

WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY
Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting
April 20, 2000

The regular meeting of the Western Michigan University Board of Trustees was called to order by Chair Franklin at 3:15 p.m. on Thursday, April 20, in the Connable Board Room, Bernhard Center.

Board members present: Trustee Chormann, Trustee Franklin, Trustee Klohs, Trustee St. John and President Floyd (ex officio). Absent: Trustee Haworth, Trustee Krause and Trustee Waddles.

Remarks by the Chair. Chair Franklin spoke of the appointments being recommended for Board approval at the meeting, including provost, deans and head basketball coach, and wished everyone much success in their new positions. He also spoke of the 747 plane recently donated by Northwest Airlines to the University for research and teaching in the College of Aviation. He also expressed appreciation for the 100 patents presented to our Paper Technology Foundation by the Proctor & Gamble Company. Chair Franklin spoke of the students graduating from the University on April 22, wishing them success and happiness.

Remarks by the President. President Floyd noted the approach of the University's centennial in 2003 and expressed appreciation to Professor Leo Stevenson, Department of Finance and Commercial Law, for suggesting a new mailing address for the University to commemorate the event. President Floyd announced the adoption of the new address - 1903 West Michigan Avenue. He expressed appreciation for the faculty's research and other creative endeavors, noting recent articles in the Wall Street Journal quoting Professor Anthony Catalado, Department of Accountancy, and the New York Times and Psychology citing Professor Mark Roehling, Department of Management.

Acceptance of the Agenda. The agenda was accepted as presented on a motion by Trustee St. John, supported by Trustee Chormann.

Approval of the Minutes. The minutes of the January 28, 2000 annual meeting were approved as distributed following a motion by Trustee Klohs, supported by Trustee St. John.

Resolution re Trustee Emeritus Carmody. As presented by Trustee Franklin, after a motion by Trustee Chormann, supported by Trustee St. John, the Board approved the following resolution granting emeritus status to Trustee William Carmody. Trustee Carmody resigned, effective February 1, 2000, after being appointed judge in the Michigan Fifth District Probate Court.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, William W. Carmody has provided dedicated and faithful service to Western Michigan University and the people of Michigan as a member of the University's governing board since 1997; and

WHEREAS, he has served the Board of Trustees as committee chair with wit and wisdom and played a part in the presidential search process that resulted in the 1998 appointment of Elson S. Floyd as the University's sixth president, all the while bringing to these tasks the unique perspective of his Upper Peninsula heritage; and

WHEREAS, as both an alumnus and a trustee, he has and will continue to bring recognition to the University through his many professional achievements, including serving in his new capacity as judge for Michigan's Fifth District Probate Court and through his service as a member of the State Board of Accountancy and the Selective Service Commission;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Western Michigan University Board of Trustees wholeheartedly and appreciatively grants the honorary title of Trustee Emeritus to William W. Carmody, with all the rights and privileges appertaining thereto, in recognition of his devotion, dedication and service to the University.

Resolution re Honorary Degree. The Board of Trustees approved the awarding of an honorary Doctor of Fine Arts degree to actress Marin Mazzie, WMU '82, following a motion by Trustee Klohs, supported by Trustee Chormann. The degree will be presented to Ms. Mazzie, at the Martin Beck Theatre in New York City on May 20, following her performance in "Kiss Me Kate."

Authorization to Confer Degrees. After a motion by Trustee Chormann, supported by Trustee Klohs, the Board of Trustees authorized the President to confer degrees at the April 22 commencement ceremonies as recommended by the Faculty.

Academic and Student Affairs Committee Recommendations - presented by Trustee Chormann in absence of Committee Chair Krause

Grant Report. The grant report for January, February and March 2000 was approved after a motion by Trustee Chormann, supported by Trustee Klohs. The report indicated grants of more than \$7 million, bringing the year-to-date total over \$34 million.

Personnel Report. The Board of Trustees approved the personnel report, including the appointment of Fred Dobney as Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, on a motion by Trustee Chormann, supported by Trustee St. John.

Administrative Appointments

Robert Aardema, Chair of Aviation Sciences Faculty, College of Aviation, effective February 22, 2000.

Fredrick Dobney, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, effective July 1, 2000.

David England, Dean, College of Education, effective July 1, 2000.

Marie Gates, Director, WMU Bronson School of Nursing, effective July 17, 2000.

James Gilchrist, Associate Dean, College of Arts and Sciences, effective July 1, 2000.

Margaret Merrion, Dean, College of Fine Arts, effective July 1, 2000.

Robert Peters, Director, School of Public Affairs and Administration, effective July 1, 2000.

Trudy Verser, Associate Dean, Haworth College of Business, effective July 1, 2000.

Alan Walker, Vice Provost of Academic Affairs for Continuing Education, effective July 1, 2000.

Richard Wright, Dean, College of Aviation, effective May 1, 2000.

Return to Faculty

Ralph Chandler, Professor, School of Public Affairs and Administration, effective June 30, 2000.

Appointments - With Tenure

Fredrick Dobney, Professor, Department of History, effective July 1, 2000.

David England, Professor, Department of Teaching, Learning and Leadership, effective July 1, 2000.

Marie Gates, Professor, WMU Bronson School of Nursing, effective July 17, 2000.

Margaret Merrion, Professor, School of Music, effective July 1, 2000

Appointments - Tenure Track

Todd Barkman, Assistant Professor, Department of Biological Sciences, effective August 7, 2000.

Vincent Desroches, Instructor, Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures, effective August 7, 2000.

James Eckert, Assistant Professor, Department of Marketing, effective August 7, 2000.

Lynne Heasley, Instructor, Department of Environmental Studies, effective August 7, 2000.

Laura Junker, Assistant Professor, Department of Anthropology, effective August 7, 2000.

Pairin Katerattanakul, Assistant Professor, Department of Business Information Systems, effective August 7, 2000.

Maria Lapinski-LaFaive, Instructor, Department of Communication, effective August 7, 2000.

Jaclyn Maxwell, Instructor, Department of Comparative Religion, effective August 7, 2000.

Laura McGuinness, Assistant Professor, Department of Anthropology, effective August 7, 2000.

Matthew Mingus, Assistant Professor, School of Public Affairs and Administration, effective August 7, 2000.

Patricia Montilla, Assistant Professor, Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures, effective August 7, 2000.

Paul Nwulu, Assistant Professor, Department of Communication, effective August 7, 2000.

Jennifer Palthe, Assistant Professor, Department of Management, effective August 7, 2000.

Muhammad Razi, Assistant Professor, Department of Business Information Systems, effective August 7, 2000.

Victoria Ross, Instructor, Department of Sociology, effective August 7, 2000.

Michael Ryan, Instructor, Department of Economics, effective August 7, 2000.

Eve Salisbury, Assistant Professor, Department of English, effective August 7, 2000.

Bilinda Straight, Assistant Professor, Department of Anthropology, effective August 7, 2000.

Nicolas Witschi, Assistant Professor, Department of English, effective August 7, 2000.

Devrim Yaman, Assistant Professor, Department of Finance and Commercial Law, effective August 7, 2000.

Li Yang, Assistant Professor, Department of Computer Science, effective December 13, 1999.

Reappointment - Term

Shohreh Majin, Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, effective August 7, 2000 through August 5, 2001.

Mukesh Mohania, Assistant Professor, Department of Computer Science, effective August 7, 2000 through August 5, 2001.

Appointment - Term

Kumkum Bannerjee, Assistant Professor, Department of Construction Engineering, Materials Engineering, and Industrial Design, effective February 7, 2000 through December 19, 2000.

Academic Career Specialists

Professional Specialist

Jo Cornell, Assistant Professional Specialist, Department of Business Information

Systems, effective August 7, 2000.

Jan Gabel-Goes, Assistant Professional Specialist, Department of Business Information Systems, effective August 7, 2000.

Ruth Noblett, Assistant Professional Specialist, Department of Business Information Systems, effective August 7, 2000.

Elizabeth Voshel, Assistant Professional Specialist, School of Social Work, effective February 14, 2000.

Reappointments - Adjunct

Kelly DeRango, Adjunct Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, effective May 1, 2000 through April 30, 2003.

Larry Massie, Adjunct Associate Professor, Department of History, effective May 1, 2000 through April 30, 2003.

Helen Pratt, Adjunct Associate Professor, Department of Psychology, effective May 1, 2000 through April 30, 2003.

Paul Reinhardt, Adjunct Professor, Department of Theatre, effective May 1, 2000 through April 30, 2000.

Timothy Stack, Adjunct Assistant Professor, College of Health and Human Services, effective May 1, 2000 through April 30, 2003.

Appointments - Adjunct

Jeffrey Kesler, Adjunct Assistant Professor, School of Community Health Services, effective May 1, 2000 through April 30, 2003.

Steven Kohler, Adjunct Professor, Department of Biological Sciences, effective May 1, 2000 through April 30, 2003.

Lisa Largo-Marsh, Adjunct Assistant Professor, Department of Psychology, effective May 1, 2000 through April 30, 2003.

Kenneth Olson, Adjunct Professor, Department of Biological Sciences, effective May 1, 2000 through April 30, 2003.

Helle Augustesen Putz, Adjunct Assistant Professor, Department of Psychology, effective May 1, 2000 through January 31, 2003.

Michael Reagan, Adjunct Assistant Professor, School of Social Work, effective May 1, 2000 through April 30, 2003.

Gloria Taggett, Adjunct Assistant Professor, Department of Psychology, effective May 1, 2000 through April 30, 2003.

Matthew Zarantonello, Adjunct Assistant Professor, Department of Psychology, effective May 1, 2000 through April 30, 2003.

Resignations

Steven Bartholomew, Associate Professor, Department of Physician Assistant, effective March 10, 2000.

Subhayan Basu, Assistant Professor, Department of Paper and Printing Science and Engineering, effective December 12, 1999.

Kristin Dekam, Instructor, Department of Philosophy, effective December 11, 1999.

Ellen Griggs-Drane, Assistant Professor, School of Music, effective August 6, 2000.

Betsey Grobecker, Assistant Professor, Department of Educational Studies, effective April 22, 2000.

Donna Heady, Assistant Professor, Waldo Library, effective February 29, 2000.

George Heilman, Assistant Professor, Department of Business Information Systems, effective May 31, 2000.

Dan Marmion, Assistant Dean, Waldo Library, effective March 31, 2000.

Mark Mueller, Instructor, Department of Business Information Systems, effective December 12, 1999.

Mukesh Mohania, Assistant Professor, Department of Computer Science, effective August 7, 2000.

Danielle Wozniak, Assistant Professor, School of Social Work, effective April 16, 2000.

Retirements with Emeriti Status

Alfred Boals, Department of Computer Science, Professor Emeritus of Computer Science, effective June 30, 2000.

Joseph Buckley, Department of Mathematics and Statistics, Professor Emeritus of Mathematics and Statistics, effective December 31, 2000.

Gyula Ficsor, Department of Biological Sciences, Professor Emeritus of Biological Sciences, effective August 15, 2001.

Robert Griffin, Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures, Professor Emeritus of Foreign Languages and Literatures, effective April 21, 2001.

Donald King, Department of Art, Professor Emeritus of Art, effective June 11, 2000.

Kathleen Reding, School of Public Affairs and Administration, Associate Professor Emerita of Public Affairs and Administration, effective December 31, 2000.

William Ritchie, Department of Political Science, Professor Emeritus of Political Science, effective April 24, 2001.

Herbert Smith, Department of Sociology, Associate Professor Emeritus of Sociology, effective January 3, 2001.

John Stroupe, Department of English, Professor Emeritus of English, effective April 30, 2001.

Edward Trembley, Department of Counselor Education and Counseling Psychology, Professor Emeritus of Counselor Education and Counseling Psychology, effective December 31, 2000.

Carol VanAuken-Haight, Department of Finance and Commercial Law, Associate Professor Emerita of Finance and Commercial Law, effective August 31, 2000.

Earl Washington, Department of Black Americana Studies, Associate Professor Emeritus of Communication and Black Americana Studies, effective January 1, 2001.

Professional Development Leaves

Martine Sauret, Associate Professor, Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures, effective August 7, 2000 through April 21, 2001.

Benjamin Torres, Associate Professor, Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures, effective August 7, 2000 through April 21, 2001.

NON-ACADEMIC

Appointment

Robert McCullum, Head Basketball Coach, Intercollegiate Athletics, effective March 21, 2000.

Retirements

Patricia Connolly, Duplicate Operator, Haworth College of Business, effective April 30, 2000.

Sandy Lemley, Secretary, Office of Business Development, effective February 29, 2000.

Peggy Seals, Service Request Operator, Office of Residence Life, effective April 28, 2000.

Gertrude Stauffer, Administrator, Faculty Senate, effective April 30, 2000.

Naming of the Lewis Walker Institute for Race and Ethnic Relations. Following a motion by Trustee Chormann, supported by Trustee Klohs, the Board of Trustees approved the changing of the name of the Institute for the Study of Race and Ethnic Relations to the Lewis Walker Institute for Race and Ethnic Relations. The naming honors Dr. Lewis Walker, for the outstanding service to the University and the community, who retired in June 1999 after serving as chairperson and professor of the Department of Sociology.

Change of Name (Center to Institute) - Diether H. Haenicke Institute for International and Area Studies. The name change was approved by the Board following a motion by Trustee Chormann, supported by Trustee St. John. It was indicated that under recently approved Board definitions, "institute" is a more accurate description.

Western Student Association Constitutional Amendment. Amendment #6 to the Western Student Association Constitution was approved by the Board of Trustees after a motion by Trustee Chormann, supported by Trustee St. John:

Amendment #6

Change the process by which student members are appointed to the Western Student Association Allocation Committee.

As noted following WSA ratification of changes to its contract, the revisions are brought to the Board of Trustees for its approval.

Budget and Finance Committee Recommendations

Gift Report. The gift report for January, February and March was approved by the Board of Trustees following a motion by Trustee Klohs, supported by Trustee St. John. The year-to-date total for the current fiscal year is \$12,088,346, reflecting an increase of more than \$3 million over the last fiscal year.

Personnel Report. The Board of Trustees approved the personnel report following a motion by Trustee Klohs, supported by Trustee St. John.

Retirement

Jean Cheever, Coordinator, Switchboard, Telecommunications, effective February 1, 2000.

Relocation of Lansing Regional Center and Lease of Space. On a 4-0 roll call vote (current Board membership is 7), after a motion by Trustee Klohs, supported by Trustee St. John, the Board of Trustees authorized the treasurer/assistant treasurer to execute the necessary documents to effect a lease of up to ten years with Auto-Owners Insurance Company for office and classroom space for the Lansing Regional Center, effective August 1, 2000. The space currently occupied by the Lansing Regional Center has been sold; the new center will be located at 6105 W. St. Joseph Highway.

Resolution re series 2000 Revenue Bonds. The Board of Trustees, on a motion by Trustee Klohs, supported by Trustee St. John, approved a resolution (on file in the Board of Trustees office) authorizing the issuance and delivery of General Revenue Bonds, Series 2000. It was indicated that the proceeds of the bond issue will be used to finance capital projects, including the Business Technology and Research Park and Engineering College, the paper printing science teaching and research facility, student family housing and the South Campus chiller, with a portion of the proceeds to be used to retire the 1996 General Revenue Note.

Authorization to Pursue Amendment of Charitable Remainder Trusts. Following a motion by Trustee Klohs, supported by Trustee St. John, the Board of Trustees approved a resolution (Attachment A) authorizing the administration to pursue Probate Court amendment of certain trusts in order to reform the trusts as permitted by recent Internal Revenue Service regulations.

Student Room and Board and Apartment Rental Rates. The Board of Trustees approved a new student room and board and apartment rental rate schedule on a 4-0 roll call vote, following a motion by Trustee Klohs, supported by Trustee Chormann. The rates, effective fall semester 2000, reflect an average 5% increase and will be used for operating costs, including utilities, food, maintenance, compensation and renovation. (Attachment B).

MESA Contract Ratification The Board of Trustees on a 4-0 roll call vote, after a motion by Trustee Klohs, supported by Trustee St. John, authorized the administration to implement the 1999-2000 agreement with the Michigan State Employees Association (MSEA) covering the power plant employees of the University for the period November 6, 1999 through November 5, 2000.

Remarks by the Provost.

Public Comments. Outgoing Western Student Association president Rob Engblom and incoming president Chad True spoke on the work of the WSA.

Executive Session. On a 4-0 roll call vote following a motion by Trustee St. John supported by Trustee Chormann, the Board of Trustees went into executive session at 4:05 p.m. as provided for under the Michigan Open Meeting Act, returning to general session at 5:10 p.m.

On returning to general session, the agenda was amended to include the three following items.

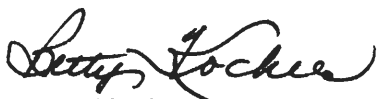
Sale of Property. The sale of property for \$84,000 to Kalamazoo College was approved by the trustees on a 4-0 roll call vote, following a motion by Trustee Klohs, supported by Trustee Chormann. The 31 acres of land in Oshtemo Township was received by the University in 1975 from the estate of Estella Buckham and is accessible only through adjacent property owned by Kalamazoo College. Kalamazoo College intends to maintain the property in its natural state to be used as a field study area, in keeping with Ms. Buckham's wishes. The proceeds from the sale are to be used to establish a loan fund for Food Distribution students.

Purchase of Property. The Board of Trustees on a 4-0 roll call vote, after a motion by Trustees Klohs, supported by Trustee St. John, approved the \$370,000 purchase of the Dairy Mart property, located at 2604 W. Michigan Avenue. The property covers three city lots on the west edge of the campus, the purchase price coming from parking system funds and in keeping with the University's policy of acquisitions in that area as they become available.

Purchase of Property. The Board of Trustees, on a 4-0 roll call vote, after a motion by Trustee Klohs, supported by Trustee Chormann, approved the acquisition of a hangar facility adjacent to the College of Aviation's facilities in Battle Creek. The facility which has been leased by the College of Aviation contains 12 offices, two classrooms and shop areas, with a purchase price of \$400,000.

Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Betty Kocher
Secretary, Board of Trustees

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**RESOLUTION
ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY
ON APRIL 20, 2000**

REGARDING

**AUTHORIZATION OF REFORMATION OF
CHARITABLE REMAINDER TRUSTS**

RESOLVED, that the administration of Western Michigan University is and shall be authorized to seek the amendment of the following charitable remainder trusts naming the University as remainder beneficiary from net income unitrusts to fixed percentage unitrusts, subject to obtaining all the necessary approvals:

Colonel Charles E. Bayliss Charitable Remainder Unitrust, dated April 12, 1992

Colonel Charles E. Bayliss Charitable Remainder Unitrust II, dated July 28, 1996

Theodore P. Perg Charitable Remainder Unitrust dated October 29, 1976

Bess L. Stinson Charitable Remainder Unitrust, dated October 25, 1974

The administration is further authorized to sign all other documents and take all other actions necessary to pursue action in this regard.

ROOM AND BOARD AND APARTMENT RENTAL RATES

| <u>RESIDENCE HALLS</u> | <u>1999-00</u> | <u>Change</u> | <u>2000-01</u> | <u>% Change</u> |
|---|----------------|---------------|----------------|---------------------|
| <u>Room and Board (20 Meal Plan)</u> | | | | |
| Academic Year | \$4,831.00 | \$242.00 | \$5,073.00 | 5.0% |
| Spring | \$1,171.00 | \$59.00 | \$1,230.00 | 5.0% |
| <u>Room and Board (15 Meal Plan)</u> | | | | |
| Academic Year | \$4,756.00 | \$238.00 | \$4,994.00 | 5.0% |
| Spring | \$1,151.00 | \$58.00 | \$1,209.00 | 5.0% |
| Summer (14 meal plan) | \$1,133.00 | \$57.00 | \$1,190.00 | 5.0% |
| <u>Room and Board (10 Meal Plan)</u> | | | | |
| Academic Year | \$4,340.00 | \$217.00 | \$4,557.00 | 5.0% |
| Spring | \$1,075.00 | \$54.00 | \$1,129.00 | 5.0% |
| Summer | \$1,075.00 | \$54.00 | \$1,129.00 | 5.0% |
| Single Room - Per Day | \$7.50 | \$1.00 | \$8.50 | 13.3% |

Rates include \$25 per semester/\$12.50 per session deferred maintenance fee

APARTMENTS (Per Month)

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|---------------------------------|----------|---------|----------|------|
| <u>Goldsworth Valley</u> | | | | |
| 1 BR - Furnished | \$452.00 | \$23.00 | \$475.00 | 5.1% |
| 2 BR - Furnished | \$513.00 | \$26.00 | \$539.00 | 5.1% |
| 1 BR - Unfurnished | \$413.00 | \$21.00 | \$434.00 | 5.1% |
| 2 BR - Unfurnished | \$468.00 | \$23.00 | \$491.00 | 4.9% |
| <u>Stadium Drive</u> | | | | |
| 1 BR - Furnished | \$460.00 | \$23.00 | \$483.00 | 5.0% |
| 2 BR - Furnished | \$544.00 | \$27.00 | \$571.00 | 5.0% |
| 1 BR - Unfurnished | \$427.00 | \$21.00 | \$448.00 | 4.9% |
| 2 BR - Unfurnished | \$494.00 | \$25.00 | \$519.00 | 5.1% |
| <u>Elmwood</u> | | | | |
| 1 BR - Furnished | \$506.00 | \$25.00 | \$531.00 | 4.9% |
| 2 BR - Furnished | \$659.00 | \$33.00 | \$692.00 | 5.0% |
| 1 BR - Unfurnished | \$470.00 | \$24.00 | \$494.00 | 5.1% |
| 2 BR - Unfurnished | \$576.00 | \$29.00 | \$605.00 | 5.0% |

Aggregate rate increase 5.0%

Rates include \$6 per month deferred maintenance fee.

Provost's Remarks
Dr. Timothy Light
Western Michigan University Board of Trustees Meeting
April 20, 2000

Good morning.

Once again, I have opted for an "executive summary" approach to informing you about the great depth and breadth of activity at our University. As we conclude the winter semester, there are a number of recent events and several upcoming events that will be of interest to you.

- Since I last reported to you in January, we've enjoyed a number of successes. The following is just a sample of the kinds of things that have been happening here.
 - More than 700 of the brightest high school seniors in Michigan and 10 other states gathered here for two Saturdays in February to take part in our **Medallion Scholarship Competition**. Among this year's participants were 250 students who have perfect 4.0 GPAs and 150 who have ACT scores of 30 or higher.
 - Instead of joining their classmates on beaches in exotic locales, 144 WMU students chose to spend their spring break volunteering at sites around the nation. The **Alternative Spring Break** program took our students to 12 U.S. cities and to volunteer experiences that ranged from cleaning up the Florida Keys to helping refugees from around world adjust to a new way of life in America.
 - An exhibit prepared by WMU historians that examines regulation and management of Lake Michigan fisheries opened at the Dennis Museum Center in Traverse City. "**Fish for All**," funded by what may be the largest grant ever to our Department of History, will also be part of exhibitions later this year in Door County, Wis., in East Lansing and at the Michigan Maritime Museum in South Haven.
 - A team comprised of four of our students captured fifth place in the national **Ethics Bowl** competition held in Washington, D.C. The team competed against students from 25 other schools from around the nation. WMU has had team in each of the six Ethics Bowl competitions.

- One of our new faculty members in our creative writing program has been on a 38-city national book tour in recent weeks, talking about his first book. **“Phoenix, a Brother's Life”** by J.D. Dolan is a non-fiction work that has been getting strong reviews across the country.
- A **new partnership with Lake Michigan College** will give us a new home for our Southwest Michigan Regional Center, and it could well serve as a model for university/community college collaboration across the state. Construction of our new regional center on the LMC campus marks the first time a four-year university has constructed a regional center on a community college campus. The outcome will be more educational opportunities for area residents.
- A new virtual lab in our Center for Teaching and Learning will give our faculty a chance to try out new teaching methods and new technology before they actually get in the classroom. **The Virtual Learning Laboratory** is designed to let faculty try alternate classroom environments. It was introduced just last week.
- Our Haworth College of Business has launched its **first overseas MBA program**, and some 20 students will begin their business studies in Singapore next month. We are partnering with the Center for American Education in Singapore to deliver the program.

The coming weeks will bring a round of outstanding events on the campus. Consider the following.

- Let the games begin. That phrase will be uttered when nearly 500 Latin-loving high school students converge on the University Friday, May 5, for **“Ludi Occidentales MM,”** which means Western Games 2000. They will be out to prove that the venerable language of Latin is not dead.
- Vikings, vamps and Java script will be on the agenda when Medievalists invade Kalamazoo to discuss everything from Iberian vernacular to the Internet. They'll come by plane, train, automobile and Viking ship. For four days in May, nearly 3,000 medieval scholars will descend upon Kalamazoo for the **35th International Congress on Medieval Studies** at the University. The congress, to be held Thursday through Sunday, May 4 -7, is the largest gathering of medievalists in the world.

- More than 800 of Michigan's most talented young actors, artists, dancers, musicians and videographers will convene on campus for a three-day festival May 11-13 marked by round-the-clock public performances and exhibitions. **The Michigan Youth Arts Festival** began in 1963 as a simple talent screening for young musicians and has evolved into a comprehensive arts spectacular culminating a nine-month search for talent that involves some 60,000 Michigan high school students.

- Some of the world's top scholars in ethics and communication will gather on the shores of Gull Lake May 11-14 to attend the **sixth National Communication Ethics Conference** hosted by WMU. The conference, held biennially, brings some of the top ethics researchers from across the globe to Southwest Michigan to discuss ethical issues and standards in all aspects of human communication.