Celebration of the century
Dear Friends,

This issue of the WMU Magazine focuses on our upcoming centennial celebration and explores the ways we plan to honor our past and move the University forward into its second century of achievement.

Our University's first century is a story of promises made and promises kept by a dedicated community and generations of exceptional faculty, students, alumni and friends.

In the pages that follow, you will see how this tradition of dedication and service lives on here at the University in many different and important ways.

You will learn about the efforts of Ruth and Ed Heinig who are leading the campus-wide Centennial Celebration Committee. These two distinguished emeriti and their colleagues will be working on our behalf to lay the groundwork for what I am convinced will be a spectacular centennial celebration in 2003.

And, so that we can fulfill the promise and opportunity that lies ahead for us as we embark on our second century, we have undertaken our largest fund-raising effort ever. When you read about “Partnering for Success: The Centennial Campaign for Western Michigan University,” I hope you will realize just how important the efforts and contributions of many will be as we move ahead and build upon the foundation established for us in the University's first century.

Finally, there is a story about a dedicated group of emeriti, alumni and friends who are working with the University to help find solutions to the vexing issues associated with years of neglect that now cloud the future of our historic East Campus. As we begin planning for our centennial celebration, nothing could be more appropriate than the University community working together to develop a solution to that complex problem.

It is my sincere hope that these stories will leave you with a renewed sense of commitment and allegiance to this wonderful institution and that you, too, will begin making your own plans for participating in the centennial celebration and playing a role in the future of Western Michigan University.

Warmest regards,

Elson S. Floyd,
President
On the cover

Celebration of the century
They prefer a low-profile existence, but this emeriti couple has tackled a task that will keep them in the spotlight for years—planning WMU’s centennial.

Cover Photograph by John Gilroy

Treading on hallowed ground
There’s no place that can flame the passions of Bronco boosters the way Prospect Hill does. Now there’s a drive to preserve its hallowed halls.

A view to the future
There’s nothing like having a plan. This one’s not carved in stone, but it’s designed to help shape WMU’s next quarter century of growth.

Honorable intentions
Spending four years in this college within a University lends new meaning to the term “graduating with honors” for an elite group of undergraduates.

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 2002 and are regularly updated at <www.wmich.edu/wmu/news/events/calendar1.html>.

Partnering for success
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Since 1975, students from Albania to Zaire have recognized WMU's Career English Language Center for International Students as one of the best places in the United States to learn English. Now, the nation's first and only accrediting body for intensive English programs, or IEPs, has recognized CELCIS as one of a select few U.S. programs and institutions that qualify for accreditation.

The Commission on English Language Program Accreditation was formed in 1999 and announced its inaugural list of five-year accredited programs and institutions last year—just as CELCIS was beginning its 25th anniversary celebration.

There are more than 500 IEPs in the United States. WMU is among the first 12 to receive accreditation and the only one in the Midwest to do so. Being accredited shows that the program provides high-quality instruction and already employs some of the best practices in the English language training profession.

Private giving reaches record
For the second consecutive year, Western Michigan University set a new record for private gifts, with $18.4 million received during the fiscal year that ended June 30.

The previous one-year total was $17.5 million, set just one year ago. Prior to that, the largest one-year total in gifts to the University was $12.5 million, during the 1995-96 fiscal year.

"We are very gratified to see this remarkable growth in private gifts," President Elson S. Floyd said. "It is a testament to the important work being done at our University.

"We owe a great deal to the loyal alumni and friends who have made these record totals possible," Floyd said. "It is also important for us to recognize that this level of support does not come to an institution overnight. In some cases, these gifts reflect a life-long relationship between the donor and Western Michigan University."

Private support has grown dramatically since the creation of the WMU Foundation in 1976. Private gifts totaled about $1 million in 1976-77, the foundation's first year, rose to about $3 million in 1980-81 and topped $11 million in 1990-91.

This past fiscal year, the foundation not only received a record total of more than $18 million in gifts, but also set a new record in cash gifts of $16.2 million. This figure represents an increase of more than $3 million or 22 percent over the previous one-year record for cash gifts.

The University has been named one of the nation's Most Wired Colleges in Yahoo magazine's fifth annual listing of the top 100 institutions it calls "the most mod quads in the land."

WMU debuted at number 62 in the 2001 ranking, which is based on a survey of more than 1,300 colleges and universities across the nation. The listing appears in the October 2001 issue of Yahoo, with Carnegie Mellon University topping the list.

The magazine based each college's ranking on these six categories used to evaluate how much schools have incorporated network technologies into campus life: infrastructure, student resources, Web portal, e-learning, tech support and wireless access. WMU's recent progress on the latter category bodes well for an even better rating for WMU in the future.

Since President Elson S. Floyd vowed to take the campus "completely wireless" by February 2002, the Office of Information Technology has been working diligently to realize his vision.

According to project manager George Kohrman, completely wireless means that students, faculty and staff will be able to connect to the University network and to the Internet from laptop computers at any point on campus. Rather than replace existing...
wired connections, Kohrman says the initiative will supplement them with indoor and outdoor wireless connections.

Earlier this year, Floyd was invited to participate in a California teleconference on "Wire or Wireless: Nomadic Computing Hits the Campus" along with Viji Murali, WMU vice president for information technology and chief information officer.

The program was the fourth in a series dealing with "higher education in the Internet age" organized by California State University, Monterey Bay. Also participating was U.S. Rep. Fred Upton who represents Michigan's 6th District and chairs the House Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet.

WMU student wins Fulbright
Kevin Kain of Wilmington, N.C., a doctoral student in history, is the first WMU student to be awarded a Fulbright-Hays Fellowship.

Kain was awarded a $30,000 Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad Fellowship for the 2001-02 year. He will use his award to conduct nine months of research in Moscow and St. Petersburg, Russia, on Patriarch Nikon.

Nikon is a 17th-century leader of the Russian Orthodox Church who introduced reforms that split the church and resulted in the mass religious dissent in Russia known as the Great Schism. While Kain's work is historical, it has resonance in today's Russia, given the collapse of the Soviet regime and the re-emergence of Russian Orthodoxy as an institutional and political force.

The Fulbright-Hays Fellowship program is administered by the U.S. Department of Education and supports research overseas in modern foreign languages and area studies. This year, 87 fellowships ranging from $12,000 to $60,000 were awarded.

Economic development projects related to BTR Park get big boost
Two economic development projects associated with WMU's Business Technology and Research Park received significant boosts in July. First, the Michigan Economic Development Corp. announced July 18 that it was awarding $500,000 to the BTR Park to offset an estimated $6.5 million in infrastructure costs related to developing the $135 million park.

The MEDC received 14 proposals for its third round of funding, and the BTR Park was one of eight selected to receive a portion of $10 million.

The 268-acre park is being developed about three miles from WMU's main campus in Kalamazoo on the University's Parkview Campus. It has been designated a Michigan SmartZone, allowing a special tax district to be created in the park and the complex to compete for MEDC grants and loans.

One day after the MEDC announcement, Esperion Therapeutics Inc., a biopharmaceutical firm based in Ann Arbor, Mich., revealed it will open a satellite office in the Southwest Michigan Innovation Center, a regional business incubator.

The innovation center is currently located in WMU's McCraken Hall, but will move to a free-standing, 60,000-square-foot building to be constructed in the BTR Park as early as fall 2002. A $12 million project, the center will house several start-up biotech companies.
Celebration of the century

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Ruth and Ed Heinig planned a family reunion once for May. It snowed.

Such is the special events experience of the couple chosen to head the celebration of the century at Western Michigan University.

Longtime faculty members, McKee Society members and self-admitted "big Bronco boosters," the Heinigs were asked by WMU President Elon S. Floyd last spring to head the WMU Centennial Celebration Committee, the entity responsible for planning the University's observance of its 100th birthday.

While their resumes may be short on implementing large-scale celebrations, the Heinigs are long on passion for and loyalty to the institution where they both taught for nearly three decades, met and fell in love.

"Western is a really big part of our lives," says Ed Heinig, professor emeritus of education and professional development. "Ruth and I have been involved in a number of University things over the years. I propagandize the youngsters who carry the groceries out of D&W about attending Western and hand out sweatshirts to the little kids to get them ready."

Since that fateful day in May when they agreed to take the job, the two have begun assembling a steering committee, marshalling volunteers and developing activities to commemorate the University's founding nearly a century ago.

"Ruth and I have done more worrying than actual constructive work since Elson persuaded us to do this. He's the most persuasive man on this earth. You can't say no to him," Ed says. "Right now we are just trying to break inertia and get moving, but it's tough because it's a job you cannot get your arms around."

Luckily, the pair hasn't had to start from scratch. An ad hoc committee assembled several years ago began laying the foundation for the centennial observance. That "very unofficial" committee grew out of an archives endowment advisory committee, according to one of its members, Sharon Carlson, director of the WMU Archives and Regional History Collection. Among its members were the familiar WMU faces of John T. Houdek, associate professor emeritus of history, Charles F. Heller, professor emeritus of geography, and Thomas E. Coyne, former WMU vice president for student services. The committee initiated

Who are the Heinigs?

Ruth Beall Heinig

• Native of Benton Harbor, Mich. Received a bachelor's degree from Valparaiso University and a master's degree from the University of Pittsburgh.
• Came to WMU in 1964 as an instructor in the speech department, retired in 1992.
• Recognized nationally for her contributions in the field of creative drama for children, she is the author of a number of books, including "Creative Drama for the Classroom Teacher," and "Drama Improvisation with Favorite Tales," which received the 1993 Distinguished Book Award from the American Alliance of Theatre and Education. She was inducted into the College of Fellows of the American Theatre in 1996 and received the 1992 AATE Creative Drama Award.
• On meeting Ed: "Our first date was for Jell-O and coffee at Holly's Restaurant. He really loved Jell-O and thought it was incredibly hard to make. I never had the heart to tell him how easy it really was."

Edward J. Heinig

• Native of Terre Haute, Ind. Received a bachelor's degree from Indiana State University and a master's degree from the University of Michigan.
• A Korean War veteran, he came to WMU in 1963 as an assistant professor of education and retired in 1992.
• An educator's educator, Heinig taught courses in the history and philosophy of American education and the teaching of high school reading. A recipient of the WMU Alumni Association's Teaching Excellence Award in 1972, he was also designated the 1979 Outstanding Professor in Graduate Education by the WMU Graduate Students Association.
• Received the 1995 Volunteer Recognition Award from the Kalamazoo Aviation History Museum for his 13 years as a plane captain for the High on Kalamazoo Air shows. A schoolboy during World War II, Ed is a lifetime student of the era, especially the air war.
• On meeting Ruth: "Boy, she was underwhelmed by me. She thought I was a book salesman and wouldn't give me the time of day."
several centennial-related activities, including commissioning Michigan historian Larry Massie to research and write a book on the history of the University. “We were really trying to get a sense of what the preliminary activities for the centennial were,” says Carlson of the ad hoc committee’s efforts. “We were really interested in raising the awareness for the centennial.”

“The ad hoc committee did wonderful things and we are standing on their shoulders, really,” says Ruth. “There are a lot of things that are happening with the centennial in mind that we have not been the ones to instigate.”

In addition to the book, oral histories have been recorded and other centennial activities implemented, including the design of a centennial logo and the development of a centennial Web site. Planning events for the centennial year is the next step in the process.

The Heinigs have determined a celebration of 100 years requires about as many volunteers and have established eight subcommittees to handle components ranging from history and traditions to entertainment and outreach.

Fortunately, neither Ed nor Ruth anticipates encountering much difficulty finding willing volunteers. Before they had settled into their office space in Walwood Hall, there were phone calls and messages from individuals wanting to be involved. Ed recently returned from a physical therapy appointment on campus with a handwritten list of nine Sindecuse Health Center staff members who are ready to help.

“If you run into someone in the grocery store or post office, they want to help,” says Ruth. “What is so gratifying, however, is the excitement of the people we talk to. It generates more excitement within you.”

One goal the Heinigs have for the centennial is to revive appreciation for WMU’s long and storied history, instilling a lasting pride and passion for the people, places and events that shaped the institution. WMU began in 1903 as a normal school and became one of the nation’s largest producers of teachers. It is now a multicampus university with nearly 30,000 students. The Heinigs say that telling the tale of how WMU got from there to here is critical in their centennial endeavors.

“Because so many times the University is looking forward into its future, there isn’t a lot of historical sense. Smaller schools have very strong traditions, and students are indoctrinated with those traditions when they come in,” says Ruth. “Not as much of that happens at a school that was a normal school, or a teachers college.”
The Heinigs envision that during the centennial celebration, already established University activities and events such as homecoming, performances and speakers, will be planned with a "centennial overlay."

"There are lots of things brewing that aren't going to need to be funded by our committee," says Ruth. "Departments have put plans in place for centennial events or activities, and there's lots we can do that won't require big expenses."

"That's the Western way," Ed says. "You live off the land, you improvise, you have search and destroy missions; if the troops don't have rations, they find them in the field."

Ed should know. When he started at WMU in 1963, his first office was in a former men's bathroom and didn't even have a desk.

"My office was right off the running track in the old campus school," Ed recalls. "They said 'we don't have a desk for you yet, but here's a training table from University High.' You could still smell the liniment in it. Here was this old table with a ravaged top from the perspiration and liniment and I opened the drawer and there was a little sweat sock in there."

While many people have expressed amazement to the Heinigs that they would agree to take on such a monumental effort, the Heinigs still express their own bewilderment at being named co-chairs of the WMU Centennial Celebration Committee.

"Ruth and I are little people. In Kalamazoo, there are 'names,' and we don't have one of them," says Ed.

But when Ruth pointed out their "non-elite status" to Dr. Floyd, the president simply responded, "I know all about you."

"Ruth and I may have made the mistake of having a higher profile than we should. But by and large, we are stealth people, we fly below the radar and we love anonymity," Ed says. "So it is still kind of amazing. We're just plain folks."

For updates on centennial plans, visit the Web site at <www.wmich.edu/centennial/>. ■

**Alumnus writes the book on WMU history**

When Larry Massie finishes writing the book on WMU history, it will be his 17th volume. The former assistant director of the WMU Archives and Regional History Collections and author of 16 books on Michigan history holds three degrees from WMU. He says he was honored to be tapped to research and write a book documenting the University's century of existence. The still-untitled volume will be published in November 2002. Massie says he has discovered that telling WMU's story is not done best by dividing it by decades or by the reigns of its six presidents, but by relating it to the national and international events that occurred during its century of existence.

"This is not about Western as an isolated institution, but about how it grew and its interaction with the region, nation and the world," Massie says. "Each epoch in American history brought challenges to Western Michigan University, from the Great Depression, which saw the institution nearly close, to World War II and the GI Bill, which was so important in the University's growth."

Massie says he has uncovered a number of surprises in his research, including the fact that former WMU president Dwight B. Waldo had a pet parrot that used to ride on his shoulder.

"The research is the fun part of any book. It's like a treasure hunt. I found so many interesting things," he says.
We labor not just for the sake of shared fond memories of our proud past, but also to inspire future generations of Western students.

—Dale Pattison, WMU emeritus in history

The WMU campus of 60 years ago is never far from Dale Pattison's mind. It served as the backdrop for his childhood, uplifting his spirit and instilling him with a love for learning—just what a higher education institution should do.

Pattison was one of many area youngsters who got to know WMU while attending the Campus School in East Hall. That reform-focused teaching laboratory was the school of choice for many in the community, including generations of Kalamazoo's elite, and was a focal point for the training of college students headed for careers in the classroom.

What was then Western State Teachers College sat atop Prospect Hill. Its majestic East Hall, the institution's first building, was celebrated as the "Parthenon of Kalamazoo" and easily dominated the skyline for the city below.

Today, when Pattison peers down Prospect Hill, he doesn't see the overgrown brush. In his mind's eye, he sees himself and a friend riding the trolley that used to carry students up and down the steep slope. The two pre-teen boys would playfully leap from the slow-moving vehicle, roll down the rest of the hill and hop on their waiting bikes. "The conductor would yell at us every time we did it," he recalls with a chuckle.

Pattison went on to graduate from WMU, become a historian and enjoy a 33-year career on WMU's faculty. For him Prospect Hill is sacred ground, a place that prepared generations of youth for lifelong learning. He says nothing the University does during its upcoming centennial celebration could be as critical as preserving the hill and its four once-grand buildings. But he knows if something isn't done soon, the University's birthplace will be past salvaging.

Pattison heads the Friends of East Campus, a group of 150 alumni, training school graduates, former faculty members and stalwarts in Kalamazoo preservationist circles. Beginning this fall, they hope hundreds of University and community members will open their wallets and start contributing to a new Fund for the Preservation of East Campus.

The need for preservation is real. Prospect Hill and the money to build East Hall were gifts from the people of Kalamazoo. Their donation helped convince the Michigan Legislature in 1903 to locate the state's fourth teacher-preparation school in the city. Over the next 25 years, Western State Normal School erected East Hall and three additional brick and white-columned buildings in the Greek Revival style. For those on the campus and those in the community below, the buildings served as constant reminders of the partnership that gave birth to the University.
Now, those hilltop buildings and seven other early campus structures are part of East Campus, a historic district listed on the National Register of Historic places. Two of the district's newer structures, Walwood Hall and the Little Theatre, have been elegantly restored in recent years. But some of the rest are in dire straits.

A few Friends of East Campus want to restore the campus's disintegrating buildings to their former use. But most are of a more practical bent and speak hopefully of "adaptive reuse" as the key that will put this historic district back into play as a vital part of University life.

"We're interested in preserving as much of the district as possible," Pattison says. "The four most-imperiled buildings—East, North and West halls and the Speech Pathology and Audiology Building—are the ones we're most interested in."

Among the adaptive reuse options the group proposes are suggestions that:

• North Hall be renovated and its previously magnificent reading room become a permanent home for the WMU Archives and Southwest Michigan Regional History Collections
• East Hall become the University's administration building as well as house the undergraduate admissions office
• West Hall, perhaps in tandem with the Speech Pathology and Audiology Building, become home to an academic unit or become a conference center
• Prospect Hill's original garden plan, never fully carried out, be fully implemented on the hillside facing Kalamazoo and the trolley returned to working order.

A daunting challenge
The East Campus fund-raising drive is not a part of the University's recently announced centennial campaign. That campaign is focused on raising private money for the University's central mission—providing the best education possible for current and future students. But the East Campus fund does have the blessing and support of President Elson S. Floyd.

Floyd has challenged the Friends of East Campus to develop detailed plans for how the hilltop buildings could be used today and how money could be found to renovate them. He's enlisted them as partners in a job that is a daunting one.

East Hall is in the most critical condition. Bats and birds swoop through the airy gymnasium that now serves as temporary home to the archives and regional history collections. Tuck pointing and plaster are crumbling, exterior bricks are seeping, and windows are cracked and roofs are leaking.

A 1996 architectural assessment, updated for inflation, puts the price tag at more than $24 million just to bring the four major hilltop buildings into code. The projected East Hall cost, alone, is some $17 million. Those expenditures wouldn't cover the additional upgrades required for academic programming and use by students.

"We have approximately 150 members on our calling list, and nearly 1,000 showed up for a Campus School reunion six years ago," Pattison says. "But the real numbers will be those willing to make donations and urge the president to do the right thing."

Robert Miller, WMU associate vice president for community outreach and Floyd's point person on the East Campus issue, notes that outdated infrastructure and mechanical components are among the many challenges that make renovating East Campus structures very expensive. And lack of parking areas for staff members and students also makes many adaptive reuse suggestions problematic. Still, he says, a campus planning council is currently studying the feasibility of the proposals put forth by the Friends of East Campus.

Some first steps
Meanwhile, Floyd has instructed maintenance staff to address the buildings' most pressing needs and has had them install a light in the East Hall cupola, reinforcing that hall's role as a symbol of the University's heritage. And in late October, Floyd will personally lead a campus delegation taking part in a community cleanup of the Prospect hillside, a move seen as a first step in landscape restoration.

"We all recognize the economic realities," says Pattison. "But we remain optimistic that this magnificent University and community resource can be saved. We labor not just for the sake of shared fond memories of our proud past, but also to inspire future generations of Western students.”

Donations can be made to the Fund for the Preservation of East Campus, care of the WMU Foundation, 1903 West Michigan Ave., Kalamazoo, MI 49008. Visit the Web site at <www.wmich.edu/foec>.
During its first century, Western Michigan University grew from an initial enrollment of 117 to more than 29,000 students and from a small two-year regional college to a major doctoral-research university of national and international significance.

Now on the eve of its centennial, the University is poised for even more dramatic growth, not in size or scope, but in quality of education, research and service, and in its attendant worldwide reputation.

On Aug. 30, WMU President Elson S. Floyd announced the most ambitious fund-raising effort in University history—the $125-million “Partnering for Success: The Centennial Campaign for Western Michigan University.” The campaign’s title signals both a recognition of the historical importance of partnerships to the University and a renewed emphasis on creating meaningful partnerships with state, federal and local agencies, with communities throughout Michigan, with businesses and industries around the world, and with alumni and donors.

“As we reflect upon the remarkable growth and accomplishments of the past century,” says the president, “we must be ever mindful that this is not the end of the journey. Our centennial celebration is in many ways a commencement, not unlike the ceremony in which our graduates participate. This campaign is a reflection of what we are at this moment in time, but also what we can become. In fact, we are a University that is moving forward in a very aggressive, but very constructive way.”

Heading up the Centennial Campaign for WMU and the national steering committee that will guide the effort is William U. Parfet, chairman and chief executive officer of MPI Research, who also chaired WMU’s successful $62-million Campaign for Excellence that concluded in 1992.

Now this is not the end.
It is not even the beginning of the end.
But it is, perhaps, the end of the beginning.
—Winston Churchill

“I didn’t think I would be doing this again,” says Parfet, “but WMU is too important to West Michigan for me to sit on the sidelines. I agreed to help lead this campaign because I’m convinced that an investment in this University will pay solid dividends to our community, state and nation. Armed with the appropriate resources, there is no limit to the contributions that this University can make.”

According to both Floyd and Parfet, WMU seeks partnerships in all aspects of University life, because such partnerships are absolutely essential to fulfilling the mission of the University. WMU can contribute significantly to society through research and maximize the potential of its faculty and students only through the partnership support of its alumni and friends as well as individuals and companies in the private sector.
Expecting great things

"All of our alumni and friends have a right to expect great things from this University," says the president, "in part, because we expect great things from them. Many have been part of this success story for years, and I appreciate greatly the unique and special contributions each individual has made. We can do and be anything with the help and assistance of those who support this wonderful University."

The president points out that public support from the state provides the essentials, but only through generous private support can the University provide "the margin of excellence that will allow students and faculty to achieve their full potential." Private giving, he notes, is part of the complex equation of University funding. It is the part that allows the University to "meet its goals and realize its aspirations."

About the campaign

Partnering for Success: The Centennial Campaign for Western Michigan University is both the most ambitious fund-raising effort in WMU history and the most comprehensive. It seeks support for virtually every aspect of University life. Both general and specific needs have been identified in each of the colleges; for the libraries, student services and intercollegiate athletics; even for WMUK, the University's public radio station.

The centennial campaign is divided into five broad areas with the following goals:

Support for students

$14 million to fund scholarships, fellowships and "experiential learning," such as internships in business, government and the arts.

Support for faculty

$13 million to enhance faculty programs, including endowed faculty positions intended to attract and retain top teachers and researchers in key fields where WMU has a developing national reputation.

Programs and activities

$15.25 million for such initiatives as visiting artists and scholars programs, which annually bring experts and artists of international renown to the campus.

Equipment

$30.7 million for equipment needs across the campus, especially in engineering and the sciences, but also including health and human services, the performing arts and many other areas.

Facilities

$52.05 million for projects that include major new buildings for engineering and athletics, both already under construction; health and human services, announced earlier this year; and a new building for the Department of Art, plans for which will be unveiled later.

More than $75 million or 60 percent of the campaign goal has already been raised. Noted Parfet, "Raising the remainder of our goal in time for the centennial will be challenging, but with the support of the University's many friends and alumni, we will succeed."

For more information about the Centennial Campaign for WMU, contact the WMU Foundation at (616) 387-8700. Information is also available on the foundation's Web site at <www.wmich.edu/wmuf>.

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Photos on page 10, from left: campaign funds will support equipment needs in many areas, including engineering and the sciences; student support, primarily through scholarships, fellowships and internships, is a major element of the campaign; Aug. 30 public announcement of the campaign.

Left: President Floyd addressed an audience of 150 donors at a luncheon following announcement of the campaign.
**Fundamental master plan concepts**

- Preserve and enhance the open space character of Goldsworth and Arcadia valleys. Restrict building development and enhance natural features, landscaping and maintenance levels within these corridors.
- The University is to be easily identifiable. Establish visually distinctive and significant campus approaches, arrival areas, entries and edges.
- Create a friendlier campus with upgraded signage, informational kiosks, and improved vehicular and pedestrian circulation, particularly at entrances and approaches to the University. Plan compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act accessibility guidelines and four-season access to all campus areas.
- Place greater emphasis on safe and efficient transit and bicycle and pedestrian circulation on and off campus.
- Position parking around the campus perimeter to be easily accessible from main roads and near principal centers of use. Coordinate transit and pedestrian interface in order to facilitate access to major destinations.
- Maintain and enhance visual and physical connections between the West, Oakland Drive and East campus areas. Improve inter-campus circulation and accessibility. Protect potential bridging points connecting the campuses.
- Plan future development to preserve and optimize the use of open space to achieve a sense of community and distinctive settings.
- Identify and develop districts that reflect a distinct identity, share a common function or are relatively self-contained. District buildings should relate to one another, both physically and through similar functions. Consistently maintain building massing, patterns or grids, density, and heights appropriate to each district.
- Create pedestrian-scale activity centers that are centrally located and visually distinct, with facilities clustered around a core open space that attracts students and visitors.
- Locate housing throughout the campuses. Serve a variety of housing needs and markets.

For those who love it when a plan comes together, WMU's newest vision of what the campus might look like decades down the road is a work of art. But unlike a sculpture cast in stone, the recently completed Campus Master Plan will remain a work in progress—an ever-changing picture of possibilities on a canvas that never dries.

"You can't go forward unless you know where you're going," says Evie Asken, director of the Department of Campus Planning, which coordinates all major construction projects at WMU and oversaw the master plan's development. "The plan is a road map for growth. It organizes our physical property and gives us a set of 10 fundamental concepts (see sidebar left) to use in testing and evaluating future projects."

**Laying the groundwork**
The new Campus Master Plan grew out of a three-pronged strategic planning initiative President Elson S. Floyd launched in 1999 to assess WMU's physical plant, academic activities and fund-raising endeavors.

The master plan component turned out to be an enormously interactive and participatory effort. Conducted by the consulting firm SmithGroup JJR Inc. of Ann Arbor, Mich., it took shape during two years of research gathering, meetings, interviews and workshops. The process involved hundreds of individuals, including members of the Kalamazoo community, city government and neighborhood associations as well as faculty, staff, students and alumni.

Participants in the process scrutinized the campus physical plant, or hardscape, in relation to today's WMU—a top-100 national university that's experiencing record enrollments and enjoying a growing reputation as a premier student-centered research institution. The planning document that resulted establishes a framework to accommodate the continued physical growth and development of WMU's main campus in Kalamazoo over the next 20 to 25 years.

**Pondering the realities**
The 2001 Campus Master Plan includes a list of nine significant concerns and challenges University officials are encouraged to tackle during the next two decades. The top challenge, dealing with WMU's "split personality,"
acknowledges that numerous problems arise because a rail line, two major roadways and two valleys—Goldsworth and Arcadia—separate large portions of the main campus.

Planning process participants also concluded that campus edges and entries are often congested, unattractive and ill-defined; parking demand exceeds supply in key areas; vehicular and pedestrian wayfinding and safety need improvement; campus architecture lacks a cohesive appearance; building and open space maintenance is deficient; and building placement and open spaces don't effectively reinforce each other.

Addressing such issues for a small city like WMU won't be easy. This is especially true in the areas of traffic and parking because no one else in the region tries to park 12,000 cars in just 400 acres at any given time. But already steps have been taken to address many of the issues raised in the planning process. Major campus entry points are being defined and clearly marked with new signs. Also, rehabilitation of East Campus's Prospect Hill landscaping is in the works and new campus facilities now in the planning stage are being designed to honor and blend with existing architecture.

Envisioning the changes

No one really knows what the main campus will be like five years from now let alone 25, but SmithGroup JJR offers one possibility in "A View to the Future." The publication, which summarizes the master plan, paints a picture of how development might proceed in WMU's three contiguous subdivisions: the East, West and Oakland Drive campuses.

Asken stresses that the planning consultant's overall master plan graphic shows only one possible path the University might follow. "The drawing is an 'artist's rendition' of what the campus could be—we've already deviated from that particular picture," she says.

East Campus

The historic East Campus covers 75 acres and contains WMU's oldest buildings as well as its intercollegiate football, baseball and softball fields. The University's original site, it encompasses Prospect Hill to the east of Oakland Drive as well as the area bounded by Oakland Drive, Oliver Street and Stadium Drive.

Developing this campus poses special planning challenges because of the property's topography, separation by busy Oakland Drive, limited access and parking, and close interface with Kalamazoo's Vine Street neighborhood. Additionally, many East Campus buildings currently aren't used to capacity and require critical and costly renovation. (See related East Campus story on page 7.)

The master plan recommends that future development on East Campus include:

- Connecting its two halves by an east-west vehicular/pedestrian bridge across Oakland Drive
- Preserving and landscaping the Vine Street side of Prospect Hill
- Realigning the Oliver Street and Oakland Drive intersection
- Creating an athletic district
- Removing the Speech and Hearing Center building to add parking and open space and using nearby buildings for administrative or other functions.
West Campus

The 360-acre West Campus, now WMU's academic core, gained prominence in the 1950s as the University expanded west across Arcadia Valley and the railroad tracks running along Stadium Drive. Bounded by Stadium and Howard Street, it houses all of the University's residence halls and numerous other vital facilities. It's projected to remain the focus of student activity, with development primarily taking the form of clarifying existing activity patterns, replacing older buildings as they become impractical, and creating a hierarchy of open space and pedestrian corridors.

Development proposals for West Campus promote projects such as:
• Replacing West Michigan Avenue and adjacent parking lots with a pedestrian mall from North Dormitory Road to the Bernhard Center
• Improving and extending the perimeter loop road and adding a bike lane
• Connecting the West and Oakland Drive campuses by a vehicular/pedestrian bridge across Stadium Drive and the rail line
• Replacing some areas of surface parking with parking decks
• Increasing the University's visual identity by making Stadium Drive a boulevard between Oakland Drive and Howard Street.

Oakland Drive Campus

WMU's newest subdivision is the Oakland Drive Campus, a 171-acre zone surrounded by Oakland Drive, Howard Street, Oliver Street and Stadium Drive. The campus was created in 1998 when the state of Michigan transferred about 106 acres of property to WMU as a result of the declining need to fully maintain its large Kalamazoo Psychiatric Hospital complex. The University is currently leasing 53 acres back to the state for continued hospital use, including the portion containing the main psychiatric hospital building, or “Quad” as it's called.

Among the development suggestions for the Oakland Drive Campus are:
• Establishing a 300-foot no-building zone along Oakland Drive
• Using the property primarily for recreational and athletic fields and academic, research, clinical and residential buildings
• Constructing buildings so they define academic quadrangles and reflect the area's historic development patterns
• Preserving and adapting the Quad for future needs once the state vacates this facility, keeping the adjacent water tower as the visual focus for the campus.

More information about the Campus Master Plan is available online at <www.wmich.edu/masterplan>.

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Current aerial view (right) and a rendering of one possible development option for West Campus

Current aerial view (left) and a rendering of one possible development option for Oakland Drive Campus
From Branson to Broadway. The brightest stars, the biggest shows are all coming to Miller.

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Three selected to receive 2001 Distinguished Alumni Awards

This year's Distinguished Alumni Award recipients are Dr. James E. Bultman, M.A. '66, Ed.D. '71; Duane R. Dunham, B.S. '64; and Howard A. Norman, B.A. '72.

The Distinguished Alumni Award, initiated in 1963, is the WMU Alumni Association's most prestigious honor. Counting this year's three recipients, only 113 men and women out of more than 180,000 WMU graduates have received one of these awards.

Bultman has been president of Hope College in Holland, Mich., since 1999. Previously, he served 14 years as president of Iowa's Northwestern College, which along with Hope, is one of three colleges in the United States with ties to the Reformed Church in America.

A native of Fremont, Mich., Bultman is well acquainted with Hope. He earned a bachelor of arts degree in chemistry from the college in 1965, then joined its faculty three years later. He went on to spend 17 more years at Hope, serving in such positions as chairperson of the education department, dean of the social sciences, head baseball coach and assistant football coach.

Dunham joined the Bethlehem Steel Corp., the nation's second largest integrated steel producer, as a salesman in 1965. By 2000, he had been elected chairman, president and chief executive officer of the company, which is headquartered in Bethlehem, Pa.

The Birmingham, Mich., native also serves as chairman of the American Iron and Steel Institute, the largest steel trade association in North America, and is on its board of directors as well as on the International Iron and Steel Institute board.

Norman, one of America's finest and most versatile writers, is an associate professor of English at the University of Maryland at College Park. He has garnered nearly every major national literary honor, including a Whiting Award; Lannan, Guggenheim and National Endowment for the Humanities fellowships; three National Endowment for the Arts fellowships; and the Harold Morton Landon Prize in translation.

At age 15, Norman moved from his childhood home of Grand Rapids, Mich., to Manitoba, Canada, where he developed a special interest in Canada's indigenous Indian tribes and became familiar with several Inuit and Algonquin dialects. He has earned wide acclaim as a folklorist, anthropologist and translator as well as an editor and a writer of short fiction, poetry, novels, and books for children and young adults.

Alumni relations office names two additional staff members

The Office of Alumni Relations has appointed Erin M. Czelada, B.A. '01, to fill the new position of coordinator of student and young alumni outreach and Hardy Figueroa to replace Carol Conklin as an assistant director of alumni relations.

"I'm tremendously excited to have both Erin and Hardy join our staff," says M. Jamie Jeremy, executive director of the alumni relations office. "Their skills and experiences make them both perfectly suited for their respective responsibilities, and their enthusiasm for WMU is boundless."

The outreach post was created to heighten awareness of the WMU Alumni Association among current students and to engage more young alumni in the life of the University through participation in association-sponsored programs.

In addition to developing and implementing activities and programs to accomplish those missions, Czelada will serve as advisor for the Student Alumni Association, coordinate the Alumni Association's Legacy Award program and serve as the staff liaison to its Board's Scholarship Committee.

An interpersonal communication major, she comes to the alumni relations office from the Office of Admissions and Orientation, where she had been serving as coordinator of Volunteer Recruitment since last year.

Figueroa, too, is a former admissions and orientation staff member, having spent the past five years there as an assistant director of admissions. In his new post, he will provide leadership and direction for all of the Alumni Association's regional outreach, working with the volunteer leadership of its in-state and out-of-state chapters to provide enhanced opportunities for alumni involvement.

Additionally, Figueroa will direct, in partnership with WMU's offices of Legislative Affairs and Admissions and Orientation, the Alumni Legislative Network and Alumni Ambassador programs.

He earned a bachelor of arts degree in political science from Inter American University of Puerto Rico in 1992 and a master of arts degree in political science from Illinois State University in 1995.
Researcher looks at influence of heroines in girls’ fiction

They might be imaginary characters, but the likes of Nancy Drew and other fictional heroines provide girls with influential role models and show that when it comes to being strong, standing tall and pursuing dreams, there's strength in numbers.

In her book, "The Clubwomen's Daughters: Collectivist Impulses in Progressive-era Girls' Fiction," Dr. Gwen A. Tarbox, assistant professor of English, looks at girls' fiction written from 1890 to 1940 and examines how it furthered the efforts of women to move out of the house and into careers and roles in the public domain.

Tarbox notes that while this type of fiction mostly disappeared during the mid-20th century, it has recently begun reappearing on booksellers' shelves.

In the 19th century, girls often read novels focused on a young woman's pursuit of marriage and a family. That changed in 1886 when "Two College Girls" was published, chronicling the pursuit by two young women of higher education and careers in traditionally male-dominated fields like medicine.

Following the College Girls series, the next half-century brought two distinct waves of girls' fiction, Tarbox says. Appearing around 1910, girls engaging in outdoor adventures appeared in such series as "Outdoor Girls," "Girl Scouts" and "Campfire Girls." The 1930s brought the evolution of the girl sleuth with the "Judy Bolton Mysteries" and, perhaps the most enduring of the genre, the "Nancy Drew Mystery Stories."

Professor given federal award to study Great Lakes basin

A University hydrologist has been named a senior research associate with the National Research Council, allowing him to develop a model to improve water resource management in the Great Lakes.

Dr. Chansheng He, associate professor of geography, is one of 300 researchers chosen for the NRC's associateship program for the year. A national competition drawing nearly 1,000 applicants annually, the program awards outstanding scientists the opportunity to conduct their research at one of several federal laboratories or research organizations.

He will receive a $47,000 stipend to conduct research with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Great Lake's Environmental Research Laboratory in Ann Arbor, Mich. He was granted the award based on his proposal to develop a new model that considers the effect of soil, topography and vegetation on watershed run-off in the Great Lakes basin.

Students plan museum exhibit on tribes, French relations

While many people visit museums during the summer, 11 students spent part of their summer planning an exhibit for a museum.

As participants in WMU's 2001 Public History Field School, the students spent seven weeks researching and developing a museum exhibit that examines the interactions of Native Americans and the French during the 17th and 18th centuries.

Titled "Shared Waters: Natives and French Newcomers on the Great Lakes," the exhibit was commissioned by the Fort Miami Heritage Society and will open in May 2002 at the Priscilla U. Byrns Heritage Center in St. Joseph, Mich. It explores the influence French and native peoples in the Great Lakes region had on each other's culture with an emphasis on Southwest Michigan.

The project was coordinated by history faculty members Drs. Jose Brandao, Michael Chiarappa and Kristin Sylvian.

Political scientist awarded Congressional Fellowship

Dr. Neil A. Pinney, associate professor of political science and director of WMU's Institute of Government and Politics, has been selected for the American Political Science Association's 2001-02 Congressional Fellowship Program and will experience the workings of the U.S. Congress firsthand.

Now in its fifth decade, the Congressional Fellowship Program is a highly selective, nonpartisan program that annually gives nearly 40 early- to mid-career professionals fellowships to gain hands-on knowledge of and experience with the U.S. Congress. Pinney received one of the five fellowships reserved for political scientists and is the first WMU scholar to be chosen for the program.
WMU, Dutch firm enter into pilot training agreement

A Dutch firm that specializes in screening, selecting and arranging funding for prospective pilots headed for careers with European airlines has entered into a partnership with the University to bring up to 32 students a year for training. The first eight students selected by EPST—European Pilot Selection & Training—arrived in July at the college's International Pilot Training Centre in Battle Creek, Mich., to begin training alongside a class of British Airways cadets. A second class is due this fall.

The partnership is the first step in an effort that will make the firm's soon-to-be-established American division the first resident partner in Battle Creek's newly designated SmartZone, a Michigan economic development zone that focuses on the aviation arena.

WMU-trained pilots take top honors in London ceremony

British Airways pilots trained at WMU took three of four major awards presented by the airline at a June Wings Presentation Program in London.

The ceremony, held to commission new pilots for BA's commercial carriers, included 16 graduates of the International Pilot Training Centre as well as graduates of Oxford Air Training School in England. The WMU-trained pilots were members of the fifth group of BA cadets to complete training at the IPTC since BA began training its cadets there in 1998.

Delta, University announce first scholarship recipients

One was a senior account executive for a regional phone company. Another was a music teacher in a small Midwest city and yet another was a biostatistician from Alaska. What these young adults all have in common is a unique aptitude for flight training and a scholarship from Delta Air Lines that could land them in the co-pilot's seat of a commercial aircraft a year from now.

Eight prospective pilots from around the nation were named in June as the first recipients of scholarships designed to increase the number of women and minorities in the cockpits of the nation's commercial aircraft. They will be the first to enjoy flight training through an agreement announced earlier this year between Delta Air Lines and the University.

With $1.65 million in support from Delta over a four-year period, the college will train a minimum of 24 women and minority pilots who, once training is completed, will be given priority employment consideration by Delta Connection carriers.

Sky Broncos nab second place in national flight competition

The college's flight team, the Sky Broncos, nailed down its 10th consecutive top-three national finish when it captured second place in the National Intercollegiate Flying Association's May championship.

The 15-member team came in just 12 points behind the University of North Dakota, the host team for this year's event held in Grand Forks, N.D. Embry Riddle Aeronautical University of Prescott, Ariz., came in third. The three teams repeated last year's order of finish and were among 29 teams from around the nation to compete.

In addition to taking second place in the championship, the Sky Broncos captured the Judges Trophy. The award is based on the total number of points earned by the team—not just the top-10 placings that count toward the team championship. WMU's total of 14,188 was more than 1,100 points higher than its nearest competitor, Ohio State University.

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Haworth College of Business

MBA program preps non-business students for corporate life

Trudy Verser knows what it feels like to enter an MBA program without a business background. Now the associate dean for external affairs in the Haworth College of Business, Dr. Verser launched her business studies after earning a bachelor's degree in organizational psychology.

"It was culture shock," Verser says of her early MBA studies. "I encountered a completely different environment, where people interacted in a very different way than I was accustomed to. It took quite a while before I felt comfortable in the business college."

Today, Verser is helping to launch the college's Cooperative Master of Business Administration Program, which is designed to ease the process of earning an MBA for students whose bachelor's degrees are in non-business fields. The college is recruiting students both from the WMU undergraduate ranks and from liberal arts and historically minority colleges.

College officials planned to have a first class of 20 to 25 students enrolled this fall. A six-person committee will help support them from day one, and students will begin with an orientation program that will introduce them to the business culture and encourage strong bonds between participants.

Professor becomes research fellow at antitrust organization

Dr. Norman W. Hawker, associate professor of finance and commercial law, has been named a fellow of the American Antitrust Institute, a public interest organization dedicated to supporting an aggressive antitrust agenda.

Starting in May, Hawker began researching and writing on topics of interest to the institute and worked full time through the summer. He will be on a reduced schedule throughout the academic year.

A former assistant attorney general of Michigan, Hawker has long supported aggressive antitrust enforcement. The author of numerous law review articles on antitrust issues, he has also studied the history of antitrust legislation, enacted in 1890 and 1914. Hawker has a special interest in the Microsoft antitrust case and much of his work with the AAI will focus on the technology industry, as well as examine what business schools teach future managers about antitrust laws and competition.

Grant to fund expansion of University's Japanese programs

A two-year grant from the U.S. Department of Education will enable faculty members to continue to strengthen the study of Japan's language, culture and business environment.

Dr. F. William McCarty, professor of finance and commercial law, and Dr. Hideko Abe, assistant professor of Asian and Middle Eastern languages, will administer the program.

"Drs. McCarty and Abe have created an excellent model of interdisciplinary cooperation for this grant," says Dr. Ronald Davis, director of the Haenick Institute for International and Area Studies. "This program and others like it will provide opportunities to strengthen international and area studies for all our students."

McCarty agrees the initiative will benefit the entire University community.

"Japan is the world's second-largest economy," he says, "and it's important for our students to learn about the country's culture and language. WMU has longstanding relationships with several Japanese universities and centers, and the work made possible by this grant will only strengthen those ties."

First class of Singapore MBA students graduate in July

After 15 months of intensive study, students in the University's first overseas master of business administration program received their degrees in July.

Twenty Southeast Asian professionals have been part of the inaugural class of the college's Singapore MBA program. Employed by international companies such as Hewlett-Packard, Citibank, Westinghouse Electric and the Royal Bank of Canada, the students attended intensive 10-day courses beginning in May 2000. A dozen business faculty members traveled to Singapore to teach this first group, with pre-course work and follow-up conducted via the Internet.

Students received their degrees July 22 at a ceremony in Singapore, while two of the graduates traveled to Kalamazoo in June to attend commencement exercises.
College of Education

New family studies major stresses child development

The Department of Family and Consumer Sciences has unveiled a new family studies major with a child development emphasis just in time to meet new education requirements taking effect for many child care professionals.

The new degree prepares graduates to work with infants, toddlers, preschoolers and school-age children in a variety of settings, such as Head Start, Michigan School Readiness and child development centers. The program meets state requirements for child care center directors and prepares students to work in the growing field of parent education.

The new program, believed to be the first of its kind in Michigan, began this fall in cooperation with Kellogg, Lake Michigan and Southwestern community colleges. The "2+2" program allows students to complete two years of classes at the community college level then earn their bachelor's degrees at WMU's Southwest and Battle Creek campuses.

"Beginning in the year 2003, one-half of all Head Start employees must have a child development or related degree," says Dr. Linda Dannison, department chairperson. "So we're really responding to national trends here."

HPER faculty shine at national professional meeting

Faculty in the Department of Health, Physical Education and Recreation were recognized at the recent national convention of the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance.

Dr. Debra S. Berkey, department chairperson, was awarded the Midwest District Honor Award, which is given to those who demonstrate devotion to the profession and provide meritorious service and leadership for at least 10 years. It is the highest award bestowed by the district.

Dr. Jiabei Zhang, assistant professor of HPER, was recognized as an inductee and research consortium fellow for the alliance. Zhang also presented his research on motor behavior and social populations, examining the shortage of school recreation and therapeutic recreation specialists in the United States.

Two other faculty members, Dr. Marianne Frauenknecht and Dr. Jody A. Brylinsky, conducted workshops at the event. Frauenknecht conducted a one-day workshop on preparing to meet national accreditation standards, while Brylinsky's workshop explored coaching accreditation. In addition, the department as a whole was recognized as meeting standards set by the National Association for Sport and Physical Education and the National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education.

University's first totally online program one of few in nation

The University's first totally online program switched on this fall and is one of only a few of its kind in the nation.

The Graduate Certificate Program in Educational Technology provides training for people currently serving as technology coordinators for their school building or school district, allowing them to expand their skills and further their use of high-tech communications and information technology in education.

The new program is among only a handful of online certification programs for education technology coordinators in the nation, says Dr. James Bosco, professor of educational studies, director of external educational technology affairs and the program's developer. "In terms of online offerings at colleges and universities, this is unique," Bosco says. "There are maybe five programs like this in the United States and none like it in Michigan."

The program is offered through a partnership with Michigan Virtual University and is an offshoot of a previous distance-education program that started about four years ago and is delivered through interactive television. Bosco says that, too often, school districts have taken a haphazard approach toward developing their technology strategies. Students who earn their certificate will be ready to lead technology initiatives in their schools.

"The people who are responsible for running educational technology programs in their school districts have emerged from all kinds of places," Bosco says. "Many of them have been drafted into these jobs, but often these individuals have not had the opportunity to get the kind of professional development that really fits with the kinds of challenges the job of technology coordination presents."
College News

College of Engineering and Applied Sciences

Varatech’s latest Sigmund software integrated into programs
Young engineers trained at WMU will head into the work force ready to use the latest generation of sophisticated manufacturing software that translates precise computer-aided designs into the real world requirements of production, thanks to a new $2.1 million software award from Varatech of Holland, Mich.

Varatech, a leading technical engineering consulting firm, has awarded 100 seats of the company’s integrated Sigmund 3D for Pro/Engineer software and 100 seats of its new Sigmund Pro Tolerance software for use in the College of Engineering and Applied Sciences. A similar award last year of an earlier version made WMU the only university in the nation with the ability to train future engineers to use the software, which provides a bridge between the virtual realm of CAD and the real world of manufacturing.

“We’re developing a long-term partnership with Western Michigan University,” says Robert Gardner, president of Varatech. “WMU graduates who have experience using Sigmund are attractive to the many industry leaders who use Sigmund on a day-to-day basis, and WMU graduates are being recruited based on their knowledge of the software. We’re also exploring advanced research options in a variety of areas. We’re basically developing a symbiotic relationship.”

Sigmund software is designed to help companies increase product quality, reduce production costs and get their products to market sooner.

New associate dean named
Dr. Edmund Tsang has been named associate professor and associate dean for undergraduate programs and assessment in the College of Engineering and Applied Sciences.

Tsang comes to WMU from the University of South Alabama, where he had been a faculty member in mechanical engineering since 1980. Prior to that, he was a post-doctoral research fellow at Freie University in Berlin and a faculty member at the University of Nebraska. He also has been a visiting scientist at Ames Laboratory at Iowa State and a visiting scholar at both the Center for Defense Information in Washington, D.C., and the American Society for Engineering Education.

Solar cars come to campus, students hit Route 66 in race
Nearly 30 solar-powered cars built by some of the top collegiate engineering students in the world arrived on campus in July to take part in the WMU Formula Sun Grand Prix, the final qualifying trials for this year’s American Solar Challenge.

Cars qualified at WMU to compete in the national cross-country solar race that began July 15 at Chicago’s Museum of Science and Industry and concluded 10 days later in Claremont, Calif. Teams representing the nation’s top engineering schools and several international organizations traveled historic Route 66 as they tackled the world’s longest solar car race.

WMU’s Sunseeker 295 solar car race team, with an 18-member traveling entourage, competed against such top engineering schools as the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Stanford and the eventual winner, the University of Michigan.

Sunseeker placed fifth in stock class and in 23rd place overall, completing the 2,300-mile course in just over 125 hours. WMU is one of only eight schools in the nation to have completed all six national collegiate solar races that have been held since 1990.

Solar cars are inspected on campus prior to the race.

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University hits high note, hosts international French horn event

WMU was the host site in June for the International Horn Society's annual convention, the largest gathering of French horn players in the world.

The 33rd International Horn Symposium attracted leading French horn players from around the world for a series of workshops and performances taking place on campus, with several open to the public. In addition to featured artists, several supporting ensembles also took part in the event, including three from WMU.

The international horn gathering is held annually and features five to six days of performances, master classes, lectures, exhibits and socializing by roughly 500 to 600 horn players and enthusiasts from across the globe. Participants include students of all ages, secondary school and university teachers, professional symphony players, dedicated amateurs, and vendors of horns, music, recordings and other horn-related merchandise.

This is the first time the horn symposium has been held at WMU and the first time it has been in Michigan since 1977. The first horn symposium was held at Florida State University in 1969. Last year's symposium was in Beijing, while next year's event will be in Finland.

"It was terrific to be able to bring this event here," says Dr. Johnny Pherigo, a professor of music and the event's host and musical director. "It's a tremendous opportunity for our students to get to know many of these artists."

Jazzers 'get down' with Down Beat awards, keep streak alive

For the ninth consecutive year, students brought home multiple awards in Down Beat magazine's annual Student Awards Competition.

This year, three students won top honors in the competition sponsored by the renowned jazz and blues publication. No other Michigan school won an award.

The winners, along with individual categories and awards, are:

- Shawn Wallace, jazz instrumental soloist, saxophone, outstanding performance; Justin Binek, jazz vocalist, outstanding performance; and Rachel Flanigan, engineered studio recording, college winner.

All material submitted in the competition was recorded Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, 2000.

"What this tells us," says Dr. Thomas Knific, professor of music and head of the Jazz Studies Program, "and what we've believed all along, is that our students are as good or better than any other students in the world."

WMU's string of multiple Down Beat awards goes back to 1993, with the University accumulating more of the awards for several years than any other college or university in the nation.

Professor awarded residency at Illinois artists' colony

Cat Crotchett, assistant professor of art, was recently awarded a residency at the Ragdale Foundation artists' colony in Lake Forest, Ill. During her residency, Crotchett was given studio space, time to work and the opportunity to meet with visual artists, composers, writers and performance artists at various stages in their careers. The experience allowed her to complete work that was featured in a solo exhibit at Vanderbilt University later in the year.

The residency and exhibit cap a busy period for Crotchett. During the past three years, she has had solo exhibitions at the University of Alabama, the Maryland Institute of Art, Firelands College, Coker College and Lincoln Center in Fort Collins, Colo.
New program serves people with Alzheimer’s, dementia disorders
The University is a partner in a new program that is serving adults with Alzheimer’s disease and other forms of dementia who are living at home.

The Alliance for Community Supports, a nonprofit organization founded by WMU’s Center for Disability Services along with Kalamazoo’s MRC Industries and Residential Opportunities Inc., is providing the service.

“We provide care and supervision during the day, as well as occupational and physical therapy, so that the participants in our program can remain independent as long as possible,” says Kathy Dziepak, program coordinator. Therapeutic activities are designed to help slow the loss of skills and cognitive abilities associated with Alzheimer’s by providing opportunities for social interaction combined with movement, exercises and reminiscing.

In addition to therapeutic activities, the Senior Day Services Program offers respite for caregivers—usually family members, an elderly spouse or an adult child—who may find it difficult to provide the necessary activities for their loved ones.

The University’s Geriatric Assessment Center also plays a role in the Senior Day Services Program by providing clinical resources and comprehensive, family-centered, interdisciplinary assessments of clients.

U.S. News & World Report rates five HHS programs among best
Five graduate programs in the college were identified as being among the top such programs in the country by U.S. News & World Report in the magazine’s 2002 rankings of the best graduate programs in the nation.

Four of the programs were ranked among the top 50, with three being included in the top 30. In addition, a new program in rehabilitation counseling was ranked among the top 60.

The programs include: a master’s degree program in physician assistant, which was ranked 23rd; master’s programs in occupational therapy and speech pathology, which both were ranked 30th; a master’s program in audiology, which was ranked 49th; and the new rehabilitation counseling program, which began in 1995 and was ranked 60th.

School of nursing baccalaureate program gets stamp of approval
WMU’s Bronson School of Nursing recently received endorsement for its baccalaureate nursing curriculum from the American Holistic Nurses’ Certification Corp.

The endorsement entitles nursing school graduates to take the holistic nursing certification examination, recognizing them as meeting qualifications and competencies in holistic nursing practice. All graduates who completed the program during the 1999-2000 academic year, as well as those who graduate within the next five years, are qualified to apply for certification.

In addition, graduates will be exempt from the requirements of providing evidence of one year of practice and completing the Qualitative Assessment prior to the examination as other applicants must do.

Event staged during National Aphasia Awareness Month
The little known disorder of aphasia was in the spotlight during a special event in June during National Aphasia Month.

The event, sponsored by the Department of Speech Pathology and Audiology, was intended to educate the public about aphasia and included a presentation by John Liechty, who suffers from the disorder.

Aphasia is an acquired language disorder, usually of sudden onset, that affects a person’s ability to communicate. Its primary symptom is difficulty in speaking, while understanding of speech, reading and writing are also often impaired. Aphasia sufferers often become socially isolated and frequently are misunderstood by people around them.
Lee Honors College

Senior is University's second Udall Scholar in two years

A senior Lee Honors College student is the University's second recipient of a prestigious scholarship for environmental studies from the Morris K. Udall Foundation.

Jacquelyn Styrna is one of 80 Udall Scholars from around the nation who won $5,000 toward tuition, fees, books, and room and board for the 2001-02 academic year.

An environmental studies and political science major, Styrna served as an intern with the Michigan Environmental Council in Lansing, Mich. She follows in the footsteps of Heather Gott, who became the University's first Udall Scholar last year. Both students were nominated by Dr. John E. Martell, assistant dean of the LHC.

"The Udall Scholarship is the nation's top award for students of environmental studies and public policy," Martell says. "Jackie has distinguished herself as one of the best students in this field. It's a tremendous compliment to the University, our students and our environmental studies program to have two consecutive Udall Scholars."

LHC teams with arts council on arts-related oral history project

The Lee Honors College, the Arts Council of Greater Kalamazoo and the WMU Archives and Regional History Collections are embarking on an oral history project to document the history of the arts council, one of the earliest community art organizations in the United States.

Honors college students will help interview people associated with the arts council at its inception in the mid-1960s. The project will involve conducting background research, identifying interview questions and conducting interviews. Post-interview indexing will facilitate access to historical information in the future.

Oral history, the process of electronically recording the remembrances of people, has become recognized as a valuable resource by researchers and scholars. In the past 25 years, there has been a rapid growth in the use of oral history by serious scholars, with interviews in oral history collections often providing scholars access to information not available anywhere else.

The Arts Council of Greater Kalamazoo supports, promotes and funds the arts in Kalamazoo County. Council members include arts organizations, individual artists and arts enthusiasts.

Student wins top design prize

An honors college student recently captured first prize in the Michigan Design Center—American Society of Interior Designers Junior Competition.

Alison Wood, an honors college junior from Saginaw, Mich., was awarded a $1,000 cash prize at the Michigan Design Center—American Society of Interior Designers Annual Career Day in Troy, Mich. The competition was based on the National Council of Interior Design Qualification Examination, which had to be completed within one week without faculty input.

www.wmich.edu/honors

Books

Negotiating Boundaries of Southern Womanhood: Dealing with the Powers That Be

University of Missouri Press, 2001

Dr. Janet Coryell, professor of history

In a time when most Americans never questioned that women should be subordinate to men, many women learned how to negotiate societal boundaries and to claim a share of power for themselves in a male-dominated world. Co-edited by Coryell, the book covers the early 19th through 20th centuries and describes the ways Southern women advanced their development and independence and established their own identities in the context of a society that restricted their opportunities and personal freedom.

Discovering the Peoples of Michigan

Michigan State University Press, 2001

Dr. Arthur Helweg, professor of anthropology

This multi-volume series, co-edited by Helweg and Dr. Linwood H. Cousins, a former WMU faculty member, includes six volumes released in the summer and could ultimately contain some 30 volumes. Among those first releases is an introductory text, "Ethnicity in Michigan," in which Helweg and co-author Jack Glazier of Oberlin College provide an overview of the more than 130 ethnic groups in the state. Each of the remaining volumes focuses on an individual ethnic group in Michigan and is written by a member of that group when possible.

Compact Disc

The Merling Trio

Pamplin Music, 2001

Classical Surroundings

Known for bringing the beauty of chamber music to life, The Merling Trio, a faculty ensemble in the School of Music, is tapped to take part in a series of classical recordings geared toward newcomers. Recorded at Allgood Productions in Atlanta, the disc features pieces by such well-known composers as Haydn, Liszt, Mozart, Schumann, Bloch and Brahms that trio members Renata Artman Knific, violin, Bruce Uchimura, cello, and Susan Wiersma Uchimura, piano, have performed for years. Allgood Productions is owned and operated by former WMU music professor Bill Allgood.
Classnotes

Alumni are listed under their preferred class years.
Names printed in gold denote membership in the WMU Alumni Association.

Don’t hesitate to contact us when you have news to share in our classnotes or obituaries sections. For classnotes, make sure to include your name (first, middle, last, maiden), address, degree(s), year(s) graduated and phone number. We will publish your photo as space permits.

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1953 - 1970

Richard F. Hendershott
BS ’53, MA ’59, is teaching at the Escuela Internancional Sampredrina in San Pedro Sula, Honduras.

Charles P. Klass
BA ’62, received the 2001 Technical Association of the Pulp and Paper Industry, Coating and Graphic Arts Leadership and Service Award. He also received the Protein Technologies Medallion. He is president of Klass Associates Inc. in Radnor, PA.

George “Axxel” Knutson
BBA ’62, is chief executive officer of TradingWeapon.com, an investment management and brokerage firm in Warren, NJ. He is a regular commentator for Bloomberg Television and has a daily program on AOL’s “Marketalk”.

Michael Matayas
BS ’62, PhD ’74, has been appointed chief cryptographer and security architect for PersonalPath Systems Inc., a patient-centered technology and care management company in Upper Saddle River, NJ.

Frank A. Hemphill Jr.
BA ’64, MLS ’66, has been named the new director of the Branch District Library in Coldwater, MI.

Donald W. Hubble
BA ’65, MBA ’66, delivered the commencement address and was awarded an honorary doctor of business administration degree in hospitality management at Johnson & Wales University. He is chairman, president and chief executive officer of Angelica Corp. in Chesterfield, MO.

Gary F. Petty
BA ’65, MA ’66, has been selected by the National Private Truck Council as its new president and chief executive officer.

Leslie K. Bates
BS ’68, MA ’69, has been named dean of students at Florida Atlantic University in Boca Raton.

Wendell L. Christoff
BS ’68, received the Food Marketing Outstanding Alumni Award at the annual Food Marketing Conference at WMU in March. He is co-owner and vice chairman of Litehouse Inc. and operates out of the Lowell, MI facility.

Frank Eckstein
BS ’68, received the Food Marketing Outstanding Alumni Award at the annual Food Marketing Conference at WMU in March. He is division vice president for 55 Acme stores. His office is in Malvern, PA.

Daniel C. Pratley
BA ’69, MA ’72, has been named president of Region VII of the Michigan Association of School Administrators, representing K-12 superintendents in the six-county southwest Michigan region.

William K. Daam
BS ’70, BBA ’84, MBA ’91, has been named chief operating officer at Borgess-Lee Memorial Hospital in Dowagiac, MI.

Gayle M. Hoogstraten
BS ’70, MFA ’76, received the 2001 Community Medal of Arts award from the Kalamazoo Arts Council.

John L. Johnson
BSE ’70, has been recognized for 30 years of service with Consumers Energy. He is a senior system engineer.

J. Joseph Mapes
BBA ’70, has joined Morren & Colvin Real Estate Company LLC in Galesburg, MI.

Shirley A. VanHoeven
MA ’70, EdD ’76, WMU professor emerita, will be the recipient of the National Communication Association’s 2001 Lifetime Teaching Excellence Award in Atlanta in November.

1971 - 1975

James A. Cupper
BBA ’71, has joined McCrosky Marketing Communications of Kalamazoo as an account planner.

Victor G. Fortezza
BS ’71, is the author of a new novel titled Close to the Edge.

Michael T. Glenn
BBA ’71, MA ’74, EdD ’79, has been promoted to vice president of organization development for Fidelity Investments Inc.

Roland C. Hansen
BA ’71, has been appointed head of access services at the Library of Columbia College in Chicago.

James P. Kirker
BBA ’71, has retired after 30 years in education. At the time of retirement, he was principal of Atherton (MI) High School.

Susan M. Eckhardt
BS ’72, has joined the Kalamazoo Institute of Arts as curator of museum education.

Ernest L. Kern
MA ’72, EdS ’74, was honored as a 2001 Educator of the Year by the Cape Girardeau, MO, Chamber of Commerce. He is a professor of geosciences at Southeast Missouri State University.

Christie M. Peters
BS ’72, MA ’83, has retired after 28 years of teaching in Schoolcraft (MI) Community Schools. She was also named 2000-01 Teacher of the Year.
Mary Colton  
BS '73, MA '78, is the new assistant superintendent for Zeeland (MI) Public Schools. Previously, she was principal of Roosevelt Elementary School in Zeeland.

Stanley Fortuna  
MA '73, EdD '75, recently became headmaster of the Kamehameha Schools in Hawaii.

William B. Leaver  
BA '73, has been named chief executive officer of Trinity Medical Center in Detroit.

Walter J. Rudecki  
MA '73, has been elected to the United States division of KPMG Peat Marwick LLP, where he will be serving tax clients in the compensation and benefits practice.

Daniel E. Kubiske  
BA '74, has been named chairman of the Press Freedom Network of the Society of Professional Journalists. He is a freelance journalist in Hong Kong.

Robert W. Olding  
BS '74, has been appointed assistant director in charge of the division of programs and services for the Arizona Department of Corrections.

James W. Tomlinson  
BA '74, MA '80, has been appointed Detroit manager for Biography Magazine.

Larry S. Warkoczewski  

Julie W. Conn  
BS '75, has been appointed director of student support services in charge of special education for the Huron Valley (MI) Schools Board of Education.

George J. David  
BBA '75, has joined the law firm O'Reilly, Rancilio, Nitz, Andrews, Turnbull, & Scott P.C. in Sterling Heights, MI.

Kevin N. Flynn  
BS '75, has been named vice president of sales for Nextel Communications Inc.'s Minnesota and Wisconsin markets.

Theodore E. Townsend  
BA '75, has been named vice president and chief administrative officer for the Geisinger Health System in Danville, PA.

1976 - 1980

Mary Koert  
MA '76, has accepted a position as the Region V special education director, covering schools in Chelsea, Dexter, Manchester, and Whitmore Lake, MI.

Kim S. Petrasek  
BS '76, was recently appointed principal of Walker School in Clarendon Hills, IL.

Randy C. Johnson  
BS '77, is the new minister of the First Baptist Church in Ypsilanti, MI.

David J. Vandenberg  
MA '77, received Michigan's Elementary Science Teacher of the Year Award. He is a fourth-grade teacher at Alward Elementary School in Hudsonville, MI.

Bradley G. Burt  
BS '78, has been promoted to sales manager in the north Florida district of Novastar Financial Inc., which is based in Laguna Hills, CA.

Mark F. Oehmke  
BS '79, was recently hired as vice president and general manager of Michigan Caterpillar.

Anthony G. Battaglia  
BBA '80, has been promoted to senior market manager with Permatex Inc. in Hartford, CT.

Julie A. Brookes  
BS '80, is the winner of the Betty Campion Distinguished Support Service Award given by the Oakland County School Boards Association. She is an instructional aide at Pine Knob Elementary School in Clarkston, MI.

Chris D. Nuyen  
BBA '80, has joined First of Michigan, Kalamazoo, as a licensed broker specializing in retirement planning and investments.

Denis J. Sullivan  
BBA '80, MA '81, was recently named chairperson of the Department of Political Science at Northeastern University in Boston.

Members for Life
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 interest in your University through life membership in our association.

Fernon P. Feenstra  
BS '59, MA '60, Livonia, MI

Mary Lou McLintock  
BA '52, Waterford, MI

Mary Viergever Taylor  
BS '50, Gettysburg, PA

Ronald R. Whitcomb  
BA '63, MA '65, Kalamazoo

Ellen Moores Whitcomb  
BS '61, Kalamazoo

Elizabeth March Cutler  
BS '67, Muskegon, MI

Glen R. Dohn  
BA '59, Baltimore, MD

Mary Witherell Matzen  
BA '61, Newburgh, IN

Uli Hegel  
BS '59, Novato, CA

Suzanne Lorenz Brennan  
MA '81, EdD '88, Paw Paw, MI

Wendy L. Hand  
BS 90, Kalamazoo

Robert F. Kennedy  
BS '89, Saginaw, MI

Sharon J. Cummings  
MA '75, MA '89, Marcellus, MI
1981 - 1985

Kendrick A. Paluso
BSM '81, was awarded a 2001 Publishing Award by the American Academy of Physician Assistants for his article titled "The Fainting Patient: First and Foremost, a Meticulous Evaluation."

Nick G. Triantafillopoulos
BSE '81, MSE '85, has been appointed to the editorial board of the Tippi Journal published by the Technical Association of the Pulp and Paper Industry.

Margaret Sellers-Walker
MPA '83, of Grand Rapids, MI, has been honored for her lifetime achievement vision, and dedication to improving the lives of Michigan's women and girls by the Michigan Women's Foundation.

Tracy A. Smiedendorf
BS '83, was appointed to Lieutenant Colonel in the United States Air Force and reassigned to the Pentagon, where he will serve in the aircraft maintenance management division.

John E. Kreuzer
BS '84, is president of Strap Brothers Lawn & Landscape Service in Hickory Corners, MI.

Scarlet Holmes Sager
BS '84, has been promoted to associate professor of English at Johnson & Wales University's College of Culinary Arts in Norfolk, VA.

Michael D. Skupin
BBA '84, is the president of a software publishing company called Rhinosoft Interactive.com. Skupin was one of the contestants on CBS's "Survivor II: The Australian Outback" television program.

Timothy M. Wittebort
BS '85, has joined the law firm of Butzel Long as a senior attorney in Bloomfield Hills, MI.

Lisa J. Wright
BA '85, has been appointed marketing communications project manager at Trendway, a manufacturer of private and open plan office environments based in Holland, MI.

1986 - 1990

Gary W. Brook
BS '86, has joined Lawrence Productions Inc. in Galesburg, MI, as a senior editor.

David Cadogan
BS '86, was recently appointed manager of research and development for ILC Dover Inc., a designer and manufacturer of space suits and airships in Frederica, DE.

Diane M. Dickey
MA '86, has joined the Office of Institutional Advancement at Olivet (MI) College as executive director for marketing and communications. She is also an adjunct instructor at Kellogg Community College.

Jane E. Edwards
BS '86, MBA '88, received a 2000 George Award from the Battle Creek (MI) Enquirer for her dedication to saving the lives of children by founding the Derek Edwards Bike Safety Jamborees.

Carolyn M. Hazelgrove
BBA '86, recently joined Newcomb Print Services in Michigan City, IN, as an account executive.

John C. Schlinker
BA '86, has been appointed chief deputy prosecuting attorney for Genesee County, MI.

Carl E. Wendell IV
BSE '86, has been named vice president and operations manager of the Austin Company's midwest region. He will work from the company's Michigan office in Kalamazoo.

Diane Zalapi
BA '86, was recently named assistant vice president for student services and marketing at Walsh College in Lake Orion, MI.

Johannes R. Korendyke
BS '87, has joined the Kalamazoo office of Tower Pinkster Titus Associates and its board of directors as vice president of engineering.

Julie E. Shroyer
BSW '87, has joined the lobbying firm Wheat & Associates of Arlington, VA, as senior vice president.

P. Kirk VanHorn
BBA '87, was elected president of the Michigan Mortgage Brokers Association for 2001. He is president of Best Home Financial in Benton Harbor, MI.

Jack C. Pell
BBA '88, has been named vice president and general manager of Hydro Aluminum Wells Inc., which has operations in Kalamazoo and Sidney, OH.

Jose E. Santamaria
BA '88, BBA '88, MBA '91, has been promoted to vice president and senior commercial real estate lender at Irwin Union Bank in Kalamazoo.

Bill W. Gibson
BBA '89, has been named regional sales manager for Basco, a shower door manufacturer in Mason, OH.

Dawnanne Corbit
MBA '90, is vice president in charge of commercial banking at Standard Federal in Kalamazoo.

Elizabeth Ann (Duffy) Corritore
BS '90, is a commercial litigation associate with Pepper Hamilton LLP in Philadelphia.

Scott L. Freeman
BBA '84, MBA '90, has been appointed assistant vice president and investment officer in the private banking trust and investment division of Shoreline Bank in Benton Harbor, MI.

Thomas L. Garrett
MSA '90, has been named president of Total Plastics Inc., a fabricator and distributor of plastics in Kalamazoo.

Christopher R. Herter
BSBA '90, has joined the law firm of Butzel Long in Bloomfield Hills, MI, as an associate.
Preserving our industrial heritage

Keith Gill is a curator at Chicago's Museum of Science and Industry. That means he's also a fund-raiser, an educator, a conservator, a historian, a special events planner, a lobbyist and, some days, a diesel mechanic.

The WMU alumnus's job with the Western hemisphere's oldest science museum is a fitting post for the man who once dreamed of combining his interests in military history, vintage cars, and all types of gadgets and machinery.

"I always wanted to work at a museum," says Gill, who oversees the museum's transportation exhibits. "I always had a mechanical mind. I could look at something and understand how it worked. But I also wanted to know why it was designed the way it was, who used it and how it affected their lives.

"I entered the museum community just as it was grasping the fact that historic machinery—cars, factory equipment, locomotives, coal mines, all this industrial stuff—needed a conservator."

When Gill joined the museum 13 years ago, he was immediately captivated by one of its prize exhibits—a U505 German submarine captured by American forces in 1944. He's been a passionate, hands-on advocate for the sub's preservation, and even got one of its diesel engines running a few years ago. Today, he's overseeing its restoration and preservation, including a campaign to enclose the 800-ton behemoth in its own building. Gill recently brought together six German crewmen and 23 Americans involved in the sub's capture, crafting an oral history film project that will become a critical part of the revamped U505 exhibit when it opens in 2004.

Another of his charges prompted an encounter with his alma mater last summer. Gill supervises the museum's collection of 42 cars, a mishmash of antiques and classics, including a restored 1922 Milburn electric car that sparked his interest in alternative fuel initiatives. For several years he'd been following WMU's entry in a biennial solar car race that draws race teams from around the globe. When he learned that this year's race was slated to begin in Chicago after qualifying events in Kalamazoo, he invited organizers to kick off their cross-country odyssey at the Museum of Science and Industry.

"They invited me to flag off the WMU car," says Gill, whose Bronco roots run deep and whose mother and brother are also alums. "I used to work at vintage race car events, and I saw a lot of sheepish flag waving. I decided to do it with style. I guess my plan worked, because I got calls from people all over the country who said they saw me on television flagging that car off. It was amazing."
Steven W. Finup
BSE '94, MSE '96, recently joined the Parker Abex NWL division of Parker Aerospace in Kalamazoo as senior reliability/maintainability/safety engineer.

Kimberly S. Fuller
BS '94, has joined SKP Design of Kalamazoo, as a project manager.

Daniel M. Tomczak
MA '94, is a staff geologist for the environmental consulting firm ARCADIS Geraghty & Miller Inc. in Raleigh, NC.

Jesse Green
BA '95, was recognized by the State Bar of Michigan for his article, "New On-Line Service Offers Quick and Easy Settlements."

Julie Swanlund Lucas
BS '95, has been named a principal in the law firm Lambert, Edwards & Associates Inc. She is the first associate to earn ownership in the public and investor relations firm, which is based in Grand Rapids, MI.

Deborah C. (Miller) Tomczak
BS '95, has joined INC Research in Cary, NC, as a regional clinical research associate.

1996 - 2000

Timothy Brent Bell
BS '98, has been appointed the regional operations manager and vice president of sales for Wise Personnel in Portage, MI.

Denise M. Bresson
MA '98, has been named curriculum coordinator for Portage (MI) Public Schools.

Timothy E. Foley
MA '98, has joined the law firm Warner Norcross & Judd LLP in Grand Rapids, MI, as an associate.

Jason John Hyska
BBA '98, has been promoted to assistant vice president at Sturgis Bank & Trust Co. in Bronson, MI.

Jennifer M. Reisterer
BBA '98, has joined Greenleaf Trust of Kalamazoo as a trust service representative.

Lucinda M. Stinson
MPA '98, has joined Healthy Futures of Kalamazoo as the director of community healthcare access programs.

Jennifer VanWyk
MA '98, is an academic advisor at the University of Illinois-Chicago.

Jennifer L. Avery
BS '99, has joined Duke University's Graduate School of Nursing in Durham, NC, as an admissions officer.

Brooke Drysdale Flanders
BS '99, is leading the driver rehabilitation program at Southwest Rehab Hospital in Battle Creek, MI. She is a registered occupational therapist.

Michael J. Hagerty
MBA '99, has been appointed director of finance and operations for Allegan (MI) County Intermediate School District.

Roberta Lovaglio
BBA '99, has joined Premiere Conferencing as an account executive in the Washington, DC, metropolitan area.

Julie A. Righter
BBA '99, has been promoted to the position of master scheduler with the Pharmacia Corp. in Portage, MI.

Christy L. Abruzzo
BA '00, has joined Lambert, Edwards & Associates Inc. of Grand Rapids, MI, as an associate.

Michelle M. Beebe
BBA '00, has joined Plante & Moran LLP in Battle Creek, MI, as an accountant.

Nathan M. Dynak
BA '00, has joined First Telecommunications Corp. of Grand Rapids, MI, as an account executive.

Dana R. Harville
BA '00, has joined the police force in Sturgis, MI.

Bonnie R. Kanicki
MPA '00, is the first female assistant post commander at the Michigan State Police Bridgeport Post in Saginaw County, MI.

Pauline Oo
BA '00, is a writer/project manager for the Office of University Relations at the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis.

Heather A. Pittman
MSA '00, has joined the accounting firm Jansen Furgason & Valk in Kalamazoo as a client service professional.

Alanna Randall
BA '00, has accepted a position with the Peace Corps to serve as an environmental education volunteer in Belize.

Susan B. Townsend
MA '00, was recognized during Michigan's Principals' Week for her outstanding leadership and dedication. She is the principal at Shearman Elementary School in Marshall, MI.

Robert J. Vance III
BMUS '00, is the new choral director at Vicksburg (MI) High School.
Obituaries

1925 - 1935

Deidee M. Herman

John W. Nelson
TC '28, SCD '33, Jan. 9, 2001, in Kalamazoo.

Maxine Helen DeVoogd

Esther Lundquist
TC '29, May 18, 2001, in Kalamazoo.

Margaret I. Barney
TC '30, BS '60, Jan. 6, 2001, in Kalamazoo.

D. Clotelle Sanders

Pauline B. Yaple
TC '31, BA '33, Nov. 18, 2000, in Athens, MI.

Arthur M. Bailey
BS '35, April 21, 2001, in Schoolcraft, MI.

Suzanne H. Klop

Ruth E. Stephens
TC '24, BS '35, Feb. 23, 2001, in Wayland, MI.

1936 - 1945

Dorothy C. Armintrout
TC '37, June 2, 2001, in Allegan, MI.

Paul L. Conklin
TC '36, BA '37, Dec. 21, 2000, in Lansing, MI.

Jane Lange
TC '37, June 12, 2001, in Galesburg, MI.

George H. Payne
BS '37, June 6, 2001, in Kalamazoo.

Jane E. Schuitmaker
BS '37, April 19, 2001, in Paw Paw, MI.

Donald M. Bray
BS '39, Nov. 15, 2000, in Northville, MI.

Ruth Ryder
TC '29, BA '39, Feb. 10, 2001, in Plainwell, MI.

Richard Riegel
BS '39, April 16, 2001, in Vicksburg, MI.

Herbert A. Auer
BS '40, March 11, 2001, in Traverse City, MI.

Theodore H. Bennink
BS '40, April 5, 2001, in Kalamazoo.

Dorothy J. Fordham
BS '40, MA '59, Nov. 27, 2000, in Kalamazoo.

Gwendolyn J. Trevillion
BS '40, Dec. 17, 2000, in Saginaw, MI.

Stanley S. Kloet
TC '41, Jan. 8, 2001, in Kalamazoo.

Shirley M. North
BS '41, TC '44, Jan. 30, 2001, in Melbourne, FL.

Jeannette M. Grabowski
TC '42, April 15, 2001, in Alamo Township, MI.

Clarabelle Carvell
BMUS '43, MA '58, June 3, 2001, in Farmington Hills, MI.

1946 - 1955

Charles Stewart Henderson
BS '48, April 4, 2000, in Holt, MI.

Maxine W. Hinga

Lawrence B. Tungate

Hilda M. Oster
BA '49, April 25, 2001, in Paw Paw, MI.

Jeanne M. Williams

Nina B. Johncock
TC '26, BS '50, March 12, 2001, in Pavillion Township, MI.

Theodore C. Parkhurst
BS '50, May 12, 2001, in Saginaw, MI.

Herbert C. Radabaugh Jr.
BS '50, MA '60, Jan. 1, 2001, in Portage, MI.

Richard L. Wiles
BS '50, Dec. 31, 1999, in Holland, MI.

David C. Gould
BA '52, Jan. 21, 2001, in Sarasota, FL.

Fred J. Chalker Sr.
BA '53, Dec. 14, 2000, in Muskegon, MI.

Bernice M. Maxey
BS '53, Nov. 15, 2000, in Kalamazoo.

Kenneth J. Buck Jr.
BBA '54, MA '59, Feb. 25, 2001, in Corvallis, OR.

Joyce Bailey Jones
BA '54, Jan. 6, 2001, in Charlevoix, MI.

Richard C. Searles
BS '54, March 22, 2001, in Portage, MI.

Mary E. Butler
TC '25, BS '55, May 19, 2001, in Kalamazoo.

1956 - 1965

Jack E. Behrens Sr.

Marie L. Carlson
BS '56, MA '62, Nov. 26, 2000, in Otsego, MI.

Billy L. Curtis
BBA '56, Nov. 24, 2000, in Prospect Heights, IL.

Cecilia J. McMillan
BS '56, Feb. 8, 2001, in Kalamazoo.

Paul Schott

William B. Hungerford Sr.
BBA '57, Dec. 26, 2000, in Derwood, MD.

W. Donald Jackson
BBA '57, June 13, 2001, in San Francisco, CA.

Willis C. Bates
BA '58, June 29, 2001, in Idaho.

Mary B. Gleason
TC '30, BA '38, Feb. 14, 2001, in Niles, MI.

Margaret Kramer
BS '58, June 15, 2001, in Frankfort, MI.

Maurice H. Metzelaars
BBA '58, March 6, 2001, in Portage, MI.

Audrey V. Miller
TC '27, BA '59, Nov. 3, 2000, in Kalamazoo.

Betty Stroud

Stella Slager
BS '60, Jan. 30, 2001, in Kalamazoo.

Nancy C. Lightfoot
BBA '56, MA '64, Jan. 12, 2001, in Liberty, West Africa.

Dora W. S. Partington
MA '61, Nov. 3, 2000, in Greensboro, NC.

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Waldo Stadium opened the 2001 football season sporting NeXturf, a new state-of-the-art synthetic turf manufactured by the firm that developed AstroTurf in the 1960s.

According to head football coach Gary Darnell, NeXturf is laid down like sod and looks and feels like natural grass but will play faster and be easier to maintain. It is specifically tailored for football and is seamless, Darnell adds, so players can make cuts without snagging their feet.

The new turf was installed this past summer as part of a project that also will include installation of an artificial surface in the new Donald “J” Seelye Athletic Center, which will serve as an indoor practice facility for football and several other Bronco sports.

The indoor surface will be a new version of AstroPlay, which is designed for a wide variety of sports. AstroPlay is like the grass in your front yard, Darnell says, while NeXturf is like the grass in a golf course fairway.

WMU and the universities of Oregon and Toledo are the only NCAA schools using NeXturf this season. Waldo Stadium was built in 1939 and was a grass field until 1973, when the original AstroTurf was installed. In 1992, the AstroTurf was removed and grass planted.

The men's outdoor track and field squad ended the 2001 season with a No. 20 national rating in the Team Power Rankings and a second-place showing out of 13 teams at the Mid-American Conference Championship, where 21 Broncos scored points.

The squad, which compiled a 5-0 dual record during the season, has won 15 of 16 dual meets dating back to April 1999 and has captured at least one individual title at the MAC Championship for 54 consecutive years.

Head coach Jack Shaw also enhanced his statistics this year, earning Central Collegiate Conference honors as Coach of the Year for the fourth time. During his 31 years at WMU, Shaw has led the Broncos to six outdoor MAC track titles; coached 55 All-Americans; and amassed a dual record of 119-35-1 (.771), including an 88-24-1 (.783) mark outdoors.

Standouts on his squad this year included junior Dale Cowper and freshman Clark Wilson. Both Broncos competed at the 2001 NCAA outdoor championships, with Cowper finishing 16th in the hammer throw, missing All-America status by a single spot, and Wilson placing 18th in the discus.

Wilson and senior Mike Hanson (high jump) were All-MAC First Team selections. Cowper also was named the John P. Nicholson Trophy recipient as the CCC’s Outstanding Performer and picked for the Verizon Academic All-District IV First Team. Senior Ben Howell (discus) was named to Verizon's academic second team.

The 2001 Mike Gary Athletic Fund campaign reached a record total of $725,854 in gifts and pledges. The money raised surpassed the campaign goal of $685,000 and was an 11 percent increase from the $652,000 raised in 2000.

The 47-year-old Mike Gary Athletic Fund is among the oldest fund-raising campaigns at WMU. It supports the University's 20 men's and women's intercollegiate athletic teams by providing funds for scholarships, equipment purchases and travel expenses.

Three members of the baseball team were selected in the 2001 Major League Baseball First-Year Player Draft: junior pitcher Kody Naylor, who has the right to remain a Bronco next season, Florida Marlins, 10th round; senior shortstop Ryan Kochen, who has signed with the Houston Astros organization, 19th round; and senior
outfielder John Toner, who has signed with the New York Mets organization, 23rd round.

Senior outside hitter M'Myia McQuirter was one of 15 collegiate volleyball players selected as a member of the National A-2 Team, which trains with the United States National Team and helps U.S. officials identify the nation's top volleyball players. McQuirter tested No. 1 physically among the players who tried out and had a chance to compete against international opponents under the guidance of Olympic volleyball coach Toshi Yoshida.

Junior Greg Graham, the Bronco baseball team's designated hitter, has been named to the First Team All-Mideast Region Team by the American Baseball Coaches Association as well as to the All-America Second Team.

Four freshmen on the men's and women's outdoor track and field teams participated this past summer in the 2001 U.S. Junior National Championships for athletes ages 14 to 19: Kendrah Lockett, 400 meters; Tom Maczik, shot put and discus; Tom Torchia, javelin; and Clark Wilson, discus.

**MAC gains second bowl bid**

The Mid-American Conference has locked in a second automatic bowl bid for the league. The GMAC Bowl, previously the Mobile Alabama Bowl, now joins the Motor City Bowl as the two bowls that will host MAC football teams.

The MAC champion is guaranteed to appear in either the GMAC or Motor City Bowl. If the MAC champion is not selected to play the No. 2 team from Conference USA in the GMAC, the MAC will select it to play a C-USA opponent in the Motor City Bowl.

**Sports season summaries**

- **Baseball**—MAC, 15-13; overall, 26-28; West Division league finish, fourth/six teams.
- **Golf**—league championship, sixth/seven teams; won UM-Kansas City Kenneth Smith Classic to capture first tournament title as a three-year-old varsity sport.
- **Softball**—MAC, 7-17; overall, 13-34-1; West Division league finish, fifth/six teams.
- **Track, women's outdoor**—overall dual, 2-2; league championships, 10th/13 teams; All-MAC Second Team, junior Lauren Abel, 400 hurdles.

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  - Nov. 30 Sacred Heart
  - Dec. 1 Sacred Heart
  - Dec. 8 Bronco alumni vs. Red Wings alumni
  - Dec. 14 at Lake Superior State*
  - Dec. 15 at Lake Superior State*
  - Mariucci Classic, Minneapolis
  - Dec. 28 vs. Providence
  - Dec. 29 vs. Minnesota or Ferris State
  - Jan. 4 Ohio State*
  - Jan. 5 Ohio State*
  - Jan. 11 at Michigan State*
  - Jan. 12 Michigan State*
  - Jan. 16 at Alaska-Fairbanks*
  - Jan. 19 at Alaska-Fairbanks*
  - Feb. 1 at Bowling Green*
  - Feb. 2 at Bowling Green*
  - Feb. 8 Northern Michigan*
  - Feb. 9 Northern Michigan*
  - Feb. 15 at Nebraska-Omaha*
  - Feb. 16 at Nebraska-Omaha*
  - Feb. 22 Ferris State*
  - Feb. 23 at Ferris State*
  - March 1 at Michigan*
  - March 2 Michigan*
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  - March 15 CCHA Finals begin, Detroit
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Honorable Intentions

"We ask our students to stretch, go beyond the obvious answers and take some risk by exposing their thoughts to the scrutiny of the professor and their fellow students. Honors professors practice collaborative education, in which the students are a fundamental part of the learning process."

A good honors class is a lot like a good workout, says Dr. Joseph G. Reish. It's exhausting, it's sometimes frustrating and it pushes students to their limits. But in the end it serves up a healthy, exhilarating reward.

Instead of bulking their biceps or sculpting their abs, honors students tone up their higher order thinking skills—the ability to go beyond the obvious, to analyze at multiple levels. The Carl and Winifred Lee Honors College, which serves some 1,200 of WMU's top students, is devoted to pumping up its members' aptitude for such critical analysis.

"We push our students," says Reish, dean of the college. "Some of them resist at first, simply because they are too tentative in their thinking. We ask our students to stretch, go beyond the obvious answers and take some risk by exposing their thoughts to the scrutiny of the professor and their fellow students. Honors professors practice collaborative education, in which the students are a fundamental part of the learning process. Therefore, they read more, they write more and they present more. The expectations are higher."

Senior Lisa Lopiccolo agrees. A member of the honors college since her freshman year, the 4.0 student says her honors classes are indeed challenging, but not because they require more "busy work."

"It's not that you have 200 multiple choice questions instead of 100, or the professor asks you to remember more obscure details from the textbook," says Lopiccolo. "The professors facilitate interaction and discussion, and we often push each other. If a particularly interesting topic comes up in class, we might spend some time exploring and speculating on it, and then from there maybe the professor assigns an essay or reflective paper. There's room for flexibility."

Founded in 1962, the Lee Honors College caters to students in the University's seven degree-granting colleges. Its 39-year history as a college places WMU's program far ahead of the trend for honors programs nationally. The National Collegiate Honors Council reports that just 62, or 8.25 percent, of its 751 member institutions have elevated their honors programs to college status, but more are doing so every year.

Honors students at WMU hail from every major, from aviation and biomedical sciences to dance, marketing and psychology. The college's curriculum consists of two "clusters" taken during the freshman and sophomore years and two advanced honors courses taken at the junior and senior level. Clusters are groups of three to four courses that share a theme, such as medical careers, business, mind-body connection or even childhood through history and film. These "learning communities" typically include courses from several disciplines. For instance, the Looking Into Nature and the Outdoors cluster includes one course each in environmental studies, biology, nature writing and backpacking.

Members of the college are distinguished by their impressive test scores, grades and activities. The average incoming honors student has a 3.9 high school GPA, a host of extracurricular activities and an ACT composite score of
28—which places the college in the American College Testing category of “highly selective.” Incoming Lee Honors College students match or outperform their peers entering such respected private institutions as Sarah Lawrence College, DePauw University and Kenyon College.

As Reish and his colleagues have discovered, however, talented students also pose unique challenges. They tend to have wide-ranging interests, unusual idiosyncrasies, lofty goals and a penchant for perfectionism. These young men and women often require, even demand, the extra attention the honors college staff of four is able to provide.

Dr. Gwen Raaberg, professor of English and director of WMU’s Center for Women’s Studies, has been teaching students in the Lee Honors College for more than a decade. While she agrees that teaching and mentoring honors students can be challenging, she relishes the chance to work with a classroom full of eager, engaged students.

“These students are willing to really dig into the subject matter,” she notes. “For example, I have taught American Women Poets to honors students several times. The students in my class might range from English majors to biology or chemistry majors, but they all just want to read poetry. I’m intrigued by the way they’re all so willing to delve into the subject matter, do research, go more deeply. And I enjoy having such a wide range of perspectives in the classroom.”

Because honors courses are limited to 25 students, Raaberg and other professors are able to implement a more interactive teaching style than they could use in a large classroom. Students in Raaberg’s American Women Poets course do hands-on research using Waldo Library’s special collections, sifting through manuscripts and books to discover poets whose work they’ve never read. Their research culminates in presentations to classmates about the poets they’ve discovered. She often has them deliver their presentations in the library’s Meader Rare Book Room, a grand, formal space Raaberg says gives them a taste of what it’s like to give a real lecture.

Reish says this kind of experiential education is relatively rare at the undergraduate level in large public universities. So why would high-achieving honors college students choose to take a handful of these courses at WMU rather than attending a small liberal arts school where nearly all their classes would feature such intense interaction? Reish cites a host of reasons.

“Many students are attracted by the opportunity to experience the supportive, intimate environment of the honors college and still have access to the resources of our comprehensive research university,” he says.

“Some of these young men and women want to study in a professional field such as nursing or aviation that isn’t available at a liberal arts institution. Cost is a factor for others—WMU is a bargain—especially for honors students, while still more are simply smitten with this campus and the friendly atmosphere here. There are so many reasons.”

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Lopiccolo, who is majoring in secondary education and Spanish, says she was initially drawn by the University's well-known education program. But the honors college was the clincher. She ended up choosing WMU over the University of Michigan, Michigan State and several other institutions because of the opportunities available through the college.

"I was extremely nervous about going to college, and I wasn't sure if it would be as great as high school was for me," she reflects. "But the honors college has been absolutely wonderful. I've traveled, I've met really nice, interesting people in my courses, and the professors and advisors have been great. There are so many social and academic opportunities."

And Lopiccolo has taken full advantage of those opportunities. Currently president of the Honors Student Association, she has traveled throughout the Midwest for HSA projects, served as a resident assistant for on-campus housing and vice president of the Golden Key International Honor Society. She also volunteered extensively in the community.

Several of her volunteer experiences had their genesis in the honors college, including a number of short-term community projects with the HSA. Lopiccolo became involved with the America Reads program when one of her honors clusters required students to undertake a volunteer experience. She learned through the Office of Student Volunteer Services, which is housed in the honors college, that reading tutors were needed at Kalamazoo's Lincoln International Elementary School. Working several days a week for a year in a second grade classroom, Lopiccolo mentored two students to improve their reading skills and boost their confidence.

According to Reish, this kind of civic education is a deliberate and important part of the honors experience. Many honors courses require students to volunteer up to 30 hours in an area related to their studies.

"Our students come to us with a great many talents and the predilection to serve, and it's our job to foster that," he notes. "We strive to develop a leadership focus among our students. Volunteering is one of the things that helps prepare them to be the leaders and citizens of tomorrow."

A capstone experience

The capstone of an honors student's education is the honors thesis, which Reish calls "the ultimate discovery project."

This senior project can take on a variety of forms, depending on a student's interests. Each student is guided through the thesis project by a faculty mentor, in conjunc-

"To find undergraduates who do work at such a high level and then present at a major disciplinary conference is really quite amazing and wonderful."

—faculty member Gwen Raaberg

Funding for summer research

Funding is available through the dean's office for students to attend such conferences, as well as for those who want to devote themselves full time to their research during the summer before their senior year. Wherever it leads them, the value of the honors thesis project is almost immeasurable, according to Reish. The project provides a final opportunity for students to demonstrate their ability to think independently and defend their findings.

When honors students leave the college for graduate school or employment, Reish hopes they have become confident, intellectually rigorous and socially responsible.

"We strive in the honors college to provide students with as many 'touch points' as possible—to help them feel integrated, supported, as if they're a part of something important," Reish says. "If we are sometimes a bit intrusive in students' lives, they know it's because we're a concerned, caring, directing force. We encourage them, push them, pat them on the back and even kick them in the butt if that's what's needed. We take the best and the brightest, nurture them, and send them forth into the world."
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Dealing with tragedy

Tuesday, Sept. 11, began on the WMU campus much as it did at schools and workplaces in New York City and other places around the country—people were rushing about their daily business and casting only a fleeting thought to the spectacular beauty of the early fall day.

By 9 a.m., the world came to an abrupt halt and began a transformation that is still unfolding. The campus community shared the evolving mood of the nation as shock, disbelief, anger and grief took their turns in the emotional life of the community. Classes were cancelled for the afternoon and a series of candlelight vigils allowed students, faculty and staff to come together, reflect and share their grief and concerns.

By Wednesday, Sept. 12, as first word of the casualties trickled out, the campus learned that an alumna, the cherished teacher of Nevada schoolchildren, died aboard Flight 77 from Dulles Airport. The next day, word came that the beloved brother of a current student was among the more than 5,000 people missing at the World Trade Center. That same day, the campus was further troubled by news reports that flight programs across the country, including WMU’s renowned aviation college, were being contacted by the FBI as part of its investigation into the terrorist attacks.

Lifting the mood of the campus were the occasional pieces of good news—an alumnus who survived the attack and escaped his 70th floor WTC office, staff and faculty members who traveled to NYC to lend their long years of Red Cross experience to the recovery effort and a plan for thousands to come together at Waldo Stadium for a community-wide prayer service.

And slowly, the campus began its trip back to what now is regarded as “normal.” The tone for recovery was set at Kanley Chapel on the first evening of the crisis.

“It is precisely at these moments, as our resilience is most taxed, that our sense of compassion for the human condition must permeate our every thought and guide our every action,” President Elson Floyd told the grieving crowd. “In all that we do, we must epitomize our institutional and community values of civility, openness and compassion. We must celebrate our diversity and not become callous and premature in our judgment of others. We must seek to understand what has happened at the same time we employ a spirit of unabashed love and respect for others.”

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