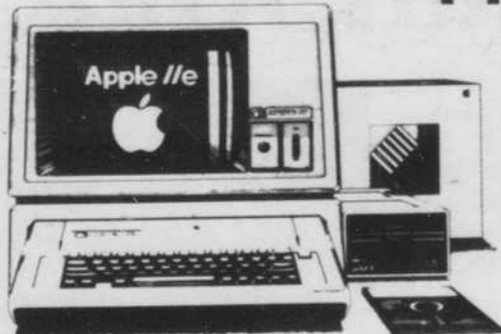


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## Canadian folk artists to play

A foot stompin' good time is in store tonight when the French Canadian group La Bottine Souriante performs in the EMU Ballroom at 8 p.m.

Calling themselves a "traditional music band," the five-member ensemble from Quebec have assembled a repertoire of traditional folk songs and dance music from the region de Lanaudiere (Joliette). Their music resembles Irish folk music, but features all French lyrics.

Originally a three-man group, La Bottine Souriante has been in existence since 1976, growing and expanding during that time. The band has five albums to its credit, and performs regularly throughout Europe and North America.

Admission to the cultural forum event is \$3 for University students and \$3.50 for the general public. Tickets are on sale at the EMU Main Desk, Earth River Records and Tapes, and Everybody's Records.

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## University fund-raising gets lift

Education officials attribute the increased generosity of private and public sectors toward higher education in 1982-83 to more sophisticated fund-raising drives and an improved economy.

Total gift, grant and contract income for the year amounted to over \$114 million, a 7 percent increase over 1981-82. Major increases were in student services, including federal financial aid, up 66 percent; and sponsored research, up 11 percent. In addition, income from affiliated fund-raising organizations was over \$25 million, a 45 percent increase over 1981-82.

"This is an indication that the economy is recovering," says Richard Perry, director of the state

system's management and planning services. "At least it's not a downward trend, and that's encouraging."

Perry adds that a more favorable public opinion has also played a key role in the turnaround.

"I think that they've recognized that it's money well-spent."

Russell Picton, University Foundation director, agrees with Perry.

"There is a general assessment that the University is something special and needs to be supported," he says.

The foundation's total income exceeded \$7 million, the highest level on record. A major portion of that came from a \$3 million contribution last year from the William Harris estate to support

the Fund for the Study of Women.

Picton points to more sophisticated fund-raising techniques, including last year's phone-a-thon, as major factors in the increase.

"A lot of people just need to be asked to give, and what we're trying to put together here is a better asking program."

Associate Athletic Director Bill Byrne attributes the record \$1 million in Athletic Department donations to "a bunch of good volunteers."

"We live entirely from hand-to-mouth," he says. "We receive absolutely no state help like other schools in the Pac-10 do, so we had to raise that much money just to stay even."

## Debaters place in tournament

The University's debate team hosted a Northwest regional forensics tournament this weekend in the EMU, and 19 colleges from California, Idaho, Washington and Oregon attended.

"The team did really well, especially for being so early in the year," said Ed Inch, University tournament coordinator. However, the tournament is only a

practice competition for the University team since they are hosting it, Inch said.

Inch said the team's strong area is value debate, where members analyze the quality of higher education.

"The policy debaters and individual debaters have been consistently strong," he said. The policy debate topic for the season

is industrial waste and who should bear the expense.

The University team's toughest competition is Whitman College in Washington, Inch said. "Our target this year is to beat them in individual debate," he said.

"It takes a lot of hard work and time to win a competition," said Dave Leong, a junior majoring in economics and member of the debate team.

He said he spends about two hours every day preparing for competitions.

Freshman history and English major Mike Sstrom said his favorite event is national debate or topic debate. Winning an event takes time, preparation and "good skills," he said.

Although team members debate the same topics all year, Long said the issues never get boring because "you can always find a new argument to approach it (the topic) with."

The next tournament is at Lewis and Clark College, where Inch said the team could win "with a lot of work. This tournament should show us where our weak points are."

Inch said he thought the tournament this weekend was very successful.

The tournament featured six divisions for various types of events and experience levels as well as 20 individual divisions.

"It's early still, and I think people here have a lot to show for such a short time," he said.

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