Nominees due for service award March 4

The Distinguished Service Award Committee is seeking nominations through Friday, March 4. All current, continuing full-time faculty and staff members with at least five years of service at Western are eligible for the prize.

Up to two awards are made each year. When two awards are made, one is given to a faculty member or chairperson/director and the other to a staff member.

Each recipient will receive a $500 honoriarium, a $1,000 adjustment to his or her compensation or a recognition plaque. Individuals can win the award only once.

All current, continuing full-time faculty and staff members may make nominations. Persons nominated in the past do not need to be renominated, but the information available to the committee will be updated.

Nomination forms are being mailed to faculty and staff members and should be returned to Vishnu Sharma, chairperson of the general studies faculty and of the committee. For more information, persons may contact Sharma at 3-6809.

Telephone help available

You’ve had your telephone training session but still are not comfortable with the new phones? The telecommunication staff is offering you another opportunity for supervised practice.

From 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Friday, Feb. 25-March 4, a training session will be available in Training Room D in the basement of the Business Administration Center. This is for those who would like additional help in operating the telephones or those with questions are welcome to drop in.

Campus urged to display gold pride during ‘spirit days’

President Haenicke has officially designated Wednesday through Saturday, Feb. 24-27, as “Western Spirit Days.”

The celebration is intended to promote participation in University activities, encourage pride in all aspects of the University community to more personally identify with WMU.

Western Spirit Days are a component of the project — the new telecommunications system. Located in the basement of Waldo Library, the switch will completely take over distributing transmissions to and from academic and administrative telephones after 5 p.m. Friday, March 4.

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A group of students and staff members are coordinating the observance. They are a subcommittee of the University’s Retention Committee.

“We want everyone to wear brown and gold on Wednesday to display their school spirit,” explained John A. Kandel, student financial aid and scholarships, who is chairing the Spirit Committee.

The celebration will begin at noon Wednesday with the launch of 1,400 gold balloons outside the residence halls. At the same time, the chimes in Kent Chapel will play the WMU Fight Song.

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The switch is the heart of the system,” says Pat Daniels, project manager for Universal Communication Systems Inc. of Roanoke, Va. “It runs all the phones on West Campus.

There is a smaller system in the new Campus Services Building that runs the phones on East Campus.

UCS is the firm selected by the University to install the new system. When the project is completed, the University will own, operate and maintain its own “phone company.” The equipment in the switch room will distribute voice and data transmissions and will provide constant information on how the system is operating.

“On a daily basis, the switch goes through and checks all the lines and trunks to see if there are any problems,” Daniels says. “Many can be caught and fixed right there.

Of course, the maintenance system still won’t prevent phones from operating normally due to such accidents as severed cables. But its daily diagnostic routines will give data on improvements in tracking down problems.

While the switch room is an “invisible” part of the system, many faculty

and staff members recently have become acquainted with perhaps the most visible part of the system — the new telephones.

Telephone training sessions began Feb. 8 and are continuing through March 1.

The major difference with the new telephones is that each faculty and staff member will have his or her own personal line. This feature improves access to individuals and ensures that a line for outgoing calls is always available.

“Currently, most offices have three or four lines that are shared among everybody,” Daniels says. “Now, with everybody having their own lines, they will be able to receive calls directly through their own phone without going through a secretary.

However, those persons who still want their calls screened will be able to have that. All they must do is simply publish only the main office number. They may give out their personal number only to those few people who would like to call them directly.

Because personnel won’t be sharing lines, they won’t have to wait during particularly busy times and someone gets off a phone to be able to call out.

Two kinds of telephones currently are being distributed to offices on campus: single-line sets and multi-line sets.

The remaining phones will be either eight-button or 16-button sets.

The multi-line or “Dterm” phones are designed primarily for central answering points such as main departmental offices. All will be touch-tone phones.

Both types of phones will have essentially the same features. Directions on how to use those features will be on the facemask of the single-line sets and on a card that will pull out from the bottom of the multi-line sets.

In addition to the usual push buttons, the sets will have an extra key called “TAP.” Pushing it will allow the user access to two of the features, and will increase the current practice of quickly depress the switchhook.

The features available include:

• Hold -- allows a caller to be placed in a waiting position and blocks all incoming calls;
• Callback request -- allows the user to consult privately with a second caller while keeping the first caller on the line;
• Three-way conferencing -- allows the user to establish a call with two other persons;
• Transfer -- allows the user to remove a call from his or her line and transfer it to another internal station;
• Call-back -- allows the user, reaching an incoming busy line, to receive a ringback and automatic redial of the number when both stations are free;
• Forward all calls -- allows the user to receive a call from his or her line and transfer it to another internal station;
MEDALLION COMPETITORS -- More than 280 top high school students competed for awards valued at $1 million on campus Feb. 13 in the first of two Medallion Scholarship Program Competitions. The second day of testing and interviews for their parents will be Saturday, Feb. 26. More than 300 students are expected for the second event. This year's competition was expanded from one to two days to accommodate the increasing numbers of students signing up to participate. This year's estimated total of 580 students would represent a 26 percent increase over the 459 who attended last year. Also on this year's 35 test is a set of questions on historical events that are considered "classics" designed to give students the opportunity to experience the University faculty's teaching.

Events scheduled for Women's History Month

The influence of women on history and the role of women in today's society will be among the topics covered in a series of presentations for Women's History Month in March. The University and several community organizations will sponsor events that recognize women, their contributions and their challenges. The Center for Women's Studies -- in cooperation with the College of Education, the Commission on the Status of Women and the Women's History Network -- will sponsor a variety of events to accommodate the increasing numbers of students signing up to participate. This year's estimated total of 580 students would represent a 26 percent increase over the 459 who attended last year. Also on this year's 35 test is a set of questions on historical events that are considered "classics" designed to give students the opportunity to experience the University faculty's teaching.

Week planned to honor student employees

The contributions of student employees at the University will be recognized during a special weeklong celebration. Student Employment Week is set for Monday through Friday, Feb. 22-26, and several events are included.

"The purpose of this week is to show appreciation to women workers of the WMU workforce as well as to increase the awareness of the benefits and importance of student employment," said Gary L. Belleville, Student Employment Referral Service coordinator. His office, which is sponsoring the week, is suggesting that faculty and staff members show their appreciation to students through flowers, lunch, cards, certificates of appreciation or, "just because, thank you.

More than 6,300 students worked at Western during the 1987 calendar year, which was nearly $7.5 million in wages. Their jobs range from teaching classes, tutoring and computer programming to preparing exams and answering phones.

The week's activities will begin with an open house from 4 to 6 p.m. Monday, Feb. 22, at the student employment office in A-100 Ellsworth Hall. Persons are encouraged to visit the office to view the operation and its services.

The Student Employment Referral Service will sponsor a workshop on "The How-To's and Who's of Successful Student Employment" at 9:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 23. Both sessions will be at the Bernhard Student Center.

A panel of representatives from departments involved in student employment will address questions.

EDUCATIONAL PARTNERSHIP

The commission on the Status of Women, the Department of History and the Women's History Network will sponsor a series of lectures and presentations on "Women's History Month in March." The lectures will begin this month with a lecture by noted author Madeleine Rosselle. She will support the new Michigan Women's History Project by area women who may obtain copies at several locations.

"Women's History Month is an opportunity to make special and much-needed contribution to our University and we feel they deserve a hearty thank-you," said Dennis Boyle, director of student employment.

No tickets needed for winter commencement

Winter commencement exercises will be conducted at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 16, at the Kresge Auditorium. Dennis Boyle has announced that no tickets will be needed for admittance to the ceremony.

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Faculty development applications sought

Applications are now being accepted by Provost George M. Dennison for the position of faculty development director of the Office of Faculty Development. Tenured faculty members may apply for the position, which is currently held by Orville W. Oellermann, both mathematics and statistics, to fund their research on education and public service and participants in the University. The associate director works closely with the provost in the Office that was created seven years ago in the WMU-American Association of University Professors agreement. The office oversees efforts to aid faculty in their research through the training, effectiveness as their goals, research, teaching, and public service and participants in the University government.

Lawson heads organization

E. Lawson Watson, chairperson of religion, has been elected president of the National Association for the Study of Religion in Colleges. The National Association for the Study of Religion in Colleges has been involved in such projects as the Political, Religious and Community Education, funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities. Watson to address leadership problems in its future.

Grant to fund national community education coalition

A national coalition of educators focusing on community education issues will be funded by a new grant awarded to Charles Stewart Mott Foundation of Flint to a project directed by a WMU community education specialist. The $69,000 grant will enable Donald Chartrand and others in educational leadership, to activate the National Black Youth Leadership Council. The coalition will focus on developing strategies to identify, discuss and respond to community education issues; developing systematic issue scanning and trend analysis; developing a means by which community educators can support community education issues; and establishing a way to influence decision makers to support a coalition to educators everywhere.

The grant will support programs in more than 9,000 schools across the country. Such programs commonly include student educational offerings and the use of school facilities during extended hours to involve a wide spectrum of community members in the educational process.

John Murphy, English, discusses how videocassette recorders may help interest children in literature. He will present a five-minute radio interview produced by the Office of Public Information. The interview, "Reading Material," is scheduled for Feb. 20, at 6:10 a.m. on WKPR-AM 990 and at 12:25 p.m. on WIKM-AM 1250.

A special "Newsviews Call-In" on racism will air on WMUK-FM (102.1) at 6:30 p.m. each Friday during the remainder of the spring term. Hosted by Dr. John Griffin will discuss that topic with David Collier, Kalamazoo Community Access Television, and Dr. Carl Levinson, professor of political science at Michigan State University. The program will be broadcast at 9 a.m. and 10 a.m. Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 27 and 28.

FOR RENT - Biten Head Island vacation villa April 21-6, one week or two. Golf, tennis, canoe. Kitchen, laundry. Prime location. Ocean. Call 382-5464.
Calendar

**FEBRUARY**

**Thursday/18**

(19) **Exhibition of oil paintings by Wanda Schubert, Center for Public Administration Building, Seiberling, 9-11 a.m. and 1 to 5 p.m.**

(thru Mar.) **Single-line and multi-line telephone training, training rooms A, B and B-100, Center C, basement, Bernhard Student Center, 9 a.m.-11 a.m., 1:30-3 p.m., and 3 p.m. by appointment. Call 3-2740.**

(19) **Film Festival** by Victoria Litina, Kalamaizou artist, Space Gallery, Knauss Hall, weekdays, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.**

Campus-wide blood pressure screening: Walbridge library floor lobby, 9:30 a.m.-11 a.m., 1:30-3:30 p.m., West Hall lobby, 4:30-5:15 p.m.**

(thru 24) **Exhibition, recent paintings and lithographs by Don King, art, Gallery II, Sanders Hall, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Sun., 2-5 p.m.; reception, Sun., Feb. 21, Gallery II, 2-5 p.m.**

*Winter luncheon buffet; Brown and Gold Room, Bernhard History colloquium,* (thru) **Tea for Two, 3-5 p.m., Faculty chamber music, wind quintet, Dalton Center Recital Hall, 12:30-5 p.m.**

**Workshop, Creating Effective Resumes and Letters,** Career Planning and Placement Services, first floor, B-wing, Ellsworth Hall, 1:30-3 p.m.; advance registration recommended.

**History and the Scarlet Letter;** and FDR, Ross Gregory, history, 3020 Friedmann Hall, 3:30 p.m.

University film series, "Ali: Four Eyes the Soul," Rainer Werner Fassbinder, director, 2100 Center East Ballroom, 4:15 p.m, and 8 p.m.

Black History Month event, "Annual Black Male-Female Panel Discussion,** sponsored by the Black Americana Society, 3770 Knauss Hall, 7 p.m.

**Friday/19**

Campus-wide blood pressure screening, Rood Hall lobbies and computer center, 9:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

**Center: The Study of Ethics in Society lecture, 'Justice, Interest and Integrity,' Gerald Postema, University of North Carolina, 3020 Friedmann Hall, 10 a.m.**

Multiclinic, featuring a 27-year-old woman with anoxic encephalopathy, Studio A, Downtown Center, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**Faculty chamber music, room, downtown Center Recital Hall, 8 p.m.**

**Saturday/20**

Women's gymnastics, Bronco Invitational, WMU vs. Central Michigan and Northern Michigan universities, Read Fieldhouse, 2 p.m.

Graduation Ball and Excellence Awards, first floor, B-wing, Ellsworth Hall, 1:30 p.m.; advance registration recommended.

**Concert, Gold Company, Miller Auditorium, 8 p.m.**

**Sunday/21**

**Dalton series, pianist Matti Raekallio, Dalton Center Recital Hall, 3 p.m.**

Grass Roots meeting, discussion of 'The Closing of the American Mind' by Allan Bloom, downtown Center Recital Hall, 4:30 p.m.

**Monday/22**

(26) Student Employment Week; Mon., open house, student employment office, A-100 Ellsworth Hall, 1-4 p.m.

Staff benefits orientation for new faculty and P/TA employees, 204 Bernhard Student Center, 1:30-3:30 p.m.

**Workshop, "Introduction to Job Search I," Career Planning and Placement Services, first floor, B-wing, Ellsworth Hall, 3-4 p.m.; advance registration recommended.**

**Engineers' Week Dinner and Lecture, "Leadership and Ethics in Holistic Health Care," Rainer R. Erhart at 3-1833 or 3-1839.**

Black History Month speech, "Leadership and Ethics in Holistic Health Care," Rainer R. Erhart at 3-1833 or 3-1839.

**Black History Month speech, Leadership and Success Skills in the 1990's,** Dennis Rahim Watson, executive director of the National Black Youth Congress, St. John's Community Center, 7 p.m.

**Faculty recital, percussionist Judy Moonnet and bassoonist Leo Seibert, Dalton Center Recital Hall, 8 p.m.**

Illustrated talk, "Zenographics' Autumn and Mirage Computer System," by Allan Clementine, John Ford, director, downtown Center Recital Hall, 2 p.m.

**Tuesday/23**

Staff benefits orientation for new CIT employees, 211 Bernhard Student Center, 8 a.m.-11 a.m.

**Workshop, "Managing Accelerated Performance," Fetzer Center, 9-11 a.m., 1-3 p.m.**

**Workshop, "The How-To's and Where's of Successful Student Employment," sponsored by the Black Americana Studies Program, Martin Luther King Jr. Room, Bernhard Student Center, 9:30-1:30 p.m.**

**Black student housing, orientation and information, sponsored by the Black Americana Studies Program, Martin Luther King Jr. Room, Bernhard Student Center, noon-1:45 p.m.**

Staff benefits orientation for new AFSCME employees, 211 Bernhard Student Center, 12:30-3:30 p.m.

**Workshop, "Professional Interview Training," Career Planning and Placement Services, first floor, B-wing, Ellsworth Hall, 3:40-5 p.m.; advance registration recommended.**

**Deposit Refundable.**

Personnel department workshop on MPSERS retirement plans, Norvel Hansen, former executive director of MPSERS, Rooms A and B, Bernhard Student Center, 11 a.m.-midnight (especially for AFSCME employees).

**Wednesday/24**

**Workshop, "Western Spirit Days;" Weds., wear brown and gold; balloon launch, outside residence halls, noon.**

**Workshop, "How to Make a Living Room," Lenten Wednesday, Eucharist/Communion followed by soup and sharing, noon; Evensong/Vespers followed by soup and sharing, 5 p.m.; St. Aidan's Chapel, near the Sinicuse Health Center.**

**Presentation of the "We Know More" Professional Development Award by Advanced Information Systems of Grand Rapids, Studio A, Dunbar Hall, 1-3.30 p.m.**

**Personnel department workshop, "Information Systems of the Future," sponsored by Personnel Development Services, Norris room, downtown Center Recital Hall, 1-3:30 p.m.**

**Conference of Professional Development, William Appel, director, downtown Center Recital Hall, 2 p.m.**

**Workshop, "Introduction to Interviewing," Career Planning and Placement Services, first floor, B-wing, Ellsworth Hall, 3:30-5 p.m.; advance registration recommended.**

**Biology and biotechnical sciences seminar, "Functions of Formation Flight," John Bagdewold, Department of Biology, Syracuse University, 181 Wood Hall, 4 p.m.**

**Basic call, WMU vs. Central Michigan University, Read Fieldhouse, women's basketball, 5:30 p.m.; men's game, 8 p.m.; first 1,000 students attending will receive a free mug, courtesy of Little Caesar's.**

**Guest artist concert, Interlochen String Quartet, Dalton Center Recital Hall, 8 p.m.**

**Thursday/25**

Personnel department workshop on MPSERS retirement plans, Norvel Hansen, former executive director of MPSERS, Rooms A and B, Bernhard Student Center, 9:30-3:30 p.m.

**Writing workshop for the preparation of doctoral dissertations, specialist's projects and master's theses, Graduate College Conference Room, first floor, Seiberling Administrative Building, 10:30 a.m.**

**Summer Employment Day, ballrooms, Bernhard Student Center, 11 a.m.-4 p.m.**

**Workshop, Creating Effective Resumes and Letters, Career Planning and Placement Services, first floor, B-wing, Ellsworth Hall, 4:50-5:30 p.m.; advance registration recommended.**

**University film series, "My Darling Clementine," John Ford, director, 2750 Knauss Hall, 4:15 and 8 p.m.**

**Information session for persons interested in a field seminar April 26-May 16 in the Dominican Republic sponsored by the Department of Geography and the Office of International Education and Programs. The trip to the Dominican Republic is set for April 26-May 16. Those attending will tour major landforms and study vegetation and physical planning, urban planning, tourism and recreation, conservation, the environment and rural production in that Caribbean country.**

**Admission session will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 25, in 338 Wood Hall. An initial down payment of $300 will be due Friday, March 4, to reserve one of 10 available slots on the trip. The estimated cost of the seminar is $1,165 (excluding tuition) and includes airfare.**

**Feb. 26 last day to drop**

The last day to drop one or more classes for the winter semester is Friday, Feb. 26. Usually, the last day to drop is the day before the weekend. This year, the day is one week earlier.

**All drops must be processed in the academic records office on the third floor of the Seiberling Administration Building. Hours 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.**

**Titanic scientist to speak**

A scientist who was involved in the recovery and excavation of the shipwreck of the Titanic will be the speaker for the Engineers' Week Dinner, scheduled for 6:30 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 25, in the East Ballroom of the Bernhard Student Center.

**Margaret A. R. Yarrow, assistant scientist in the Deep Submergence Laboratory at Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution, will speak on "Robotics and the Titanic in 1985,"**

His visit is made possible by the College of Engineering and Applied Sciences and several Southwestern Michigan engineering societies. It is open to the public at a cost of $15, and reservations are required. For more information, persons may call 3-6040.

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