practice of Discrimination?" Feb. 10.

• D. Marianne A. Ferber, professor of economics at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, on "Evidence of Discrimination?," Feb. 21.

"The goal of the reception is to bring many of the University's resources for one event to welcome undergraduate and graduate students who may not have easy access to the University during the academic hours," says Sue A. Davidson, Office of Admissions.

Students will be able to validate their ID cards, purchase their parking permits and have their blood pressure checked, as well as spend time with the University representatives of their choice.

Calendar

AUGUST

Thursday/31

(born Sept. 29) Exhibition of the 1989 University Photo Contest winning entries, 240 Seibert Administration Building, weekdays, 8 a.m.-noon and 1-5 p.m.

SEPTEMBER

Saturday/2

Men's cross country, George Dales Invitational, Arcadia Course, 11 a.m. (thru Sept. 29) Exhibition of the 1989 University Photo Contest winning entries, 240 Seibert Administration Building, weekdays, 8 a.m.-noon and 1-5 p.m.

Sunday/3

Soccer, WMU vs. Indiana University/Purdue University at Fort Wayne,Waldo Stadium, 2 p.m.

Monday/4

Labor Day, most offices closed.

Tuesday/5

(*born 10/6) Exhibition, handmade books, drawings and prints, Bonnie Stahlecker and Bernhard Center, 4:30-6:30 p.m.

Wednesday/6

Meeting, Human Subjects Institutional Review Board, Conference Room C, third floor, Seibert Administration Building, 8:15 a.m.

School of Music Convocation Series, high school chamber music, Dalton Center Recital Hall, 2 p.m.

Reception for nontraditional students and graduate students, North Ballroom of the Bernhard Center, 4:30-6:30 p.m.

Thursday/7

(*Management and executive development seminar, "Successfully Working with People," Ron G. Wells, Comprehensive Performance Systems, Indiana, Fetzer Center, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Meeting, Residency and Political Science, third floor of the Faculty Senate, Conference Room A, third floor, Seibert Administration Building, 3 p.m.

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to establish an Institute for the Study of Race and Ethnic Relations at the University. The provost made his recommendation after meeting with Tillman C. Cothran, sociology. He expects the institute to be modeled after the Institute for Water Sciences, acting as a center for information, research and conferences dealing with race and ethnic relations.

• Higher education cooperation. Representatives from 11 West Michigan public institutions of higher education met at WMU to reaffirm their commitment to work together for the benefit of the citizens of the state. The officials signed a proclamation calling for continued cooperation and collaboration, as well as for new initiatives designed to smooth the transfer process from community colleges to senior institutions and to eliminate duplication of effort.

• Accreditation review. Efforts are underway at the University to prepare for reaccreditation review in 1991 by the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools. Accreditation provides public certification that the institution is operating at generally satisfactory levels of quality. Susan B. Hannah, assistant vice president for academic affairs, is chairing the Self-Study Steering Committee.

• Departments in motion. Several University departments have made changes, eachphysical and organizational -- this summer. Western's Office of Public Service (WOPS) has moved from Moore Hall to Suite 29 on the lower level of Columbus Plaza, 350 E. Michigan Ave., in downtown Kalamazoo. The Department of Consumer Resources and Technology has transferred from the College of Engineering and Applied Sciences to the College of Education. The General Studies has been dissol

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