After facing an uncertain future and undergoing a major program restructuring last year, spirits are soaring at CMU’s Museum of Cultural and Natural History amid a flurry of new activities.

While a pair of rock tumblers grind away in the background, student assistants Christina Pellerito and Ben Laur are busy moving animal specimens into the museum’s laboratory room for temporary storage. Simultaneously, other students are moving typewriters and logging tools to an off-site storage area. They are making way for the installation of two high-quality HVAC units in the zoology and history collection rooms.

In the fall, two professional conservators—one from New York and the other from Ann Arbor—will visit campus to assess the condition of the museum’s collections and storage facilities including the Gerald L. Poor School Museum. Their work is funded by a $6,540 Conservation Assessment Program grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services, a federal agency. These assessments will be used for planning future collections facilities and improvement in the museum’s collection stewardship program.

“These reports become ammunition for more support for the museum’s collections,” said Bill Pretzer, curator of history and director of the museum. “We’ll

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eventually use the information to apply for more funding to acquire new storage equipment and increased space in which we can store our collections in a safe environment as well as make them more accessible for use.”

In the temporary exhibit gallery, “Fine Feathered Friends: Birds of the CMU Museum,” features the museum’s renowned mounted-bird collection, from eagles to hummingbirds, turkeys to warblers, and everything in between. Displaying more than 400 mounted specimens, hundreds of bird skins, and dozens of eggs, the exhibit evokes the feel of “visual storage” in a room of only 900 square feet.

“We decided to build an exhibit around our extensive bird collection, simultaneously showcasing them while moving them out of the construction zone,” said Kirsten Nicholson, curator of natural history.

“The collection really is outstanding and includes nearly every species inhabiting Michigan. We hold an impressive array of study skins, eggs and mounted specimens, my favorite of which is an enormous wild American Turkey.”

The exhibit is open through October 30 and includes hands-on activities and games and a family reading area. Images of the exhibition and a portrait gallery of the birds can be found on the museum’s Web site, [www.museum.cmich.edu](http://www.museum.cmich.edu).

In the museum classroom, Nicholson is going over conceptual design drawings with teachers from Ganiard School in Mount Pleasant. Between research trips to Panama this summer, Nicholson and student Daedre Craig are using the museum’s bird collection in another way, creating displays and curriculum materials for a year-long life science program at the school.

Across campus, graduate student Amanda Stierman has installed exhibit cases in Anspach and Powers Halls. Senior Kristi Voltz has begun researching the history of costume and traditional culture in anticipation of revising the display of ethnic dolls in Powers. This program, dubbed the Distributed Museum, is an attempt to increase student interest in the museum and its potential for informal education.

Back in Rowe Hall, recent graduate Amanda Hagy is developing a series of new “touch it” stations for kinesthetic learners. These will become an integral part of the main exhibit, now titled “A Natural History of Michigan.” Meanwhile, student Samantha Avery is installing a new demonstration element employing those rock tumblers to illustrate the geological process of erosion.

This year the museum has increased its hours by nearly a third. The exhibits are open Mondays through Fridays 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on weekends from 1 to 5 p.m. Information about the museum can be accessed at [www.museum.cmich.edu](http://www.museum.cmich.edu), by phone at 989-774-3829 or by e-mail at cmuseum@cmich.edu.
Although two years have passed since Hurricane Katrina devastated numerous communities in the Gulf Coast region, a group of 25 Central Michigan University students found no shortage of opportunities to help when they organized a week-long trip to Mobile, Ala., in May.

The CMU students, along with two students from the University of Michigan and Eastern Michigan University, assisted homeowner Roslyn Ezell complete several construction projects on her property.

“The interior of the home had suffered severe water damage because the roof blew off during the storm,” said senior Kadi Janssen, who was making her second trip to the Gulf region. “Roslyn and her family had moved all of their belongings into the family room while they worked to repair the other rooms. The walls weren’t painted and the floors were stripped down to the floorboards, so it wasn’t a very comfortable living space for the family.”

Ezell lives in the home with her daughter and three grandsons and often opens her doors to other friends and relatives in need of a place to stay.

The CMU students installed drywall, painted all of the rooms, repaired the porch and added a railing, built a stairway to the front of the house, and cleaned up the yard.

“Roslyn is in her late 60s, and she had done everything she could physically do, but she still needed help with the larger projects. The repairs were costly and laborious, so it was very helpful to have a large volunteer group like ours working on her home,” said Janssen, who is majoring in social work and psychology.

Sophomore Michelle Fitzgerald, who also was making her second trip to assist with Katrina related disaster relief, says that seeing the homeowner’s gratitude made all of the hard work worthwhile.

“Hearing Roslyn say that our efforts had made her dream come true was an amazing moment,” said Fitzgerald, who is majoring in Spanish and social work.

“I have always enjoyed service projects, especially those with my peers. We always have fun together, and it’s important to me to help people and make a difference in whatever way I can.”

Janssen says that although many news reports have shown successful rebuilding efforts, the devastation remains prominent in some neighborhoods.

“It was difficult to comprehend how many areas had been left untouched or unchanged two years after the storm,” she said. “I wanted to travel outside of my comfort zone and see the devastation and rebuilding efforts in person rather than relying on news reports.”

Junior LaMarcus Howard, who is majoring in social work, echoes that observation and is concerned by the number of people in the Gulf region who still need assistance.

“I was most surprised to discover that many lower-income families are just now finding the means to fix the damage to their homes. It is very depressing to see these families living in houses and on properties that were damaged two years ago.”

“I am proud that we were able to turn a house filled with pain by Hurricane Katrina into a house filled with joy by people who care,” said Howard.

The students organized the trip through Volunteer Mobile under the leadership of Janssen, social work student Chrissy Michels, and social work program director Susan Grettenberger. Sociology, anthropology and social work department chair Mary Senter also traveled with the group and donned her chef’s hat to cook every meal for the large group.

“I am so proud that these folks cared enough to participate in the Hurricane Katrina rebuilding efforts,” said Grettenberger. “This trip showed them what a positive difference a few people can make in the lives of others. It also provided them with real world experience about the lives of others and about the inequity that exists in the United States. It will help them be even better social workers.”
Homeowner Roslyn Ezell said the students helped turn her dream of completing the remodeling projects into reality. Her home suffered extensive water damage from Hurricane Katrina.

CMU students paint a room during their week-long trip to Mobile, Ala. They received their work assignments from the organization Volunteer Mobile.
Two recent CMU graduates will receive the Robert P. and Marjorie Griffin Prize chosen by Bill Ballenger, the retiring Griffin Endowed Chair in American Government.

Heather Chiarello of Stevensville and Robert Avers of Kimball will be the first recipients of the newly created award. They were among nearly 200 students who took part in the two seminar courses on Michigan politics and government taught by Ballenger during the past four years.

Chiarello, who received a bachelor’s degree in May, majored in political science and public administration with a minor in legal studies.

Avers, who received a Bachelor of Science degree in May 2006, majored in political science with minors in economics and legal studies.

Ballenger said that selecting Avers and Chiarello as “the best” all-around students he taught was a tough call.

“I had some really outstanding students and personalities during my four years at CMU,” Ballenger said. “Many of them are going to do great things.”

CMU senior receives neuroscience travel award

Senior Matt Bombard of Commerce Township received a Faculty for Undergraduate Neuroscience Travel Award, which will enable him to present his research on genetically engineered stem cells at the annual meeting of the Society for Neuroscience in San Diego in November.

“To be selected for this award is an amazing accomplishment,” said Bombard. “It means a lot to be recognized nationally for such a prestigious award, and I think it’s great that I have the opportunity to represent Central Michigan University and our amazing neuroscience program at the national level.”

In order to be considered for the award, Bombard had to submit an abstract that presented results from his research, a statement indicating the importance of the project and his contribution to it, and the relevance of this research experience to his career plans.

Gary Dunbar, CMU psychology professor, director of CMU’s Brain Research and Integrative Neuroscience Center, and Faculty for Undergraduate Neuroscience member, is Bombard’s mentor and sponsored his nomination for the award.

“This is a huge and well-deserved honor for Matt, whose efforts in the lab over the past three years have been nothing less than extraordinary,” said Dunbar. “His passion for research and his phenomenal work ethic, combined with gifted technical skills and sharp intellect, are starting to pay off for him on a grand scale.”

Following graduation, Bombard plans to pursue a master’s degree in neuroscience at CMU, followed by medical school to pursue a career as a neurosurgeon.

CHSBS announces paper competition winners

Congratulations to the winners of the 2007 Student Paper Competition sponsored by the College of Humanities and Social and Behavioral Sciences.

A committee of CHSBS faculty members met in June to select the winners. Students may submit essays, theoretical papers, creative works, research papers or reviews of research written during the previous year for courses at the 300 level and above.
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Master of Public Administration student Kyle Lawrence has been selected to attend a National Farmers Union legislative fly-in in September.

The legislative fly-ins allow members to gather in the nation’s Capitol and help acquaint members of Congress with the challenges family farmers and ranchers currently face across rural America.

“This is a wonderful opportunity for me to get lobbying experience,” said Lawrence. “I will have the chance to meet senators and House members and educate them on the importance of relevant agricultural issues.”

Lawrence received a grant from the National Farmers Union to cover his expenses for the fly-in and will join others from throughout Michigan in representing the Michigan Farmers Union.

The fly-in will address issues such as country of origin labeling, the 2007 farm bill, and other current agriculture issues such as Ethanol and its economic and agricultural effects on society when used as fuel.

“Events such as the fly-in provide the chance for passionate citizens to express the voices, and viewpoints of the citizens who they represent,” said Lawrence. “This is the highlight of my academic career thus far. All political science students dream of lobbying on the Hill, and I get to do it.”

Lawrence, a Swartz Creek native, began an internship at the National Farmers Union administrative headquarters in Denver in June, which is when he first showed interest in attending the fly-in. As an intern, Lawrence worked under the vice president, the director of co-operatives and director of education, helping to arrange various workshops, camps and events.

Undergraduate Winners

Maria Carter
“The Future of ‘The Birds and the Bees:’ A Comparison of Seventeen and New Moon’s Messages about Sex”
Faculty Sponsor: Edward Clayton (PSC)

Amanda Slaten
“The Challenge of Change: Social Justice Education in the Classroom”
Faculty Sponsor: Susan Steffel (ENG)

Joshua Trimble
“The Philosophy of ‘No:’ Freedom in the Philosophy of Jean-Paul Sartre”
Faculty Sponsor: John Wright (PHL)

Jessica Tuohy
“French Youth Throughout the Centuries”
Faculty Sponsor: Christi Brookes (FLLC)

Michele Koziatek
“French Youth Throughout the Centuries”
Faculty Sponsor: Christi Brookes (FLLC)

Graduate Winners

Michael Martin
“The Goal and the Gold Mine: Constraints Management and the Dutch Herring Fishing Industry, 1400 to 1700”
Faculty Sponsor: David Rutherford (HST)

Kelli Rex
“Scenes from a County Fair”
Faculty Sponsor: Susan Schiller (ENG)

Honorable Mention

Frank Klacke
“Agitprop of the Almanac Singers: An Examination of American Folk Music and Anti-Fascism During the Interwar Period”
Faculty Sponsor: Joel Lewis

Graduate students received a $750 cash prize and undergraduate students received a $500 cash prize. The competition is funded through gifts received from faculty, staff, alumni and friends of the college.
Student Spotlight

Writing Center consultant receives regional award

Senior Valerie Belill has been awarded the East Central Writing Centers Association’s Outstanding Tutor of the Year Award for her work with CMU’s Writing Center.

“Because the East Central Writing Centers Association is a five-state region, this award reflects the CMU Writing Center’s commitment to quality service, as represented by Valerie’s articulation of that commitment and philosophy,” said MaryAnn Crawford, director of CMU’s Writing Center.

The ECWCA, an affiliate of the International Writing Centers Association, serves writing centers from K-12 to colleges and universities, in Indiana, Ohio, Michigan, Pennsylvania and other nearby regions. The outstanding tutor award recognizes innovative approaches to tutoring, the quality of work with writers and the articulation of a tutoring philosophy.

Belill, a Holly native who is majoring in English in the secondary education program, was presented with one of two Outstanding Tutor of the Year awards at the ECWCA’s annual conference in March. For the past six years, CMU students have received eight of the sixteen awards given for tutor and/or leader of the year.

“The Writing Center fosters an environment where students, consultants and instructors are learning from one another on a daily basis,” said Belill. “It has been the grounds for my philosophy on teaching and learning: that we must view each other as equals and friends in order to establish the respect and trust necessary to learn to our fullest potential.”

Winners are evaluated and selected through a blind review of tutor philosophy and position paper submissions. The winners receive a cash award, a gift certificate and a registration fee waiver for this year’s conference.

CMU student elected to NASW board

Senior Chrissy Michels of Troy has been elected to serve as the bachelor of social work student representative for the National Association of Social Workers board of directors.

In May, Michels received a majority of the more than 15,000 votes from NASW members nationwide. The previous board of directors chose two nominees for the election from a pool of candidates. Mary Zimmerman, a CMU alumna, held the position previously.

“It’s very cool that a CMU student was the representative for the last two years and that we now have the representative again,” said Susan Grettenberger, director of the social work program at CMU. “Having two people in a row from the same university is pretty special.”

Zimmerman presented the need for potential nominees to CMU social work students last fall, which is when Michels began to consider the opportunity. She had to submit a biography and personal statement in order to be considered for the nomination.

“It really is an honor to be selected, but this responsibility also requires considerable time and commitment. I am very proud that our students are willing to make these kinds of commitments,” said Grettenberger.

Deceased student’s research published

Central Michigan University student Joanna Russ had a passion for conducting research on children with disabilities, and she was in the midst of conducting two simultaneous studies on a rare condition called CHARGE Syndrome when an automobile accident took her life in 2004. The findings of one of those studies was published in the journal “Child Neuropsychology” in July.

The research article, “Executive Function in CHARGE Syndrome,” addresses the presence of executive dysfunction in children with CHARGE Syndrome, a genetic disorder with multiple physical anomalies and severe challenging behaviors.

Russ, a Grand Blanc native, was a psychology major with hopes of becoming a psychologist and work with special needs children and their families. After expressing her interest in helping children with autism, Russ was asked by CMU psychology professor Tim Hartshorne to join his research on CHARGE Syndrome.

“Joanna was involved in this project from the beginning,” said Hartshorne. “She helped to read and organize the research literature; design the questionnaire, to which we added a number of questions about communication skills at her sug.
gestion; mail materials to the participants; score the instruments; and enter the data. She was extremely conscientious.”

After her death, Russ’ parents created the Joanna M. Russ Memorial Undergraduate Research and Presentation Grant, which is given annually to undergraduate students to support their research of CHARGE Syndrome or related conditions.

“CHARGE is a rare syndrome — about 1 in 10,000 births,” said Hartshorne. “There is not a lot of money to support research on CHARGE, and Joanna’s endowment therefore means something to the CHARGE community. In practical terms it also assists undergraduate students who want to be involved with research.”

To learn more about making a gift to the Joanna Russ memorial fund, contact the CHSBS development office at CHSBS@cmich.edu or (989) 774-3354.

**International partnership sends student to Italy**

A Central Michigan University graduate student spent the summer conducting research in Italy, and two Italian faculty members are teaching a new course at CMU this fall thanks to a recently signed memorandum of understanding between CMU and the University of Macerata in Italy.

David Van Beveren, who is pursuing a master’s degree in political science, spent two months at the University of Macerata conducting research for his thesis, “Sovereignty Implications of Public-Private Partnerships in Border Security Policy.”

“This is a great opportunity for David and other graduate students who have similar interests in Italy or the European Union,” said David Jesuit, CMU assistant professor of political science. “These types of opportunities enhance the potential for our graduate students.”

In conducting research for his thesis, Van Beveren is examining the convergence of trade and border security policies, and more specifically partnership programs that are emerging between the public and the private sectors that attempt to reconcile these two interests. While in Italy, he met with public officials and private stakeholders to assess how policies of this type have been designed and implemented in the European Union.

“Learning is obviously strengthened when it incorporates varied approaches, and opportunities like this allow you to step beyond the classroom and the library and see how your ideas test against actual practices,” said Van Beveren.

The two visiting faculty members from the University of Macerata will join Jesuit in teaching “Comparative Constitutional Law: the European Union and the United States.” The course will be available to political science graduate students as well as qualified seniors.

The memorandum of understanding aims to enhance academic collaboration in the exchange of faculty members, the exchange of graduate students for the purpose of common research, the exploration of opportunities for undergraduate student exchanges, and consideration of other programs of common interest between the two schools.

“This is only the beginning of a partnership between CMU and the University of Macerata and the first step for our political science department,” Jesuit said. “We plan to sign an agreement that will make exchanges of our faculty and graduate students regular. Both sides are very hungry for this kind of international collaboration.”
Central Michigan University assistant professor of psychology Mark Reilly and two of his graduate students have further validated a promising animal model for one of the most prevalent childhood disorders, attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder, taking researchers a step forward in determining how to help children with ADHD.

This discovery was made by conducting research on the impulsivity of a species of rat that is spontaneously hypertensive. Like humans diagnosed with ADHD, spontaneously hypertensive rats are hyperactive and impulsive, exhibiting a strong preference for smaller, immediate rewards over larger, delayed ones.

Reilly’s research confirms the high level of impulsivity of this rat species by showing that it also has difficulty learning new tasks when rewards are delayed by 15 seconds.

“Animal models are extremely valuable for helping us better understand and treat the maladies that affect humans. Alarming numbers of children are currently taking powerful psychoactive drugs as a result of an ADHD diagnosis,” said Reilly. “A well validated animal model that captures the relevant behavioral symptoms of ADHD can be used to develop more effective therapeutic interventions than are currently available.”

Reilly, along with graduate students Dennis Hand and Andrew Fox, plan to conduct additional research on the genetic, physiological and environmental factors that produce impulsivity. Part of that research involves assessing and comparing various behavioral and pharmacologic interventions for their ability to reverse impulsiveness. Their research has sparked interest in the pharmaceutical industry and one company has already shown interest in having Reilly’s lab test a new compound developed for ADHD.

ADHD is just one research project for the Behavior Analysis Laboratory at CMU. Reilly’s research team of graduate and undergraduate students also have ongoing studies on gambling, developmental factors involved in the initiation of drug and alcohol consumption, and quantitative modeling of learning processes. All of these experiments are conducted using rats and pigeons and state-of-the-art behavioral testing apparatuses.

“The students that work in my lab learn about basic behavioral research, from designing and implementing experiments to analyzing data and communicating it to others,” said Reilly. “They also learn about the publication process and peer review. Students are involved in every part of the process of scientific discovery, and that is an excellent learning experience.”

CHSBS welcomes new department chairs

The College of Humanities and Social and Behavioral Sciences is welcoming two new department chairs for the 2007-08 academic year.

Susan Knight was named chair for the Department of Foreign Languages, Literatures and Cultures beginning in the fall semester. Rick Kurtz will become chair of the Department of Political Science beginning in January. The faculty and staff of CHSBS would like to thank James Jones and Del Ringquist for their notable service to their respective departments.
New book examines dementia care

Research shows that humanizing dementia care extends quality and possibly length of life

Through an intensive comparative study of two nursing home units using contrasting approaches to dementia care for elders with severely disturbed behaviors, Central Michigan University professor of anthropology Athena McLean has found that “humanizing” approaches to dementia care may not only extend quality of life for patients, but also their length of life.

In McLean’s recently published book, “The Person in Dementia: A Study of Nursing Home Care in the U.S.,” she discusses the dramatic contrasts in the outcomes of the two approaches to dementia care: a rigid task-oriented maintenance approach emphasizing disease progression and a flexible person-sustaining approach attentive to elders’ communication and individual needs.

McLean found dramatic differences between life quality of the patients at the two nursing units.

The patients at the unit that focused on “personhood,” or looking beyond physical and reasoning abilities to a person’s will and relationship with others, were found to be happier, had an overall improved quality of life and even lived longer. Those at the unit emphasizing disability and pathology tended to have their personal needs ignored, were heavily medicated and often failed to thrive.

“These findings address issues that medicine can’t answer,” said McLean. “They are valuable not only for improving the general quality of life for these elders, but also for the long-term outcome based on how they are treated and cared for. These elders require attention, time and a lot of caring interaction.”

McLean’s findings also demonstrated how relations among professional and administrative staff within a facility can significantly affect the quality of the dementia care elders receive.

“I want people to see that dementia need not evoke the terror that the term Alzheimer’s usually raises and that there is still hope in cases that many think are lost,” said McLean.

“Good caregivers are leaving the profession because they are underpaid and unappreciated. It needs to be understood by policy makers, family members and clinicians alike that money needs to be put into retaining quality caregiving staff, instead of only fancy facilities, which is currently the trend.”

McLean is a cultural and medical anthropologist who spent more than 10 years conducting full-time research before coming to CMU. Her studies of medicine and aging include examination of issues in international aging and the psychiatric consumer/survivor movement in the United States.
As interim dean of the **College of Humanities and Social and Behavioral Sciences**, I continue to be amazed and proud of the many ways our academic departments extend learning opportunities beyond the classroom. This newsletter captures some of the tremendous experiences our students and faculty have shared this past spring and summer, and I invite you to read about their notable accomplishments.

The College of Humanities and Social and Behavioral Sciences encompasses a diverse and successful group of academic departments and programs. Although their research interests outreach opportunities may differ, our students and faculty share a dedication to excellence and a passion for learning.

The students in our museum studies program continue to gain tangible, hands-on experience through working in an active museum. Our social work students demonstrate a desire to help others through their enthusiasm for volunteerism. Our psychology students conduct cutting-edge research alongside their instructors. Our political science students are actively involved in shaping policies that will govern our state and country.

Likewise, our faculty members continue to demonstrate progress in critical areas of research, including ADHD and dementia care, and CHSBS faculty win numerous teaching awards each year. I am proud to use this newsletter as a platform to recognize their accomplishments.

Finally, I am pleased to offer each of our alums an opportunity to return to campus. The fall semester brings football games and homecoming events, including the CHSBS pizza and wing party from 10 a.m. until noon on September 29. I invite you and your family to join us for good food and conversation and to show your CMU pride!

If you are a CHSBS alum who would like to become more involved with the college or would like to return to campus, please e-mail me at CHSBS@cmich.edu. I encourage you to visit campus and become reacquainted with your departments and faculty members. Our faculty love to hear from their former students, and we are always searching for opportunities to invite alumni to be guest speakers in our classes. I look forward to hearing from you.

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**Anthropology lab dedicated to Leonard Lieberman**

Central Michigan University’s anthropology laboratory will serve as a lasting memorial to honor former professor **Leonard Lieberman’s dedication to his research and to the university**.

CMU president **Michael Rao** dedicated the newly named **Leonard Lieberman Laboratory** at a March 23 memorial for Lieberman who died in February.

Lieberman was a professor at CMU for more than 40 years. He was an internationally known physical anthropologist who also had received CMU’s highest faculty honor, the President’s Award. He retired from CMU in 2004 and died February 6, 2007, from bypass surgery recovery complications. He was 81.

The laboratory provides physical anthropology students with excellent hands-on learning experiences. It houses the department’s impressive collection of bones, skeletons and casts, most of which Lieberman collected throughout his years at CMU.

“The Leonard Lieberman Laboratory is an excellent facility for teaching physical anthropology and honors Dr. Lieberman’s contributions to the department, the university and the field of physical anthropology,” said **Mary Senter**, chair of the sociology, anthropology and social work department.

The SASW department also administers the **Leslie and Leonard Lieberman Scholarship**, which provides scholarships annually to students majoring in anthropology, sociology, social work or family studies.

If you would like to make a memorial gift to this scholarship fund in honor of Drs. Leslie and Leonard Lieberman, please contact **Lesa Smith**, director of development, at Lesa.Smith@cmich.edu or (989) 774-3354.
Gary Peters named new Griffin Chair
Former lottery commissioner eager to share knowledge of public service

Former Michigan Lottery commissioner Gary Peters will bring years of political and business experience to his new role as the Griffin Endowed Chair in American Government. As chair, Peters will teach two political science seminars and organize two forums each year that address public policy and political issues throughout Michigan. Peters also plans to implement an electronic journal that will bring students, academics and practitioners together on public policy issues facing Michigan and the country.

“As a former state senator, city councilman and candidate for Michigan attorney general, I look forward to sharing my nuts-and-bolts knowledge of public service with students at Central Michigan,” Peters said. “I am also looking forward to hosting forums that will explore some of the public policy challenges we face in Michigan.”

Peters’ public service experience includes serving as a member of the Michigan Senate and the Rochester Hills City Council. His business experience includes positions as vice president of investments for UBS PaineWebber Inc. and assistant vice president at Merrill Lynch Inc., both in Rochester Hills. Peters also has served on arbitration panels for the National Association of Securities Dealers and the New York Stock Exchange. Peters served as a lieutenant commander and Seabee combat warfare specialist in the U.S. Navy Reserve.

As lottery commissioner, Peters was responsible for the overall management and operation of the lottery. The Michigan Lottery is a $2 billion-plus business, which last year generated a record $688 million for the state School Aid Fund. Under Peters’ leadership, the lottery set new records for three consecutive years.

“Coming directly from the public sector, Gary will bring to this position a fresh perspective of what’s happening in Lansing today, as well as many new contacts,” said Jim Hill, director of CMU’s honors program and former political science faculty member.

Peters received a bachelor’s degree in political science from Alma College, a Master of Business Administration in finance from the University of Detroit Mercy, a Juris Doctor from Wayne State University Law School and is currently a doctoral candidate in political philosophy at Michigan State University. He also has held teaching positions at Michigan State, Wayne State and Oakland University.

The Griffin Endowment was established in 1999 through private donations to fund the salary and associated costs of a government and public policy expert who serves as a faculty member in CMU’s political science department.

The Griffin program seeks to build interest and increased engagement in politics among young adults, faculty and the general citizenry. The endowment honors Robert and Marjorie Griffin, both distinguished CMU alumni.

Bill Ballenger leaves legacy of notable accomplishments

Although the Griffin Endowed Chair in American Government position at Central Michigan University is a three-year term, Bill Ballenger stayed four. The decision to extend the contract was based on his notable success as chair, which will not soon be forgotten.

Ballenger, the editor and publisher of Inside Michigan Politics, brought many positive things to his students, fellow faculty members and the entire CMU community. Among these include a day visit to the Capitol building in Lansing each semester and the creation of a Griffin Endowed Chair Web site.

“The most important thing Bill brought to his students was his enthusiasm for public service coupled with an incredibly extensive knowledge of Michigan government and history,” said Larry Sych, CMU political science faculty member. “He supercharged his classes, and his students time and again have told me that while he’s one tough professor, he is among the best they have had.”

As chair, Ballenger taught two political science seminars and organized two forums annually that addressed public policy issues. The forums covered many diverse topics, including threats to the Great Lakes, gambling, judiciary elections, Michigan’s economy, the 2004 presidential campaign, affirmative action, state elections and Michigan’s Constitution.

“The most rewarding part of my role as the CMU Griffin Endowed Chair was developing both an academic and personal relationship with some outstanding students and personalities who I am convinced will go on to really make something of themselves in coming years,” said Ballenger. “There is a lot of talent among the nearly 200 undergraduates I taught, and my life may grow dull without them.”
Faculty Awards

Brockman receives CHSBS teaching award

English professor Elizabeth Brockman’s open-door policy has earned her more than the respect of her students — it has earned her a prestigious teaching award.

Brockman was awarded the College of Humanities and Social and Behavioral Sciences Excellence in Teaching Award on April 4. She was nominated and selected by her peers and students in the college.

“Dr. Brockman won the award this year because she is an expert in her field. She has well organized, well prepared, well thought out classes,” said Mitchell Hall, interim associate dean of the College of Humanities and Social and Behavioral Sciences. “She is obviously able to inspire her students and is admired by her peers.”

Brockman’s students have described her as “an outstanding teacher, professor, advisor and guide” whose “charisma, laugh, warm smile and active listening skills are contagious.”

Brockman was destined to become a teacher — her paternal grandparents, parents, in-laws, sister and brother-in-law are all educators.

Brockman taught in Midland, Chicago and Columbus at the middle and high school levels before starting at CMU in 1996. Since then, Brockman has taught composition methods to preservice English teachers and supervised student teachers with English majors.

She currently is director of composition, training and supervising English 101 graduate assistants. She also teaches seasonal one-day writing seminars for public safety personnel and is the author of the 2007 book “The Blue Guide: Written Communication for Leaders in Law Enforcement.”

Brockman enjoys the ability to work with individual students, a skill she believes is imperative to being a quality educator.

“Many people say that good teachers need to be passionate, and it’s true that good teachers often are passionate, but that characteristic, alone, is not enough,” Brockman said. “I believe it’s even more important for teachers to respect students, to possess subject matter expertise, and to plan meaningful classes.

“In addition, teachers need good ethos — that quality inspiring trust and confidence in others. I spend a lot of time on campus, my office door is always open and my students know they are welcome.”

Hartshorne earns international psychology award

Psychology professor Tim Hartshorne has been awarded the North American Society of Adlerian Psychology’s highest professional designation, the Diplomate in Adlerian Psychology.

Hartshorne received the title in January from the Society, a group that promotes the teaching of late psychologist Alfred Adler. Adler is best known for developing the practice of individual psychology, an approach to psychotherapy that has a strong cognitive and social orientation.

The Diplomate in Adlerian Psychology is awarded to those who give outstanding contributions to Adlerian psychology through its many fields, including counseling and psychotherapy, clinical practice, education, parent education, theory, research, and organizational leadership.

“The Diplomate is recognition of having achieved the highest level of competence in the field,” Hartshorne said. “It is not exactly like being awarded an honor; you receive it based on making an application and documenting accomplishment. It serves primarily as recognition that this is an area of psychology where I am recognized by my peers as having reached the highest level of accomplishment.”

Hartshorne was honored at the Society’s annual conference in Vancouver in May. He is an expert on grief, the CHARGE Syndrome, severe developmental disabilities and child disability, especially children and youth who are deaf-blind.
CHSBS faculty receive CMU teaching awards

Two faculty members from the College of Humanities and Social and Behavioral Sciences have received CMU’s top teaching honors, the Excellence in Teaching Award.

**Desmond Harding**, of the English department, was honored for his creative teaching methods that bring intellectually stimulating experiences and humor into the classroom.

“He invites open exploration while still maintaining a clear presentation of his own thoughts, so that students are not only invited to explore their arguments, but also to interrogate his as well,” said one nominator.

Another wrote, “His instruction instilled in me a passion for literature that contributed to my decision to pursue higher education as a career. His professionalism became the model for the type of academic I hope to some day become.”

**Brian J. Smith**, of the sociology, anthropology and social work department, was honored for his ability to help students find their voice while inspiring them with a true passion for learning.

A nominator wrote, “The candidate’s enthusiasm about teaching as well as his subject matter is phenomenal. In fact, his enthusiasm encouraged me to pursue the field and even strive to be a professor.”

“He has developed a variety of creative mechanisms that allow him to teach large classes while still providing students with the kind of personalized feedback often associated with a small liberal arts school,” said another nominator.

A committee of nine faculty members and five students selected the winners based on student evaluation scores, course information, and student and peer letters. The recipients were honored at commencement ceremonies in May.

CMU honors faculty for distinguished service

Central Michigan University exemplifies its ongoing commitment to sustained service by presenting the Distinguished Service Award to faculty members who have maintained this tradition.

A committee of past winners selected two recipients based on the impact, quality, recognition, value and amount of service performed. The recipients were honored at commencement ceremonies in May.

**Timothy S. Hartshorne**, psychology professor, has displayed exemplary service to the psychology graduate program and department, the College of Humanities and Social and Behavioral Sciences, and the university through leadership roles in a variety of areas.

“The breadth of his service allows him to understand the diverse strengths and needs of our university,” said a nominator.

Hartshorne recently chaired the provost search committee and is chair-elect of the Academic Senate. At the university level, Hartshorne has served on 10 committees including the Budget Review Advisory Committee, Raising Academic Standards Committee, Honors Task Force and Institutional Strategic Planning Committee.

He has served on 13 college-level committees including dean search committees for the colleges of Humanities and Social and Behavioral Sciences and Graduate Studies. Hartshorne represents the university by providing service to national and international professional organizations.

**Robert Newby**, sociology professor, has served both the university and the sociology profession through leadership and advocacy.

He has served as the chairman of the sociology, anthropology and social work department and the Academic Senate.

A nominator wrote, “It is perhaps his ability and willingness to merge his commitments to social justice and diversity with his scholarly interests and professional service that is most noteworthy. His is a life of engaged scholarship and service — a model for many of us and a source of pride for CMU.”
IRA rollover provision offers tax-saving opportunity

For CMU alumni and friends who are 70 ½ and older, I’d like to tell you about an exciting way to support the university. The Pension Protection Act of 2006 encourages financial support of organizations like the College of Humanities and Social and Behavioral Sciences through IRA Charitable Rollovers of up to $100,000 from Individual Retirement Accounts and Roth IRAs.

Not only is this provision beneficial to the charities that these gifts support, but donors also receive a benefit as their charitable distribution won’t be counted as taxable income. The IRA Charitable Rollover provision is intended to benefit donors of all incomes, as well as large and small nonprofits.

For example, suppose you have $75,000 in an IRA and have pledged to give that amount to CMU this year. If you transfer $75,000 to CMU from your IRA, you avoid paying income tax on that full amount. This is an easy way to accomplish your gift intentions to the college without tax complications and it allows you, and your spouse, to give a maximum gift of $100,000 each in the 2007 tax year.

Who qualifies?
Individuals who are age 70 ½ or older at the time of the contribution/transfer.

How much can I transfer?
$100,000 until December 31, 2007

When can I give this type of gift to CMU or CHSBS?
Contributions given before December 31, 2007, are eligible for the enhanced tax benefit.

From what accounts can I make transfers?
Transfers must come from IRAs directly to CMU. If you have retirement assets in a 401(k), 403(b), etc., you must first roll these assets into an IRA, and then direct the transfer from the IRA to CMU.

To what charities can I make gifts?
Tax-exempt organizations such as Central Michigan University.

Can I use the transfer to fund life-income gifts (CRTs, CGAs, PIFs or the like)?
No, these are not eligible.

Can I use donor advised funds or supporting organizations?
No, these are not eligible.

How will my gift be counted on my giving record?
You will receive credit for the entire IRA Rollover gift to CMU, just as with any outright gift.

How do I give this gift to the College of Humanities and Social and Behavioral Sciences?
Contact your IRA custodian to transfer your desired gift amount to the college and/or CMU. It is wise to consult your tax professional prior to making the transfer.

How will my CMU contribution be used?
CMU will designate your gift according to your specific instructions. You can give annual gifts to the department, scholarship fund, or special project of your choice and/or designate your contribution to a new or existing endowment fund.

Unlike other types of gifts, endowments continue to generate income. The principal provided to initiate the endowment is never spent. Instead, endowed funds are invested and professionally managed to produce additional income. As the principal grows, so does the income available to the award.

This is your opportunity to take advantage of a valuable incentive that allows you to provide immediate support to the program of your choice at CMU. Check with your financial advisor about transferring distributions directly from your IRA to make a contribution to the College of Humanities and Social and Behavioral Sciences at CMU.

For additional information contact Lesa Smith, CFRE, director of development for the College of Humanities and Social and Behavioral Sciences, at (989) 774-3354 or Lesa.Smith@cmich.edu.

CMU Homecoming 2007
You’re invited to the Pizza & Wing Party
Hosted by the College of Humanities and Social and Behavioral Sciences
Saturday, September 29, 2007
10:00 a.m. to 12 noon
Alumni Tents near Rose Ponds
Please plan to join us prior to cheering on our CMU Chippewas who will battle Northern Illinois on the football field at noon.
A generous grant from AAA Michigan will enable CMU to purchase an advanced driving simulator, similar to the one pictured here. The purchase of the simulator is the final step in opening the CMU Center for Driving Evaluation, Education and Research, which will provide clinical services to evaluate an individual’s cognitive fitness to drive, along with education to improve the safety of older drivers.

CMU to open driving assessment center with AAA Michigan grant

A generous contribution by AAA Michigan will enable Central Michigan University to address a critical need for research on older drivers and drivers with attention disorders to reduce the number of fatal crashes involving these groups.

The $44,000 AAA Michigan grant will be used to purchase an advanced driving simulator from DriveSafety, Inc. This is the final step in opening the CMU Center for Driving Evaluation, Education and Research. The center will provide clinical services to evaluate an individual’s cognitive fitness to drive, along with education to improve the safety of older drivers.

“This grant formalizes AAA’s commitment to the center,” said CMU psychology professor and center director Rick Backs. “It permits the center to open, because without the simulator there was no center. It provides the center with a state-of-the-art tool for clinical assessments of cognitive fitness to drive and for research on driving, aging and attention disorders.”

The driving center is an interdisciplinary collaboration between CMU’s College of Humanities and Social and Behavioral Sciences and The Herbert H. and Grace A. Dow College of Health Professions. Both colleges also will match AAA’s contribution to fully fund the simulator.

“This center follows AAA’s goal of keeping senior drivers safely behind the wheel in order to maintain their independence as long as possible,” said Jack Peet, AAA Michigan community safety services manager. “AAA Michigan is preparing for a significant increase in senior drivers, and because a key component of the center’s research focuses on how driver attention changes as drivers age, AAA is very supportive of its efforts.”

Along with providing service for the public, the center will enable clinical and research opportunities to CMU students and faculty as well as establish community and university collaborations and partnerships to improve driving safety throughout the state.

The official opening of the DEER Center is planned for fall 2008 following the installation of the driving simulator and development of clinical assessment protocols.
Mike Lewis (Jrn./BCA ’77, M.A. ’98) has been named to the newly created position of journalism director at the University of Michigan-Flint, beginning Sept. 1, 2007. He previously held a similar position at Oakland University. He earned a doctorate in media studies at Wayne State University and was a longtime reporter and anchor at WDIV-TV4 Detroit.

Richard W. Rodgers (MA Clin. Psych. ’74) recently was awarded membership in the National Register of Health Care Providers in Psychology and received board certification in clinical psychology by the American Board of Professional Psychology. He earned a doctorate in counseling psychology from Boston University in 1982.

Ronald L. Scott (Hist. ’73) will be retiring from MetLife after 30 years and is moving to a cottage in northern Indiana. His wife, Mary Linda (Marshall) Scott (Eng./Hist. ’73), is retiring from National City Bank after 24 years of service.

Mark Ankenbauer (Psych. ’84) was named associate vice president of human resources at Wayne State University in June. Previously, he worked for Textron, Inc., Ford Motor Company and Detroit Medical Center.

Richard Grieves (Eng. ’82) was named the South Lyon High School Teacher of the Year for 2006-2007. He has taught high school English and Latin for 25 years, the last 11 of which have been at South Lyon High School. He represented South Lyon High School on April 19, 2007, at the Oakland County Teacher of the Year Program. Grieves credits the demanding grammar, composition and literature courses he completed at CMU for his success in the classroom. He says Professors Emeriti Peter Obuchowski and James Hodgins were the most outstanding teachers and professional role models of his academic and professional career. Richard and his wife, Lisa, have one son, Alex.

Thomas Rice (Psych. ’81) completed his Chartered Property and Casualty Underwriter certification. He attended the annual CPCU conferment ceremony in Honolulu in September with his wife, Cathy, and his children, Rebecca and Michael. He is a claims manager for Safeco Insurance in Phoenix.

Lee Boisvert (Soc. ’93) is the author of “Keewaydinoquay: Stories from My Youth,” which tells the story of Keewaydinnoquay Margaret Peschel’s childhood in an Ojibway community in northern Michigan during the early 1900s. She has been married to Robert for 33 years and has one son, Adam.

Matthew Dugener (Pol. Sci. ’94) was named the first president and CEO of the newly formed Lansing Economic Area Partnership.

Allison Harvard (Psych. ’06) has joined The Select Group in Raleigh, N.C., as a technical recruiter. She previously worked in sales and marketing in Chicago. The Select Group is a full-service recruiting firm specializing in the placement of skilled professionals into contract, contract-to-permanent and permanent career opportunities.

Cheyenne Luzynski (Psych. ’05) recently was named head volleyball coach at Alma College. Previously, she spent two seasons as an assistant volleyball coach and served as an assistant coach with
the men’s basketball program. She is an assistant coach with the men’s and women’s track and field teams. She also is the director of the Stone Recreation Center on the Alma College campus.

Lora Levett (Psych. & Soc. ’01) is an assistant professor in the criminology department at the University of Florida. She received her master’s degree in legal psychology in 2004 at Florida International University and her doctorate in legal psychology in 2005.

Kathy (Rae) Rometty (Eng. ’04) is the commercial donations specialist for Goodwill Industries of Mid-Michigan. She lives in Grand Blanc and previously worked for The Oakland Press.

She says, “I knew in my heart this was the job I was supposed to be doing. It’s fast-paced, interesting, multi-faceted and best of all . . . rewarding! I’ve met fascinating and influential members of the business and political arena, and I often get a chance to speak in front of groups such as the local Kiwanis and Rotary Clubs, the Optimist Clubs and others. I enjoy sharing all the wonderful things Goodwill does for people with disabilities or barriers to employment. I’m thrilled to be working for an organization that doesn’t put dividends into stockholders pockets, but puts dividends into people’s lives.”

Joe VanderMeulen (Pol. Sci. ’05) recently was named assistant city manager of Buchanan. He also serves as the city’s public services director. Previously, he was as an administrative assistant for the city of Rockford.

New ROTC endowment honors Denise Gallagher, Michigan 22nd

In 1954, the first group of ROTC students from Central Michigan University attended summer camp at Ft. Campbell, Ky. This proud group of 22 cadets became known as the Michigan 22nd, and their commitment to the Army ROTC program at CMU has remained strong over the years.

One person who exemplifies the pride and dedication that the Michigan 22nd holds for the CMU Army ROTC program is Denise Gallagher, who served as secretary for the Military Science Department from 1979 to 2007. During a special retirement reception in Denise’s honor in July, the Michigan 22nd made her an honorary member of their group.

As a way to honor their achievements and to offer an opportunity for all of our distinguished ROTC graduates to give back to the program, CMU recently initiated the Michigan 22nd and Beyond ROTC Endowment Campaign.

The fund was created to tangibly honor the legacies of the Michigan 22nd and Denise Gallagher and will support future students within the CMU Army ROTC program through scholarships and program funding.

The interest earned on the initial endowment investment will provide funding in perpetuity to help CMU offer the military and leadership training that will enable our cadets to succeed in college, become Army officers and excel in their chosen careers.

We invite all of our ROTC alumni and friends to consider making a gift to this important endeavor. Please contact Lesa Smith, director of development, at CHSBS@cmich.edu or (989) 774-3354 for information about how you can participate in this campaign.
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Help us learn more about our alumni. Please send us news of your accomplishments.

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