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Starting on page 14 of this issue of the WMU Magazine, you'll find information about some of the little-known facts that made WMU the institution it is today. Look for 10 of these "Centennial Markers" in each issue through the end of 2003, the University's centennial year.

On the cover

Bones of contention

Crime scene investigation might seem like a hot new career, but one WMU forensic anthropologist has a long history of identifying victims and tracking down clues as she travels from the killing fields of Bosnia to the sites of U.S. airline tragedies.

Cover digital illustration by Neil Simon using images and photography provided by Tal Simmons.

A long, rich history

For more than 80 years, the University's occupational therapy program has been a national leader and the home of pioneers in the discipline.

Leaving home

In November, the campus went from shock and uncertainty to pride and good wishes as WMU's sixth president, Elson S. Floyd, was recruited to become president of the University of Missouri system.

Sculpture Tour

The WMU Sculpure Tour has transformed the campus into a constantly changing gallery filled with big and bold art works.

What's happening on campus?

Planning a visit to Kalamazoo? Check the WMU News Web site for the latest information about campus events that you can attend. Calendar listings are currently available through April 2004 and are regularly updated at <www.wmich.edu/wmu/news/events/calendar1.html>.

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Trustees elect leaders for 2003

Alumna Birgit M. Klohs of Grand Rapids, Mich., and Vernice D. Anthony of Detroit have been elected to serve as chairperson and vice chairperson, respectively, of the WMU Board of Trustees for 2003. In addition, trustees have granted emeritus status to two board members who completed their service at the close of 2002: Richard F. Chormann of Empire, Mich., a trustee since 1994, and Richard Y. St. John of Kalamazoo, a trustee since 1987.

Klohs, who was appointed to the board in 1997, is president of The Right Place Program in Grand Rapids, a countywide community economic development program. Anthony, who was appointed to the board in 2001, is president and chief executive officer of the Greater Detroit Area Health Council.

Presidential search under way; Jorgens named interim provost

The University's seventh president will be "an articulate and passionate spokesperson for the institution" who has a "progressive, inclusive leadership style" and can "build a shared sense of unity and purpose among all University constituencies," according to a formal Presidential Position Specification approved by WMU trustees in January.

Developing the specification was one of several actions trustees quickly took after Dr. Elson S. Floyd announced he would be leaving WMU Jan. 5 to become president of the University of Missouri system. Other actions included the naming of former Provost Daniel M. Litynski as interim provost, establishing a 14-member Presidential Search Advisory Committee, hiring A.T. Kearney Executive Search of Alexandria, Va., as search consultant; and naming Dr. Elise B. Jorgens as interim provost and vice president for academic affairs. More information about the presidential search is available online at <www.wmich.edu/wmu/news>.

Sen. Gast, Floyd honored

Honorary doctor of public service degrees were awarded to former state Sen. Harry Gast and then-WMU president Elson S. Floyd during commencement Dec. 14.

Gast was recognized for his more than three decades of service as a state lawmaker while Floyd was noted for enhancing the stature and furthering the progress of WMU.

Fridig fund-raiser garners $4,400

WMU students hope to build a home in conjunction with Habitat for Humanity as a way of commemorating the University's 100th birthday—if a suitable vacant lot is donated at little or no cost. WMU alumni, students, faculty and staff may sign up to help construct the house.

Members of Alpha Tau Omega jump-started the project with a January fundraiser designed to draw attention to homelessness. The fraternity brothers raised about $4,400 while camping out on campus for two days during bitterly cold weather. Project organizers plan to kick off construction the weekend of Oct. 4 and build the framework and outside of the house in a 100-hour blitz.

Third technology transfer unveiled

Pharmacia Corp. of Kalamazoo has donated the intellectual property rights for a portfolio of Xemilofiban drug patents to WMU in a technology transfer initiative that has the potential to trigger new life science development work in Kalamazoo, give doctors a possible new option for treating cardiac patients and enhance WMU's bottom line.

The portfolio has been licensed out by WMU to VDDI Pharmaceuticals of Brentwood, Tenn., for further development and commercialization.

The Pharmacia donation follows a nationwide trend that has seen large firms donating surplus technologies to universities for development. In 2000, Procter & Gamble donated rights to its enhanced paperboard technology to WMU and in 2001, Ford Motor Co. donated patented fastener and latch technology.
Career fair brings out big wheels

Among the big wheels at WMU's 25th annual winter Career Fair were a motorcycle built by Harley-Davidson and a truck built by the Ford Motor Co. Like WMU, both manufacturers are celebrating their 100th anniversaries this year.

Their commemorative centennial vehicles attracted the attention of many Career Fair participants, including Dr. James W. Schmotter, dean of WMU's Haworth College of Business. The fair, meanwhile, steered about 3,000 job seekers to campus to meet with some 115 local, regional and national employers.

Law school, WMU join forces

West Michigan residents who want to pursue law degrees will be able to take advantage of a new collaboration between WMU and the Lansing, Mich.-based Thomas M. Cooley Law School. Cooley is launching a full degree program in Grand Rapids, Mich., and initially will run the program out of WMU's downtown graduate center in Grand Rapids. By 2004, Cooley plans to open its own facility in an adjoining building that will be physically linked by a walkway to the graduate center.

New research center approved

Creation of the Nanotechnology Research and Computation Center last December is proof positive that the small stuff is the next big thing at WMU. The center will help position the University as a key national and international player in the field of nanotechnology.

WMU, already a leader in nanobio-environmental chemistry research, will use the center to provide leadership, institutional support and other resources to assist faculty engaged in science, engineering, and technology research at the atomic and nanometer scales. The center is expected to attract more funded research at all levels and increase educational opportunities.

Gullickson, who serves as director of the Evaluation Center and chairperson of the Joint Committee, says the book offers 28 guidelines for ensuring fair, useful, feasible and accurate student evaluations.

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Let's get one thing straight.
Forensic anthropology is not much like what you see on the hit CBS crime show "CSI."

"I watch it religiously, but it makes me giggle," confesses Dr. Tal Simmons, a forensic anthropologist and associate professor at Western Michigan University. "The guy who runs the lab is an expert on everything, from human bones to fingerprints, to hair, toxicology and DNA. In real life, we get really good at knowing when to call somebody else. And they get their DNA results back in an hour. I've waited as long as 11 months to get DNA back.

"But if nothing else, it has made this a hot profession."
The reality of that hot profession is something less than the glamour portrayed on television. Forensic anthropology—the application of the study of human bones to medical and legal issues—is a usually messy, often gruesome and occasionally politically charged business. And Simmons wouldn't dream of doing anything else.
Originally a paleontologist studying the origin of the human species, Simmons had always been interested in forensic anthropology. She took a few classes and did some casework in graduate school, but didn't imagine it would be her life's work until she came to WMU in the early 1990s. Here she met Dr. Bob Sundick, former chairperson of the Department of Anthropology and a forensic anthropologist. Sundick took Simmons along to local sites, where she began to develop a passion for the work.

In 1997, she passed a rigorous exam and got certified by the American Board of Forensic Anthropology, joining an elite group of just 50 or so other scientists in the nation. A few months later, she got the kind of call that can make a career and satisfy a longing to make a difference in the world. An old friend was working for Physicians for Human Rights, a nongovernmental organization based in Boston. The agency wanted her to oversee exhumation of the remains of war crimes victims in the former Yugoslavia. "I'd been talking a lot with others in the field about human rights work they'd done and it appealed to me," recalls Simmons. "I knew I had a sabbatical coming up and I recognized how rare it was to get this kind of opportunity. I applied to work with PHR in Bosnia-Hercegovina, and I was offered the directorship of their forensic monitoring program."

During a six-month stay, Simmons oversaw exhumations of victims at small Bosnian sites that the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia declined to investigate. Her role was to establish protocol for examining and identifying bodies, teach modern forensic anthropology techniques and assist with skeletal exams. A far cry from the reasonably structured settings she'd usually worked in, the environment in Bosnia was largely uncontrolled and politically messy. Much of her time was spent on a mountain pass near Srebrenica, trying to identify thousands of men and boys who had left the city in July 1995 for the United Nations safe-haven at Tuzla. Thanks to Serbian ambushes spread throughout the hills, the vast majority of them never completed that 30-mile trek.

"They were shot and left on the spot," says Simmons. "So we were there two and a half years later, finding their skeletal remains all over the place. The fact that the massacre took place in a mountainous area didn't help our efforts, as body parts rolled down the hills. You basically could not go down the road without driving over some-

80-meter-deep cave shaft where Simmons and a Bosnian team exhumed victims from a prison camp

body, and the Serbs who lived in the area were in fact driving over people every day."

The painstaking process of uncovering and identifying remains was further complicated by political pressures: politicians who wanted her to falsify reports to support their version of events, factional disputes within the country, and tense interactions with the United Nations and the International Criminal Tribunal—whose mandates did not include the identification of victims or the return of their remains to family members.

Like most other Western anthropologists working internationally, Simmons also was not prepared for intense encounters with victims' families. They were often present at the exhumation site, pressing her and other investigators to identify someone as their loved one to bring them closure, or sometimes pressuring them not to identify someone so the family could cling to the belief that a
relative was still alive. As much as their hearts would ache, the scientists were, of course, bound to the truth.

"In the West, we're not accustomed to doing an autopsy with a family member standing right next to us," Simmons says. "Or forensic anthropologists are not used to someone saying, 'That's Uncle Joe, I want him back now,' before you are able to finish your documentation. In the U.S., you go to the site, interact with the medical examiner and maybe the police, do your examination and write up your report. The family very rarely enters the picture."

As her work in Bosnia became well known, Simmons began to garner an international reputation as a talented forensic anthropologist. Since returning from Eastern Europe in December 1997, she's made two trips back to Bosnia and has worked in Kosovo, Sri Lanka, Cyprus and Guatemala. It was in Kosovo where the political machinations really started to heat up for her.

Simmons was called to the region for several months in 2000 to work as the senior forensic consultant for the human rights division of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe. She was called in to help sort through a mess created the year before when investigators from a variety of countries, under the auspices of the International Criminal Tribunal, had rushed in to uncover mass graves and prove war crimes. There had been little order to the process, however, and no attention paid to details such as formal identification of victims or the issuance of death certificates. Radically different from her on-site work in Bosnia, the Kosovo mission was a paperwork nightmare.

"It was an extremely frustrating, frustrating job," Simmons remembers. "We'd no sooner get something negotiated and agreed upon, then I'd get a phone call from the Hague telling me someone had refused to agree to it and we were back at square one after two weeks of bashing heads and generating document, after document, after document. It became an exercise in political negotiation—something you're not really trained to do in forensic anthropology.

"I'm not a particularly confrontational individual by nature. But I feel strongly about the identification and humanitarian side of what we do, and if provoked I can yell and scream and make a huge hairy fuss, if that's what the situation demands. And I will hold people to what they agree to, even if I didn't really think there was a chance they were going to do it in the first place. Because of who I am, the diplomacy and the politics have been by far the biggest challenge for me."

Aside from those political obstacles, there are real safety concerns in Simmons' field. She has maneuvered through minefields, recovered remains from an 80-meter-deep cave shaft which also housed an unexploded mine and a rocket-propelled grenade, uncovered unstable 25-year-old ammunition and gas cylinders, and been covered in bodily fluids that still harbored tuberculosis.

In addition to her international work, Simmons also responds to domestic disasters. When working a 1997 plane crash in Monroe, Mich., she punctured her double-gloved hand twice, once on a belt buckle and once on a victim's facial bone. A six-month wait followed to ensure that she hadn't contracted any diseases. She says she goes into these situations willing to accept a certain amount of personal risk—sometimes too much.

"I don't think some students give much thought to that aspect of forensic anthropology," notes Simmons, who often takes students with her to help out when she's called to local crime or disaster scenes. "I aim to make sure people under-
stand the full aspect of the profession—that it's a lot more than looking at bones. I introduce them to the whole legal aspect of forensic anthropology, including chain of custody and the possibility and consequences of testifying at trial. And I make sure they know that it's messy. Most people think they can handle a dead body, but can you handle one that's dirty and so smelly that you have to throw away your clothes and take three showers? And are you willing to risk your personal safety? There's a lot of complexity.

That complexity includes dealing with emotions that cannot always be buried by scientific focus. It sneaks up on you sometimes, Simmons says. Children who died violently always get to her, and she could barely contain her grief as she worked with the remains of an elderly Bosnian Muslim couple slaughtered by their neighbors of 50 years because of their ethnicity. Post Traumatic Stress Disorder is a real hazard, especially for those who do a lot of international work. Television images of refugees or the smell of frozen meat can trigger strong and disturbing memories years later.

But despite the hazards, unpleasantries and emotional strain, Simmons says her instinct when she hears of disaster or mass murder is always to go—just go and help however she can. When she heard about the explosion of the space shuttle Columbia last January, she briefly wondered if she'd be activated as part of DMORT, the Disaster Mortuary Operational Response Team, a volunteer group of forensic specialists who respond to mass fatalities under the auspices of the U.S. Public Health Service. She wasn't called, but the astronauts, their families and the pathology teams have remained in her thoughts.

"The simple fact is that I love what I do," she says. "I'm a person who likes detail and thoroughness, and that's all part of this job. For me, the prime motivation is bringing closure and resolution to the families of the victims.

"This work has been frustrating, depressing and devastating at times. But it has also been more worthwhile and rewarding than I could have ever imagined."

Editor's note: Simmons will be leaving WMU this summer to work with graduate students at Bournemouth University in Great Britain, where she will play a key role in INFORCE, that institution’s center of expertise for the location, recovery and identification of victims of atrocities worldwide.

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Images courtesy of Michael Lank and Tal Simmons
WMU Occupational Therapy department has long, rich history

WMU's O.T. program has become a pioneer in the field and its graduate program is consistently ranked by U.S. News & World Report as one of the best in the nation.

Everyone knows it takes two to tango.

For Western Michigan University's highly regarded Department of Occupational Therapy, it took two to start one of the first and best academic programs of its kind in the nation.

WMU's program in occupational therapy was established in 1922 with an enrollment of just two students. Since then, it has become a pioneer in the field and its graduate program is consistently ranked by U.S. News & World Report as among the best in the nation.

The program's genesis goes back to the aftermath of World War I on the grounds of the Kalamazoo State Hospital. It was there that it grew out of Marion R. Spear's efforts to establish an occupational therapy rehabilitation program for the mentally ill in a 20-by-20 foot room at the hospital.

Faced with the problem of finding qualified personnel in the budding profession, Spear decided to open a training program of her own. Inaugurated in 1922 with an enrollment of two, the three-month curriculum included four lectures on theory and training in 18 crafts.

Fast forward to 2003 and you will see a program with 270 students, one of the largest programs of its kind in the nation. But one thing hasn't changed: The department continues to be a pioneer in the field, carving out a reputation for advanced research on the latest trends and new technologies in occupational therapy.

"When I started 22 years ago, there was clearly more emphasis on teaching and clinical education in occupational therapy," says Dr. Cindee Peterson, department chairperson since 1999. "If you were an excellent teacher and still did some clinical practice, that was the benchmark for a good faculty member.

"There's been a huge change in the education level and a huge change in the emphasis on research and recruiting of faculty to do research. It's not that teaching isn't important, but we just have a high standard for conducting research in our field."

The result is that O.T. faculty members are more highly trained today and publish their work frequently in scholarly journals and elsewhere. Today, more than 70 percent of department faculty have earned doctoral degrees, compared to only 1 or 2 percent just a couple of decades ago. In all, 90 percent of occupational therapy faculty members have some type of grant support for research.

The trend has been exciting for students and means they are more likely to be involved in interesting research projects, such as investigating the relationship between home lighting and falls in the elderly or the effective interventions for individuals with brain injury.
But that recent trend is in keeping with the department's long tradition of leadership in the discipline.

In 1939, the school's curriculum was fully approved by the American Medical Association, one of only five programs in the country to achieve that status. In 1944, the program moved to the campus of what was then Western Michigan College, and students earned a bachelor of science degree in occupational therapy. That made the program the college's first non-teaching program.

Thirty students were enrolled in occupational therapy at that time, but by 1949 the enrollment had swelled to 150 full-time students, paving the way for the establishment of many other non-teaching programs.

Taking the lead yet again, the department developed one of the first graduate programs in occupational therapy in 1953.

"It's always been an exemplary occupational therapy department," says Dr. Barbara Rider, who served as department chairperson from 1976 to 1985.

Rider first became acquainted with WMU's O.T. program while working at institutions in Kansas. She was always impressed by people who had gone to WMU.

"It's always been one of the largest and most esteemed programs in the country," Rider says. "It just has an outstanding history."

People closer to home also have been impressed with the program's students throughout its history, Rider adds.

"Other faculty throughout the University always loved the O.T. students," Rider recalls. "They always felt the O.T. students were good, serious students. They got their work done and they came to class and spoke up in class, but they never caused problems."

During the early years, the students wore uniforms. Classes were allowed to choose their uniform color, so each class could be identified by the color uniform they wore. They wore white stockings and white shoes, and their hair was not allowed to touch their collars.
"If they got engaged, they never told Ms. Spear," Rider says. "She would tell them to get out of the program, because she knew they were not committed to occupational therapy the way they should be."

The program also became a leader in furthering the careers of people with disabilities. Many people who required occupational therapy because of a disability ended up entering the field.

Once housed in substandard conditions in West Hall on WMU's East Campus, the department eventually moved to improved facilities in Wood Hall. That move was triggered by the fact that the program served many students with disabilities, some of whom had to be carried up and down stairs in West Hall.

It was in these improved facilities that the department increasingly focused on research, becoming a leader in the development of new therapies, texts and experimentation with assistive devices. Crafts, such as leatherworking, weaving and ceramics, were abandoned as treatment changed dramatically. Soon faculty members noted for their research and scholarly work were lured to the program.

"The gang they have there now has carried on that tradition," Rider says.

As the department enters its 81st year, its focus is increasingly on the graduate level, as well as on faculty research. Its bachelor's degree program is being phased out in favor of a unique "4 + 1" program with fast track for graduate school that allows students to complete a master's degree in occupational therapy in five years.

Where graduates once found employment mainly in hospitals, today they are also likely to work in schools, rehabilitation centers, skilled nursing facilities, prisons, nursing homes, community mental health agencies, home
health care agencies and senior service agencies. Their training has become increasingly holistic and community-based, encompassing a much wider range of life issues.

“Putting people back to work is only one component of occupational therapy,” Peterson says. “Anything that’s meaningful to you in your daily life, we address, because if you lose that ability after an illness or injury, it’s pretty devastating.”

The shift toward a more holistic approach is especially important today and keeps pace with ever-changing medical practices, Peterson says.

“The way the medical system is set up now, they send people home who are still quite sick and they’re never trained to do some of these basic tasks,” she notes. “We can teach someone to feed themselves in a different way than they did prior to their injury. If someone doesn’t teach them that, they’ll never figure it out on their own.”

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Return to Campus

Celebrate WMU's Past and Embrace its Future during Homecoming Weekend 2003

Homecoming festivities will include:
- Centennial Homecoming Parade
- PepFest Pregame Party
- Bronco Football Game vs. Ball State Cardinals
- 40th Annual Distinguished Alumni Awards Dinner
- Fifth Annual Homecoming Campus Classic Race/Walk

Be sure to visit the Homecoming Web site, wwwwmich.edu/homecoming, often for up-to-date information and watch for details and registration forms in the next issue of the WMU Magazine.

Make your plans now so you don’t miss the homecoming of WMU’s first century.
**Football highlights noted**

Despite a 4-8 overall record, this past season ended on a high note for the football team, which garnered a No. 1 ranking in the Mid-American Conference for total defense (330.7 ypg), recorded the Bronco's first win at Central Michigan in 29 years, and saw several squad members receive athletic and academic honors.

Two student-athletes concluded their collegiate careers with post-season bowl appearances Jan. 25. Mobolaji Afariogun started at tight end for Team USA, which recorded a 20-17 victory over Team Florida at the Gridiron Classic, and Jermaine Lewis helped the Mid-West All-Stars to a 36-31 victory over the West All-Stars at the Paradise Bowl.

Jason Babin, a defensive end, was named by *Sporting News* as a Fourth Team All-American and by the MAC as Defensive Player of the Year. Babin led the MAC in pass sacks (15) and tackles for loss (26) and was ranked second nationally in sacks and seventh in TFLs. Babin, Afariogun and defensive end Chris Browning were named to the All-MAC First Team while linebacker Bryan Lape, who missed just one game in four years, received an Honorable Mention. Afariogun earned All-MAC honors for the third time, and Babin, Browning and Lape for the second.

In addition, safety Jason Feldpausch and center Jake Gasaway were named to the 2002 MAC All-Academic Football Team. Both Feldpausch and Gasaway were also selected for the league's 2001 all-academic team.

**‘W’ club names award winners**

The “W” Varsity Club's 2003 Man and Woman of the Year are alumnus Fletcher R. Lewis, a retired Kalamazoo Public Schools administrator, and Dr. Ruth Ann Meyer, WMU associate professor emerita of health, physical education and recreation.

Lewis, a supporter of the Mike Gary Athletic Fund for the past 30 years, earned a pair of varsity letters in football (1958-59) and was co-captain for both sports. He later became an assistant track coach for the Broncos, then went on to serve as a teacher, consultant and administrator for the KPS, where he oversaw development of the school district's athletics program for a quarter century.

Meyer, who joined the WMU faculty in 1965 and retired in 1998, was a trailblazer for women's athletics. In addition to her teaching duties, she coached volleyball for 10 years and served as assistant athletic director in charge of women's sports and as chairperson of the women's physical education department from 1972 to 1976. In the latter roles, she guided women's athletics during its formative years and was responsible for increasing opportunities for women in both intercollegiate and intramural sports programs.

**Two volleyball players honored**

The volleyball squad, 14-18 overall and 8-10 in league play, ended the 2002 season with a first-round loss in the Mid-American Conference Tournament. Rookie Shaylen Jackson was named to the MAC All-Freshman Team while middle blocker Angie Sillmon earned All-MAC Honorable Mention honors.

**Darnell recognized for service**

For the second consecutive year, head football coach Gary Darnell has been honored for his service and coaching accomplishments by being named a finalist for the 2002 State Farm Eddie Robinson Coach of Distinction Award. The award honors coaches who serve as role models to their players and are active in their communities.
College News

College of Arts and Sciences

WMU, Ann Arbor firm, EPA join forces to help Great Lakes

U.S. Sen. Carl Levin came to campus in October to announce a $2.6 million Environmental Protection Agency grant to establish the Great Lakes Center for Environmental and Molecular Sciences at WMU. The center will combine the resources of WMU environmental researchers with those of the energy and environmental division of Altarum, an Ann Arbor, Mich.-based, nonprofit research and innovation organization formerly known as ERIM.

The new center will improve the assessment of Great Lakes water quality and more precisely measure the impact of pollution on human health and Michigan's Great Lakes ecosystem. The project could have implications for freshwater protection worldwide.

"Three things really set this work apart from earlier efforts to assess environmental damage," says Dr. Charles Ide, director of WMU's Environmental Institute, who will work on the project with the institute's associate director Dr. Jay Means. "We'll be the first group to apply genomic tools for assessing damage to the ecosystem and human health, we'll be applying the most sensitive and selective analysis methods, and we'll be developing a Web-based portal that will allow the people who need this information to get a better handle on the environmental data."

Scientists help bring fresh water to desert, Sinai Peninsula

With a $221,116 grant from the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of International and Cultural Affairs, two Egyptian universities and WMU are addressing water supply problems in one of the most arid areas of the world—the Sinai Peninsula and the eastern desert of Egypt.

The grant to WMU's Office of International Affairs and the Department of Geosciences allows the University to partner with Suez Canal University in Ismailia and South Valley University in Qena to address critical ground water supply and waste disposal problems in both areas. The project will run through February 2005.

"Diversions of the Nile River for irrigation, industry and drinking water have reached the limit of expansion for future usage," says project director Dr. Alan Kehew, chairperson of the Department of Geosciences. "The only feasible alternative for new supplies of fresh water is development of ground water resources."

Students participate in biomedical research in Washington, D.C.

Three biomedical science majors are WMU's first students to complete special federally funded research internships in the nation's capital.

Justin Curran, Crystal Diabo and Chuandi Wang recently finished internships through the National Institutes of Health Clinical Research Volunteer Program. WMU is one of only 20 U.S. colleges and universities invited to take part in the program, which takes students to Washington, D.C., to participate in biomedical, dietary and on-going laboratory research.

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College of Aviation

Sky Broncos soar to first place, will defend national title in May

The Sky Broncos precision flight team swept the National Intercollegiate Flying Association’s Region III competitions Oct. 16-19 in Columbus, Ohio, earning the opportunity to defend the team’s national title.

The team placed first by a wide point margin in both ground and flight events and also took top team honors with the Safety Award. Overall, the team amassed 250 points for first place. Ohio State, which served as the event’s host, was second with 142 total points, and Ohio University was third with 109. All three teams will advance to the 2003 NIFA national competition at the University of North Dakota in May.

“Overall the team performed exceptionally well,” said head coach Tom Grossman, chief flying instructor for the College of Aviation, “especially considering that nine of our 15 team members were competing for the first time and had only six weeks to prepare.”

British citizens with disabilities receive summer flight training

Three British citizens came to the college in 2002 for six weeks of flight training through a scholarship program named for a legendary World War II pilot who was a double amputee.

The three are recipients of the Royal International Air Tattoo Flying School

Scholarships for the Disabled. The prestigious scholarships were established in 1983 in memory of Sir Douglas Bader, famed Royal Air Force flying ace and squadron commander who downed 23 enemy planes during the war, undeterred by the loss of both legs in a crash that occurred early in his flying career. More than 170 flight students have been trained through the program, which is intended to afford those with disabilities a chance to experience a sense of freedom and release from their physical restraints.

The scholarship recipients were: Delcan Breen, 34, of High Peak, Derbyshire, England; Ian Rutland, 41, of Pity Me, Durham, England; and Peter Kingdon, 59, of Colchester, Essex, England.

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Haworth College of Business

Executives from corporate, sports world are speaker series guests

Chief executives from leading corporations and a major league sports team visited campus recently as part of the college's Distinguished Speaker Series.

The business side of America's growing healthcare crisis was the focus when Carlos M. Gutierrez, chairman and CEO of the Kellogg Co., spoke in October. Gutierrez joined Kellogg de Mexico in 1975, finally becoming company president and chief operating officer in 1998.

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Another WMU alumnus, David Dombrowski, president and CEO of the Detroit Tigers, returned to campus in January to discuss his path from Kalamazoo to the upper echelons of major league baseball. Dombrowski's baseball career began immediately after his 1978 graduation, and he eventually joined the Florida Marlins and became the architect of the 1997 team that won the World Series. He assumed his current position with the Tigers in 2000.

Bronco Battalion cadets capture second in Ranger Challenge

Members of the University's Bronco Battalion made an impressive showing recently when they captured top rankings at the U.S. Army's 2002 Ranger Challenge at Camp Attenbury, Ind.

Two WMU teams faced off Oct. 18-20 against 20 other teams of ROTC athletes from universities around the Midwest. The University's "Bravo Team" took second place in the five-person team competition. Challenge events included a 10-kilometer road march, a one-rope bridge crossing, M-16 marksmanship, a hand grenade competition and land navigation.

Part of the Haworth College of Business, WMU's Military Science Program is a leadership training curriculum through which qualified students can earn a commission as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army, Army Reserve or National Guard upon graduation.

Food marketing students make another impressive showing

For the third consecutive year, a trio of University students has earned top honors in an international competition.

The students, who are all part of the Food Marketing Program, captured second place in an international case competition sponsored by the Food Distribution Research Society. Seniors Bethany Evich of Ann Arbor, Mich., Laura LaHaye of Lowell, Mich., and Kelly Smythe of Grosse Pointe Farms, Mich., bested competitors from around the United States and Canada. The Oct. 27-28 event was held in Miami.

Dr. Ron Larson, assistant professor of marketing and the team's coach, coordinated this year's competition. WMU teams also earned second place in the event in 2001 and third place in 2000.
11th observance of Women in Sport Day salutes women athletes

The accomplishments and continued progress of women athletes were celebrated in February when the University held its 11th observance of National Girls and Women in Sport Day.

For the second year, Kalamazoo College joined WMU and area athletic directors to honor high school females for their athletic achievements, academic accomplishments and community involvement. Kelcey Carlson, a member of the news staff of Kalamazoo's WWMT-TV, served as master of ceremonies, while Dawnanne Corbit, senior vice president for Standard Federal Bank, was guest speaker.

National Girls and Women in Sport Day draws attention to the achievements and leadership of women athletes and to the challenges and issues facing females in sports. The Women's Sports Foundation began the national observance in 1987 in remembrance of Olympic volleyball star Flo Hyman, a crusader for equality in women's sports, who died in 1986 of a congenital heart condition.

The first WMU observance came 10 years ago in Oakland Gym, through a collaborative effort involving the Department of Health, Physical Education and Recreation, University Recreation and the Division of Intercollegiate Athletics. The event has evolved from an all-star alumni/community basketball game to a high school awards program and presentation of the HPER Department Alumni Recognition Award, given this year to Doris Pipkens, a 1975 graduate who now teaches and coaches in the Holt (Mich.) Public Schools.

Academy for educators draws emerging school leaders

While much attention has been focused on teacher shortages in classrooms nationwide, the need for principals and school administrators is increasing too, and University professors are working to meet the demand.

Teachers who want to become administrators and newly appointed assistant principals from schools throughout southwest Michigan attended The Leadership Academy for Future Educational Leaders in November at the Fetzer Center. The academy was co-sponsored by the college and the Kalamazoo Regional Educational Service Agency. Earlier in the year, the program garnered national recognition and $50,000 from the Wallace-Reader's Digest Fund.

Since its inception in 1998, about 100 educators have participated in the academy, underscoring the continued need to cultivate school leaders, says Dr. Van Cooley, chairperson of the Department of Teaching, Learning and Leadership.

"Time, compensation and the politics of being a principal are factors that have led to the shortage," he explains. "The Academy was developed because districts did not have an adequate pool of administrator applicants."

The two-and-a-half-day meeting included presentations by experts in educational leadership, local superintendents and area principals. They tackled such topics as leadership styles, job survival skills, effective community relations and team building. Participants also examined several case studies based on real-life issues that administrators encounter.

Bucking the trend by becoming Broncos

On Jan. 19, 1939, Western's official nickname was changed from the "Hilltoppers" to the "Broncos." The Hilltoppers name, which reflected the original Prospect Hill campus, had become dated and often resulted in confusion because of the number of other schools with the same or similar nicknames. The Broncos moniker was the winning entry in a 1939 contest to select a new nickname for WMU. It was submitted by John W. Gill, an outstanding student-athlete who went on to become a successful WMU coach and administrator. He earned a $10 check for his efforts and promptly turned it over to the Waldo Stadium building fund.
College News

College of Engineering and Applied Sciences

First part of new complex opens, will boost industry research
A building dedication Oct. 11 gave paper industry executives and the general public their first look inside WMU's new engineering complex.

The Paper Coating Pilot Plant, the first element of an engineering complex on the new Parkview Campus, was unveiled in a ceremony that attracted University and city officials, paper industry professionals, alumni of the University's paper and printing programs, and members of the community.

The Parkview Campus also is home to WMU's Business Technology and Research Park, which is a Michigan SmartZone and a rapidly growing site for University/industry collaboration.

The new 50,000-square-foot Paper Coating Pilot Plant houses a modern, high-speed paper coater acquired from Boise Cascade Corp. The coater is the only such equipment in North America that is not affiliated with a private company. The plant offers industry clients a place to conduct research and also provides hands-on learning experiences for WMU students as well as research opportunities for both faculty and students.

Renowned engineering researcher lends expertise to CEAS plans
An internationally known figure in operations research visited campus in January to work with students and faculty and to help college officials apply his research to operations planning for the new engineering complex on the Parkview Campus.

Dr. David M. Ryan, professor of operations research and past head of the Department of Engineering Science at the University of Auckland, New Zealand, came to Kalamazoo through the University's Distinguished Visiting Professor Program.

Students designing paper wings for flight near Kitty Hawk
WMU is among 10 colleges and universities with engineering teams taking part in a unique contest that pays tribute to the 100th anniversary of the Wright brothers' first powered flight.

Students in the Department of Paper and Printing Science and Engineering are designing and building a glider with paper wings that they will hang glide on April 5 from atop an 80-foot dune at Nags Head near Kitty Hawk, N.C.

The April event will be the culmination of Energy Challenge 2003, a national, industrially focused competition that encourages students to design and build full-scale projects out of paper products. The paper hang gliders are to be constructed using materials such as corrugated paperboard or linerboard. A review committee will judge the gliders on gross weight, material composition, conformance to required sail area, tear and tensile strength, moisture resistance, recycle content, aesthetics and novelty of design. Frames are being provided.
**College of Fine Arts**

**Noted actor performs at WMU as visiting artist-in-residence**

A celebrated stage, screen and television actor visited WMU in the fall to perform as an artist-in-residence.

Tony Award-winning actor Ruben Santiago-Hudson starred in his critically acclaimed, one-man play “Lackawanna Blues,” which has received rave reviews, earning an OBIE Award and Drama Desk nomination. Santiago-Hudson has a long list of credits to go with those awards. He recently co-starred with John Travolta in Paramount Pictures’ “Domestic Disturbance” and in RS Productions’ and Showtime Entertainment’s “The Red Sneakers,” opposite Gregory Hines.

Among Santiago-Hudson’s many television credits are the CBS miniseries “American Tragedy” in which he played Christopher Darden, opposite Ron Silver as Robert Shapiro, and ABC’s production of “Rear Window” with Christopher Reeve. He has appeared on “Law and Order,” “NYPD Blue,” “New York Undercover” and “Murphy Brown.” His other film credits include starring with Al Pacino in “Devil’s Advocate” as the attorney who recruits Keanu Reeves and co-starring in “Shaft” with Samuel L. Jackson.

A star both on and off Broadway, Santiago-Hudson won the 1996 Tony Award for Best Featured Performer in August Wilson’s acclaimed “Seven Guitars.”

**Gold Company celebrates silver anniversary with concert, CD**

Gold Company marked its 25th anniversary in February with two memorable concerts in Miller Auditorium, while also releasing a commemorative CD.

Under the direction of Dr. Stephen Zegree, professor of music, Gold Company staged a concert befitting such a milestone. All graduates of the program were invited back to celebrate, with singers representing each year of its existence returning, including many from the first few years. All were brought on stage to perform.

Another concert highlight was a performance by guest artist Janis Siegel of the professional vocal jazz ensemble Manhattan Transfer. Siegel performed several Transfer selections using Gold Company as her backup group. A special production number written by students was performed to pay tribute to all Gold Companies of the past.

The ensemble’s new CD—its sixth—appropriately titled “25,” contains 15 new tracks, 13 of them composed and/or arranged by current or former members.

**Recent graduate wins spot with prestigious international choir**

Erin Cramer of Coopersville, Mich., a recent vocal music graduate, earned a coveted spot in a unique choral ensemble composed of singers from around the globe, becoming its only representative from the United States. Cramer was one of 80 singers, ages 18 to 26, from 30 countries selected for the World Youth Choir. Each singer must go through a highly competitive audition process, with the final selections made by an international jury.

It was actually the second time Cramer was named to the choir. She was one of four Americans chosen for the previous year’s choir, but had to withdraw because of tonsillitis.

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On April 13, 1966, WMU’s last two residence halls—Edridge/Fox—were dedicated, ending a $13.7 million building spree that transformed Goldsworth Valley during the 1960s to accommodate the surge in enrollment that occurred as the baby-boom generation hit college age.

The first set of the Goldsworth Valley halls was completed in 1964, the second set the following year and Valley III in 1966. In 1967, just after completion of the Goldsworth halls, the residence hall system housed 8,500 students—well beyond the number for which it was designed. However, enrollment drops in the 1970s and students’ desire to live off campus curbed further building plans. Since 1966, no additional residence halls have been constructed, and WMU’s system stands at 22 halls with space for approximately 6,200 students.

Dr. Kieran Fogarty was lured away from the CDC because, as he puts it, he liked the use of interdisciplinary health studies to address the major health issues facing the nation today. Fogarty thinks the new program has the potential to become a national center for interdisciplinary health studies and health care policy development as well as provide leadership to the new and exciting field of study.

Fogarty’s five-year tenure at the CDC included a two-year stint in the elite EIS—Epidemic Intelligence Service—made up of the celebrated disease detectives who investigate outbreaks around the world. While with the CDC, he was assigned to the World Health Organization in Bangladesh as part of the first international team to attempt the eradication of polio on a global scale.

NIH grant to fund Health and Human Services research labs
The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, National Institutes of Health, approved a $1.2 million grant to help pay for several research laboratories and office space totaling nearly 20,000 square feet as part of a new building for the college.

The grant recognizes the University’s growing national reputation as a leading research institution. NIH reviewers cited WMU’s “strong institutional commitment, benefits to investigators with a substantial number of public health service-sponsored research projects and an environment conducive to current and future integrated and collaborative research activities.”

“This grant is really recognition of the excellent research being done by faculty in our college,” says Dean Janet Pisaneschi. “An award of this magnitude, received over such extraordinary national competitors is gratifying, to be sure.”

Bronson Healthcare contributes $1.2 million to new building
Bronson Healthcare Group of Kalamazoo has pledged $1.2 million toward construction of the college’s new building on the Oakland Drive Campus.

The facility will be constructed on 106.7 acres of former state hospital grounds that were transferred to WMU in 1998 by the state. The three-story building will be approximately 195,000 square feet in size and cost a projected $48.2 million. The state is providing $36 million for the project, with the balance being sought in private gifts as part of WMU’s $125-million centennial campaign, Partnering for Success.

“As we look toward the changing health care needs of our community and our society as a whole, one thing is certain: we will have a continuing and growing need for education and research in the crucial area of health sciences,” says Frank J. Sardone, Bronson's president and CEO. “We’re confident that Western’s new health and human services facility will make a vital contribution toward meeting the need for well-educated health care workers for our region.”

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Lee Honors College

Michigan Supreme Court justice meets with LHC students

Michigan Supreme Court Justice Robert P. Young talked about the law and the judicial system to a class of Lee Honors College students when he visited campus in the fall.

Young visited a finance and commercial law class in the Haworth College of Business' Schneider Hall to speak to honors college students enrolled in the class. The class is an introductory look at the structure and environment of the American legal system and an examination of the role of law in society and in individual conduct. Young lectured and fielded questions from students.

Young, who earned a bachelor's degree from Harvard in 1974 and graduated from Harvard Law School in 1977, was in private practice for 15 years, then was named vice president, corporate secretary and general counsel of AAA Michigan in 1992. He served on the Michigan Court of Appeals, 1st District from 1995 until 1999, when he was appointed by Gov. John Engler to the Michigan Supreme Court to fill a seat vacated by Chief Justice Conrad L. Mallett Jr. In 2000, Young was elected by voters to complete that term.

Honors college is host to fall '02 political candidates forum

Honors college students got a close-up look at politics in October when candidates for several state races attended a meet-the-candidates forum at the college.

The event was open to the public and took place in the honors college lounge. Participants included opponents in one Michigan Senate race and two Michigan House races. The forum was moderated by Gordon Evans of WMUK, the University's public radio station.
Alumni are listed under their preferred class years. Names printed in gold denote membership in the WMU Alumni Association.

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1961 - 1970
Charles H. Jones
BS '61, MBA '63, received the 2002 Richard Rea Small Business of the Year Award from the Coshocton (OH) Chamber of Commerce. He is president of Jones Oil Co.

Robert H. Bruininks
BS '64, was named the 15th president of the University of Minnesota by Minnesota's board of regents Nov. 8, 2002.

Dennis W. Archer
BS '65, is the first African American to be elected president of the American Bar Association. He is the former mayor of Detroit and Michigan Supreme Court judge.

Robert P. Hermanns
BS '65, has been named president and chief executive officer for Associated Grocers in Seattle.

Larry D. McArthur
BSE '65, is senior director of manufacturing industries marketing for Silicon Graphics Inc. in Mountain View, CA.

Wanda S. (Chatman) Null
BA '65, recently retired as library director at the Acton (MA) Memorial Library. During her tenure, the library was cited in American Libraries as one of the best in the United States.

Charles T. Jensen
BBA '66, is president, chief operating officer and acting chief executive officer of NeoMedia Technologies Inc., a developer of technologies that link physical information and objects to the Internet.

Howard T. Major
BA '68, MA '75, EdD '80, is assistant dean of distance learning at Glen Oaks Community College in Centreville, MI.

Ronald K. Butcher
BS '69, is serving his fourth term as vice president of the New Jersey State Board of Education. He is president and chief executive officer of Ronald K. Butcher & Associates Inc.

John C. Creer
BS '70, is the athletic director at Lindenwood University in Saint Charles, MO. He was inducted into the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics Hall of Fame in 2001.

Janice F. Meagher
BA '70, is acting principal at Clarkson (MI) High School.

1971 - 1975
Joan E. Bauer
BA '71, is president-elect of the Rotary Club of Lansing (MI) Foundation. She is the director of volunteer services at Ingham Regional Medical Center.

Michael H. Beechem
BSW '71, is the author of a new textbook, "Elderly Alcoholism: Intervention Strategies." He is a professor of social work at the University of West Florida in Pensacola.

Robert K. Hoffman
BS '72, MA, '78, was named National Impact Teacher of the Year for 2001 by the Cedarville (OH) University education department. He is a teacher at Grand Rapids (MI) Baptist High School.

Jonathan E. Raven
BA '72, has joined the business department of Fraser Trebilcock Davis & Dunlap PC in Lansing, MI.

Lowell P. Rinker
BBA '72, MPA '76, is associate vice president of business for WMU.

1976 - 1980
John E. Schwartz
BA '72, was named the 2001 Detroit Lions High School Coach of the Year. He is a teacher and coach at Mendon (MI) Community Schools.

Carlos I. Calle
MA '73, is the author of a new book titled "Superstrings and Other Things: A Guide to Physics." He is a senior research scientist at NASA Kennedy Space Center, where he leads the electromagnetic physics laboratory.

Frank Gallina
BSE '73, is director of product quality and supply chain management for Nissan North America Inc., in Canton, MS.

Alice J. Hullhorst
MA '73, EdD '84, recently retired from Hillsdale (MI) College where she served as assistant professor of health and physical education and was the head women's tennis coach.

Brian R. Frederick
BSW '74, MSW '80, is president and chief executive officer for the Community Foundation of Greater Lorain (OH) County.

Daniel M. Little
BS '74, MBA '76, has announced that his law firm has received a BV rating in the Martindale-Hubbell directory, which identifies lawyers with a high or very high rating reflecting their legal ability.

Larry D. Lueth
BBA '74, is regional president of National City's southwest Michigan region with headquarters in Kalamazoo.

Robert N. McCauley
BA '74, is co-author a new book titled "Bringing Ritual to Mind." He is the director of the Emory College Center for Teaching and Curriculum in...
Atlanta and a professor of philosophy at Emory University.

William E. Morden Jr.
BBA ‘74, is vice chairman and chief creative officer of BBDO, an advertising firm in Detroit.

Marcia A. (Salow) Hickey
BS ‘75, has developed a new program called Jumpstart for Learning. She is an occupational therapist with Traverse Bay (MI) Intermediate School District.

1976 - 1980

Nancy J. Vader-McCormick
BS ‘76, recently received the 2002 Bergstein Award for Teaching Excellence at Delta College in University Center, MI, where she is an associate professor of speech and oral communication.

Ken Rogulski
BS ‘76, is a radio broadcaster at WJR-AM 760 in Detroit.

Terry A. Thommes
BFA ‘76, recently presented an exhibit titled “Bronze Casted Sculpture” at Participed Painter Studio and Gallery in Northport, MI.

Robert C. Haight
BA ‘77, MFA ‘86, is the author of a new book of poetry titled “Emergences and Spinner Falls.” He is an instructor at Kalamazoo Valley Community College.

Robert M. Cone
BS ‘78, is vice president of sales and marketing at Trustmark Insurance Co. in Lake Forest, IL.

Joseph D. Fortin
BS ‘78, is a physician and medical director at Spine Technology and Rehabilitation in Fort Wayne, IN, and a clinical professor at the University of Indiana.

Russell H. Kowalski
BBA ‘79, is executive vice president and chief financial officer for T.G. Madison Advertising in Atlanta.

Lynn M. Liddle
BBA ‘79, is executive vice president of communications and investor relations for Domino’s Pizza in Ann Arbor, MI.

Mark Palms Jr.
BS ‘79, is a member of the Raisin Pickers bluegrass band and one of the organizers of the Riverfolk Music and Arts Festival in Manchester, MI.

Rex A. Ringle Jr.
BS ‘79, is vice president and general manager of Ris Paper, a division of Domator Corp., in Fort Wayne, IN. His branch was recently honored as vendor of the year by Colwell General.

Thomas P. Cooper
BBA ‘80, was recently recognized for his wildlife photography in a ceremony at the Smithsonian Museum of Natural History in Washington, D.C. He is an estate manager in Waukee, IA.

Diane M. Halstead
BBA ‘80, MBA ‘81, is the Mary Harris Distinguished Professor of Marketing and Entrepreneurship at the University of Tennessee in Chattanooga.

Kenneth J. Meinke
BBA ‘80, is vice president of finance for the Jackson Health System in Miami.

Jan Van Der Kley
BBA ‘80, MSA ‘86, is associate vice president of finance for WMU.

1981 - 1985

Diane Seuss-Brakeman
BA ‘81, MSW ‘83, recently had a poem included in the anthology “September 11, 2001: American Writers Respond.” She is a professor of English at Kalamazoo College.

Rochelle A. Barker
BA ‘83, has been named Artist of the Year at the Abby Awards for the arts in metropolitan Atlanta.

Jeffrey M. Williams
BBA ‘83, has been promoted to vice president of North America operations for Johnson Controls Inc. in Plymouth, MI.

Michael A. Dombos
MBA ‘85, is secretary of the Adventure Centre at Pretty Lake in Kalamazoo. He is an attorney at DeMent and Marquardt PLC.

Chasing the sun
On May 16, 1990, students and faculty from WMU and Grand Rapids’ Jordon College unveiled the first Sunseeker, a solar-powered vehicle designed to compete in the General Motors’ Sunrayce, an 1,800-mile rally race from Disney World in Orlando, Fla., to GM’s Technical Center in Warren, Mich. The WMU/Jordon car was one of only 32 entries selected for that first collegiate solar race, and the team finished in eighth place. Since then, WMU has fielded entries in solar races held in 1993, 1995, 1997, 1999 and 2001. WMU has one of only four engineering schools in the nation to have its car complete all six races. This summer, the 2003 version of Sunseeker will hit the road for a race that follows historic Route 66 from Illinois to California.
We at the WMU Alumni Association would like to take this opportunity to welcome
our newest life members. We thank you and commend you for your continued interest
in your University through life membership in our association.

Members for Life

William D. Baker
BS '73, Arcadia, Fl.

Laurence H. Berman
BBA '59, MA '64, Kalamazoo

Mrs. Denny Bouchie
BS '76, MA '84, Battle Creek, MI

Catherine A. Brady
MSW '92, Grand Rapids, MI

James S. Brady
BS '66, Grand Rapids, MI

Carol A. Carlson
MPA '89, Lansing, MI

Garnett N. Carr
BBA '80, Southfield, MI

Paula L. Clark
MSW '71, East Lansing, MI

Rodney Curry
BBA '79, Ann Arbor, MI

Sheryl Ann Dart
BA '72, MA '82, Coldwater, MI

Davino Alfonso, Jr.
BM '69, MA '77, Saint Joseph, MI

Marc T. Dickow
BS '85, San Francisco

Mary Dickow
BBA '86, San Francisco

Denise D. Dion
BS '83, Gaithersburg, MD

Kathleen Dorsey M.
BS '83, Ann Arbor, MI

Joey L. Edwards
BBA '76, Yorktown, IN

Owen J. Fayer
BS '85, Livonia, IL

Dianne L. Gavin
Vernon Hills, IL

Scott P. Gavin
BBA '88, Vernon Hills, IL

Lisa Gaydos
BS '81, White Lake, MI

Thomas Gaydos
BS '79, White Lake, MI

Philip W. Gearhart
BBA '93, Chicago

Ronald E. Hall
BS '65, Detroit

Michael J. Harmes
BS '96, Ann Arbor, MI

Neil L. Herig
BS '72, Berkley, MI

William J. Hicks
BSE '85, Muskegon, MI

Michael W. Hintzen
BS '89, Ann Arbor, MI

Cheryl Jane Huff
BA '66, MA '69, Detroit

Bryan T. Husk
MA '99, Fitchburg, WI

Dana S. Husk
BS '98, MS '01, Fitchburg, WI

Nancy L. Jakuszewski
BS '78, Redford, MI

Carl H. Jones, Jr.
BS '82, Howard City, MI

Denise A. Kelly (Ferrill)
BS '77, Liberty Township, OH

David M. Kern
BBA '80, Southfield, MI

Leslie I. Kern
BS '83, Southfield, MI

W. Ford Kieft III
BBA '73, Augusta, MI

Dr. Walter Knoll
BS '87, Bloomington, IL

Timothy J. Koch
BBA '82, Blythewood, SC

Kristina M. Kostrzewa
BA '01, Brooklyn, NY

Rieger Lesiow
BBA '89, Battle Creek, MI

Suzanna Lesiow
BA '90, MA '97, Battle Creek, MI

Kathleen I. MacCallum
Mhor
BS '80, MA '82, Tucson, AZ

Jim McKinley
BS '66, Ft. Lauderdale, FL

Clifford J. McKinstry
BA '78, Papillion, NE

Dr. Barbara E. Mieras
BA '72, MA '74 '84, Ada, MI

Dean T. Miller
BS '87, Wyoming, MI

Jennifer (Virsik) Miller
BA '85, Wyoming, MI

Meredith L. Nelson
BA '93, Chelsea, MI

John L. Olds
BBA '88, Jackson, MI

David M. Paluszewski
BBA '88, Dearborn, MI

Armida Flores Pearse
BA '76, MA '81, Jackson, MI

Michelle A. Pieper
BS '90, Manistee, MI

David C. Porter
BBA '85, Chino Hills, CA

T. J. Rivard
BS '66, Waterford, MI

Douglas P. Roosa
BBA '82, Ann Arbor, MI

Nancy C. Roosa
BM '84, Ann Arbor, MI

J. Kevin Rowlinson
BBA '73, Maitland, FL

John P. Ruhrup
BS '75, Kalamazoo

Joyce A. Ruhrup
BA '70, Kalamazoo

Lisa A. Sandzica (Wells)
BBA '90, Brighton, MI

Michael Sarchocko
BBA '97, Grosse Pointe, MI

Kathleen A. Schuchardt
BBA '84, Pleasant Ridge, MI

J. Blair Schwarz II
BBA '91, Grand Rapids, MI

Heather M. Siegel
BA '97, MPA '98, Richmond, VA

Paul M. Sivacek
BA '63, Morrisville, PA

Cara Marie Smith
BBA '93, Portage, MI

Ranelle L. Smith
BBA '89, MBA '93, Plainwell, MI

Jean A. Stevenson
BA '54, Gaylord, MI

Latifah L. Tantawy
BS '71, MA '72, Chicago

Dr. Helen Thibedeau
BS '78, Troy, MI

Steven B. Tomasek
BBA '88, Troy, MI

Bruce Allen Ullery
BBA '79, Caledonia, MI

Henry L. Upjohn II
BS '85, Decatur, IL

Mark T. Walhoun
BBA '84, Gobles, MI

Eric B. Walton
BBA '73, Jackson, MI

Kevin T. White
BS '96, Sea Cliff, NY

Michael P. Williams
BBA '71, Kalamazoo

W. Woods Wilson
BA '73, MA '83, Kalamazoo

Dolores Molly Woodman
Wright
BS '67, Battle Creek, MI

Nancy A. Woods
BS '73, MA '75, Kalamazoo

Robert D. (Tom) Wright
BS '54, MA '56, Battle Creek, MI

Lisa A. Ziolinski
BBA '92, Center Line, MI
Classnotes

Duane M. J. Jarvis
BS '85, is the manager of Blockbuster Video in Rockford, MI.

David M. Phillipson
BS '85, is vice president of professional and Olympic sports at BioDynamicsInstitute.com.

Thomas G. Seidenwand
BS '85, is lieutenant commander in the United States Navy and is aboard the ship USS George Washington, ready to participate in operation Enduring Freedom.

1986 - 1990

Paul A. Burke
BSE '86, is a United States Navy reserve commander.

Joseph F. Naylor
BSE '86, is the owner of Reverend Musical Instruments in Warren, MI. His electric guitars are used by such artists as Kid Rock and Billy Corgan of the Smashing Pumpkins.

Eric G. Kirby
BA '87, was recently granted tenure and promoted to associate professor of strategy at Southwest Texas State University in San Marcos.

Jay Reardon
MPA '87, is Fire Chief Magazine's 2002 Fire Chief of the Year. He is chief of the Northbrook (IL) Fire Department.

Marco A. Arilli
BBA '88, is the merchandise manager for Starboard Cruise Services, affiliated with Royal Caribbean, Carnival, Celebrity, Holland, Norwegian, Costa, Silver Seas and Sun Cruise lines.

Brady R. Harnishfeger
BS '88, MA '90, PhD '98, recently joined Child and Family Psychological Services PC in Kalamazoo as an associate psychologist.

Jeffrey D. Long
BBA '88, was recently promoted to tax manager at Siegfried, Crandall, Vos & Lewis in Kalamazoo. He specializes in individual, partnership and small-business taxation.

Allison A. Hammond
MA '89, EdD '94, is the director of Hopkins Welcoming Schools, a school-readiness program for children ages 0 to 5, in Allegan, MI.

Vickie S. Herzberg
BBA '89, MPA '95, is the human resources manager for the Portage (MI) Public School District.

Brad A. Nicholson
BBA '89, is assistant vice president of commercial lending at Clarkston (MI) State Bank.

Jennifer Shelton Barnes
BMUS '90, is the featured singer in a television ad for Chili's restaurants. She teaches vocal studies at the University of Southern California.

David B. Caple
BBA '90, is chief operating officer of Northwest Suites Inc. in Redmond, WA. He was recently named to the Puget Sound Business Journal's "Forty under 40" list of young entrepreneurs in the area.

1991 - 1995

Elizabeth K. Green
MA '91, is a counselor at Haverhill and Waylee elementary schools in Portage, MI.

Charles C. Zhang
MA '91, was recently recognized by Registered Rep. magazine as one of the best brokers in America. He is a certified financial planner and managing partner for Zhang & Associates in Portage.

Deborah L. Armcock
BS '92, MA '99, has been selected as the Michigan Life Management Educators' Teacher of the Year. She is a teacher at Mason (MI) High School.

Trisha E. Baker
BA '92, is the head of the English department at Saginaw (MI) High School. She recently received a Crystal Apple Award from the Saginaw News for excellence in teaching.

Bonnie Jo Campbell-Magson
BA '92, MA '95, MFA '98, has had her new novel, "Q Road," named a Barnes & Noble Discover Great New Writers book. Her collection, "Women & Other Animals," is available in paperback.

A towering tribute

On Sept. 20, 1996, one of WMU's most recognizable landmarks, Stewart Tower, was dedicated. The impressive clock tower, which connects Waldo Library and the University Computing Center, was named as a tribute to Thomas and Mary Stewart, the parents of WMU donor and alumna Helen Stewart Frays. Frays' gift to the University of $5.8 million was announced during the tower dedication ceremonies. The 1934 graduate, a school teacher and social worker, "demonstrated her lifelong loyalty to both her parents and to her alma mater" through her act of generosity, then-President Diether Haenicke told the crowd gathered for the event.
A passion pursued—at 96

WMU alumna Pauline Harris has been painting for more than 84 years, but recently made the decision to turn her part-time passion into a full-time profession.

Encouraged by loved ones and inspired by her battles against cancer and congestive heart failure, Harris has decided to make her third major career change at age 96, taking on the titles of entrepreneur and professional artist.

Harris's latest career got its start several years ago when, in order to pass the time in the hospital, she began writing letters to loved ones. "With each letter, I would send a watercolor. Then I started making homemade greeting cards and birthday cards for everyone I knew," Harris recalls.

After 45 days in the hospital, Harris returned home, and she hasn't stopped painting since.

"I don't have much energy these days, but painting is something that I really enjoy and I can do it whenever I have some free time," says Harris, who was honored last year with the State of Michigan Special Tribute Award for her dedication to the local arts community.

Upon receiving her teaching certificate from WMU in 1927, Harris took a full-time job teaching kindergarten in Wyandotte, Mich. She went on to teach early elementary art classes, and eventually moved to Lansing, Mich., where she began teaching art out of her home.

Decades later, Harris says students still show up at her home-based gallery to admire her work and buy paintings to display in their homes and offices.

"My former students will come back to town for the holidays, and all at once there are flocks of people showing up at my home. Many of them are strangers to me at first, because they've all grown up since I saw them last," Harris says. "But it's nice to see them and it's nice that they really admire my work."

Past art students are not the only admirers of Harriss' artwork, though. Harris's paintings, which have been in numerous shows and exhibits, are on display in Lansing-area hospitals and the local YMCA. In the 1960s, one of her paintings was on display in the Library of Congress.

In recent months, demand has grown so high for Harris's greeting cards and paintings—which include oils, acrylics and watercolors—she's considering expanding Prints by Pauline Harris to accommodate e-commerce in the near future.

"I have had so much success, just through word of mouth and the support of my students," Harris says. "We'll see what happens from here."
Mike Irvin
BBA '95, is assistant vice president and credit manager at Monroe (MI) Bank & Trust.

Robert J. Maiorana
BS '95, will be representing the United States as a member of the Biron Gymnastics Show Team at the World Gymnastria in Lisbon, Portugal, during the summer of 2003.

Kathy A. Borgais
BA '96, has joined The Owen Group LTD of Kalamazoo, as a development associate. She assists nonprofit organizations with marketing planning and volunteer training.

Robert J. Curtis
BA '96, has joined Williams Mullen in Detroit, as an associate in litigation.

Tonya M. (Cunningham) Noble
BSE '96, has been promoted to assistant program manager at Boeing in St. Louis.

Elizabeth W. Kraemer
BA '97, is president-elect of the American Library Association's New Members Round Table. She is an assistant professor at Oakland University in Rochester, MI.

David E. Parkhill
BA '97, recently joined Michigan Works!, which provides employer assistance and outreach services to businesses throughout the Kalamazoo area.

Julianne K. Siekiera
BBA '97, is a manager at PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP in Detroit.

Patricia Wilhelm-Dalton
MPA '97, is the director of Michigan Community Blood Centers Foundation in Grand Rapids, MI.

Kim Wisdorf-Houtkooper
PhD '97, has joined Psychological Consultants of Michigan PC, as a licensed pediatric psychologist in Kalamazoo.

Eric A. Alburtus
MA '98, is the principal at Portage (MI) Central High School.

David R. Cleveland
BA '98, has joined the law firm of Miller, Johnson, Snell & Cummiskey PLC as a litigator.

Shannon N. Demeshko
BA '98, has joined the Troy, MI law firm of Kemp, Klein, Umphrey, Endelman, & May PC as an associate in the areas of probate law, family law, and litigation.

Colette F. Konkle
BS '98, teaches fifth grade at Portage (MI) Central Elementary School.

Sheila R. Light
MA '98, is principal at Pleasant Ridge Elementary School in Saline, MI.

Sarah M. Riley
BA '98, has joined the Grand Rapids, MI, office of Warner, Norcross, & Judd LLP as an associate.

Daniel E. Shangraw
BSE '98, is the owner of Automated Software Technology in Lansing, MI.

Linda K. (Tuiinstra) Wacyk
BA '98, received the Distinguished Achievement Award for Excellence in Educational Publishing. She is editor of Michigan Learning and Wonder years in Lansing, MI.

Kristen M. Dodge
BBA '99, has been promoted to senior staff accountant at Yeo & Yeo PC in Kalamazoo.

Kellie J. Wells

Dannie T. Alexander Jr.
BBA '97, MA '00, is assistant director of facilities for WMU's Division of Intercollegiate Athletics.

Matthew G. Anderson
BA '98, MA '00, is the new curator of the Fort Miami Heritage Society in St. Joseph, MI.

Insoon S. Felch
MFA '00, recently displayed her exotic sculpture and mixed media wall hangings at the Visitor's Center of Pierce Cedar Creek Institute in Hastings, MI.

Kristin M. Hanson
BS '00, is a kindergarten teacher at Central Elementary School in Portage, MI.

Kathleen L. McGookey
MFA '93, PhD '00, is the author of a book of prose poems titled "Whatever Shines," published by White Pine Press.

2001 - 2002

Aja S. Credeur
BS '01, is a science teacher at Portage (MI) Central High School.

Joseph O. Fralick
BA '01, teaches art at Portage (MI) Northern High School.

Ahren M. Kaylor
BS '01, is a science and physical education teacher at Portage (MI) North Middle School.

Bonnie Oven
BA '01, teaches Spanish at Portage (MI) Central Middle School.

Nicole T. Blanchflower
MA '02, is completing a one-year fellowship program in sports medicine at the United States Olympic Training Center in Chula Vista, CA.

Bruce W. Rascher
MBA '02, received WMU's Dean Arnold E. Schneider Award in 2002 for top graduating MBA students. He is director of real estate at Consumers Energy headquarters in Jackson, MI.

Kathryn A. Schisler
MS '02, has joined her father-in-law, Charles W. Schisler, D.O., at his family medical practice in Bay City, MI, as a physician assistant.

Melissa K. Zuidema
BS '02, is a personal trainer at the Bronson Athletic Club in Kalamazoo.
Obituaries

1924 - 1935

Geraldine M. (Laraway) Matthews Ellis

Clarice N. (Magee) Emrick
TC '25, Aug. 11, 2002, in Three Rivers, MI.

D. Margaret McKenzie
TC '26, BS '26, Dec. 22, 2002, in Battle Creek, MI.

Florabelle (Tabraham) Jepkema

Alma M. (Jeannot) Schriber
TC '27, Dec. 31, 2002, in Richmond, VA.

Wayne E. Douglas
BS '30, Nov. 21, 2002, in Sacramento, CA.

August Krogel
BS '30, Jan. 2, 2002, in Killeen, TX.

Maureen R. (Wendel) Ryan

Oliver R. Woods
BA '31, Oct. 15, 2002, in Ann Arbor, MI.

Martha E. (Bishop) Christian
TC '29, BS '33, Sept. 16, 2002, in Kalamazoo.

Mary H. (King) Fraleigh

Clarence W. Hackney

Mary R. Horrigan

Lucille W. Oliver
BA '34, Jan. 12, 2003, in Delton, MI.

Lois M. (Harrington) Barber
BS '35, Nov. 19, 2002, in Grand Rapids, MI.

Max A. Johnson
BS '35, Nov. 9, 2002, in Kalamazoo.

Avesta M. (Hyames) White

1936 - 1945

Dorothy G. (Galbreath) Gilbert
BA '37, Dec. 1, 2002, in Lanham, MD.

A. Rodney Lenderink Sr.

Edwin W. Polk
TC '37, BS '37, Nov. 30, 2002, in Kalamazoo.

Elmer J. Brune
BS '39, MA '56, Jan. 21, 2003, in Kalamazoo.

Janet M. (Schlobohm) Chojnowski

Frances (Meulman) Dustman

Marcus J. Freeman
BS '41, Dec. 9, 2002, in Kalamazoo.

Donald B. Kingsley
BS '41, Oct. 26, 2002, in Providence, RI.

Donald J. Stockwell
BS '41, July 16, 2002, in Sun City, AZ.

1946 - 1955

Kathryn A. Buehler

Stacey E. Kortes
BS '48, Sept. 10, 2002, in Plainwell, MI.

Ruth E. (Yetter) Woodruff
BS '48, Oct. 4, 2002, in Mishawaka, IN.

Ruth G. Greene
BMUS '49, MA '71, Sept. 6, 2002, in Shelby, MI.

John P. Bright

Alby J. Lutkus
BS '50, MA '51, April 19, 2001, in Glenmont, NY.

Darrell G. Cross
BA '51, MA '56, Jan. 18, 2003, in Paw Paw, MI.

Theodore H. Hanson
BS '50, July 29, 2002, in Kalamazoo.

John C. Ongley
BA '51, Sept. 2, 2002, in Portage, MI.

Thomas F. Sherlock
TC '51, Sept. 17, 2002, in Mishawaka, IN.

Wesley R. Maas
BS '52, Sept. 13, 2002, in Deer Park, MI.

Jerome J. Nowinski
BBA '54, Nov. 11, 2002, in Milwaukee, WI.

Nancy E. (Daniels) Scharchburg
BS '54, March 22, 2002, in Butte, MT.

James F. Tollens
BBA '54, Sept. 12, 2002, in South Bend, IN.

Ingo L. Augustins
BS '55, MA '90, Dec. 25, 2002, in Kalamazoo.

1956 - 1965

Dixie R. (Summers) Boothby
BS '56, MA '64, Nov. 20, 2002, in Paw Paw, MI.

Joan A. Post

Marie T. (Tripp) Rowe
BG '56, Oct. 16, 2002, in Allegan, MI.

Harry P. Evans

Clarence E. Kusmaul
AA '57, Dec. 27, 2001, in Westville, IN.

John F. Strong
BS '57, Sept. 23, 2002, in Woodbine, MD.

Nancy J. (Himes) Seibel
BS '58, Sept. 2, 2002, in Kalamazoo.

Edna F. (Garvelink) Wrona

Sylvia E. (Hoyt) Coy
TC '24, BA '60, Jan. 5, 2003, in Lawton, MI.

Isa M. Maddux
BS '60, Sept. 6, 2002, in Bridgman, MI.

Mary L. (Marshall) Carey Fitz
BMUS '62, July 22, 2002, in Warren, MI.

Robert J. Savage
BS '62, Nov. 18, 2002, in Kalamazoo.

Don H. Taylor
BS '62, Jan. 18, 2003, in Battle Ground, WA.

William Zabonick
BS '51, MA '62, Sept. 3, 2002, in Bronson, MI.

Peggy (McAllister) Sorensen
MA '63, Dec. 6, 2002, in Bradenton, FL.

Altora L. (Smith) Bouwma
BS '64, Jan. 13, 2003, in Coopersville, MI.

Fredric J. Hoekzema
BA '64, MA '73, Sept. 22, 2002, in Kalamazoo.

Dorothy M. (Muldowney) Chapin
MA '65, Aug. 17, 2002, in Clearwater, FL.
David T. Evans
BA ’65, Aug. 14, 2002, in Issaquah, WA.

Clare E. (Langway) Hike
BA ’65, MLS ’68, Jan. 9, 2003, in Tarpon Springs, FL.

Andris Klauman

Thomas H. McArthur
BS ’65, June 22, 2002, in Pontiac, MI.

Trina W. Pigott

Richard G. Reilly

1966 - 1975

Robert L. Fuller

Larry J. Moeller
BBA ’66, Oct. 11, 2002, in Port Huron, MI.

Iva B. (Case) Gettys
TC ’42, BS ’67, Dec. 15, 2002, in Richland; MI.

Gary D. Williams
BS ’67, Aug. 22, 2002, in Eatonon, GA.

Thomas McKay

Klair (Hunter) Bates
MLS ’69, Dec. 28, 2002, in Portage, MI.

Douglas J. Flemming

Kathleen (De Does) Hassing
BA ’70, Jan. 12, 2003, in Kalamazoo.

Edith M. Schwetz
BA ’70, MA ’75, Aug. 10, 2002, in Pontiac, IL.

Joan (Trahan) Wirtz
BS ’70, MA ’72, July 24, 2002, in Saginaw, MI.

Sylvia J. (Crenshaw) Jackson
BA ’71, July 30, 2002, in Portage, MI.

Chaz M. Holder
BS ’71, July 4, 2002, in Fayetteville, NC.

Joseph C. Huffman
BBA ’71, Nov. 17, 2002, in Rotonda West, FL.

Joan B. (LeRoy) Whitney
BS ’72, MA ’75, Nov. 5, 2002, in Plainwell, MI.

Leola (Dorsey) Perry

Carl E. Sweers
BBA ’74, Nov. 18, 2001, in Goodrich, MI.

Ida M. (Anderson) Always

Douglas G. Burke
BBA ’75, Nov. 11, 2002, in Kalamazoo.

Michael H. Byford

Linda A. (Chown) King
BA ’75, MA ’76, Sept. 8, 2002, in Portage, MI.

Robert C. Thompson

Charles W. Wilson
MA ’75, Aug. 17, 2002, in Paw Paw, MI.

1976 - 1985

James P. Luyendyk
BBA ’76, Sept. 8, 2002, in Kalamazoo.

Marie Therese O’Brien
BS ’76, April 26, 2001, in Huntington Beach, CA.

Vonna D. (Lumbard) Sciamanna
BS ’78, Aug. 11, 2002, in Warren, OH.

Robert R. Williams
BBA ’78, Dec. 13, 2002, in Richland, MI.

Theodorus ter Haar
MA ’80, July 28, 2001, in Grand Rapids, MI.

Philip C. Nunn
MS ’83, Oct. 19, 2002, in Comstock Park, MI.

Ruth Holwerda
MA ’84, Nov. 22, 2002, in Lansing, MI.

Frances E. (Grinstead) Wagner
BS ’84, Dec. 20, 2002, in Lake Doster, MI.

1986 - 1998

Ronald E. Bedunah
BS ’86, Dec. 18, 2001, in Stevensville, MI.

Ray O. Stewardson
MA ’87, Aug. 8, 2002, in Medford, MN.

Steven G. Polombo
BS ’89, Jan. 22, 2003, in Falcon Heights, TX.

Darlene D. (Leahey) Pettoo
BS ’90, Dec. 22, 2002, in Allegan, MI.

Katrina E. Pool
BA ’90, Oct. 26, 2002, in Grand Rapids, MI.

James V. Moragne

Eva S. Stein
BBA ’91, Oct. 25, 2002, in Ann Arbor, MI.

Timothy P. Laux
BBA ’84, MBA ’93, July 6, 2002, in Kentwood, MI.

Christy L. (Anderson) Walkup Salyards
BS ’95, Oct. 28, 2002, in East Lansing, MI.

Susan J. (Bobier) Whitesides
MA ’95, Jan. 6, 2003, in Kalamazoo.

Joseph S. Barnak
BA ’96, Nov. 25, 2002, in South Bend, IN.

Scott R. Medendorp
BSE ’98, Nov. 19, 2002, in Hastings, MI.

FACULTY

Harold O. Bahike
professor emeritus of humanities, July 7, 2002, in Kalamazoo.

Edward O. Elsasser

Robert H. Engstrom
professor emeritus of art, Jan. 25, 2003, in Grand Rapids, MI.

Graham P. Hawks

Carl B. Snow

Anne O. Szalkowski
Bill Parfet talks with news reporters at the August 2001 public announcement of Partnering for Success: The Centennial Campaign for Western Michigan University.

**Parfets support centennial campaign with $1 million gift**

William U. and Barbara A. Parfet of Hickory Corners, Mich., are making an unrestricted gift of $1 million to support WMU’s centennial campaign, Partnering for Success.

Bill Parfet, who is chairman and chief executive officer of MPI Research, leads the centennial campaign. He also led the University’s previous capital campaign, which was successfully concluded ahead of schedule in 1992 with more than $62 million raised against an original goal of $55 million.

“Western is a great university!” said Parfet when asked why he has supported WMU—which is not his alma mater—for more than three decades. “It’s important that we help continue the great work being done here.

“I am a lifelong resident of West Michigan and a longtime employer in this region. I can tell you from personal experience that the role this University plays is critical in providing quality educational opportunities for the people in the region and highly qualified employees for our businesses and industries and educational and healthcare organizations. In recent years, WMU has become even more important to the region as the University has become a growing center for research and has become a major player in attracting new jobs and businesses.”

Parfet notes that he has been involved as a volunteer with the University under four presidents—Miller, Bernhard, Haenicke and Floyd—and says that leadership has always been one of Western’s strengths. “Each one had his own style and faced a unique set of challenges, but they were all great leaders, which is a tradition I am certain will continue with the next president,” Parfet says.

WMU has many strengths according to Parfet, who cites the quality and dedication of the faculty and high-quality students, many of whom, he says, possess a strong work ethic, which leads to success in their future endeavors.

“There are a lot of very bright and talented people in the world,” says Parfet. “I have found that talent and intelligence are rarely enough. Success also requires hard work, and it’s that ‘Western work ethic’ that has distinguished so many WMU alumni and helped them become significant contributors in their professions and communities.”

Finally, Parfet concedes that part of the reason for his involvement is that “everyone enjoys being part of a winning team, and WMU keeps building success upon success. “Western Michigan is on a roll,” he says.

**Phoenix Properties marks WMU centennial with $100,000 gift**

The principals of Phoenix Properties LLC of Kalamazoo wanted to show their support for the University and decided that an unrestricted gift of $100,000 would be a fitting amount to contribute during the celebration of WMU’s 100th anniversary.

Phoenix Properties owns, develops and manages retail centers, professional office buildings and apartment communities, including luxury student housing. Phoenix currently manages some 3,000 apartment units in West Michigan, many near the main WMU campus. Principals of the firm, two of whom are WMU alumni, are Steven W. Cadwallader, ’82; David L. Holmes; Alan L. Sylvester; and Gregory A. Taylor, B.S. ’87.

“Western does so much for the community and region,” Holmes says, “and we felt it was important for us to recognize that with a significant gift. Giving $100,000...
Phoenix Property principals from left: Taylor, Holmes, Cadwallader and Sylvester.

seemed like a nice way to tie into the centennial celebration.

"Even though some of us aren't WMU alumni, we all have longtime associations with Western," notes Holmes, whose grandfather was Cornelius B. MacDonald, an administrator under presidents Dwight Waldo, Paul Sangren and James Miller. Among other roles, MacDonald was WMU's first chief financial officer, with the title comptroller, beginning in 1948.

Among the Phoenix Properties-managed student housing near the main campus are the Arboretum, Hunter's Ridge, University Club at Howard and the soon-to-be-completed Hidden Hills.

Fredric Mortimore was a member of the WMU faculty for 24 years until his retirement in 1991. He was the first director of the School of Public Affairs and Administration, when what was the Center for Public Affairs was elevated by the Board of Trustees in 1988 to became the third school at WMU. He came to the University as an assistant professor in 1967 and was named director of the Institute of International and Area Studies in 1969.

Doretha "Dot" Mortimore, B.A. '68, M.A. '75, Sp.A. '78, was employed at WMU for 17 years as a history instructor and administrator, and served as director of the WMU Annual Fund from 1979 to 1987. She played a significant role in fund-raising efforts for the first Medallion Scholarships.

Medallion Scholarships to receive $1.5 million from Mortimores
Dr. Fredric J. and Mrs. Doretha E. Mortimore of San Marcos, Calif., will provide for a series of endowed Medallion Scholarships through a future estate gift valued at more than $1.5 million. The Mortimores are among the 14 members of the WMU centennial campaign National Steering Committee.

Alumnus provides for School of Music through gift annuities
Alumnus Howard F. Luckey, B.A. '66, recently concluded the seventh charitable gift annuity he has created since 1997. Each of the annuities had an initial value of $10,000 or more.

Gift annuities provide a guaranteed income for the life of the donor. Luckey's gift annuities will eventually help fund two scholarship endowments for the School of Music, one unrestricted and the other designated for jazz performance students. The two Howard Luckey Music Endowments will be further supplemented through his future estate bequest and a gift of life insurance.
Leaving Home

“I’m proud to have enjoyed the confidence of the community and the faculty and staff here, but also for the opportunity to establish some best practices in higher education.”

—Elson S. Floyd
It was a whirlwind courtship.

Just weeks after an exploratory conversation between Dr. Elson S. Floyd and the University of Missouri's Board of Curators, Western Michigan University lost its sixth president. Floyd, WMU's president since 1998 and one of the youngest university presidents in the state, became the first president of WMU ever to be wooed away by another institution rather than retire from the WMU top spot.

The possibility of Floyd's departure first broke as a news story in Missouri Nov. 5 and a day later in Kalamazoo. On Nov. 13, Missouri announced Floyd would become that system's 23rd president, putting an end to eight days of speculation, "Elson, please stay" signs held by students and a nonstop barrage of calls from Missouri journalists looking for the scoop on the man rumored to be the favored candidate for the Missouri presidency.

The hottest interview in two states Nov. 13—a one-on-one talk with Elson Floyd himself—was won by WMU student journalist Heidi Koehler, who found herself on the receiving end of an Elson Floyd phone call from Missouri and an exclusive interview. The man who based his presidency on making students "the centrality of all that we do" made a point of returning only Koehler's call that day and sharing with her and her campus readers just how tough the decision to leave WMU had been.

"This was the most difficult decision because it was so emotionally charged for me," Floyd told her. "It had to do with the nature of relationships we have established at the university and in the community...it's virtually like leaving a family."

The long goodbye

It was tough on the family as well. The surprise of the mid-year departure and the loss of a popular president sent the campus into a brief tailspin. Quickly though, disappointment gave way to a sense of pride and good wishes for the president who was about to depart. After all, it was a wonderful opportunity for Floyd and a compliment to WMU to have one of the nation's top research university systems recruit its president—based on the successes Floyd and the WMU community had built together.

And what an opportunity it was. The University of Missouri has nearly 60,000 students on four main campuses—in Columbia, St. Louis, Kansas City and Rolla. Each campus is headed by a chancellor who reports to the system president. The system includes law, medical and dental schools and nationally recognized programs in such fields as life sciences, engineering, geology and journalism.

By Jan. 6, 2003, the date Floyd took the reins of the Missouri system, WMU had finished a series of goodbyes to a president who had struck a personal bond with every campus constituency.

And Floyd responded by consistently letting people know how much the community meant to him and how startled he himself was at the swiftness with which life had changed.

"Everything happened very quickly," Floyd recalled in a mid-December interview. "I was not on the job market. I was not interested in making a move from my position at Western, and that made it very difficult for me personally. It's one thing if an individual has a mindset to move on and do some other things and quite another when you're quite happy about your position and your engagement and a wonderful opportunity comes along. That's really what happened here."

A perfect fit

What also happened was a recognition by Missouri curators that Floyd had exactly the strengths their system needed to handle a tough period in that institution's history. The WMU president, who reportedly had rejected as many as 15 overtures by other universities during his WMU tenure, was finally faced with a job opportunity that appeared to be both tailor-made and incredibly challenging.

Missouri curators were looking for a president who would be visible, persuasive and an advocate for their system—especially during a time of severe state cutbacks to higher education. Missouri's goals for the near future include forging better legislative relations and securing better funding from the state; constructing a new Life Sciences Center; and building a new business park near its St. Louis campus.

If those sound like they cover familiar territory for Floyd, consider his WMU accomplishments (see timeline on page 35) and his recollections of his first days at the University.

"When I arrived at the University, it was abundantly clear to me that we had to do several really important things and we had to do them very quickly," Floyd recalled in December. "First of all, we had to improve our relationship with the Legislature. The Legislature continues to serve as a fundamental partner with the institution, relative to funding...As a consequence we worked really hard on the legislative relationship."

Besides the good legislative relations he was able to foster, Floyd will be remembered for establishing WMU's identity as a student-centered research university, enhancing its academic reputation, making great strides in fund-raising activities and for his success in galvanizing the community to support University partnerships that would help it secure a place as part of the Michigan Life Science Corridor. But for most, Floyd's biggest success at WMU came in making the decade-long dream of establishing a research park in Kalamazoo a reality.
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<td>After a months of lobbying and competing proposals from the cities of Kalamazoo and Battle Creek, Floyd selects Kalamazoo for a new engineering campus and research park, and makes WMU's aviation program in Battle Creek WMU's seventh college.</td>
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<td>AUG. 1, 1998</td>
<td>Dr. Elson S. Floyd becomes the sixth president of Western Michigan University.</td>
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<td>U.S. News &amp; World Report moves WMU up in its classification of colleges and universities, placing the University among the nation's top-100 public universities.</td>
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<td>DEC. 29, 1999</td>
<td>Michigan Gov. John Engler signs capital outlay funding for a long-awaited College of Health and Human Services facility to be built on the Oakland Drive campus.</td>
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<td>MARCH 30, 2000</td>
<td>Gov. Engler joins Floyd in announcing a Procter &amp; Gamble donation of the worldwide rights to patents for its Enhanced Paperboard Technology in a tech-transfer initiative that drew national attention.</td>
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<td>NOV. 11, 1999</td>
<td>Ground is broken on the 265-acre parcel that will become the Parkview Campus and include the new engineering complex and the Business Technology and Research Park.</td>
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<td>FEB. 4, 2000</td>
<td>Northwest Airlines donates a B747-100 to the College of Aviation, making WMU's the only aviation program in the world with such an aircraft for its education program.</td>
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<td>Floyd and Vice President for Research Donald E. Thompson visit Carnegie Foundation headquarters in San Francisco to lay out WMU's case for being designated a research university.</td>
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When asked what he will remember most about life as WMU's sixth president, Floyd's answer was quick.

"It will clearly be the esprit d'corps that we have here. We've been able to galvanize the community and students and faculty around the University. It's a fun place. It's a lively place, and it's very vibrant. I will miss that greatly."
**Filling the void**

WMU trustees moved quickly to fill the void left by the departing president. They appointed Provost Daniel M. Litynski as interim president and launched a national search for Floyd's successor before the close of 2002. The position description for the post is strikingly familiar to the one that first brought Floyd to WMU in 1998.

Trustee Emeritus Richard Y. St. John of Kalamazoo is leading the University’s search efforts. He recently acknowledged to a local journalist that the standards the board has set for Floyd’s replacement are extraordinary. “We’re looking for God on a good day,” he said.

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**MARCH 2001**
Pres. George Bush visits WMU and lauds Floyd, saying, “He does a fabulous job for this important institution.”

**AUG. 31, 2001**
A $125 million fund-raising effort is launched around the theme “Partnering for Success: The Centennial Campaign for WMU.”

**APRIL 11, 2001**
WMU named home base for two Michigan SmartZones—one focused on the Business Technology and Research Park, the other on the College of Aviation.

**JAN. 9, 2002**
Floyd announces the largest single gift to the University in WMU history—a $13 million bequest from artist Gwen Frostic.

**FEB. 12, 2002**
Floyd named to President Bush’s Advisory Board on Historically Black Colleges and Universities.

**OCT. 11, 2002**
The University of Missouri Board of Curators announces that Floyd will become the 23rd president of the University of Missouri system.

**OCT. 25, 2002**
WMU-Southwest opens on the campus of Lake Michigan College in Benton Harbor, Mich.

**JAN. 28, 2002**
“Wire-cutting” ceremony marks completion of campuswide wireless computing system.

**OCT. 25, 2002**
Paper Coating Pilot Plant, the first element of the new engineering complex on the Parkview Campus, opens.
During the past decade, the works of more than 90 professional artists from across the country have been given temporary homes around campus through WMU's Sculpture Tour Program. Bearing names like "Guns or Butter," "Crustacean Throne" and "Wall with Two Chairs," these impressive outdoor structures are almost always big—really big. Several have soared 20 to 25 feet in the air and one work currently on display, "Michigan Swell," takes up the length of a lakeside dock.
The College of Fine Arts launched the Sculpture Tour in 1992-93 with strong support from then-President Diether H. Haenicke. The annual invitational exhibition for large-scale exterior sculptures is one of the oldest-running sculpture tours in the nation. It featured 11 works when it debuted, while 17 dot the campus this academic year.

Participating artists loan the sculptures to the University for one or more years. Many travel to campus to assist in installing their creations, often with the help of WMU students and area residents.

Those wishing to take a self-guided tour of the 2002-03 sculptures may pick up site maps at various locations around campus.

Phillip VanderWeg, chairperson of the Department of Art, has been directing the tour since its inception. He says the program has become a campus fixture and now garners acclaim in national art circles.

Part of the reason for that notoriety is that the sculptures are delightfully diverse, VanderWeg says.

"Through the Sculpture Tour, we are challenged to change. This is good. This is life."
—Dr. Margaret Merrion, Dean of the College of Fine Arts

"Our ambition from the beginning has been to select professional artists who represent more fully the range of approaches and media at work today," he explains. "Over time, viewers become comfortable with seeing a variety of concepts and interpretations fashioned in wood, stone, metal, acrylic and other materials."

VanderWeg adds that the Sculpture Tour has realized other aspects of Haenicke's original vision as well, including:

- enriching WMU's landscape and beautification efforts;
- visually and intellectually stimulating the University community;
- augmenting existing educational programs; and
- acknowledging the value of current professional practice in sculpture.

"Furthermore," VanderWeg says, "the tour has had a substantive artistic influence within the local community and, as a consequence, provides tangible evidence of the power of the arts to enhance our lives."
Dr. Margaret Merrion, dean of the College of Fine Arts, adds that the program also helps her college fulfill its mission of elevating the human condition through the arts.

"Having the sculpture works in our midst for a period of time allows us to grow with and learn from the art," Merrion says. "The sculpture provokes thought. It elicits responses. Our reactions evolve over time in these encounters. Through the Sculpture Tour, we are challenged to change. This is good. This is life."

Students in the art department's Design Center produce a full-color catalog each year that documents the current works and their sculptors. The catalog, a work of art in itself, provides practical graphic design experience for the students and is sent to a select international list of patrons, museums, collectors and art professionals.

For more information about the WMU Sculpture Tour or materials for self-guided tours, call (269) 387-2433 or visit the tour's Web site at <www.wmich.edu/art>.

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"Mesteno" by Luis Jimenez; fiberglass with acrylic urethane coating; 8'x 2'

"Michigan Swell" by Robert Stackhouse; wood and paint; 101.5' x 8' x 14'

"Skyscraper with Crutches" by Ed Shay; cast bronze; 18'6" x 9'8"

"N 42 16.593'; W 85 36.929" by Mike Rathbun; poplar; 16' x 51.5 x 25'

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Board chair was atypical student

A native of Germany, Klohs and her then-husband moved to Michigan in the early 1970s. She started taking classes at Lake Michigan College while working as an administrative assistant in an economic-development organization in the Benton Harbor/St. Joseph area.

"I didn't know much about the higher education system in the United States ... (but) it became clear to me if I didn't get this degree I wouldn't get far," Klohs recounted recently during a telephone interview from her office. "Then I got divorced in the middle of it and had to keep working.

"Luckily I had a boss who let me keep working and going to school."

At the time, WMU didn't offer as many classes at Lake Michigan College, a two-year community college in Benton Harbor, as it does now. After taking all the classes she could there, Klohs had to commute to Kalamazoo.

During the last year-and-a-half, Klohs was a full-time student by day and a full-time industrial consultant for the Berrien County Economic Development Corp. by night.

"What was interesting was that by the time I got to the main campus, I was almost 30, but I was in class with 20-year-olds," she said. "I'm doing multimillion-dollar bond issues, so I don't have any time to putz around. I was sort of the odd woman out there.

"I remember being so happy to be done," Klohs said. "I went to Europe. I went to see my parents" in Germany.

She has gained a new perspective on the university by being a board trustee for the past six years.

"It's a complex, fantastic institution that in the last decade has been playing a much larger role in the community and the West Michigan region," Klohs said.

WMU not only teaches almost 30,000 students, it works to address the needs of its faculty and staff and meld their work with that of the greater community as a way to encourage economic development in the region, whether through direct business links or overall quality-of-life offerings, she said.

Klohs, regarded by many as one of the most influential women in the state and recognized for her economic-development prowess, said she sees WMU as part of the overall tapestry of western Michigan.

"The value of my degree from 20 years ago, I look at it as a share of stock," she said. "It has gone up enormously in standing and reputation."

**WMU's Birgit Klohs considered one of the most influential women in state**

Sitting at the head of the table as the new chairwoman of Western Michigan University's Board of Trustees, Birgit Klohs almost had to pinch herself.

"I would never, ever have thought, as a nontraditional student commuting from Benton Harbor, that I would ever sit in this chair," she said Friday [Jan. 24] after being voted into the position by other board members.

Klohs, 51, president of The Right Place Program, an economic-development program in Grand Rapids, spent almost nine years earning her sheepskin in finance, which was awarded to her in 1983.

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Look for a centennial coffee table book to be published in spring 2004
A work in progress
This 1959 aerial view of the WMU campus came to the WMU Magazine from the personal collection of Robert K. Jackson, B.S. ’66, of Monteagle, Tenn. The shot captures a West Campus only partially completed, with traces of Gateway Golf Course and West Michigan Avenue neighborhoods still visible. Jackson sent the photo along with his expression of alumni pride. “While working in Shanghai, China, in 1997, I met 10 (WMU) graduates, all within a short period of time—truly a global presence,” he noted.