Senate to meet tonight
The Faculty Senate will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 5, in the Fetzer Center. Agenda items include a forum on graduate education, which will be followed by a question and answer session with members of the University community. The two forums, both by General Michigan University, were: Myron S. Henry, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences; and John McKen-

Hispanic commission to meet here Friday
The Michigan Commission on Spanish Speaking Affairs will conduct its monthly meeting beginning at 10 a.m. Friday, Feb. 6, in the Fetzer Center. Thomas E. Coyne, vice president for student services, will welcome the group to campus and Western's Hispanic Student Organization will make a presentation. In addition, a Spanish/Music Organization and the Office of Minority Student Services will present information for their work at the University and in the community.

Members of the commission are appointed by the governor as advisers on Hispanic issues.

News has new look
Beginning with this issue, Western News will have a new look. At the request of President Haenicke, the publication will be prepared on white paper rather than on newsprint. The change is part of a series of plans to improve the News over the next year.

'McLean Mix' to perform as Visiting Scholars
Baron and Priscilla McLean—known in music circles as the "McLean Mix"—will visit Western Tuesday through Thursday, Feb. 10-12, as part of the Visiting Scholars Program.

The McLeans will present a concert of electronic music, titled "In Wilderness is the Preservation of the World," at 8 p.m. Thursday in the Dalton Center Multi-Media Room. It is free and open to the public.

The McLean husband and wife team from Petersburg, N.C., are classically-trained composers deeply involved in the wilderness. They perform on a variety of electronic instruments within the framework of their multi-media presentations.

The public concert will involve several components, including live performance on digital and experimental acoustic (non-electronic) instruments; a tape reelized on the Fairlight Computer Music Instrument and other synthesizers, programmed into singing, multiple slide projections, elements of theatre and humor, nature poetry, and the sounds and moods of the wilderness.

During their visit, the McLeans also will present a composition workshop for Western Michigan University music faculty members, a composition workshop for students and a master class for music students.

The duo has performed extensively throughout the United States and in six European countries in forums such as the Zagreb Biennial, International, the Planeta Festival, and more. They have been the recipients of a number of awards, including National Endowment for the Arts, the Ford Foundation, and media grants. Their music has been performed in many venues and festivals such as the Athens Summer Festival, Warsaw Autumn, Gaste Festival, Bourges International Electroacoustic Festival and others.

Board meeting dates set
The Board of Trustees Jan. 16 dates for regular meetings for the remainder of 1987.

The meetings are scheduled for Fridays, March 6, April 24, June 19, July 31, Sept. 18, Oct. 16, Nov. 20 and Dec. 18. All will begin at 10 a.m. in the Board Room of the Bernhard Student Center, unless notice is given otherwise.

The Board of Trustees meetings in February, May or August.
Mott helps Genesee County join groundwater project

Genesee County will participate in the Southwest Michigan Groundwater Survey and Monitoring Program based at Western, thanks to the assistance of the Charles Stewart Mott Foundation of Flint. A $49,375 grant from the foundation will be administered by WMU and the Genesee County Health Department, recently announced by Mott Foundation program officer Maureen H. Smyth. Through the grant and county cost-sharing, a program will be established to define aquifer systems and groundwater quality in Genesee County.

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Mortimore earns fund-raising certification

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Christian's to speak on media ethics

Media ethics will be the subject of two talks by Clifford G. Christians, a faculty member at the University of Illinois' Institute of Communications, on Tuesday, Feb. 10, and Wednesday, Feb. 11, at Western. Christians is a research associate professor of communications and associate professor of journalism at the Urbana-Champaign campus. He will speak at 8 p.m. Tuesday on "Media Ethics and Social Justice" in 3710 Kraus Hall. At 3 p.m. Wednesday, he will address "Social Ethics and New Media Technology: The Case of Cable Television" in the 10th floor lounge of Spurr Tower. Both talks are free and open to the public. They are sponsored by the Department of Communication Arts and Center for the Study of Ethics in Society.

In his first talk, Christians will discuss whether or not a powerful and pervasive media can be agents of social change for the powerless. In the second speech, he will address new ethical issues brought about by new media technologies such as cable television.

Christians is the co-author of books titled "Responsibility in Mass Communications" (Harper and Row, 1980) and "Media Ethics: Cases and Moral Reasoning" (Harper and Row, 1983). He also has written numerous articles on media ethics for popular and professional journals. Currently he is a contributing and consulting editor for the Journal of Communication.

A faculty member at the University of Illinois since 1974, he was the media ethics consultant to the Carnegie Foundation for Higher Education/Hastings Center Program on Professional Ethics from 1977-80. Christians is a member of the American Society ofatisfaction degree from Calvin Theological Seminary; a master of theology degree from Fuller Theological Seminary; a master of arts degree from the University of Southern California; and a doctoral degree in communication from the University of Illinois.

ATTENDANCE AWARDS—Last week the custodial division of the physical plant honored employees who achieved the best attendance records over the past year in each of eight supervisory areas as well as the supervisor with the best attendance. From here, right, Sam Robinson, manager of the division, presents awards to Willie Page and Donna J. Griffiths. Page, a custodian in Waldo library, was one of 12 persons honored for having the highest attendance. He has not been absent for almost four years. Griffiths, who supervises an area in the Kalamazoo College, the Knollwood Building and Waldo Library, received the highest attendance award for supervisors. She has not been absent for one year. Winners were awarded an engraved plaque, a parking permit and tickets to a basketball game at Western or a basketball game at the Portland University.

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Media services

“A Generation at Risk,” aired Jan. 28 on public broadcast station Channel 35/52 WGVG/WGVK is now available on one-half-inch VHS and three-fourths-inch U-matic videotapes in media services. A segment to public television's "Chemical People," a program that raises the national awareness about the problems of teen alcoholism and drug addiction, "Generation at Risk" expands the scope of concerns to include teen suicide, pregnancy and dropouts. This program profiles 10 communities that have established successful programs to reach today's troubled youth. First Lady Nancy Reagan introduces the one-hour program and actor Sam Waterson is the host.

In addition to the PBS national special, WGVG/WGVK has produced "Generation at Risk: Western Michigan Follow-up." The follow-up is a one-hour panel discussion. Panel members answer questions phoned in from viewers related to the problems raised in "Generation at Risk" of teen pregnancy, suicide and drug abuse. This program also includes success stories of the West Michigan Chemical People task force. Panel members include Van Lingsfelt, director of education for Planned Parenthood; Todd Johnson of Kent Intermediate School District’s staff.

Senate

The Undergraduate Studies Council of the WMU will meet at 3 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 10, in the Dean's Conference Room, 2308 Sangren Hall. The agenda includes several items of concern that were set aside while the council was reviewing proposals for curriculum changes.

On Campus

Western News February 5, 1987

Hospital/medical coverage increases contributed to $5.3 million insurance bill for 1985-86

For five years insurance costs have shown dramatic rise, but there are indications that this upward climb is easing, according to the National Insurance Consumer Organization. That is good news for new employees like Western who have seen costs quadruple over the past 10 years. The University, with a fringe-eligible work force of about 2,550, paid $5,287,345 for hospital/medical, life and other insurances for employees in 1985-86. (See Chart I). It is anticipated the 1986-87 bill will increase another one-half million to 12,787,500. While all insurance costs have spiraled, the most significant increases have been registered in hospital/medical insurances. Today it costs WMI an average of $2,315 per covered employee, 2.3 percent from just one year ago (see Chart II). The University offers two major medical plans to employees: a self-insured plan administered by the Aetna Insurance Co.; and a health maintenance organization (HMO) plan through Health Circle.

There really are not any new factors affecting the increases, according to Barbara S. Liggett, associate to the vice president for business and finance. "The reasons cited last year, mainly rising demand for health care services (including dental care), the increasing costs for these services and a larger retired population are all contributory causes," Liggett said.

Spending one day in a typical Michigan hospital room last year cost an average of $3750 per day, well above the national average of $212, according to the Health Insurance Association of America. Michigan rates are exceeded only by those in California and Alaska. Room charges are just a small part of the bill for a trip to the hospital—there are doctors' fees, medications, tests and other charges that raise the average daily cost. At current rates, the average hospital stay was estimated by the group to cost $2,789.

"Cost-control employers like Western are stressing preventive health care and promoting good general health as a value to be highly regarded," Liggett said. "The more a person values good health, the more physically and psychologically fit he or she is. Good health enables one to function at his or her best...it will learn to identify sources of stress and to use seven strategies for controlling stress in their lives. Participation will receive a free relaxation tape."

To order, call the Zen for Life office at 3-6004.

Ten Year Comparison of WMI Contribution for Hospital/Medical & Other Insurances

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(through March 13) Exhibition of paintings by Ann Meade, art, Mon.-thru Fri., recreational lap swimming, Gabel Pool, 6:30 a.m. (and 19) Coping with Teaching workshop, Information meeting for EXCITE Macintosh potpourri, Meeting, Michigan Commission on Graduate College writing workshop for the preparation of doctoral dissertations, Blood pressure screening, East Hall lobby, 9:30 a.m.-1 p.m.; North Hall lobby, 1-3:30 p.m.; and Harrison, Edbrooke and Fox Hall cafeteria entrances, 4:30-6:30 p.m.

Meeting, Clerical/Technical Organization, Red Rooms, Bernhard Student Center, 11:45 a.m.-12:45 p.m.

Placement services workshop, "Creating Effective Resumes and Letters," first floor, B-wing, Ellsworth Hall, noon-1:30 p.m.

Academic Computer Center workshop, "Introduction to the Merit Network," 207 Maybee Hall, 1:20 p.m.

Convocation, "The McLean Mix, Visiting Scholars," Multi-Media Room, Dalton Center, 2 p.m.

Center, for Women's Services program for seniors, "After Graduation, Then What?", dealing with transition from school to the work force, Lindsay South, graduate student; Beverlee White, Counseling Center; and Chet Arnold, placement services, Red Rooms, Bernhard Student Center, 3:5 p.m.

Communication arts and sciences lecture, "Social Ethics and New Media Technologies: The Case of Cable Television," Clifford Christians, Institute of Communications Research, University of Illinois, 3770 Knox Hall, 8 p.m.

EXCITE workshop, "Hard Disk—Realizing the Potential," 100 Maybee Hall, 3:5 p.m.

*Women's basketball, WMU vs. Ball State, Read Fieldhouse, 5:30 p.m.

(through Feb. 25) Center for Women's Services support and exploration group, "Alive and Aware," Lindsay South, CSW conference room, Ellsworth Hall, 7-9 p.m.

(Wednesday thru Feb. 25) Center for Women's Services program, "Assertion Training," Arnie Harrison and Constance Laine, 212 Bernhard Student Center, 7-9 p.m.

*Men's basketball, WMU vs. Ball State, Read Fieldhouse, 7:45 p.m.

*Concert, University of Detroit Jazz Orchestra and University Jazz Lab Band, Dalton Center Recital Hall, 8 p.m.

Office of the Dean of International Education and Programs lecture, "What's Happening in India: An Update of the Recent Events Concerning the Famine in the Sikhs and the Country," W. H. McLeod, history, University of Western Ontario, 3:30-5 p.m.

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COTE OFFICERS—Officers for this year's Clerical/Technical Organization are, from left: Janet S. Johnson, education, president; Pamela K. Spray, music, secretary; Irving McCord, continuing education, treasurer; and Barb A. Bennett, computer student services, acting vice president. The organization is open to all clerical/technical employees of the University. Its next meeting will be 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 11, in the Red Rooms of the Bernhard Student Center.