Fantastic fantasies.

The more than 100 persons who participated in the second annual "Walter Mitty Fantasy Night and Dress Down Dinner" Feb. 4 had a chance to fulfill their fantasies if they were playing in a marching band or donation, they could try their hand at performing with a vocal jazz group, or they could play in an academic affairs and professor of the spirit of the theme at the same time. Pictured are, from left, Richard W. Lattimore and Gall Birch, both Fetzer Center, and Diane M. Purgiel, WMU Foundation. AT RIGHT: Philip Denefen, standing, emeritus provost and vice president for academic affairs and provost of English, put on this "thinking cap" and taught a session on creative writing. Listening to his tips are, from left, Peggy Strong and Judy Maze.

Proposals could help Michigan improves its ranking

Michigan could find itself ranked significantly below the national average of 8.1 percent. In a rare act of unanimity, the presidents of the state's 15 public universities have agreed on a strategic plan of how to address Michigan's relatively low ranking among the 50 states in tax support.

Michigan currently ranks 31st in the percent of taxes earmarked for public higher education at 7.8 percent, which is well below the national average of 8.1 percent, according to data provided by the Council of Financial Aid Administrators.

In other Senate activity, Linda M. Delene, marketing, was nominated to succeed Stanley S. Rubin, sociology, as president of the Senate. She has served as vice president for the past two years.

Joseph T. Buckley, chairperson of mathematics and statistics, and Mary A. Cain, education and professional development, were nominated to succeed Delene as vice president. Richard W. Helweg, social science, had submitted a petition for vice president but withdrew.

A general election was to begin by mail Feb. 8. The ballot will include three positions as representative-at-large, for which three faculty members have been nominated. They are Andrew A. Brogowicz, marketing; John Y. Houdek, history; and Werner Sicel, chairperson of economics. Second-round departmental elections were to begin Feb. 3 as well.

"It strikes me as an important, good, politically smart step," Haenicke said, continuing his comments on the Presidents Council initiative. "Higher education is always taken in Lansing but we march out of step with one another rather than with one opinion. We do not know how any such increases would be divided between the campuses, except to continue to go after funds individually."

Haenicke said the Presidents Council proposals seek to move Michigan to 15th place among the 50 states, a goal he described as "appropriate but not particularly ambitious" given the state's relative economic strength. "We also need to return to flexibility in setting tuition rates without interference by the state," he said.

Haenicke presented a series of charts ranking Michigan nationally according to several indicators, including the state's college-going rate (10th); state and local tax dollars per full-time equivalent student (20th); and combined revenue of state appropriations and tuition per FTE student (4th).

"In this latter instance, we're not doing so bad," Haenicke said. "State and local authorities spend $3,684 and tuition is $2,095 for a total of $5,779, which is $476 more than the national average of $5,303 per FTE student."

"But in terms of state and local tax dollars alone, Michigan ranks 26th in the nation at $3,684, a difference of $336 below the national average of $4,020," he said. "We would have to spend another $82 million per year on higher education just to reach the national average."

The result is that Michigan is clearly a high vaccination state, Haenicke said, noting that it ranked seventh in the nation with tuition at 36.3 percent of total revenues. "I have always regarded anything over 30 percent for tuition as of critical concern," he said.

At the same time, Michigan is well below the national average in its 10-year percentage increase in state appropriations unadjusted for inflation. Haenicke pointed out Michigan's increase, at 99 percent between 1977-78 and 1987-88, is 29 percent below the 128 percent national average.

Illinois, at 71 percent, and Florida, at 179 percent, constitute the low and high extremes, respectively, among the 10 largest states. The others, besides Michigan, are Pennsylvania, 76 percent; Texas, 112 percent; New York, 126 percent; Ohio, 129 percent; California, 141 percent; New Jersey, 151 percent; and North Carolina, 175 percent.

To help itself, Haenicke said, the University must work to forge a West Michigan caucus of state legislators who are interested in higher education. "Right now, we don't have a caucus like Southeast Michigan does. And, of course, some legislators will be more interested than others."

G.W. Haworth

College of Business to be named in recognition of Haworth gift

Haworth Inc. of Holland, Mich., the world's third largest manufacturer of office systems furniture, has pledged a combined corporate and family gift of $5 million to the WMU Foundation, the largest gift in University history.

At a news conference Feb. 8, President Haenicke announced he would enthusiastically recommend to the Board of Trustees that the University's College of Business be renamed the Haworth College of Business "to more adequately recognize the Haworths' outstanding gift in perpetuity."

He pointed out that, because of the extent of the Haworths' generosity, the University will be able to provide state-of-the-art furniture and equipment for the new facilities planned as part of its major capital development program.

In presenting the gift, G.W. Haworth, chairman of the board of Haworth Inc., stated that "I know that this gift will help continue to build the standards of excellence for which Western Michigan University is known. Western's reputation for excellence in education is reinforced here with our corporate mission of providing quality products responsive to customer needs. The spirit of our mission is similar to Western's mission of providing quality education that molds future leaders and provides a forum for community education." (Continued on page four)
The winner of the 1986 Nobel Prize in Economics will speak Western Business Wednesday, Feb. 15, as part of the Department of Economics 25th anniversary lecture-series.

Buchanan, the Holbert L. Harris University Professor of Economics at George Mason University, will be the fifth speaker in the series, which features six Nobel laureates in Economics.

Dance selected for gala

Western's Department of Dance was singled out at the January Midwest Central America Dance Festival at Iowa State University. The department's "Aerobic Rags," performed by 12 members of the University Dance Theatre, was one of nine dances to be presented at the gala's gala concept. The dance was selected from a pool of more than 50 dances.

Other items for sale include frozen yogurt, cookies, muffins, croissants, cinnamon rolls and ice cream pies and cakes. The latter can be custom-ordered, according to Scott, who graduated from WMU this past December with a bachelor's degree in management. The store hours are 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Fridays and 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. The telephone number is 7-6994.

Playwright, earthquake expert to be Visiting Scholars

An internationally known poet and playwright and an authority on worldwide patterns of earthquake activity will be on campus between Monday and Wednesday, Feb. 13-15, as part of the Visiting Scholars Program.

Derek Walcott, currently a professor of English at Boston University, will be a Visiting Scholar in the Departments of English and Theatre. He has written nine books of poems and has had plays produced in the Caribbean, Canada, Great Britain and the United States.

Mary Lou Zoback, a geophysicist with the Branch of Seismology of the U.S. Geological Survey in Menlo Park, Calif., will be a Visiting Scholar in the Department of Geology. Her work has focused on stress and earthquakes that occur in continental interiors, rather than at plate boundaries, so she is able to

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Roll up your sleeve and get ready to perform a "death defying" act -- getting your blood pressure checked! And keep your blood pressure low.

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**FEBRUARY**

**Thursday/9**

- Exhibition, Ekstrapole and Polaroid transfer photography by Barbara Swan, Kalamazoo photographer, 1240 Seiberth Administration Building, weekdays, 8 a.m.-noon and 1-5 p.m.
- Exhibition, photographs by Greshon Garner, Grand Rapids photographer and associate professor of communication, Grand Valley State University, 173 Sanger Hall, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
- Exhibition, paintings by Ron Rusk, Los Angeles artist, Gallery II, Sanger Hall, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

- See next week's exhibit, multi-media Room, Dalton Center, Mondays through Saturdays, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
- **(and 10) Executive Education management development seminar, “Managing Acute Performance,” David R. Allen, Insight Consulting Group, California, Fetzer Center, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
- Staff training room hour, "Strictly Speaking" by Edwin Newman, Red Rooms, Bernhard Center, 12-10:12-4:10 p.m.

**Meeting, Admissions, Financial Aid and Student Services Council of the Faculty Senate, third floor, Seiberth Administration Building.**

- Showing of segment from "Visions and Voices" in preparation for visit by poet and playwright Derek Walcott, 3322 Brown Hall, 3 p.m.

**Mathematics and statistics colloquium, "Cancers in Statistics." Joseph R. Assenza, director of project management at Upjohn Co., common room, 4th floor, McMillen Tower, Everett Tower, 4 p.m.; question/discussion session for students, 3:30-3:50 p.m.; refreshments, 3:45 p.m.

**University Film Series, "The Spirit of the Beehive (Spain, 1973)," directed by Santiago Bernardo, 2302 Sangren Hall, 4 and 8 p.m.

**Meeting, Women’s Center workshop, "Managing Your Career," Lindsay South and Mary Jo Reilly, Women’s Center, and Deborah K. Ganti, career planning and placement services, B-105 Ellsworth Hall, 7-10 p.m.

**-(11) Play, "The Marriage of Figaro," Shaw Theatre; Feb. 9-10, 7 p.m. and Feb. 11, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m.**

**Hoover Club program, "Leadership and Social Responsibility," Moses Walker, president and chief executive officer, DeLano Clinic Inc., Kalamazoo, Fox Hall lounge, 5 p.m.**

**Meeting, Executive Board and Council of Representatives of the Administrative Professionals of the Faculty, Ferguson Room, Seiberth Administration Building, 3:30 p.m.**

**Academic Computer Center mainframe workshop, "Using the Laser Printer," 2202 Sangren Hall, 9:10-10:00 a.m. Prerequisite: VAX/VMS experience, advance registration required, call 7-5430.**

**Meeting, AA-Anonymous, Wesley Foundation basement, 12:10-1 p.m.**

**Academic Computer Center mainframe workshops: "LOGIN.COM Files," 2202 Sangren Hall, 1-2:50 p.m. Prerequisite: "Introduction to WordPerfect" or equivalent experience. Advance registration required, call 7-5430.**

**Black History Month video and discussion, "Frontline: Racism 101," 105-106 Seiberth Hall, 6 p.m.**

**- Staff training seminar, "Personal Safety: A Preventive Approach," Carol R. Rehm, office manager, Upjohn Co., Red Room A, Bernhard Center, noon.**

**- Visiting Scholars Program reading, Derek Walcott, poet and playwright, 3322 Brown Hall, noon.**

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**- Senate meeting, Seibert Administration Building, I:30 p.m.**

**Academic Computer Center computer workshop, "Lotus Graphics," 352 Wood Hall, 1-2:50 p.m. Prerequisite: "Introduction to Lotus 1-2-3" or equivalent experience. Registration required, call 7-5430.**

**- Convocation Series concert, American Brass Quintet, Dalton Center Recital Hall, 8 p.m.**

**Saturday/11**

**-(18) Medallion Scholarship Competition, Bernhard Center, Fetzer Center and Sanger Hall all day.**

**Women’s basketball, WMU vs. Ohio University, Red Fieldhouse, noon.**

**Men’s basketball, WMU vs. Ohio University, Red Fieldhouse, 2:30 p.m.**

**Sunday/12**

**Concert, University Concert Band conducted by Patrick Dannigam, Miller Auditorium, 3 p.m.**

**Student recital, clarinetist David Zierok, Dalton Center Lecture Hall, 5 p.m.**

**Monday/13**

**Campus-wide blood pressure screening: East Hall lobby, 9:30 a.m.-1 p.m.; North Hall lobby, 1:30-3:30 p.m.; and Ackley, Shilling, Britton and Hadley Hall cafeterias, 1-3:30 p.m.**

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**Career planning and placement services workshops: "Introduction to Job Search," 308 Bernhard Center, noon-1:30 p.m. and "Introduction to Interviewing," 208 Bernhard Center, 4:30-5:30 p.m.**

**Writing workshop for the preparation of doctoral dissertations, specialist’s projects and master’s theses, Graduate College conference room, Seiberth Administration Building, 1-2:30 p.m.**

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**Guest artistic saxophonist Bill Sears, Dalton Center Recital Hall, 8 p.m.**

**Campus-wide blood pressure screening: outside 2037 Kohrman Hall, 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.; and Bernhard Hall lobbies, 4:30-6:30 p.m.**

**Lecture, "The Wildlife of East Africa: Nature or Culture," Alan Jacobs, University of New Hampshire, 7:30 p.m.**

**Geography and environmental studies lectures, John Carroll, Department of Forest Resources, University of New Hampshire, 7:30 p.m.; "Islam, Identity and Modernity," Martin A. S. Margallo, faculty member, Department of Islamic Studies, Brown University, 8 p.m.**

**Women and Spirituality Series lecture, "Sojourner Truth," Craig A. Thomas, reporter, Kalamazoo Gazette, St. Aidan’s Chapel, 3-5 p.m.**

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- "We have to remember that 38 percent of our enrollment comes from the southeastern part of the state," he said. Those students’ parents and relatives vote for a lot of legislators who don’t yet consider Western to be in their territory."

Earlier in his remarks, Huemleck said he asked Faculty Senate members to support the University’s political action committee, the Friends of Western Michigan, which he chairs. "So I renew my suggestion that you help us with our work," he said. "We are going to need a lot of help if we are to widen our circle of friends in the Legislature," he said.**