Dear Friends,

The summer is upon us and, while it provides time to recharge our batteries and enjoy the beauty of Michigan, it also is a time for us to prepare for what promises to be an exciting fall semester.

I am delighted to tell you that when we welcome our incoming freshmen this fall, they will be part of our second consecutive record-setting class. The popularity of this fine University has never been higher, as evidenced by our May 3 decision to close admissions to the fall class. This is only the second time in our history that we have restricted enrollment—the first was last year, when we closed freshman admissions on May 11.

Our dean of admissions advises us that we should anticipate an entering class of freshmen that will be about 5 percent larger than last fall’s record 4,426 students. As a result, we expect total enrollment to approach 28,000 for the first time in our history. Meanwhile, we are continuing to keep our tuition at affordable rates. A modest 3.8 percent increase in tuition and fees has been approved for the coming year, so WMU will remain one of the nation’s “best buys” in higher education.

As we prepare for the challenges posed by increased enrollment, we welcome among our ranks a number of new administrators. They include Dr. Fredrick J. Dobney, provost and vice president for academic affairs. He joins us from Michigan Technological University, where he served as provost for the past six years. It is Dr. Dobney who will lead the academic enterprise and ensure that our faculty has the necessary resources to provide the education our students and their families expect from a top-100 public university.

A record number of students and new academic leadership are just two ingredients of a promising new academic year at WMU. There will be many reasons for each of you to come back and visit in person, or if that is not possible, make a virtual visit on the World Wide Web at <www.wmich.edu>.

I urge you to visit—either in person or online—to see how our construction plans are progressing, discover what the future holds for our campus by examining the proposed campus master plan, enjoy the excitement of this year’s Homecoming celebration, view a Bronco athletic event or attend a performance at Miller Auditorium. However you choose to visit, be assured, the campus will welcome you.

Warmest regards,

Elson S. Floyd
President
On the cover
Nursing a legacy
Bernardine Lacey is back in Washington, D.C., but she's left an indelible mark on nursing education at WMU.
Cover photography by John Geroy

Deep down
At a time of soaring petroleum prices, geoscientist William B. Harrison uses sophisticated methods to search out Michigan crude.

The 'Wright' stuff
A sterling family history and an unusual academic background are among the qualities Richard Wright brings to his new post as dean of the College of Aviation.

What's happening on campus?
Planning a visit to Kalamazoo? Check the WMU News Web site for the latest information about campus events that you can attend. Calendar listings are currently available through April 2001 and are regularly updated at wmu/news/events/calendar1.html.

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Admissions closed again
For the second time in as many years, WMU has closed admission to its freshman class because of record numbers of student applications. In May 1999, a 20 percent increase in applications prompted the University to close admissions for the first time in its history. This year, applications were up another 7 percent.

"Such popularity is a wonderful affirmation of the strength of our undergraduate offerings," President Elson S. Floyd said in announcing the latest closure. "But it has reached a point where we must close admissions to preserve the quality of our programs as well as the level of service our students expect and deserve."

New address rooted in history
WMU unveiled a new mailing address April 20 in honor of its official founding in 1903. The address, 1903 West Michigan Ave., doesn't pinpoint a building, but it does mark a spot close to the center of the main campus near the Bernhard Center.

Dr. Leo Stevenson, associate professor of finance and commercial law, suggested the address change to help generate excitement for the University's upcoming centennial celebration. Mail operations will continue to be housed in the Campus Services Building, which is located at the University's old official address.

Key administrators appointed
In recent months, the Board of Trustees has approved the appointments of Carl M. "Bud" Bender as vice president for development, Dr. Fredrick J. Dobney as provost and vice president for academic affairs, Dr. David A. England as dean of the College of Education, Dr. Margaret Merrion as dean of the College of Fine Arts, Dr. Alan G. Walker as vice provost of academic affairs for continuing education, and Dr. Richard A. Wright as dean of the College of Aviation.

Bender has been at WMU since 1997, initially serving as assistant vice president for external affairs and director of development and more recently as associate vice president for development. Bender has master's degrees in cultural anthropology and community development from the University of Missouri at Columbia.

Dobney had been executive vice president and provost at Michigan Technological University. Previously, he was vice provost at Washington State University, held two dean posts at Loyola University, and served in a variety of faculty and administrative posts at Saint Louis University. Dobney has a doctoral degree in history from Rice University. He replaces Dr. Timothy Light.

England had been professor and head of the School of Curriculum and Educational Leadership as well as associate director of teacher education at Oklahoma State University. Previously, he was a faculty member and held two associate dean posts at Louisiana State University and was on the faculty at Western Virginia University. England has a doctoral degree in English education from Indiana University. He replaces Dr. Frank E. Rapley.

Merrion had been dean of the College of Fine Arts and professor of music at Ball State University. Previously, she was an associate dean at Ball State and a faculty member and administrator at the University of Northern Iowa. Merrion has a doctoral degree in music education from the University of Missouri at Columbia. She replaces Robert H. Luscombe.

Walker had been director of development in the Division of Continuing Education at Louisiana State University. In his newly created WMU post, he will oversee the University's extensive continuing education efforts. Previously, he was an administrator at the University of Kansas and the Idaho State Division for Vocational Education. Walker has a doctoral degree in higher education policy and administration from Kansas. He replaces Dr. Frank E. Rapley.

Wright has been at WMU since 1993, initially serving as vice president for academic affairs and interim vice president for information technology and recently serving as associate vice president for research and interim dean of the College of Aviation. Wright has a doctoral degree in philosophy from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. He replaces James E. Crehan.
WMU makes appearance on the Broadway stage

Mazzie, foreground far right, received her honorary degree from a WMU delegation, which included, foreground from left, Trustees Richard F. Chormann and George A. Franklin.

A WMU delegation led by President Elson S. Floyd landed on Broadway this spring when it presented an honorary doctor of fine arts degree to alumna Marin Mazzie, star of the current hit musical comedy "Kiss Me Kate." Members of the delegation ascended the stage after Mazzie's May 20 performance and presented the degree in front of enthusiastic audience members.

Mazzie graduated from WMU in 1982 with a degree in theatre and has become one of Broadway's top actresses. Known for her outstanding singing voice, she has earned three Tony Award nominations. Her latest nomination came this year for her portrayal of Lilli Vanessi/Kate in "Kiss Me Kate." She also was nominated in 1998 for her portrayal of Mother in "Ragtime" and in 1994 for her portrayal of Clara in "Passion."

Two leading researchers honored

Dr. Elizabeth Baldwin Garland, professor emerita of anthropology, has been selected as the University's second-ever Outstanding Emeritus Scholar. Garland, a WMU faculty member from 1964 to 1992, was selected for her more than three decades of work as a teacher, researcher and field archaeologist, work that continues today.

Dr. James M. Hillenbrand, professor of speech pathology and audiology, has been named the University's 1999 Distinguished Faculty Scholar. The award is the University's highest faculty honor. Hillenbrand, a faculty member since 1988, was selected for his internationally known and often groundbreaking research on acoustics and speech perception in communication.

Service award winners announced

WMU's 1999 Distinguished Service Awards winners are George H. "Yorgo" Demetrakopoulos, who retired in January as assistant to the dean in the College of Arts and Sciences, and Dr. C. Dennis Simpson, director of the Specialty Program in Alcohol and Drug Abuse and professor of community health services.

Both were recognized for their extensive efforts to enhance curricula and elevate WMU's overall stature. In addition, Demetrakopoulos was singled out for his decades of dedicated service to students as an advisor and mentor. Simpson, a faculty member since 1978, was also cited for his outstanding accomplishments in the field of substance abuse services and his prolific research and consulting work.
Founding director left an indelible mark on WMU's nursing program

She fell in love with the little white hat.

When Bernardine Lacey was hospitalized for an emergency appendectomy at age 11, she decided she'd like to one day emulate the nurse who cared for her. The girl was impressed by the nurse's gentle touch. She appreciated her care and concern. But, Lacey says, she especially loved her crisp white uniform and that enigmatic little hat.

From those humble beginnings was launched a 40-year career as a nurse and health care reformer for Dr. Lacey, special consultant to the College of Health and Human Services and founding director of the Bronson School of Nursing at WMU. Lauded at the local, state and national level, the University's innovative nursing curriculum bears Lacey's unique stamp, reflecting her commitment to community-based health care.

Asked to define the vision of community nursing she brought to Kalamazoo six years ago, Lacey doesn't miss a beat.

"There was an opportunity at Western Michigan University to help shape practitioners who understand the importance of culture," says Lacey, who is a national leader in the fields of community nursing, public health and health care reform. "Culture is the 'dailyness' of what people do and how they live; health care practitioners need to understand how the things people do in their everyday lives impact health.

"And it was a chance to refocus on relationships. As science has moved health care forward in the technology arena, we seem to have lost the art of the profession—the touching, the interaction, the sensitivity to others. Health care is moving toward caring solely for the machine, and not for the person connected to the machine. We don't want to go backward in terms of technology, but we need to recapture a balance.

"My students laugh when I tell them, 'I'm not as interested in the beep-beep, drip-drip, as I am in what you know about this person. What kind of sharing have you done that brings you closer to understanding the culture, the 'dailyness' of this person's life?""

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Bernardine Lacey
Building on a vision

Lacey and WMU administrators recognized a match in philosophy while the nursing executive was working as a consultant for the fledgling curriculum before the program’s founding. As officials recognized the potential for a cutting-edge community nursing school in Kalamazoo, they resolved to woo Lacey from her position in Washington, D.C.

That position was as an assistant professor of nursing and director of Howard University’s health care clinic for the homeless, an institution she founded and which now bears her name. She held adjunct appointments in the schools of nursing at the University of Virginia and Johns Hopkins University. She had served as an advisor to the President’s Task Force on Health Care Reform and to the Clinton/Gore Transition Team Task Group on Health Delivery. She was racking up accolades and awards from around the nation for her innovative work. She was surrounded by family and friends.

But WMU came calling, and she just couldn’t resist.

So in 1994 Lacey took the reins of the recently established nursing school, agreeing to hold the post of director for five years. She envisioned—and created—a program where students would garner experience in settings such as independent clinics, nursing homes, schools, homeless shelters, churches and the home, along with the traditional hospital setting. Her goal was to prepare nurses to care for people throughout the lifespan, from prenatal care to a peaceful death.

“Our curriculum is grounded in the needs of the community and will address the patterns of individuals, families and communities in holistic ways,” Lacey said shortly after her appointment. “We want to extend and expand the whole concept of the team in the delivery of primary health care to people, wherever they may be in the community.”

During her tenure, Lacey and her colleagues helped raise some $10 million in funding, laid plans for a new facility and secured accreditation from the state and national governing bodies—both of which lauded the program as innovative and futuristic. And Lacey skillfully helped negotiate the 1999 renaming of the program from the “School of Nursing” to the “Bronson School of Nursing” to reflect the University’s close relationship with the Kalamazoo-based health care group.

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Students in WMU’s Bronson School of Nursing practice their skills in classrooms and nursing labs.
It seems like an unlikely place to strike oil.

In the dimly lit, low-ceilinged basement of West Hall, Dr. William B. Harrison III reaches into one of the hundreds of narrow cardboard boxes that are stacked chest high, picks a cylindrical chunk of slate gray rock and slams it hard against a steel beam supporting one of the campus' oldest structures. A dime-sized spot of dark black glistens on the exposed face of the rock.

He holds it up to the visitor's nose.

"Smell that?" he asks as an unmistakable pungent odor emanates from the rock. "That's oil."
Harrison, WMU professor of geosciences, has spent the past 17 years doing just this—finding oil in unlikely places in Michigan. Using much more scientific methods than just hitting rocks, he is part of a cooperative effort with Michigan Technological University that is searching for the elusive gas and petroleum deposits that lie more than a half-mile below the state's farm fields and forests.

His work, partly funded by the U.S. Department of Energy and independent Michigan oil and gas companies, is currently focused on finding those deposits in old oil fields where resources are believed to have been depleted long ago.

"Michigan uses 200 million barrels of oil a year, but as a state we only produce about 10 million barrels, which is 5 percent of what we use," he says. "One of the goals of our research is to increase the amount of oil Michigan can produce by itself, so we can decrease the amount we have to import."

In a time of soaring gas prices, Harrison's research has relevance. Decreasing the state's dependence on imported oil could bode well for Michigan drivers, many of whom don't realize it takes an entire barrel of oil to produce one tank of gas for their SUVs.

Using sophisticated methods

On this afternoon, Harrison has just returned with a pickup truck full of core samples from the Vernon Field, an old oil field near Mt. Pleasant, Mich. About four inches thick, these cylinders of solid rock, which come from the hollow insides of drill bits that bore through thousands of feet of earth, provide an illustrated guide to the earth's formation. There are more than 30,000 feet of core samples in the Michigan Basin Core Research Laboratory in West Hall and they hold key clues in Harrison's quest for oil.

By examining the core samples, Harrison is able to identify in what layers of rock and at what depth within the earth potential deposits may lay. The core samples are then used to develop topographic and structural contour maps that provide an outline of underground landscapes and pinpoint the unseen ridges and rises that most likely harbor oil.

Using the maps developed from core samples for the Vernon Field, Harrison has identified areas that show promise and collected soil samples from those locations, analyzing them for minute traces of hydrocarbon gases. Samples that have higher levels of the gases lead Harrison to further zero in on areas to look for potential oil deposits.

"There were more than 60 oil wells drilled in an area of two square miles," he says, flattening out a map of the Vernon Field that is dotted with numerous small black circles that indicate wells. "One out of every three or four of those were oil producing. Even though this field produced 5 million barrels already, we think that there's something like 20 million barrels there. About 30 to 50 percent of the oil that's in place is probably recoverable."

Harrison's methodology already has the potential to save oil and gas companies hundreds of thousands of dollars. At an average cost of $200,000 to drill a single well, being able to more accurately predict where to find the oil is more effective than relying on the hit-and-miss methods of drilling wells every acre or so that were used in the past.

Fueling technology development

Harrison knows that finding the oil is just half the battle; there's the matter of extracting it to contend with as well. Vertical wells, which are drilled straight down, are limited in how much oil they can recover. That's why several years ago Harrison's experiments went in a new direction—horizontal.

Horizontal, or directional, drilling involves a special motorized drill bit that drills down and then curves, so it travels horizontally. Horizontal wells offer contact with oil-bearing rock formations over a larger area than is possible with a vertical well. Harrison and a research team successfully drilled just such a horizontal well in 1995 in Montcalm County.

"In the last three or four years since that well was drilled, it has produced about 100,000 barrels of oil," says Harrison. "And while that's not a lot—it's about one percent of the state's annual production—if you find 100 of those wells, then you can double what the state produces."

Directional drilling isn't cheap. It currently costs about twice what it would to drill a vertical well. However, with its ability to extend out in several directions from a single hole, a horizontal well can replace four or five vertical wells.

"What we are trying to do and the reason why the government funds these projects, is to experiment and develop the technology to reach the oil," he explains. "We are really in the technology transfer and testing business. If it's successful, then the private sector can pick up these methods and use them. Horizontal drilling is one of those techniques that had really not been used very much in Michigan. After we drilled our well in 1995, there were several hundred horizontal wells drilled in the next four or five years."

It is that sharing of technology and information that now fuels Harrison's work. In 1998, he received funding to establish the Petroleum Technology Transfer Council Michigan Basin Center at WMU to facilitate the transfer of advanced technologies, current information and geological and engineering data to the oil and gas industry.

A repository of invaluable information regarding Michigan's oil and petroleum resources, the center houses historical information from nearly 50,000 Michigan wells, including some that date back to the 1920s. Harrison has also established an extensive Web site that makes the information at the center easily accessible by anyone.

"Companies are really anxious to contribute information to our center," says Harrison. "We are anxious to transfer this out to companies because if you are funded by tax dollars, that's pretty much what you are about. You have a responsibility to do that."
Recapture musical memories at
WMU Homecoming Concert 2000
Motown Returns!
Saturday, Oct. 21, 7:30 p.m.
Sponsored by
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Plus special appearance by this year’s March Down participants

Tickets go on sale Aug. 8. Call Miller Auditorium, (616) 387-2300 or (800) 228-9858; TicketsPlus, (800) 585-3737; or Kalamazoo’s Epic Center, (616) 387-0402.
Foundations put their money where it counts
Four Michigan foundations are contributing more than $1.3 million to a statewide effort based at WMU that is helping school districts implement new middle school math programs.

The Middle School Mathematics Reform Project has previously received more than $4 million in state and federal support, with most coming through a four-year $3.9 million grant from the National Science Foundation in 1999. The project, directed by WMU's Dr. Robert Laing and Dr. Ruth Ann Meyer, is a collaborative partnership among the University, school districts around the state and the Michigan Department of Education to help middle schools align their curricula with the state's new Curriculum Framework in Mathematics.

The foundations and the amounts they are contributing are: the Herbert H. and Grace A. Dow Foundation, $1 million; the Dow Corning Foundation, $100,000; the Rollin M. Gerstacker Foundation, $50,000; and the Steelcase Foundation, $202,680.

Society communicates its approval of Gershon's work
A case study on the changing business landscape of the telecommunications industry has garnered a major award for a WMU professor and was the focal point of a national conference in February.

Dr. Richard A. Gershon, associate professor of communication, was selected as the Stephen H. Coltrin Professor for the Year 2000 by the International Radio and Television Society Foundation Inc. The honor is given to the author of the case study chosen for implementation at the organization's Faculty/Industry Seminar.

Gershon's case study is on telecommunications management and business strategy and is based on a book he currently is writing. It was the centerpiece of the conference and the focus of a competition among participants, who were divided into teams and given one day to analyze problems in the case study.

Neurobiologist puts research emphasis on high school students
Having a seasoned University researcher as a mentor has paid off for two Battle Creek, Mich., high school students, who earned national honors and $30,000 scholarship to share and the chance to compete at the national contest. Their research was done in the lab of Dr. John M. Spitsbergen, assistant professor of biological sciences and an experienced researcher in neurobiology.

The students did their research to fulfill a requirement at the math and science center, where they attend school half days.

High school Latin lovers gather on campus for games
Nearly 500 Latin-loving high school students converged on campus in May for "Ludi Occidentales MM," which means Western Games 2000, to prove that the venerable language is not dead.

The event marked the sixth observance of the biennial activity, which provides a fun, educational way for students to celebrate the study of Latin.

Viking vessel takes voyage at medieval congress
They came from faraway places by plane, train, automobile and even a Viking ship for the 35th International Congress on Medieval Studies.

The congress is the largest gathering of medievalists in the world. Sponsored by the Medieval Institute, the annual event attracts scholars, historians, art curators, military strategists, monks and nuns from around the globe.

This year's gathering, held May 4-7, included presentations of more than 1,700 papers in 562 sessions, two concerts, a film festival and a special theater performance. A highlight was the exhibition and launching of an authentic reproduction of a Viking ship in Goldsworth Valley Pond.
hands-on learning soared to new heights in February when an unusual classroom/laboratory was delivered by air to the College of Aviation.

The "classroom," a Boeing 747-100B recently retired by Northwest Airlines, was donated to the University to prepare future pilots and maintenance personnel for the airline industry. The move represents the first known gift of a 747 to any college or university.

"Western Michigan University has been the departure point for many Northwest Airlines careers," says Bill Wade, Northwest vice president for line maintenance operations, who was at the College of Aviation on Feb. 4 to present the aircraft to the University. "It's a pleasure to know that this aircraft, which safely and reliably carried passengers all over the world, will now be a valuable educational tool in the state of Michigan—home to more than 11,000 of our employees."

The plane, built in 1970, is the 75th 747 built by Boeing and was retired by Northwest in October after some 94,000 hours of travel. The University will use the plane in all of its aviation programs, giving aircraft maintenance and flight majors a hands-on laboratory in which to learn.

Sky Broncos keep streak alive, soar to second place
The Sky Broncos, the University's flight team, took second place in the National Intercollegiate Flying Association championship in May in Grenada, Miss., making this the ninth consecutive year the team has earned a top-three national ranking.

The 14-member team turned in outstanding performances in the navigation and aircraft recognition events and took second in both the overall flight and ground portions of the competition. The University of North Dakota won the championship and Embry Riddle Aeronautical University-Prescott, last year's winner, came in third. Delta State University was the host team for this year's event.

The Sky Broncos last won the event in 1998. The team finished in third place last year.

First group of Emirates Airlines cadets gets WMU wings
The first seven cadets sent to the International Pilot Training Centre by Emirates Airlines completed their training and got their WMU wings in a ceremony on March 23 at College of Aviation facilities in Battle Creek.

The seven Emirates cadets then took flight for the United Kingdom, where they were scheduled to receive four weeks of additional flight training.

They are the first class of Emirates cadets to arrive at WMU under terms of a 1998 contract with the airline, which is headquartered in the United Arab Emirates. Since their arrival, four additional classes of Emirates cadets have begun training at WMU.

WMU, Battle Creek officials attend London ceremony for BA cadets
Just two years after 15 cadet pilots arrived for training aboard a supersonic British Airways Concorde, University and Battle Creek city officials traveled to London to see those cadets graduate into the ranks of active commercial pilots.

Members of WMU's first class of British Airways cadets officially received their wings in a Feb. 29 ceremony at BA's Heathrow Airport headquarters. The first of the group began flying as first officers aboard BA aircraft in November and all are now fully employed by the airline.

The cadets arrived in Battle Creek March 7, 1998, aboard one of the airline's supersonic Concorde passenger jets. The flight marked the first Southwest Michigan landing for a Concorde, and more than 40,000 people flocked to W.K. Kellogg Airport for the event.

After their arrival, the cadets spent more than 13 months training in Battle Creek at the college's International Pilot Training Center. They were the first wave of pilots to be trained under an initial two-year, $6 million contract with British Airways. BA's sixth class of cadets arrived in Battle Creek earlier this year. To date, 46 BA cadets have completed their training in Battle Creek and an equal number are still training at the IPTC facilities.
Haworth College of Business

**DaimlerChrysler chief, high-tech investment entrepreneur speak**

James P. Holden, a University alumnus and chief executive officer of DaimlerChrysler AG, and Richard D. Snyder, founder and president of Avalon Investments Inc., were featured recently in the Haworth College of Business Distinguished Speaker Series.

In his speech, titled “DaimlerChrysler: Building a Global Enterprise,” Holden discussed how the 1998 marriage of Chrysler and Daimler-Benz created a springboard for a global automotive enterprise. A 1973 WMU graduate, Holden has spent his entire career in the automobile industry. After eight years with Ford Motor Co., he joined Chrysler Corp. in 1981. He was named CEO in June.

Snyder, who also serves as chairperson of the Michigan Economic Development Corp., spoke on “Michigan and the Technological Revolution.” Before founding Avalon Investments Inc., a venture-capital company specializing in technology-oriented ventures, Snyder served as a certified public accountant and attorney for nine years with the accounting firm Coopers and Lybrand. In 1991, he joined Gateway Inc. as executive vice president, later rising to become president and chief operating officer.

**Food industry executives stock up on marketing information**

Over 500 food execs nationwide gathered on campus in March at the 35th annual Food Marketing Conference to discuss the rapid consolidation of the food industry and the growth of grocery superstores.

With the title “A New Millennium: A New Industry Order,” this year’s conference featured such speakers as Michael W. Wright, chairman, president and chief executive officer of SUPERVALU; Peter M. Dunn, president and chief operating officer of Borden Foods; Michael Sansolo, senior vice president of the Food Marketing Institute; and Steve Oland, president and chief executive officer of Top Markets. A series of 10 workshops focused on issues of concern to the industry.

Awards ceremonies each day honored top industry executives who have contributed to the Food Marketing Program. Those honored and awards they received were: 1962 WMU alumnus Doug Carolan, president and CEO of Associated Wholesale Grocers Inc. of Kansas City, WMU Food Marketing Outstanding Alumni Award; and Arnold G. Langbo, Kellogg Co. chairman, 2000 Adrian Trimpe Distinguished Service Award.

The University’s first overseas MBA program started in May when 20 students began studies in Singapore.

University faculty will visit Singapore regularly to provide intensive 10-day courses for the new master of business administration program. Pre-course work and follow-up is being conducted via the Internet. By completing 16 such courses, students in Singapore will be able to complete the degree in 15 months.

The program includes courses in accountancy, finance, economic analysis, information technology, marketing, business policy and ethics, intercultural communication, human resource management, and international marketing, finance and management. The program is focusing on international management, with a strong emphasis on Asia-Pacific business issues.

**Russian educators, entrepreneurs get business tips from faculty**

Nine Russian educators and business owners met with faculty from the Haworth College of Business Feb. 16 to learn more about U.S.-style marketing and entrepreneurship.

The visitors, who are from Tula Oblast, Russia, spent three weeks in the United States as part of a program funded by the U.S. Department of State through a grant to Colleagues International, previously the Council for International Programs. It was the third group from Russia to visit WMU.

**WMU links employers, students online in Virtual Internship Fair**

Instead of pounding the proverbial pavement, hundreds of business students zoomed down the information superhighway in March to find a summer internship.

The Haworth College of Business launched its first Virtual Summer Internship Fair on March 13, linking students with interested companies around the Midwest. More than 50 employers, along with several hundred students, took part in the online exchange.
College of Education

College launches 'just-in-time' master's degree program

The College of Education has launched a pilot program with the Detroit area's Oak Park Schools that lets the district’s elementary school teachers earn a tailor-made master’s degree without ever leaving town.

Taking a cue from the auto industry, the Oak Park Project is a needs-based staff development program featuring “just-in-time” delivery. The program, the only one of its kind in Michigan, started with 32 teachers.

“The difference between this and most programs is that this one serves a core group of people from one district,” says Dr. Ronald Crowell, associate professor of teaching, learning and leadership and project coordinator. “We’re asking teachers, ‘What do you need? What are your instructional needs to have a better program and more effectively impact the achievement of kids?’”

The Oak Park School District serves a predominantly African American population along with a large number of other ethnic minorities. The district’s 3,340 students are 68 percent African American and 24 percent Middle Eastern (mostly Chaldean) with a small number of Appalachian whites and immigrants from Vietnam and Russia.

Since its start-up in summer 1999, the program has drawn widespread interest from a number of other school districts interested in forging similar tailor-made master’s degree programs.

Tour of Turkey, seminar series offer unique learning opportunity

History, culture and learning intertwined during a two-week trip to Turkey May 6-21 as well as a companion seminar series leading up to the trip.

A major goal of both the trip and seminar series was to take in all aspects of Turkish traditions and customs from ancient to modern times. In particular, the trip to Turkey, sponsored by the College of Education, Department of Family and Consumer Sciences, and Office of International Affairs, offered a unique learning experience and included visits to many of the country’s most well-known landmarks.

The seminar series, offered on campus Jan. 22 to Feb. 19, was sponsored by the WMU Visiting Scholars and Artists Program, Department of Family and Consumer Sciences, the College of Education and Haenicke Center for International Studies. It included sessions on Turkish history, culture, politics, religion, traditions, textiles and apparel, and many other aspects of Turkish life.

Interior design student accepted to Steelcase University 2000

A WMU student was among 25 undergraduates from recognized architecture, interior design and industrial design programs in North America accepted to Steelcase University 2000.

Jennifer Rigterink, a student from Hamilton, Mich., was the first WMU student to be accepted into the annual summer program running this year June 4-30. She was one of 25 students from North America and five students from the United Kingdom and France who were selected.

Steelcase University is the only collegiate scholarship summer program that focuses on the business of design. It provides four weeks of intensive study at Steelcase headquarters in Grand Rapids and gives students a chance to learn from some of today’s most influential designers and meet peers in their field from around the world.

Latest educational technology in spotlight at annual conference

The latest strategies for using technology in the classroom were in focus in April during the Third Annual Educational Technology Coordinators Conference.

Sponsored by the College of Education, the one-day conference in the Fetzer Center was designed for those who fill technology leadership positions in Michigan schools and school districts. The conference gives technology coordinators a place to share ideas about problems and challenges they all face.

The annual event draws more than 200 people to campus each year to address technology issues that teachers, administrators and school staff face on a daily basis. Participants share resources, ideas and information with other technology coordinators from across the state.
Procter & Gamble gift ties paper research future up in a box

While organizations around the nation are encouraging employees to "think outside the box," Procter & Gamble is encouraging WMU researchers to take a look at the box itself.

Executives from Cincinnati-based P&G came to campus in March to donate the rights to more than 100 pending global patents for Enhanced Paperboard Technology to WMU's Paper Technology Foundation Inc. The technology is a more cost-effective method for producing strong, humidity-resistant linerboard, which is used to make the corrugated containers widely used in product shipping.

Once it is further developed and commercialized by WMU researchers, Enhanced Paperboard Technology could result in an industry cost savings of nearly half a billion dollars annually. WMU will realize all future financial benefits from commercializing the technology.

Michigan Gov. John Engler lauded the development during a packed news conference March 30, calling the development a good example of "the teaming up of very impressive corporate partners with some of America's very best research universities."

According to P&G Chief Technology Officer Gordon Brunner, the company donated the technology, which has the potential to be highly profitable, because P&G has a financial stake in seeing the invention developed quickly and WMU's paper program is "uniquely qualified" to bring the technology quickly to market. P&G spends some $400 million annually on shipping containers and expects the perfected technology will lead to future cost savings.

$1.92 million software award brings 'Sigmund' to labs

Engineering students will learn how to translate the precise drawings produced by computer-aided design programs into the real-world requirements of product manufacturing, thanks to a $1.92 million software award from Varatech of Holland, Mich.

Varatech, which provides variation analysis software for the design market, has awarded 100 seats of the company's Sigmund software for use in the College of Engineering and Applied Sciences. The award makes the school 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.

Sigmund software is designed to help companies increase product quality, reduce production costs and get their products to market sooner. It factors into CAD product designs a sense of some of the dimensional variations that are the inevitable result of the manufacturing process before those variations become production problems.

University hosts international information conference in Chicago

University officials played a major role in a recent international conference that brought together members of the world's leading technical organizations to discuss the future of information technology.

The first IEEE Electro/Information Technology Conference June 8-11 in Chicago attracted more than 100 world leaders in the development of wireless communication technology and telemedicine. University officials organized and were hosts of the new event, which is an official function of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers. IEEE, with more than 300,000 members, is the largest professional society in the world.

Dr. S. Hossein Mousavinezhad, chairperson of the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, was the general chairperson for the conference and spent more than two years to make the event a reality. Dr. Daniel M. Litynski, dean of the College of Engineering and Applied Sciences, was vice chairperson, and President Floyd led one of the sessions.

Several other engineering faculty members also played key roles in organizing the conference.

"This is a very fluid, fast-changing field," says Mousavinezhad of the conference topic. "To some extent, this was a very risky and challenging conference to organize because of that fact. But this is such a hot area, we decided to claim it and get this conference established."
State's top high school fine arts students gather for festival
More than 800 of the state's finest young artists gathered on campus May 11-13 for the 38th annual Michigan Youth Arts Festival.

The festival honors Michigan high school students gifted in dance, drama, instrumental and vocal music, visual arts, creative writing, and film/video. Unique to the state, the festival began in 1963 as a simple talent screening of young musicians. Today, it is a comprehensive arts spectacular culminating a nine-month search for the finest artistic talent in Michigan high schools.

More than 60,000 students across the state are part of the adjudication process that results in about 800 students being invited to participate in the three-day festival. While on campus, the students display and perform their work and also attend educational workshops and clinics offered by professional artists.

This is the 16th year WMU has been host of the event.

Gold Company hits pay dirt with spring European tour
Gold Company, the University's vocal jazz ensemble, was such a hit during a professional tour of Europe two years ago that the group was tapped for a return engagement.

In late April, Gold Company members and their director, Dr. Steven Zegree, headed overseas for a three-week, 21-concert tour through the International Federation of Choral Music. The group toured Belgium, France and Luxembourg.

New York actor shares talents with students, community
An accomplished New York actor visited the University recently to both perform and work with students.

James Rich, a member of the Actors' Equity Association, the Union of Professional Actors and Stage Managers in the United States, performed in John Caird and Stephen Schwartz's newest musical, "Children of Eden." He also conducted several workshops with University and local public school students during his winter semester visit.

Rich, who has been acting for more than 10 years, can best be described in theatrical terms as a "triple threat" in that he is talented in singing and dancing as well as acting. A Connecticut native, Rich lives in New York and has appeared in more than 20 roles in numerous theatres across the nation. His credits include four national tours, most notably in the featured role of Benny in the First National Tour production of the Broadway hit musical "Rent."

His residency was funded by President Floyd, the WMU Cultural Events Committee, the Visiting Scholars and Artist Program, the Department of Black Americana Studies, the Plaza Arts Circle and Education for the Arts.

Music professor continues to rack up composition awards
C. Curtis-Smith has two new honors to add to his long list of accomplishments.

WMU dancers take third place at Prague Festival
Professor Lindsey Thomas, Associate Professor Nina Nelson and 10 students were invited to compete this spring in the Prague Festival in the Czech Republic.

Forty-five dance groups representing 21 countries from four continents participated in the festival. Thomas' dances "Mostly Marvin" and "Hey! Pachuco" received third place for jazz choreography. This is the third time Thomas' jazz choreography has been recognized on an international level.

The trip was supported in part by the Department of Dance, the College of Fine Arts, the Lee Honors College, the Office of International Affairs, the Faculty Research Travel Fund and the Office of the President.
College of Health and Human Services

New center to assess abused and neglected children
A new center that opened in February is working to find the best ways to help area children victimized by abuse and neglect by getting to know them better, one child at a time.

Housed in WMU's Unified Clinics, the Southwest Michigan Children's Trauma Assessment Center is taking some of the guesswork out of how to best meet the needs of individual children by providing detailed assessments of abused, neglected and traumatized children and making recommendations for additional treatment.

"The research indicates that 50 to 80 percent of children who have experienced child abuse and neglect have significant emotional intellectual and behavioral delays," says Dr. James Henry, the new center's director and assistant professor of social work. "We know that and yet we don't have very good mechanisms in place to assess what these children need, especially after they enter foster care."

Led by the School of Social Work, the center works with area health and human service agencies that refer children to the center. In addition to helping children, the center serves as a multi-disciplinary "learning laboratory" for students.

Grants totaling $20,000 from the Kalamazoo and Fetzer foundations were instrumental in getting the center up and running.

Center receives high marks
The Center for Disability Services won high praise in its recent re-accreditation from the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities.

The center, formerly the Center for Developmentally Disabled Adults, received a three-year re-accreditation of its community services—the most allowed. In addition, the center secured a three-year accreditation for its new Oakland Drive clinic in the category of medical rehabilitation-outpatient medical rehabilitation, making it WMU's first CARF accreditation for an outpatient medical rehabilitation clinic for persons with disabilities.

In a summary, CARF noted several of the center's attributes, including its strong recognition among the local human service community for integrity, credibility, reliability and quality; creative community service delivery and access; qualified and dedicated staff; adherence to high standards; successful collaboration with other agencies; and its "superlative commitment to consumer-centered medical treatment."

Summer sports camps offer training for visually impaired
Eighty young blind and visually impaired athletes gathered in late April and early May at WMU and at the Michigan Schools for the Deaf and Blind in Flint for the 13th Annual Sports Education Camps for Youths with Visual Impairments.

The camps help visually impaired youths develop their athletic abilities by working on a broad range of athletic skills. Youths 10-12 years old attended a basic camp in Flint where they learned fundamental skills such as introductory running, jumping, throwing, swimming, gymnastics, exercise, wrestling, bowling and goalball.

Then students ages 13-16 came to WMU for an advanced camp designed to teach intermediate competitive sports and recreation skills, including track and field, swimming, gymnastics, wrestling, bowling and goalball. Everything culminated in the Michigan State Games, also at WMU, which offered students the chance to compete both as individuals and on teams.

The camps were jointly sponsored by the Michigan Blind Athletic Association, the WMU Department of Blind Rehabilitation and the Michigan Schools for the Deaf and Blind.

New device lets people without limbs operate TV, VCR
The Department of Occupational Therapy has purchased a new device designed to let people with severe disabilities operate their environment independently.

Called an environmental control unit, or ECU, the device lets people who have no use of their limbs operate a TV, VCR, radio, fan, light and other household appliances through a voice-activated personal computer. The new sophisticated piece of technology was demonstrated for students by company representatives and Dr. Stanley Paul, assistant professor of occupational therapy, in April at the University's Unified Clinics.
Lee Honors College

Honors College students show STAR qualities
Members of the Honor Student Association at the Lee Honors College were among 13 volunteers and volunteer groups from the Kalamazoo area to receive a STAR Award in April.

The STAR—Sharing Time and Resources—Awards are sponsored by the Volunteer Center of Greater Kalamazoo and the Kalamazoo Gazette. They are intended to give the community an opportunity to pay tribute to award winners and other volunteers who provide services and make programs happen.

Members of the Honor Student Association, with supervision by academic advisor Stephen Podewell, instructor of geography, volunteer in schools and organizations and at public events in Kalamazoo. Those include Woods Lake Elementary School, Project Mentor at Kalamazoo Public Schools, Into the Streets, Comstock Community Center, Martin Luther King Discovery Day and WMU homecoming activities.

Volunteer projects are part of the Honors College curriculum. Students donated 9,820 hours last year, much of it working with area schoolchildren.

Senior honors student is WMU’s first Udall Scholar
A senior honors student is the University’s first recipient of a prestigious scholarship for environmental studies from the Morris K. Udall Foundation.

Heather Gott of Elwell, Mich., is one of 80 Udall Scholars from around the nation who will receive $5,000 for tuition, fees, books and room and board for the 2000-2001 academic year. An environmental studies and political science major and member of the Lee Honors College, Gott plans to undertake environmental or community volunteer work in Latin America following her graduation.

Students visit 1936 Nazi Olympics Exhibition
Students in Dr. Linda Barish’s Honors College class on The American Sporting Experience in Historical Perspective took part in a unique learning opportunity in March when they visited the 1936 Nazi Olympics Exhibition at the Spertus Institute of Jewish Studies in Chicago.

The trip helped put into sharper focus the class’ exploration of race and ethnic issues in sport history in the 1930s. Earlier that same week, Borish, associate professor of history, was invited to speak as a guest scholar about her research on Jewish American women and sport in a historical perspective in conjunction with the exhibition and Women’s History Month.

The exhibition, on loan from the U.S. Holocaust Museum in Washington, D.C., is traveling to various cities throughout the country. It includes material from U.S. newspapers about the boycott debate of the 1936 Olympics, photographs from the events, oral histories of athletes, artifacts and posters from the Olympics, and actual newsreel coverage of the games, making an impressive impact on students.

Books

Phoenix, A Brother’s Life
Alfred A. Knopf, 2000
Dr. J.D. Dolan, assistant professor of English
A 1985 steam line explosion at the Mohave Generating Station in Arizona that claimed the life of J.D. Dolan’s only brother forms the backdrop against which Dolan examines the relationship between himself and his estranged brother, John. The memoir is a personal history of the complications and failures of the Dolan family as told through the context of the family’s struggles to cope with its loss.

Videos

The Odyssey of St. Paul
Tobias Communications, 1999
Dr. Paul L. Maier, Russell H. Seibert Professor of Ancient History
This eight-segment, four-hour documentary takes an in-depth look at the life and travels of Paul of Tarsus, who sometimes is referred to as “the co-founder of Christianity.” The video series was filmed over two summers on location in the Mediterranean world. Lending their voices to the project are Garrard Macleod, former general manager of public radio station WMUK, as St. Paul, and Gordon Evans, the station’s morning announcer and reporter, as Jesus.

Compact Discs

Gold Company
SMR Recordings, 2000
While We’re Young
This recording is of new, previously unreleased material by the University’s vocal jazz ensemble. Arrangements by former and current students of the Gold Company program include “Cheek to Cheek”; “Gingerbread Boy” as arranged by alumna Jennifer Shelton; Aaron Copland’s “Hoedown,” which features the GC band; and a capella arrangement of “Last Night When We Were Young” by Clare Fischer; and Gershwin’s “Summertime,” arranged by current G.C. member Derek Fawcett.

Gold Company
SMR Recordings, 2000
Solid
This “greatest hits” recording contains material that listeners continue to request. Tracks include Rodgers and Hammerstein’s “Oh What a Beautiful Morning” from “Oklahoma”; an arrangement of “It Had to Be You” by G.C. director Stephen Zegree; “Bridge Over Troubled Water,” a G.C. standard; John Coltrane’s “Giant Steps”; and Duke Ellington’s “In a Mellow Tone.”
5K Run, 5K and 1K Fun Walks and 1K Kids’ Fun Run on the WMU campus Homecoming weekend. There will be lunch and a tailgate awards ceremony before the Homecoming football game for participants, guests and race volunteers.

October 21, 2000
Open to individuals, families and teams
Alumni, students, faculty/staff and friends of WMU are invited to compete in the 5K Run as individuals, families or three-person teams. The 5K and 1K Fun Walks are open to adults and children, while the 1K Kids' Fun Run is open to kids 14 and under—parents may run with children at no charge.

When to be there
The 1K Fun Walk and 1K Kids' Fun Run start at 8:30 a.m. The 5K Race and 5K Fun Walk start at 9 a.m. Register in advance by mail, online or fax, or in person on the morning of the race. Showers are available at the Student Recreation Center following the race. ChampionChips will be used for timing. Runners and walkers must pick up their chips Saturday morning.

Where to run, walk, watch or picnic
Races and walks start on West Michigan Avenue in front of the Bernhard Center (formerly the Student Union). Spectators are invited to watch the race and enjoy complimentary coffee, juice and breakfast snacks in front of the Bernhard Center.

Fees
Enclose fee or pay by credit card. 

**Individual fees**
- $15 adult
- $7 student
- $5 child (14 & under)
- $25 family

**Team fees** (three-person team)
- $15 per student team
- $40 per adult team

Late registration fee of $15 will be added to each individual and team registration postmarked after Oct. 10, 2000. **NO REFUNDS.**

**What you get**
Long-sleeve T-shirt for each runner and walker, awards for top finishers, raffle prizes, pre-Homecoming football game tailgate at Hyames Field and discount on Homecoming football game tickets.

Food, drink and awards
Racers and walkers are invited to a complimentary tailgate awards ceremony at Hyames Field (next to Waldo Stadium). There will be food, drink and awards starting at 10:45 a.m. Guests may join the tailgate for a nominal fee.

**Awards:**
- Awards given for:
  - Top overall individual finishers, male and female.
  - Top finishers, individual and team divisions.
  - Kids' 1K runners and walkers 14 and under—each will receive a participant's medal.

Early registration

Late registration fee
There will be a $15 dollar late registration fee added to each individual and team registration postmarked after Oct. 10, 2000.

**Thursday and Friday pre-registration packet pick-up**
Thursday and Friday, Oct. 19 and 20, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m., there will be registration packet pick-up and late registration at Walwood Hall, Oakland Drive, on WMU's East Campus.

Late registration packet pick-up
Saturday morning registration and packet pick-up will take place at the Bernhard Center, near the starting line, from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m.

Homecoming 2000
Oct. 20-21 events

**Friday, Oct. 20**
- Noon to 3 p.m. Western Student Olympics and Fritter Fest
- 2 to 5 p.m. Soap Box Derby Races
- 6:30 p.m. Distinguished Alumni Awards Dinner
- 7 p.m. Volleyball: Broncos vs. Toledo
- 7 p.m. Hockey: Broncos vs. University of Alabama-Huntsville

**Saturday, Oct. 21**
- 8:30 to 10 a.m. Homecoming Campus Classic Race at Bernhard Center
- 10 a.m. to noon Alumni Association Homecoming PepFest at Student Recreation Center
- 10:45 a.m. to noon Pre-game tailgates at Hyames Field
- 11:30 a.m. Homecoming victory march
- 1 p.m. (subject to change) Football: Broncos vs. Northern Illinois
- 5:30 p.m. Volleyball: Broncos vs. Akron
- 7 p.m. Hockey: Broncos vs. University of Alabama-Huntsville
- 7:30 p.m. Motown Review Concert
- 11 p.m. Onyx Society Dance at Radisson Plaza Hotel

**Events and times are subject to change.**

Questions?
Check out our Web site at <www.wmich.edu/race>; call (616) 387-8400; or e-mail us at <univ-rel@wmich.edu>. 
Run the beautiful WMU campus or picnic along the route
Registration forms must be completed for each person participating in a run or walk.

Early registration forms must be postmarked on or before Oct. 10, 2000.

__Male  __Female  __Age
__Alumni  __Friend  __Student
__Faculty  __Staff

NAME

ADDRESS

CITY  STATE  ZIP

PHONE

**Shirt size**

__M  __L  __XL  __XXL  __Youth L

**Race participation** (Check one)

__5K Run  __1K Kids' Fun Run
__5K Fun Walk  __1K Fun Walk

☐ Individual competitor's age division

__7 & under  __8-11  __12-14  __15-18
__19-23  __24-29  __30-39  __40-49
__50-59  __60-65  __66-70  __71-75
__76+

☐ Team member competition division (if applicable)

__Student  __Non-Student

Team name

*(Include name of college, residence hall, Greek organization, corporation/business or other group, e.g., College of Fine Arts, Davis Hall, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, etc.)*  **Note:** all three team members must submit registration forms together.

**WAIVER**

Registration not valid without signed waiver(s): In consideration of your accepting this entry form, I hereby for myself, my heirs, executors and administrators waive and release all rights and claims for damages I may have against Western Michigan University, its Board of Trustees and the sponsors of the WMU Homecoming Campus Classic, its agents, representatives, successors and assigns for any and all injuries suffered by me at said run, or which may arise out of participation in the WMU Homecoming Campus Classic. **NOTE:** **PARENT MUST SIGN IF PARTICIPANT IS UNDER 18.**

**Method of payment**

__Check  __Money order  __Credit Card

Make check payable to Western Michigan University

__Discover  __Visa  __MasterCard

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1950 - 1960

Marjorie J. Federowski
BA ’50, MSL ’71, was named the 1999 Senior Citizen of the Year for Leadership by the Michigan Office of Services to the Aging.

Paul M. Kleis
BA ’50, has received a STAR—Sharing Time and Resources—Senior Volunteer Award for his Kalamazoo community volunteer work.

Joseph E. Kincaid
BS ’54, a specialist in internal medicine and endocrinology practicing in Kalamazoo, has been elected to membership in the Endocrine Society, an international group of physicians.

1961 - 1965

Robertta Cheney
BA ’61, MA ’62, has been named this year’s recipient of the STAR—Sharing Time and Resources—Irving S. Gilmore Lifetime Achievement Award for her Kalamazoo community volunteer work.

Frank E. Buesing
BS ’63, recently completed training at the Jet Fighter Training Center in Pompano Beach, FL. The program consisted of flying an L-39 Albatross during aerobatic and air combat maneuvers.

Stephan V. DeWolf
BA ’63, has retired after 34 years as a copy editor, page designer, news editor and executive news editor with the Sun-Sentinel newspaper in Ft. Lauderdale, FL.

Dale H. Porter
BS ’63, recently retired after 30 years as a history professor at WMU.

William B. Vroegop
BS ’64, MA ’72, has joined Alvan Motor Freight as sales manager of the Grand Rapids, MI, terminal zone.

Sally Jo Wieling
BA ’64, a health insurance specialist for the Health Care Financing Administration, recently received the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services’ outstanding employee award. She is a resident of LaGrange Park, IL.

Alice J. Barrett
BS ’65, recently retired from Pinellas County School District, Largo, FL, after 14 years as a guidance counselor. Barrett also taught for 20 years in the Warren (MI) Consolidated School District.

Ruth Diephuis
MA ’65, has received the STAR—Sharing Time and Resources—Career Volunteer Award for her Kalamazoo community volunteer work.

W. Jack Keiser
BA ’65, a member of Miller, Johnson, Snell & Cummiskey PLC, Grand Rapids, MI, has been granted fellowship in the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers.

1966 - 1970

Orel D. Callahan
BA ’66, MA ’69, PhD ’70, recently retired as chief executive officer of Lakeshore Coordinating Council For Substance Abuse Services, Grand Haven, MI.

Robert D. Durand
BS ’66, recently received Dana Corp.’s inaugural Engineering Achievement Award for overall engineering achievements, continuing education, and professional and technical activities.

David H. Flucke
BS ’66, is currently serving as the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Michigan Free and Accepted Masons, Ann Arbor, MI.

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 continued interest in your University through life membership in our association.

Alice J. Barrett
BS ’65, Redington Beach, FL

Justin E. Bayer
BS ’90, Novato, CA

Julie Harris Broj
BS ’86, Chicago

Carolyn L. Briscoe
BS ’66, Detroit

Gail B. Brot
MA ’78, Kalamazoo

Daniel G. Carlson
MA ’80, Kalamazoo

Jill A. Cobb
BBA ’84, Gahnsburg, MD

Julie A. Flatt
BS ’95, Nashville, TN

Franklin M. Friedman
BA ’57, MA ’59, Flint, MI

Davis S. Gregory
BS ’94, Tallahassee, FL

Bonnie R. Koons
BBA ’95, Hastings, MI

Maria Lee Lo
BBA ’75, Plano, TX

Kenneth V. Miller
BBA ’69, MBA ’70, Kalamazoo

Bruce E. Mikes
BA ’74, MSL ’78, Kalamazoo

Dwight F. Patrick
BS ’85, Willis, TX

Brian S. Switalski
BS ’98, Marysville, OH

Kimberly Brooks Switalski
BBA ’97, Marysville, OH

Keith A. Zaborowski
BS ’88, Lincoln, NE
Thomas A. Beals
BS '67, has been inducted into the Michigan High School Football Coaches Association's Hall of Fame. He is athletic director at Parchment (MI) Schools.

Gary R. Campbell
BA '67, MA '72, EdS '88, earned a law degree from Thomas M. Cooley Law School in January 1999 and has been admitted to the State Bar of Michigan. He is currently superintendent of schools for Lakeshore Public Schools, Stevensville, MI.

Nancy S. Cretsinger
BA '67, MSL '71, has been named director of grants and institutional research at Glen Oaks Community College in Centreville, MI.

Bernd P. Lieberg
BS '67, has joined K&M Machine-Fabricating Inc., Cassopolis, MI, as vice president of manufacturing.

J. Michael Newton
BBA '67, was recently elected vice president and general counsel for Nalco Chemical Co., a subsidiary of French utilities giant Suez Lyonnaise des Eaux.

Arthur M. Kidney
BBA '68, has been promoted to vice president of corporate properties for National City Bank of Illinois/Michigan.

Robert J. Tardiff
MBA '68, has been promoted to sales manager, technical and specialty papers, at Plainwell Paper Co., Plainwell, MI.

Peter A. Dual
BS '69, MA '71, was recently named provost and vice president for academic affairs at Eastern Michigan University, Cheney, WA.

Dene W. Hadden
BS '69, MA '73, has been named principal of South Haven (MI) High School. He has been a teacher and coach there since 1972.

Richard W. Haugh
BBA '70, has been awarded the Certified Residential Specialist designation by the Council of Residential Specialists. He is an associate broker with Preferred Carlson Realtors in Otsego, MI.

Shirley M. McFee
MA '70, was re-elected to a one-year term as chairwoman of the board of directors at AAA of Michigan.

Vinod Thomas
BA '70, MA '71, was recently promoted to vice president of the World Bank Institute, Washington, D.C.

1971 - 1975

Judith A. (Bierlein) Ketchum
BA '71, was named as one of the Lawyers of the Year by Michigan Lawyers Weekly for 1999. She is an assistant prosecuting attorney for Kalamazoo County, specializing in appellate law.

John R. Sink
BBA '71, is the new president and chief executive officer of Southwestern State Employees Credit Union, Kalamazoo.

Constance M. Speers
BA '71, MA '74, EdS '82, has been promoted to director of enrollment services at Kellogg Community College in Battle Creek, MI.

Lynn Marie (Ruprecht) Bower

Gail E. Duering
BS '68, MA '72, has co-published "AP Statistics Activities Math Box," an activities and project book designed specifically for the high school advanced placement statistics classroom.

Robert G. Miller
BA '72, has been named associate vice president for community outreach at WMU.

John E. Schwartz
BA '72, has been inducted into the Michigan High School Football Coaches Association's Hall of Fame. He is a coach at Mendon (MI) High School.

Maureen M. McMahon
BBA '73, is the author of a new novel, "Shadows In the Mist," which will be released this summer.

Wayne E. Petzke
BBA '73, has joined K&M Machine-Fabricating Inc., Cassopolis, MI, as human resources manager.

Robert J. Barry
BBA '74, MBA '75, was recently promoted to vice president of finance at JM Olson Corp., a construction management and general contracting firm in St. Clair Shores, MI.

James R. Newell
BS '70, MS '74, was inducted into the Michigan High School Football Coaches Association's Hall of Fame. He has been at Hopkins (MI) High School for 30 years.

Elizabeth J. Rice
BA '74, has been named a fellow of the American Society for Quality. She is chair of corporate university programs for Ford Motor Co.'s Corporate University.

Jerry A. Shore
BBA '74, has been named executive vice president and chief financial officer of Fred's Inc., Memphis, TN, a discount general merchandise store.

Vincent C. Westra
BA '74, chief judge of the Kalamazoo District Court, has been named the 1999-2000 Citizen of the Year by Kalamazoo Elks Lodge 50.

Douglas D. Wood
BS '74, has been recognized by the Michigan Alternative Education Organization as the state's most outstanding administrator. He is principal of adult and community education at Old Central High School, Kalamazoo.

James H. Gill Jr.
BS '75, was recently promoted to director of public relations for Continental Teves NA in Auburn Hills, MI.

Clayton T. Hisler
BBA '75, an insurance agent with Farm Bureau, has earned the company's 1999 All American Award for being a top sales agent.
Paul H. Selden
MA '75, PhD '78, has been named one of the 10 Most Influential People in Customer Relationship Management by Sales & Marketing Automation Magazine.

State Sen. Dale L. Shugars
BBA '75, was named to the board of directors of the Michigan Fitness Council.

1976 - 1980
William W. Carmody
EdD '76, has been appointed judge by Gov. John Engler for Michigan's 5th district probate court in Alger and Schoolcraft counties.

Jon L. Fruytier
MA '76, has been appointed principal of Drager Middle School in Adrian, MI.

James C. Kuk
MA '76, has joined Unitrac Technologies Inc., Kalamazoo, as director of business development.

Robert J. Leneway
MA '76, DPA '91, recently won the top award from the Michigan Rehabilitation Association. He was cited for creative use of grant-seeking skills to improve the lives of persons with disabilities.

Thomas R. Tanczos
BA '76, has been elected to the Van Buren County Commission for District One, South Haven, MI.

State Rep. Jerry L. Vander Roest
BS '76, was recently named the Michigan Township Association's Legislator of the Year.

Susan K. Yetter
BA '76, has been elected to a three-year term on the Kalamazoo County Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors.

John S. Schultz
BA '77, has joined Marx Layne Marketing & Public Relations in Farmington Hills, MI, as a senior account executive.

Donald L. Walker
BS '77, MA '78, has been named vice president of purchasing at the Timken Co.'s human resources, purchasing and communications center in Canton, OH.

Printmaking professional
Michael Sims, BFA '68, was headed for a career in graphic design when a WMU printmaking class sent him down a new career path.

Alumnus basks in art world's demand for his prints
It was one fateful class in printmaking that forever changed Michael Sims' life.
Sims, who was raised in Battle Creek, Mich., was about to graduate from WMU with a major in graphic design when he registered for an introductory printmaking class with Dr. Curtis Rhodes, professor of art. Something magical happened when Sims sampled lithography.

"What got me into art in the first place was drawing," Sims says. "I loved to draw. And lithography I took to just immediately."

After graduating from WMU in 1968, Sims obtained a master's degree from Ohio University in 1971. He then taught lithography and drawing at the University of Kansas, Lawrence, until 1978 when he left to work with a master printmaker at Landfall Press in Chicago.

Sims returned to Lawrence the following year. With the help and support of other artists and pocket change, Sims started The Lawrence Lithography Workshop.

Over time, the workshop expanded its operations and established a national reputation. The business evolved beyond contract printing for local artists to publishing work by national artists brought in by the business.

In 1997, Sims moved his facility to Sunland Park, N.M., and has collaborated with 120 artists from across the United States. His prints are part of many well-known galleries and collections, including the San Francisco Museum of Art, the Museum of Modern Art in New York and the Fogg Museum at Harvard University, which houses one of the top five university print collections in the nation.

"It's a small shop," Sims says, "but we're considered a critical shop because of the level of work we're doing and because we're getting into some pretty significant collections."

One artist Sims has worked with is sculptor and printmaker Robert Stackhouse, whose sculpture "Michigan Swell" is part of the WMU Sculpture Tour. While Stackhouse served as a printmaking artist in residence in September, the Department of Art brought Sims back to Kalamazoo to work with Stackhouse and Rhodes on a full-color lithograph based on the 100-foot-long sculpture.

A photograph of the print is reproduced on the back cover of this issue.
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Susan K. Blodgett
MPA ’78, retired after 30 years as an officer with the Portage (MI) Police Department. She is moving to Kosovo to work with United Nations officials to design and implement police departments.

W. Jerry Byrd
BBA ’78, has joined the law firm of Dean & Fulkerson, Troy, MI, as a shareholder. He has extensive experience in business law.

Karen E. Davies
BFA ’78, has been appointed dean of special programs at the Savannah (GA) College of Art and Design.

Gary A. Dembs
BS ’78, has been appointed president of the board of directors for Spaulding for Children, a special needs adoption agency in Southfield, MI.

Mark E. Fry
BS ’78, MA ’81, received the 1999 Arts & Sciences Alumni Achievement Award from the WMU Department of Political Science. He currently serves as consul at the U.S. Embassy in Guatemala.

Judy L. Haskell
BBA ’78, has joined Alvan Motor Freight, Kalamazoo, as director of revenue accounting.

Thomas A. Malvitz
BS ’78, has joined the professional staff of Orthopaedic Associates of Grand Rapids (MI) PC.

Roger J. Nemeth
BS ’78, received the Marvin Olsen Memorial Award from the Michigan Sociological Association for distinguished service and success as a scholar-teacher. He is a sociology professor at Hope College, Holland, MI.

Eric J. Olsen
BS ’78, was named a shareholder of the Minneapolis law firm of Moss & Barnett. He practices in the areas of commercial law, corporate law and estate planning.

David J. Prueter
BBA ’78, was recently named vice president of Agree Realty Corp. in Farmington Hills, MI.

Thomas J. Vance
BS ’78, has joined Portage (MI) Public Schools as the communications and marketing manager.

Steven G. Zylstra
BS ’78, has been selected as the permanent president and chief executive officer for both the Pittsburgh Technology Council and the Southwestern Pennsylvania Industrial Resource Center.

John E. Dillworth Jr.
BBA ’79, is the new president and chief executive officer of Goodwill Industries of Southwestern Michigan.

Janece E. Minott
BBA ’79, has been promoted to assistant vice president and security officer at Shoreline Bank in St. Joseph, MI.

Christopher C. Womack
BS ’79, was recently named one of the Top 50 Blacks in Corporate America by Black Enterprise magazine.

Miriam Blanks-Smart
BA ’80, has joined the Detroit law firm of Wise & Marsac as a principal.

Mark A. Dresen
BBA ’80, has joined the staff of Old Kent Bank, Kalamazoo, as a mortgage loan originator.

Arthur C. Johnson
MBA ’80, has been promoted to chairman and chief executive officer of United Bank of Michigan, Grand Rapids, MI.

Scott A. Kooistra
BS ’80, MBA ’82, was named winner of the Marconi Award as the nation’s small market radio personality of the year by the National Association of Broadcasters. He is operations manager at KYNT in Orlando, FL.

David F. McGorrin
BS ’80, was recently promoted to senior program manager and manager of the product analysis department at Raytheon Systems Co., El Segundo, CA.

Gertrude Stauffer
MA ’80, has retired after 20 years as administrator of the WMU Faculty Senate Office.

Nickolas A. Vitale
BBA ’80, has been appointed chief financial officer of the Detroit Medical Center.

1981 - 1985

Donald E. Brown
BBA ’81, has joined Landmark Systems Corp., Reston, VA, as vice president of global services.

Floyd Plentka
MM ’82, has been named general manager of WMUK, WMU’s public radio station.

James W. Brode Jr.
BS ’83, has been promoted to associate in the Kalamazoo office of Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr & Huber Inc., a civil engineering and architectural firm in Ada, MI.

Renee A. Lovejoy
BBA ’83, was named president/chief executive officer of Sysco Foods of Idaho Inc.

Todd A. Sanford
BBA ’83, has joined Drews, Torre & Associates as a certified financial planner in their Kalamazoo office.

Steven J. Groenink
BS ’84, has been appointed vice president of trust services at Greenleaf Trust, Kalamazoo.

Lori J. (Schafer) McAdam
BBA ’84, has been promoted to independent branch advisor for the Longaberger Co., Newark, OH. She resides in Plainwell, MI.

James E. McHale
BS ’84, assistant vice president of the W.K. Kellogg Foundation, will be chairman of this year’s United Way of Greater Battle Creek campaign.

Geoffrey M. Soard
BS ’84, was recently promoted to vice president of engineering for the Iserv Co., Grand Rapids, MI.

Pamela K. (Gilchrist) Corson
BS ’85, recently opened her own public relations consulting firm, PR-Link Public Relations, based in Cincinnati.

Paul F. Iagnocco
BA ’85, has joined Biggs-Gilmore Communications, Kalamazoo, as the agency's new interactive planner.

Krista M. Ragotzy
BS ’85, is an art teacher for Vicksburg (MI) Community Schools.
1986 - 1990

Rosemarie L.J. Allaire
BS '86, has been made an associate of Francis Krahe & Associates Inc. Architectural Lighting Design, Laguna Beach, CA.

Joseph S. Calvaruso
MBA '86, has been promoted to executive vice president in risk management and cashier for Shoreline Bank, Galesburg, MI.

Daniel P. Dalton
BS '86, has been appointed to the board of directors of the law firm of Johnson, Rosati, Labarge, Azetyne & Field PC in Farmington Hills, MI. He is also a litigator with the firm.

Janet L. Lemon
BBA '86, has joined the CPA firm of Tans & McAfee PC, Kalamazoo.

Edward G. Palsrok
BS '86, has been promoted to national accounts manager, technical papers, at Plainwell Paper Co., Plainwell, MI.

Leslie A. (Wilk) Braksick
MA '87, PhD '90, is the author of a new business book, "Unlock Behavior, Unleash Profits." She is co-founder and chief executive officer of the Continuous Learning Group in Pittsburgh.

Susan L. Culhane
BS '87, has joined Alliance Resources, Portage, MI, as a human resource consultant.

Angela K. Fry
BBA '87, was hired by accounting and consulting firm BDO Seidman's Kalamazoo office to specialize in partnerships.

Carol A. Patridge
BBA '87, has been promoted to the position of principal at Yeo & Yeo PC, a Kalamazoo-based CPA firm.

Donald Price
BS '87, has been named head women's basketball coach at Glen Oaks Community College, Centreville, MI.

Todd C. Baker
BBA '88, has been appointed partner in the corporate tax group at Deloitte & Touche, Detroit.

Don D. Jackson
BBA '88, has established an accounting and auditing firm, the Jackson Group, in New Buffalo, MI.

Timothy J. Turczyn
BS '88, is a consulting manager/practice leader at Primix Solutions, Watertown, MA.

Sherrill Busboom
MA '89, recently completed a training video for Pharmacia Corp. clinical trials. She is an academic career specialist in the Department of Physician Assistant at WMU.

David M. Marousek
BS '89, was recently promoted to administrative director of program development at Southwest Rehab Hospital, Battle Creek, MI.

Michael E. O'Neill
BBA '89, was promoted to director of materials and customer service for the Michigan business unit of Triple S Plastics, Vicksburg, MI.

K. Perry Wolfe
BBA '89, has joined Bank One as corporate relationship manager in the Kalamazoo middle market group.

John C. Denny
BBA '90, has joined Irwin Mortgage Corp. as branch manager in its Kalamazoo office.

Lisbeth A. Lutz
MA '90, won honorable mention for her short story, "Window on the Ground," in the 1999 Kalamazoo Gazette Community Literary Awards competition.

Michael W. McKeenby
BBA '90, MBA '96, has been appointed to assistant vice president at Standard Federal Bank, Kalamazoo.

Amy L. Wolff
MBA '90, has received the STAR—Sharing Time and Resources—Community Leadership Award for her Kalamazoo community volunteer work.

1991 - 1995

Janene L. Breneman
BA '91, has joined Glen Oaks Community College, Centreville, MI, as an admissions officer.

Joseph R. Craparotta
BBA '91, was promoted to executive director of sales for Lucid Financial Services, Clinton Township, MI.

Suzanne R. Friesner
MSW '91, has been appointed interim assistant director of Lakeside Treatment and Learning Center, Kalamazoo.

Bradley D. Kirk
BBA '90, MBA '91, has earned the certified management accountant designation from the Institute of Certified Management Accountants.

Rhonda L. Newman
BBA '91, has been promoted to senior manager of Jansen, Furgason & Valk accounting firm in Kalamazoo.

Charles C. Zhang, Lynn Chen-Zhang
MA '91, MSA '91, are co-authors of the recently published book, "The Zhangs on Educated Investing."

Dr. Thomas R. Johnson
MA '92, recently appeared on the "CBS Early Show" to discuss his research, Project First Step. He is an assistant professor of physical education at Albion (MI) College.

Bonnie A. Martens
BA '92, has joined Biggs/Gilmore Communications, Kalamazoo, as an account executive.

Kimberly A. McCann
BBA '92, has joined TraverRohrback, a Kalamazoo-based advertising agency, as the firm's new director of accounting.

Shelley R. (Murphy) Strickland
BA '92, has been named director of foundation relations at Kennesaw State University in Kennesaw, GA.
Linda J. Zarzecki
MBA '92, has been appointed human resource manager for the Van Andel Institute, Grand Rapids, MI.

Steven A. Beebe
BBA '93, has joined Alliance Resources Inc. in Portage, MI, as a human resources consultant.

Cheryl L. Berry
BA '93, has joined Creative Ink, an advertising agency in Richland, MI, as public relations coordinator.

Michael G. Brady
BA '93, has rejoined the law firm of Warner Norcross & Judd LLP as an associate in its Southfield, MI, office.

Leslie A. McCarley
MPA '93, is the new director of corporate and foundation relations at Starr Commonwealth, Albion, MI.

Paul G. Nichols
BS '84, MA '93, is teaching science and technology at Vicksburg (MI) Community Schools.

Mary E. Weitekamp
BS '93, has joined Eckert/Wordell Architects, Kalamazoo, as an interior designer.

Matthew J. Kakabeeke
BA '94, MPA '99, has joined Lakeside Treatment and Learning Center, Kalamazoo, as program manager.

Timothy A. Kana'an
BBA '94, has joined the staff of Maxwell & Miller Marketing Communications, Kalamazoo, as art director.

Scott A. Kane
BS '94, has joined Squire, Sanders & Dempsey LLP, a Cleveland-based international law firm, as an associate in the firm's Cincinnati office.

Alisha M. McKinney
BBA '94, has joined the staff of Jansen, Furgason & Valk PC, Kalamazoo, as a client service professional.

Michael A. Molde
BA '94, is assistant sports information director at Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, IL.

Krystine A. Muller
BA '94, has joined Beene Garter LLP, an accounting and business advisory firm in Grand Rapids, MI, as marketing director.

Dwandra (Lampkins) Nickole
BA '93, has been appointed human resource agency in Richland, MI, as marketing director.

Vickie P. Wright
MA '94, is the new director of membership services and benefits for the North Carolina Bar Association in Cary, NC.

Robert L. Brown
BA '95, was recently named director of Zeeland (MI) Summit School. She is also a teacher at the school.

1996 - 1999

Linnea L. Gaunt
BS '96, MA '98, is a new school psychologist for Vicksburg (MI) Community Schools.

Steven J. Guerrero
MA '96, recently joined Pine Rest Christian Mental Health Services in Grand Rapids, MI, as a counselor to young adults at its Center for Psychiatric Residential Services.

Heather Pogue-Hall
BA '96, was recently promoted to senior account executive at DMB&B Public Relations/MS&L Detroit, in its Troy, MI, office.

John A. Heikka
BS '96, has been promoted to project manager at the Miller-Davis Co., a construction management and general contracting firm in Kalamazoo.

Paja L. Dickenson
MA '97, has joined Southwest Rehab Hospital in Battle Creek, MI, as a certified clinical audiologist.

Gary A. Hetrick
MPA '97, recently retired as chief of the Kalamazoo Department of Public Safety. He served as chief for five years, and was with the department for 27 years.

Eric Teall
BA '97, is teaching English, forensics and debate at Vicksburg (MI) Community Schools.

Nichole A. (Burcham) Webb
BS '97, has been named membership specialist for the Allegan County, MI, area of the Glowing Embers Girl Scout Council. She was also named older girl coordinator for the entire council jurisdiction.

Wendy S. Wetherbee
BS '97, is the new beginnerarten teacher at Vicksburg (MI) Community Schools.

Jennifer L. Zordan
BS '97, recently received the TRIO/WMU Student Support Program Alumini of the Year Award.

Nicole L. Andres
BA '98, has accepted a position with the FBI in Detroit.

Aaron J. Bouwman
BM '98, is teaching vocal music at Vicksburg (MI) Community Schools.

Kathleen Donaldson
BS '98, is the new physical education coach at Vicksburg (MI) Community Schools.

Patricia A. Flanders
BS '98, has opened Millennium Presentations, a multimedia company, in Vicksburg, MI.

Ryan J. Ledlow
BA '98, is teaching social studies and coaching football and freshman basketball at Vicksburg (MI) Community Schools.

Anna M. Pero-Fontaine
BA '98, is teaching English and acting as yearbook advisor at Vicksburg (MI) Community Schools.

Elizabeth A. Schuchaskie
BS '98, is a special education teacher at Vicksburg (MI) Community Schools.

Penelope J. Wood
BBA '98, was recently promoted to administrator in the WMU Faculty Senate Office.

Phyllis J. Youga
MA '98, has been appointed assistant county administrator for Calhoun County, MI.

September Buys
BA '99, is teaching art at Vicksburg (MI) Community Schools.

Kristen M. Dodge
BBA '99, has joined Yeo & Yeo PC, Kalamazoo, as a staff accountant in the tax department.
Obituaries

1921 - 1935

Naomi Lancaster

Dr. Jerrian Van Dellen
BA '28, Dec. 14, 1999, in Traverse City, MI.

Mildred E. Mitton
TC '26, BA '29, Dec. 15, 1997, in LaJolla, CA.

Esther P. Totten

Melvin J. Vorenkamp
TC '27, BS '31, Nov. 15, 1999, in Kalamazoo.

Beryl B. Roush
BA '32, Oct. 26, 1999, in Holland, MI.

Elizabeth D. Howard
BA '33, Oct. 6, 1999, in Kalamazoo.

Marian M. Irey
BA '33, Dec. 27, 1999, in Kalamazoo.

Clarence J. Baumgartner
BA '35, July 5, 1999, in Kaukauna, WI.

Josephine K. Hackney

1936 - 1950

Gladys S. Barera
TC '36, BA '38, Dec. 4, 1999, in Ann Arbor, MI.

Donald M. Christlieb

Jack W. Ekleberry
BS '39, June 10, 1999, in Flint, MI.

Stanley A. Hayden

Clara M. Young
TC '26, BA '50, Dec. 18, 1999, in Martin, MI.

1951 - 1960

Lewis M. Yost

Merle A. Clayton

Ronald F. Miller
BS '54, MA '56, Nov. 19, 1999, in Kalamazoo.

Marilyn L. Armstrong
BA '55, Dec. 15, 1999, in Rockford, IL.

Judy M. Saur
BA '55, Jan. 28, 1997, in Kent City, MI.

I. Pauline Kropschot
TC '27, BS '30, BS '57, April 18, 1999, in Stuart, FL.

Adolph R. Dasler
BA '60, MA '60, Nov. 16, 1997, in Kensington, MD.

1961 - 1970

James H. Stahl
BS '63, MA '70, Nov. 9, 1999, in Portage, MI.

Alexander S. Brush
BS '64, Nov. 14, 1999, in Rochester Hills, MI.

Kenneth E. Gamm Jr.
BA '64, July 1996, in Lake in the Hills, IL.

Eleanor L. Dickey

Mary E. Loeffler
BA '65, Dec. 28, 1999, in Kokomo, IN.

Emma V. Syers
BS '66, Dec. 20, 1998, in Fremont, MI.

Vivian L. Enyart
BA '67, October 1999, in Delton, MI.

Mary G. Young

1971 - 1980

Stephen J. Prince
MBA '71, December 1999, in Brooklyn, NY.

Charles G. Kroth
BS '72, Oct. 17, 1999, in Oakland, CA.

Kenneth L. Shultz
BS '72, October 1999, in O Fallon, MO.

Mary G. Young

1981 - 1997

William C. Stevens
BS '86, Dec. 31, 1999, in Tustin, CA.

William A. Keller
MBA '90, Dec. 23, 1999, in Portage, MI.

Larry G. Leslie

William M. Luczyk
EdD '95, July 28, 1999, in North Muskegon, MI.

Kelly J. Short
BA '97, Dec. 5, 1999, in Troy, MI.

Faculty

Philip S. Denenfeld
provost and vice president emeritus for academic affairs, May 4, 2000, in Kalamazoo.

John Murphy

William A. Schreiber
assistant professor emeritus of engineering and technology, MA '57, Sept. 27, 1999, in Westport, CT.

Russell H. Seibert
vice president emeritus for academic affairs, Feb. 6, 2000, in Kalamazoo.

Wayland Patrick Smith
professor emeritus of management, Jan. 16, 2000, in Arizona.

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Ask this philosophy professor how he came to lead one of the nation’s largest collegiate aviation programs, and Richard Wright may tell you it’s in his blood.

Wright, recently appointed dean of WMU’s College of Aviation, is not a pilot but he’s related to the inventors of powered human flight. Wilbur and Orville Wright, who flew into the history books in 1903 at Kitty Hawk, N.C., were his fourth cousins.

From his office overlooking the college’s 60-plane fleet at W.K. Kellogg Airport in Battle Creek, Mich., Wright talks more passionately about the college’s future than his famous family ties.

“I don’t make a big deal of it, but if somebody said to me, ‘How can you possibly lead the College of Aviation? You don’t have any aviation background,’ then I would have to say, ‘I have a good aviation background—it’s pure genetics,’” Wright says with a chuckle.

Actually Wright brings a diverse background of 31 years in the classroom and administration to the helm of the 61-year-old aviation program, which is known nationally and internationally for its fast-track approach to commercial pilot training.

His immediate challenge is smoothing out the organizational and operational bumps accompanying the former school’s elevation to the status of college—WMU’s newest since 1976—while simultaneously absorbing its biggest enrollment gain since World War II.

WMU is a top choice for students wanting to become commercial pilots, aviation maintenance specialists and aviation administrators. It is the only U.S. collegiate aviation program approved by both the Federal Aviation Administration and its European equivalent, the Civil Aviation Authority. And it has been mentioned in the Wall Street Journal, Forbes, Barron’s and the Chronicle of Higher Education.

With 260 freshmen arriving this fall—a 22.5 percent enrollment jump to nearly 800 students—the facility is the fastest-growing college of any in the university.

But Wright is taking it all in stride. After all, he has seven years of administrative experience at WMU, serving in posts he found both interesting and challenging.

Joining WMU in 1993 as associate vice president for academic affairs and a tenured professor of philosophy, Wright later served as interim vice president for information technology and associate vice president for research.

His background also includes a focus on biomedical ethics and research. He earned his bachelor’s degree from Baylor University and his master’s and doctoral degrees from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

After becoming the aviation college’s interim dean in January, Wright said he “found that the organizational skills that I had seemed to be helping people here get done what they needed to do.”

Wright rolled up his sleeves even as WMU trustees made his appointment permanent in April. He has developed the college’s first-ever business plan and helped to polish its three- to five-year strategic plan. Focusing on improving efficiencies, he reorganized its maintenance support operation and now is doing the same with flight operations.

“We’ve got to make the transition from being a small school to being a solid, internationally recognized, comprehensive college and that’s what we are trying to do now,” Wright says. “Everybody in the college is working together to make that happen.”

Wright thinks his greatest contribution so far has been to help his aviation colleagues “think out of the box,” a skill he developed while working with people from across the University on common goals.

Results have included restructuring the aviation maintenance technology curriculum so that students can get a license—and thus work experience—halfway through their pursuit of a four-year degree. Also, WMU will join with Battle Creek’s Kellogg Community College in a new program that will allow its students to complete the maintenance program.

Noting that people often focus only on pilot training when talking about the College of Aviation, Wright is quick to point to the college’s “outstanding maintenance and aviation administration programs.” Those programs are very important, he says, because “pilots don’t fix the planes and run the airports.”

Still on Wright’s plate is convincing the commercial aviation industry here at home that WMU can meet its
needs in light of a pending pilot shortage. The college takes students with no previous flying experience and is able to send them into the ranks of active commercial pilots with as few as 300 to 400 hours in the cockpit.

Such an approach, called *ab initio* training, has worked safely in Europe for 35 years and when WMU developed a flight curriculum using that method, the college attracted flight training clients from the international aviation community. Not only British Airways but also Ireland’s Aer Lingus and the United Arab Emirates’ Emirates Airlines are sending their cadets to WMU for training.

But U.S. carriers—which traditionally have attracted their pilots from the ranks of seasoned military personnel—want pilot candidates with many more hours of experience.

However, with the pilot supply dwindling due to U.S. military cutbacks, and with the incredibly high volume of air travel now in the U.S. “the American air carriers are going to have to bite the bullet” and pursue non-military options, Wright says.

“Regional air carriers have already started,” Wright says. “They are hiring our students with 800 to 1,000 hours of flying, when a couple of years ago they wouldn’t have touched them below 3,000.”

Indeed, last fall the college entered into its first domestic partnership with Northwest Airlink’s Mesaba Airlines, which agreed to consider highly qualified WMU grads who have lower flight hours. Mesaba already has hired nine of them.

WMU’s next move will be an experimental program this fall that will allow students to go simultaneously through the international and domestic programs, thus becoming licensed to work as a commercial pilot anywhere in the world.

“This program will demonstrate to the American air carrier community that our students have a very sophisticated and very different level of training. What we are hoping is that it will make the American air carriers want to hire our students first,” Wright explains.

Judging from his family tree alone, Wright should have a good shot at making it fly.
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- Muskegon: (231) 777-0500
- St. Joseph/Benton Harbor: (616) 983-1968
- Traverse City: (231) 922-1788

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Her efforts did not go unnoticed. University administrators praised Lacey's creativity and commitment to developing the school as a national leader in nursing education, and in 1998, an anonymous donor gave WMU $1.5 million to establish a permanent endowed chair in Lacey's honor. The endowment funded a full-time professorship—the Bernardine M. Lacey Nursing Chair.

"The endowment of the chair was a wonderful surprise," Lacey asserts. "It shows the confidence that people have in this nursing program and in Western Michigan University. A gift such as this is a validation that we are doing the kinds of things that the community values."

Community ties
In addition to her work within the University, Lacey immersed herself in the Southwest Michigan community. Even though she knew Kalamazoo would not be her permanent home, she says she was compelled to action.

From nearly the moment of her arrival, community leaders recognized her as an important ally. She served on the boards of Planned Parenthood of Southwest Michigan, the First Presbyterian Church Free Clinic and HealthConnect, in addition to her appointments to various national organizations. In conjunction with the Kalamazoo Public Schools she helped develop a program to encourage minority students to choose health care careers, and she spearheaded a collaborative effort with the Black Nurses Association to bring nurses into the Mane Attraction beauty salon for healthcare screening and education.

"I couldn't live in a community and not become involved in its issues," Lacey says. "Whatever the challenges are for a community, be they poverty, lack of education, unemployment or any social ill, those things affect health. That's what community nursing is all about.

"Every once in a while, another health care provider will say to me, 'Bernardine, we can't get involved in all that. Those aren't our issues. We have to focus on health.' But of course, when you believe as I do that health care should address the 'dailyness' of people's lives, those are precisely our health issues."

New beginnings
With her five-year tenure drawing to a close, Lacey watched with pride last year when the first full class of four-year nursing students earned their baccalaureate degrees. Thirty-seven students marched down the aisle to claim their diplomas and out into the world to revolutionize health care.

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She had taught them their first class, and Lacey remembered their wide-eyed awe. Ready to launch their careers, the young men and women standing before her at graduation were brimming with confidence, matured by witnessing the pendulum swings of life and death. Her progeny, she says, had grown up.

"It was so satisfying to know that I played a part in that transformation," she recalls. "I hear myself sometimes, when I listen to them speak. My love has been these students."

As planned, Lacey stepped down from her post as director in the summer of 1999. Yet the University retained its hold on her for a bit longer, as administrators convinced her to stay on as a special assistant to the president in WMU's Center for Community Asset Building. In that role, she worked to strengthen the financial, physical, social and human assets in struggling communities, with a large portion of her time devoted to University initiatives in Benton Harbor. The position, she says, fit nicely with her philosophy of community-based nursing.

But still, her husband and family were waiting for her back in D.C., and while Kalamazoo had been a wonderful home-away-from-home, her tenure was always intended to be temporary. Early this year, she was offered a position in Washington as special assistant to the president of the Children's Defense Fund. Marian Wright Edelman, it seems, had been watching Lacey's work in Kalamazoo, and she was impressed. Once again, Lacey couldn't resist.

In her new post, Lacey will continue her crusade for social justice, this time focusing on the health and welfare of the nation's children. As she did in Southwest Michigan, she'll build coalitions that capitalize on the strengths of communities. And she'll continue her relationship with WMU as a trusted advisor to the nursing program.

It's not without sadness that she leaves Kalamazoo for her new adventure, but Lacey says she's proud of what she's achieved here and she's looking forward to watching the nursing program grow and flourish without her. "I'm not stepping down—it's more like stepping out. I have my own ideas about the program, but it's time for another person to step in with a vision for its future. I'll be keeping tabs, and this University will certainly have a friend in Washington. We are exactly where we need to be at this moment."

By Jessica English—
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Images by John Lacko and Neil Rankin
Veteran Division I coach takes over men's basketball program

Robert “Bobby” McCullum took over this spring as WMU's 12th head men's basketball coach. McCullum had been an assistant coach at the University of Illinois for four seasons. During those years, the Fighting Illini appeared in the NCAA tournament three times.

A Birmingham, Ala., native, McCullum has 18 years of experience as an NCAA Division I coach. Prior to joining Illinois, he spent six years on Lon Kruger's staff at Florida as well as held assistant coaching posts at Kansas State, Southern Illinois, South Alabama and Samford.

McCullum replaces Bob Donewald, who compiled a 151-155 record in 11 seasons as the WMU men's basketball coach.

Tennis teams have outstanding seasons second year in a row

The women's tennis team had another record-breaking season in 2000, finishing the year with a 19-7 overall record and making a second straight NCAA tournament appearance.

The Broncos took the contest to three sets in three of the matches before falling to the Gamecocks 5-1. Cyra Malik recorded the first NCAA tournament point for WMU.

Head coach Betsy Kuhle has led her team to six MAC titles and two NCAA tournament appearances during 18 seasons at WMU. Kuhle's teams have never finished lower than third and have maintained a perfect graduation rate.

The 2000 men's squad, 14-8 overall, tied Ball State for first place in the MAC, marking the first time since the 1964 and 1965 seasons that the WMU men's tennis team has won back-to-back MAC titles. Although Ball State defeated the Broncos 4-2 in the championship, WMU's strong season earned head coach Dave Morin MAC Co-Coach of the Year honors.

In addition, Fernando Garcia was named to the All-MAC First Team for the second consecutive year; Kyle Gernhofer, Steve Pillion and Ryan Tomlinson were named to the All-MAC Second Team; and Gernhofer and Jeff Brink were named to the GTE Academic All-America Men's Spring At-Large Team, becoming an Academic All-America selection for the second consecutive year. Garcia, Morin, and Brink were also named to the GTE Academic All-District I team. Brink also was named to the Academic All-District I team.

Last season, he was the first player in Bronco men's tennis history to earn the honor.

Three Broncos go pro

Tight end Jacob "Jake" Moreland, BBA '00, signed with the New York Jets as a free agent immediately following the National Football League draft this April. Moreland will compete with four other tight ends for one of three or four spots on the team. Another Mid-American Conference standout, Marshall quarterback Chad Pennington, was drafted by the Jets.

Senior defenseman Daryl Andrews signed a two-year contract this past March with the Albany River Rats, the top American Hockey League affiliate for the National Hockey League’s New Jersey Devils. Andrews was a seventh-round draft pick of the Devils in 1996.

Senior pitcher Matt Vriesenga was selected by the St. Louis Cardinals in the 37th round of this June's Major League Baseball draft. He joined the Cardinals' Class A- New York- Penn League affiliate, the New Jersey Cardinals.
WMU placed in the top tier of the 2000 Mid-American Conference all-sports standings for both men and women. The Bronco women finished third out of 13 teams vying for the Jacoby Trophy, the Mid-American Conference's all-sports award created in 1983. Highlights for the women this year were winning the MAC Championship in tennis and placing second in 1998, and finished second in volleyball and basketball. WMU won four of the first five Jacoby Trophies, and finished second in the standings five times.

The men placed fifth out of 13 teams in competition for the Reese Trophy, which has marked MAC supremacy in men's sports since 1958. Their performance included second-place finishes in football, tennis, and track and field. WMU has won the trophy three times, most recently in 1998, and has finished second in the standings five times. This year's trophy went to Kent State.

**2000 Football**
- Aug. 31 at Wisconsin
- Sept. 9 at Iowa
- Sept. 16 Indiana State (CommUniverCity)
- Sept. 23 Toledo* (Southwest Fest)
- Sept. 30 Ohio* (Family Fest)
- Oct. 5 at Marshall* (ESPN television)
- Oct. 14 open date
- Oct. 21 Northern Illinois* (Homecoming)
- Oct. 28 at Kent*
- Nov. 4 at Ball State*
- Nov. 11 at Central Michigan*
- Nov. 18 Eastern Michigan* (Hall of Fame)

*Mid-American Conference game

**2000-01 Hockey**
- Oct. 13 at Alaska Fairbanks*
- Oct. 14 at Alaska Fairbanks*
- Oct. 20 Alabama Huntsville (Homecoming)
- Oct. 21 Alabama Huntsville (Homecoming)
- Oct. 27 Lake Superior State*
- Oct. 28 Lake Superior State*
- Nov. 3 Dartmouth
- Nov. 4 Dartmouth
- Nov. 10 at Niagara
- Nov. 11 at Niagara
- Nov. 17 at Michigan State*
- Nov. 24 Ferris State*
- Nov. 25 Ferris State*
- Dec. 1 Miami*
- Dec. 2 Miami*
- Dec. 8 Ohio State*
- Dec. 9 Ohio State*
- Dec. 28 at Silverado Shootout, Duluth, Minn.
- Dec. 29 at Silverado Shootout, Duluth, Minn.
- Jan. 5 at Ohio State*
- Jan. 6 at Ohio State*
- Jan. 12 at Notre Dame*
- Jan. 13 Notre Dame*
- Jan. 19 at Michigan*
- Jan. 20 Michigan*
- Jan. 25 at Northern Michigan*
- Feb. 2 at Miami*
- Feb. 3 at Miami*
- Feb. 9 Nebraska Omaha*
- Feb. 10 Nebraska Omaha*
- Feb. 16 Michigan State*
- Feb. 23 at Bowling Green*
- Feb. 24 at Bowling Green*
- March 2 Notre Dame* (Seniors Night)
- March 3 at Notre Dame*

*Central Collegiate Hockey Association match

**Bronco Football Radio Network**
- WFAT 96.5 FM Kalamazoo/Portage (flagship)
- WZUU 92.3 FM Allegan/Kalamazoo
- WWKN 104.9 FM Battle Creek/Jackson/Marshall
- WTDB AM 1590 Coldwater
- WVHO AM 92.1 FM Dowagiac/Niles/South Bend
- WFBCH AM 1570 Grand Rapids
- WFBCH 100.3 FM Hastings
- WFBCH AM 1220 Hastings

**Bronco Hockey Radio Network**
- WQXC 100.9 FM Kalamazoo/Osceola (flagship)
- WNNW 98.5 FM Battle Creek/Coldwater/Kalamazoo
- WVQO 92.1 FM Dowagiac/Niles/South Bend
- WFUR AM 1570 Grand Rapids

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Alumni News

Three graduates to receive Distinguished Alumni awards

The first Homecoming of the 21st century will kick off Friday, Oct. 20, with the annual Distinguished Alumni Award Dinner.

During the event, the WMU Alumni Association will present this year's Distinguished Alumni awards to three outstanding graduates: Ronald E. Hall, B.S. '65, chairman and chief executive officer of Bridgewater Interiors LLC; Marin Mazzie, B.S. '82, Broadway actress and three-time Tony award nominee; and Samuel J. Simmons, B.A. '49, president and chief executive officer of the National Caucus and Center on the Black Aged Inc.

Hall and Simmons will be in attendance at the dinner, but due to the continuing success of her current Broadway hit, "Kiss Me Kate," Mazzie will accept her award via a taped video presentation.

The Distinguished Alumni Award program, initiated in 1963, is the Alumni Association's most prestigious honor. Prior to this year, 107 men and women had received one of these awards.

Hall of Detroit is an entrepreneur and longtime business and civic leader who also has been instrumental in formulating policies and promoting economic development for minorities in Michigan. In 1998, he was tapped to head newly founded Bridgewater Interiors, an automotive supply company located in a new state-of-the-art facility in Detroit's Empowerment Zone. A first-of-its-kind initiative, the company is a joint venture with Johnson Controls Inc. and a group of minority operators and investors. It currently has a five-year contract with General Motors Corp. valued at about $900 million.

Mazzie, encouraged by her theatrical-minded parents, began singing and performing at a young age. "I really knew what I wanted to do from the time I was 5 years old," she said in a recent interview. While at WMU, she performed in campus and local productions and began her professional acting career as an apprentice at the Barn Theatre in nearby Augusta, Mich. She moved to New York in 1985 and garnered attention almost immediately. Her talent, experience and dedication to her craft have subsequently combined to make her one of today's hottest Broadway stars.

Simmons of Washington, D.C., has long been an advocate for the elderly as well as a key player in developing federal housing programs and training policies. He has led the National Caucus and Center on Black Aged since 1982. Under his guidance, it has become the nation's major service and advocacy organization for the black elderly. In addition, it now provides employment to more than 2,000 low-income seniors citizens in 17 states and the District of Columbia.

Alumni Association elects new board officers for 2000-01

The WMU Alumni Association Board of Directors has elected new officers for 2000-01. The officers, who took their positions July 1, are Jeanne Dubois Carlson, BBA '68, president; Nolan W. Fischer, BBA '69, vice president; Kenneth V. Miller, BBA '69, treasurer; and William H. Higley, B.A. '69, M.A. '70, past president.

Carlson of Novi, Mich., is vice president for HIPAA Compliance and Business Transformation at Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Michigan. She was first elected to the Alumni Association board in 1995. Previously, she has served the association as treasurer and vice president as well as a member of its Executive, Finance and Distinguished Alumni Award committees.

"I'm extremely honored to have been given the opportunity to lead our association," Carlson says. "This organization is blessed with board members who are dedicated and talented. With the collective expertise and enthusiasm we have on the board, I know we'll be successful in further enhancing the services we provide to our graduates."

Fischer is senior consultant for Covey Leadership Center, which has its headquarters in Stanford, Conn., and splits his time between New York City and Sandy, Utah. Miller is executive vice president for Havirco in Kalamazoo. Higley is senior vice president of the Interstate Welding Sales Corp. in Marinette, Wis.
Homecoming 2000
Return R & R...
Oct. 20-22, 2000

Reunite with former classmates and friends.
Re-establish ties to your University.

We've planned a spirited, fun-filled Homecoming weekend with plenty of exciting activities, including:

- A rousing pregame PepFest with food and entertainment for alumni of all ages
- Constituent group and alumni society get-togethers
- Reunions for the Classes of 1955 and 1960
- Hockey and volleyball contests in addition to the Homecoming football game
- The Homecoming Campus Classic 5K race and walk
- Motown Revue Concert at Miller Auditorium

Watch your August mail for Homecoming registration information, or call the WMU Alumni Association at 616-387-8777. For regular event updates, go to <www.wmich.edu/homecoming>.
This one-stone, four-plate lithographic print was created by master printmaker Michael Sims, Kansas City artist Robert Stackhouse, and WMU professor of art and printmaking coordinator Curtis Rhodes. The print is based on Stackhouse's 100-foot long sculpture, *Michigan Swell*, which is part of the WMU Sculpture Tour. Sims, a WMU alumnus, operates The Lawrence Lithography Workshop in Sunland Park, N.M.

He returned to campus during Stackhouse's printmaking artist residency in September to work with Stackhouse and Rhodes on the print. Twenty copies of the limited edition print will be sold to cover costs of the project and to bring in another guest artist to conduct a similar project. For more information, call the Department of Art at (616) 387-2437.