



Photo by Bill Mitcham

BOUNTIFUL BONNETS — Bonnet fashions of the 1800s are featured in a new exhibit at the MSU Museum. The strawbonnet-making process and various trims are also displayed.

'Lots of interest' shown in vacated trustee seat

Gov. James Blanchard's office has "easily had 25-30 expressions of interest" in the MSU trustee seat opened by the Aug. 7 resignation of Trustee Bobby Crim, according to the governor's personnel director.

Greg Morris said Tuesday the governor's office has "had input from some people at the University, who suggested they'd like someone from the corporate world, or tied into foundations, or a heavyweight labor person or someone of national scope or reputation. We haven't been able to sit down and evaluate people yet, but I don't think the governor is in a real big hurry to fill this."

Morris said there doesn't seem to be "a sense of urgency" on the board's part for Blanchard to immediately name a replacement to serve the remainder of Crim's term, which expires Dec. 31, 1990.

"The primary ingredient is that (Blanchard) has the opportunity to look at all possibilities," said Trustee Chairperson Barbara Sawyer. "The governor has the University's best interests in mind so I believe he'll know what our needs are. It would be desirable to have somebody on by mid-September so they can be actively involved in what

will be getting toward midway of the presidential search process."

Crim, in a letter to Blanchard, said his resignation was forced by "the interpretation of the Lobby Registration Act, which would cause me to report every transaction of my private business."

The law, passed in 1978 but tied up in court until the state Supreme Court recently ordered it enforced, would have required Crim to report all financial dealings of more than \$500 that involve his firm, Governmental Consultant Services, Inc.

Crim, former Speaker of the Michigan House of Representatives, and former Senate Republican leader Robert VanderLaan of Grand Rapids formed the consulting company after they didn't seek reelection in 1982. Their clients include Consumers Power Co. and Ferris State College.

Crim's replacement will be the third appointment made by Blanchard to the MSU board. Trustees Malcolm Dade Jr. and Patrick Wilson were named in March 1983 to replace Trustees John Bruff and Betty Howe, who resigned because of possible conflict between their trustee posts and their jobs with the state.

Search list pared to 35 candidates

Entering the second phase of the search for the next president of MSU, the Presidential Search Committee Tuesday night narrowed the list of 185 candidates to 35.

"Of the 35, there are those who have applied, been nominated, or been encouraged to become involved," said Terry Denbow, MSU public relations director and spokesperson for the search committee.

"It's not necessarily so that the next president of MSU will come out of those 35 names, however," Denbow said, "because there is no deadline and the recruitment process is an ongoing one."

The search committee — composed of all MSU trustees, faculty members G.J. Karabatos and Patricia Barnes-McConnell, Dean Richard Lewis, alumna Janet M. Topolsky and undergraduate Charles Krupka — met publicly Tuesday for a search update before adjourning for a closed review of candidates.

The committee will meet again Sept. 21 in closed session to compare notes on reference checks and to winnow the list of 35 to about seven to 10 candidates. The group is working toward a Nov. 15 deadline to present the names of three candidates to the Board of Trustees.

"I think we're moving along at a good rate of progress," said Trustee Malcolm Dade, search committee chair. "The first phase has been the identification of candidates and I think we've done well in that regard, both in quantity and quality."

Search consultant Frederic W. Ness, of Presidential Search and Assessment Service, advised committee members at this stage to stick to only those references OK'd by the candidates and to use a consistent set of questions in seeking candidate information.

"You want to come back to the table with apples and apples, not apples and oranges," he said.

Ness said his consulting firm would "backstop" the committee in checking references. "We are not restricted to the references candidates have given you. We have access to information you don't have. . . It's almost inevitable that some member of the committee knows somebody at a candidate's institution. . . I implore you not to make that phone call. The minute you do, that campus will know."

The Washington, D.C., consultant also advised the committee to "be ready for questions from the other end of the phone, like 'What are you really looking for?' You should all be able to answer that fairly succinctly," he said.

THE CRITERIA being used in the screening process are:

- ability to articulate to various public and constituencies;
- academic expertise and orientation;
- ability to provide visible leadership and coordinate disparate interests;
- ability to develop an effective administrative team;
- sensitivity to student, faculty and staff concerns;
- familiarity with sophisticated management operations;
- dedication to quality of teaching, research and service;
- ability to manage resources and complex budgets;
- experience with complex institution
- commitment to land-grant, AAU, a international mission;
- demonstrated commitment to affirmative action;
- capacity to grasp uniqueness of MSU and its context.



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Kasavana named acting HRI director

Michael L. Kasavana, professor of hotel, restaurant and institutional management, will take over duties as acting director of the HRI school, effective Sept. 1.

He replaces John Henderson, professor of economics, who was named acting director last December after Richard Lewis, dean of the College of Business, dismissed Donald Smith as director of the school.

Smith has filed two lawsuits against the University, seeking reinstatement and damages.

A faculty member since 1975, Kasavana was recently promoted to full professor in the field of hospitality management. He is author or co-author of six books and numerous journal articles and monographs.

In addition to duties in teaching, research and professional service, Kasavana serves as head coach for the women's varsity gymnastics team. Under his direction, MSU teams have won five Big 10 championships.

Last Issue

Today's News-Bulletin is the last for summer term.

Publication resumes fall term with a Thursday, Sept. 20, issue. The deadline for that paper is noon, Tuesday, Sept. 18.

Enjoy summer's remaining pleasures and less-hurried gait. See you the first day of fall classes!