When religion and politics collide
Dear Friends,

Last April, one of our most celebrated alumni, the noted Michigan artist and entrepreneur Gwen Frostic, died at age 95 at her home in Benzonia, Michigan. Gwen was a remarkable individual—and one who cared deeply about Western Michigan University. Her creativity and business acumen made her artwork popular around the world, and she was one of Michigan's great success stories.

After leaving the University in 1929, Gwen gave back to her alma mater in many ways, often through her involvement with the alumni association and the WMU Foundation. In 1983, she decided to include the University in her estate plan. Little did we know at that time that her gift would become the largest gift in our nearly 100-year history—some $13 million! You can read more about the gift and the ways it will make a difference to generations of WMU students on Page 2 of this magazine.

I like to think of Gwen Frostic as an outstanding example not only of the heights a talented individual can reach, but also of the impact a college education can have on one's life. Hers was the kind of life that we might wish for any of our students, and she often attributed her accomplishments to the lessons learned and the instructors she met while at this University.

She was wildly successful as an artist and a businesswoman. But even more telling were some of her lesser-known accomplishments. She maintained a lifelong curiosity about the world around her, exhibited a phenomenal capacity for personal growth and, by all accounts, led a life characterized by internal satisfaction and contentment.

Years before her death, she wrote her own epitaph: "Here lies one doubly blessed. She was happy and she knew it." Success, personal contentment and an active intellectual life are what we desire for the young people who are now preparing for their futures with us.

We remain indebted to Gwen Frostic for all she did for her alma mater.

Sincerely,

Elson S. Floyd
President
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 October 2002 and are regularly updated at <www.wmich.edu/wmu/news/events/calendar1.html>.

Centennial markers
This issue of the WMU Magazine marks the start of a series on some of the little-known facts that made WMU the institution it is today. Look for 10 of these “Centennial Markers” in each issue, through the end of 2003, the University's centennial year. The series begins on Page 13 of this issue.

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Shedding light
WMU experts bridge the divide between religion and politics to shed light on how conflicting beliefs spark cultural animosity and tragedy.
Cover photograph by John Lacko with permission from the St. Mary Star of the Sea Catholic Church in Jackson, Mich.

Western's Campus School
For generations of Kalamazoo youngster, the Campus School and State High served as a learning laboratory, offering innovative educational experiences under the watchful eyes of professors.

Answering the call
When the call came, Janet Pisaneschi answered. It wasn't until later she realized her call was to service in health care rather than religion.

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Alumna Gwen Frostic’s bequest is largest single gift in WMU history

Gwen Frostic, '29, ended a lifelong love affair with her alma mater by giving WMU some $13 million, the largest gift in school history.

Frostic was a celebrated artist, poet, publisher and naturalist. She died April 25, 2001, in Benzonia, Mich.—one day shy of her 95th birthday.

The Michigan native founded Presscraft Papers in the 1940s and developed the business into a widely known producer of natural-themed notepapers, cards and books from original block prints. (Her creative talents, accomplishments and association with the University were described in detail in the Summer 2001 WMU Magazine.)

Frostic made an unrestricted bequest to WMU, leaving allocation of the funds to the discretion of the school's president.

"By any standard, Gwen Frostic was an extraordinary person, and our University was blessed to count her as one of our own," President Elson S. Floyd said in announcing the gift. "Gwen Frostic honored this University through her final gift, and it is incumbent on us to see that she is honored and remembered by the ways in which this gift is used."

In keeping with that pledge, WMU will divide the funds as follows:

- $5 million to help build a new art facility
- $1 million to create an endowment to support the Creative Writing Program
- $1.5 million to create the first endowed faculty chair in the College of Education
- $600,000 to establish three $200,000 endowed funds that will become part of the Medallion Scholarship Program
- $100,000 to establish an endowed scholarship fund for Benzie County students planning to attend WMU
- $250,000 to create an endowed professorship in environmental studies
- $250,000 to augment the doctoral fellowship endowment fund
- All remaining money to augment the President's Unrestricted Endowment.

International students set record

WMU's international student enrollment has surpassed 2,000 for the first time in history, marking a milestone in the University's growth as a globally engaged institution of higher learning.

A record 2,002 students from other countries were enrolled in degree programs during the fall semester. The figure is 15 percent higher than the previous record of 1,738 students set in 1997, just before the Asian financial crisis.

Enrolled international students come from more than 100 countries for the second year in a row. The barrier was first broken in fall 2000 when 105 nations were represented on campus, and the feat was repeated again this past fall when 103 nations were represented.

Asia is the prime source area, with 1,477 of fall 2001 students, or 73 percent, coming from this region. Europe is in second place with 188 students, and the Middle East and North Africa are in third with 132. The most enrolled students hail from India (525), followed by Malaysia (231), Hong Kong (143), Pakistan (128) and Japan (117).

WMU, Cooley offer joint degree

The Thomas M. Cooley Law School in Lansing, Mich., and WMU have joined forces to provide a new degree program that will prepare people for leadership roles in government.

The joint master of public administration/juris doctorate program was introduced in January and allows students to earn a law degree as well as an advanced degree in public administration with a concentration in public law.

WMU is administering the master's program while Cooley is administering the doctoral program. The University already offers both an MPA and a doctor of public administration degree in Michigan's capital city through its WMU-Lansing campus.

Project reflects unique partnership

The WMU-Southwest facility being built in Benton Harbor, Mich., has been praised as a model for university/community college collaboration in the state and nation. Its construction on the Lake Michigan College campus marks the first time a Michigan university has built an instructional facility on a community college campus.
WMU at campuses in Battle Creek, Benton Harbor/St. Joseph, Grand Rapids, Lansing, and Traverse City. It also has a Conferences and Seminars office and a Kalamazoo and Statewide Programs office, which specializes in working with communities that may not have a WMU campus but still want access to the University's highly regarded programs.

**Floyd encourages cooperation in regional development efforts**

"Colleges and universities, whose primary responsibility has been the transmission of knowledge, are now being viewed as the economic engines of the communities we serve," President Elson S. Floyd told members of the Kalamazoo and Battle Creek rotaries during a joint meeting this past November.

But Floyd said performing that role requires strong regional cooperation among municipalities, business and industry, private foundations and higher education institutions, so WMU will conduct a daylong summit this spring as a way of helping create a blueprint for the future.

He urged area decision-makers to cooperate in including, as part of the blueprint, an east/west TIER—technology, innovation, education and research—corridor along I-94 that will spur collaboration and economic development from Battle Creek to Benton Harbor and St. Joseph as well as north to Grand Rapids. "This will serve as the signature stamp for our region, as the Research Triangle Park does for Raleigh/Durham, N.C.,” he said.

To facilitate development of the corridor, which would emphasize aviation sciences, life sciences, technology development and technology transfer, Floyd said WMU will redouble its efforts to make academic programs more responsive to market needs. He also promised to continue engaging in cost-effective partnerships.

**Expanding role leads to new name**

WMU’s growing educational presence in Michigan led University trustees in December to approve changing the name of the Division of Continuing Education to Extended University Programs, or EUP.

WMU has been providing higher education around the state since 1905, and EUP now annually serves about 6,000 students who reap the benefits of having a top-100 public university like WMU located in their home communities.

Currently, EUP offers entire undergraduate and graduate degree programs, customized course work, and specialized workshops at campuses in Battle Creek, Benton Harbor/St. Joseph, Grand Rapids, Lansing, Muskegon and Traverse City.
The deadly attacks on Sept. 11 and America’s ensuing war on terrorism have put the thorny combination of religion and politics in the spotlight. WMU faculty members have been on call for the past several months, helping to enlighten those searching for answers.

**Shedding Light**

Editor’s note: For Americans the struggle is about freedom and ridding the world of terrorism. While Taliban and Al-Qaida forces say this is a holy war fought in the name of Allah, the real motive of the group’s leaders is the far more worldly pursuit of power.

The deadly attacks on Sept. 11 and America’s ensuing war on terrorism have put the spotlight on what some saw at first as a clash of ideals. Religion and politics, two entities Americans have long held to be separate forces, appear to have collided headlong. Americans responded to the war being waged not only by rallying around the flag, but also by invoking God in a united front. The nation’s opponents, meanwhile, portrayed themselves as holy warriors.

But was it really religion that sparked the crisis?

In the world of academe, where the boundaries between politics and religion are rarely traversed, several WMU professors are finding themselves crossing those borders time and time again, as they are called on to lend their expertise to enhance the public’s understanding of the complex mix of political, economic, cultural and religious issues that gave rise to the conflict.

The insights of WMU faculty members have been sought by national and international reporters looking for background on the issues driving the news. These experts have spent the past months helping others gain perspective on such topics as why Al-Qaida has sought to portray the conflict as a religious war, and what geopolitical and historical precedents gave birth to the fanaticism of Al-Qaida followers.

Here, three of these faculty members offer views of the conflict from their unique perspectives.

The “Christ and the Battlefield Window” at St. Mary Star of the Sea Catholic Church, in Jackson, Mich., serves as a memorial to the U.S. Armed Forces that served in World War I. Completed in 1926, the window was the first ever to use glass in the shade of U.S. Army green and is representative of how political issues and religion often become intertwined during conflict.
Three different faculty perspectives

• Dr. Paul Maier is a professor of history who is recognized as one of the foremost experts on ancient history and the rise of Christianity. He says that Jews, Christians and Muslims draw their beliefs from some common roots.

• Dr. Lawrence Ziring is a professor of political science who has spent his 40-year career studying the Middle East and South Asia. He explains that to those we are fighting, there is no distinction between politics and religion.

• Dr. Brian C. Wilon is a professor and chairperson of the Department of Comparative Religion. He says the American response to the conflict has brought a surge in ‘civil religion’ in the United States, but religion and politics in this nation have not always been as separate as Americans think.

While their backgrounds vary widely, all three scholars caution that the notion that this conflict is strictly a religious war flies in the face of all they have learned from decades of study.

For Maier, the Russell H. Seibert Professor of Ancient History at WMU, understanding the religious dynamics that drove the Sept. 11 attacks on the World Trade Center and the ensuing American military action in Afghanistan, requires traveling back in time—a lot of time—to the periods in which scholars trace the roots of all three of the world’s dominant monotheistic religions—Judaism, Christianity and Islam.

“The originating base for all three monotheistic religions is the Hebrew tradition. There’s no question about that,” says Maier. “The ancient Israelites were the first to come to the concept of one God. Subsequently, Christianity added to this Jewish base the mission and career of Jesus of Nazareth. Islam also began with a heavy indebtedness to the Hebrew Bible, because it, too, values Abraham. Muslims claim descent from Abraham through his son Ishmael, rather than Isaac, from whom Jews trace their descent.

“You can trace indebtedness from one to the other.”

Islam is the youngest of the three religious siblings, having arisen with the prophet Muhammed, who died in 632 A.D., seven centuries after Christian origins. Currently there are more than a billion Muslims worldwide and two billion Christians.

All three religions espouse a belief in one God, and Maier says it is the way that belief has been interpreted that has led
each tradition to religious and philosophical differences. “It depends on the source of your information for your religious beliefs,” he explains. “Here you have the Hebrew Bible for Jews, the Hebrew Bible plus the New Testament for Christians, and the Holy Qur'an for Muslims. Since these sources don’t always agree, different constructs will arise from different foundations.

“In a sense, when they each say ‘your God is not my God,’ what they are saying is ‘my impressions of God through my faith are not the same as your impressions of God through your faith.’”

How one’s faith is operative in everyday life further distinguishes each religion and its followers. In America, mixing religion with civic affairs, education and even business is strongly discouraged and raises civil liberty concerns, but that kind of separation is unknown to most of the world’s Muslims.

Islam pervades daily life

Ziring, the Arnold E. Schneider Professor of Political Science and noted specialist on the Middle East, says that in Islam, religion is a ruling force in all aspects of life.

“In Islamic countries that are essentially governed by secular leaders, there is no escaping the religious experience, and those leaders must align themselves with those who are closely associated with the religion,” Ziring says. “In those nations, separation of church and state is difficult to even conceive, because for Sunni Muslims—the majority of the world’s Muslims—there is no such institution as a church. To even contemplate separation of church and state is a non-starter.”

Because of this interaction of religion and politics in Islamic states, Ziring says it is critical that Americans understand the current conflict for what it is—a power struggle with the highest stakes that can easily, but falsely, take on religious importance. “Al-Qaida’s call to ‘holy war’ has no merit in Islamic jurisprudence, and Westerners unfamiliar with Islamic traditions should avoid making erroneous connections,” he says. “Almost all of the Muslim nations have rejected the claim. Indeed, a number of them are providing the United States with much-needed assistance.

“Osama bin Laden’s campaign is ultimately about ousting the Saudi monarchy,” Ziring explains. “Bin Laden sees that as long as the United States supports Saudi Arabia, the royal family will be maintained. If the United States pulls out, then obviously the task of overthrowing the Saudis will not be so difficult. If you overthrow the Saudis, then you can ally yourself with Saddam Hussein and gain control of the oil. If you’ve got the oil, you’ve got the global jugular. Control the oil and other things are possible, too, including having access to new technologies, especially weapons technology and weapons of mass destruction.”

As important as oil is to the West, though, experts say it is not oil that is driving America’s response to the attacks. In fact, for a country that often engages in breast beating over the notion of separation of church and state, the United States has invoked God in much of its verbal messages of unity during its military campaign. From a National Prayer Day set by President George W. Bush to phrases such as “God Bless America” popping up on marquees across the country—religion has seeped into the collective consciousness.

“Everyone wants God on their side,” explains Wilson, who is a specialist in American culture and religion. “At the beginning of the crisis, people were talking about this as a kind of religious war—as a war between Christianity and Islam. I even had a conversation about that with a bag boy at the supermarket. That was the kind of opinion being expressed. But very quickly the U.S. government acted to make sure this wasn’t seen as a religious conflict. We have to rely on a variety of Islamic nations to support this war, so we have to be very careful to take the religion out of it.”

War pits civilization against barbarism

“I think the government has done a very good job shaping American perception of what this war is about,” Wilson maintains. “It’s being described as a war of civilization against barbarism and terrorism, and that carries its own kind of religious overtones, but it isn’t about religion.”

Wilson, who specializes in American culture and religion, says that America’s patriotic response is a type of religion in and of itself. Nationalism, with its rituals, holidays and mythologies, is essentially civil religion.

“American civil religion, which is a form of nationalism, helps pull the nation together,” he says. “Civil religion, however, boils religion down to something that supposedly everyone can agree on. God is seen more as providence. And because civil religion functions to keep people together, references to matters of doctrine, say the topic of Jesus, are avoided, because not everyone agrees on Jesus and his role.”

Wilson says that if Americans examined the country’s history, they would find that a total separation of church and state has never existed. Because of the power religion wields as a unifier of people, it has been an integral part of government since the Puritans landed at Plymouth Rock.
"The intent of the nation's founders was that everybody would essentially be Christian and that the country needed to avoid those kinds of things that divide Christians," he says. "There was the idea that religion is such a powerful institution that we have to keep it out of politics or otherwise it's going to become dominant. At the same time, there's the sentiment that we want to make sure that the state doesn't meddle in religion.

"Religion is too powerful a unifier for politicians to ignore, and there's a tension between the two. But it was always there and it's always been there since the beginning of the country," says Wilson.

Maier agrees. "Aristotle said it first: man is a political animal. People jockey for power politically whether it's in church or state or whatever their forum may be."

Maier says the recent resurgence in the United States of overt religious expression is more a reaction to Sept. 11 and its aftermath and probably not a lasting turn toward God.

"I think Sept. 11 is responsible for some of this. When people get really scared they seek out their spiritual moorings, which they may have ignored at times when there was no challenge," he says. "When something like a national disaster occurs, people go back to their roots, and most roots tap into religion."

And while the United States' secular nature may be a threat to others elsewhere on the globe, Maier says America's system of keeping religion and politics at arm's length from one another has served us well.

"The beautiful experiment called America has this balance of power that is so incredibly successful," he says. "Our founding fathers were simply geniuses in that respect."

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Campus School offered a special, "family" learning environment for children of University professors, area professionals

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Educators referred to them as "laboratory schools," places where pre-service teachers could learn the latest innovations in education from "masters of the classroom."

But to the students who attended WMU's Campus School, it was anything but a sterile "laboratory." It was a warm, homey place where you not only learned, but also became good friends with all your classmates and knew all their brothers and sisters.

Campus School made its home in what is now East Hall, the historic, sprawling brick structure that formerly housed the original Western State Normal School on the University's East Campus. The old, neo-Georgian red brick building with giant white columns perched atop Prospect Hill gave the school a stately appearance and commanding view of the city. Its grandeur prompted some citizens to nickname it "Kalamazoo's Parthenon."
Much of the school’s magic revolved around its size, which made it a rarity compared to many public schools in the mid-1900s and helped foster an intimate and friendly atmosphere. Starting in elementary school, each grade had just one classroom. Students advanced together, grade by grade, year after year. When they reached junior high, they were divided into two classrooms. Finally in high school, there were three classrooms per grade.

Betty Virgo graduated from Campus School’s high school, then called Western State High School, in 1941. Western State High School, or just State High for short, was a familiar name across Southwest Michigan for 30 years. In 1957, the name was changed to University High School, which many abbreviated to U-High. Virgo’s graduating class was small even by State High standards—just 42 students.

Campus School classrooms were always small and let children get lots of one-on-one attention from teachers and, in particular, the many student teachers who came through its doors. It was not uncommon for three or four student teachers to be assigned to one classroom.

“The classes were never more than 30 kids,” Virgo recalls. “Almost everyone I started school with finished high school with me. It was more like a family. We were very close.”

To be sure, Campus School was not an ordinary school, but it was not unique. It was part of the laboratory or training school trend, a powerful movement in the history of teacher education. Founded primarily to train students to become teachers, the schools exceeded narrow functions of observation to embrace broader concepts of research and experimentation.

The schools attained great popularity throughout the late 1800s. By 1873, 73 percent of publicly supported teacher training or “normal” schools had a campus laboratory school. The number of schools increased during the first half of the 20th century, with WMU’s Campus School joining their ranks in 1904 in several rented rooms in Kalamazoo.

A $60,000 grant from the state Legislature allowed the training school to relocate to a new building south of Western State Normal School’s main administration building, with classrooms for kindergarten through grade seven opening their doors in fall 1909. An eighth-grade classroom was added in 1910. Classrooms were arranged around a central rotunda two stories high in keeping with the views of education leaders of the time, including John Dewey, Francis Parker and Charles Elliot. The structure fostered social interaction, and children from all grades would come to the rotunda for assemblies or to stage often-elaborate productions for parents.
The high school began in the 1911-12 school year when a group of 28 eighth-graders asked to stay at the school. A plan was approved to keep the students for ninth grade. The following year, those ninth-graders were joined by a new group of graduating eighth-graders and moved into the administration building. A new grade was added each year until the high school had four grades with 85 students.

Campus School was one of four such schools in the state. The first came with the establishment in 1849 of the Michigan State Normal School in Ypsilanti. It later became Eastern Michigan University. Provisions included a model or laboratory school that became known as the Roosevelt School. Others were the University Laboratory School at Central Michigan University and the John D. Pierce School at Northern Michigan University. None survive.

Campus School thrived throughout the early-to-mid 1900s, with many of the students coming from prominent families in the Kalamazoo area. The sons and daughters of University faculty also were well represented. Graduating classes often approached 100 students throughout the 1950s and into the '60s.

The school became tightly knitted into the Kalamazoo community's social fabric and its memory remains strong to this day.

"This community is filled with people who went to school there," says Dr. John Goudie, a teacher at the Kalamazoo Area Mathematics and Science Center, who interviewed many of the former school's students and teachers as part of his 1988 doctoral dissertation, "The Rise and Demise of Laboratory Schools Using Western Michigan University's Campus School as a Case Study."

"It was a historic time in education," Goudie says. "It was a rather bold idea, when you think about it. They were like specialty schools, something like the Mathematics and Science Center is today."

Both Campus School students and teachers agree that the school was special.

Discipline was seldom a problem, says William Breyfogle, who taught seventh- and eighth-grade science and math from 1961 to 1966.

"It was different from the standpoint that the students were top students," Breyfogle says. "About 95 percent went on to college. And you got to know them all quite well."
Virgo wanted all of her children to attend the school. All six started there, but only two, Vicki and Bill, were able to graduate before the school closed. Bill was a member of the final class, 1966, while Vicki graduated a year earlier.

"Especially those of us who had gone all the way through from nursery school or kindergarten knew each other very well," says Virgo's daughter, Vicki Okuniewski, "and we knew each other's brothers and sisters well. It was like going to school with family."

Okuniewski says students had a special relationship with teachers that is probably rare in larger public schools.

"The teachers were older and more strict," she says. "We didn't get to act up a lot. But they were also very willing to help us with our work and personal problems. A lot of them were like mentors and really supported us over the years and helped us grow in many ways."

University High closed in 1966, mainly due to financial reasons. School facilities were in need of expensive renovation, and state government refused to appropriate funds. The elementary school remained open briefly, but faced many of the same problems. A move toward greater experimentation and research finally was abandoned and the elementary school closed in June 1969.

"I thought it was a mistake to close it," Breyfogle says. "But it was a financial thing. That last year before it closed was really a unique year. We lost 50 percent of our students, because people knew it was closing and took their children out of the school. That year was just outstanding. But it was kind of bittersweet."

Virgo also was sorry to see the school close.

"I was very sad," she says. "It was a Kalamazoo institution. I think a lot of people felt that way. It was just a great school."

After serving the University and community for more than 50 years, Campus School is gone, but certainly not forgotten.

*Editors' note: Author Mark Schwerin attended Campus School from 1960 to 1965.*
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Petroleum geologists dig into annual meeting on campus

The Eastern Section of the American Association of Petroleum Geologists held its 30th annual meeting last fall at the Fetzer Center.

The conference focused on the complex goal of developing and managing energy and other natural resources in an efficient, economical and environmentally responsible manner. Conference sessions examined how demand for abundant, low-cost energy can be met while maintaining high standards of environmental quality through new technology.

Dr. William B. Harrison, professor, and Dr. David A. Barnes, associate professor, both in the Department of Geosciences, were event co-chairpersons. The conference featured more than 40 presentations, three major workshops and two field trips.

New molecular biotech program is first of its kind in the nation

A new master’s degree program in molecular biotechnology is the first of its kind in the nation and is being supported by several major pharmaceutical firms.

The program combines the disciplines of chemistry, biological sciences and statistics to train students in high throughput screening techniques. HTS techniques, which draw upon concepts and methods from molecular and cellular biology, chemistry, bioinformatics, robotics, and computer science, are used by pharmaceutical and biotech companies to rapidly screen large numbers of compounds for their potential commercial use. HTS is replacing traditional methods of research and discovery, creating more demand for professionals with HTS training.

The new program in the University’s Department of Biological Sciences has received support from Pharmacia Corp., Eli Lilly and Pfizer, all of which are providing equipment, research funding and student internship opportunities. In addition, the program has been endorsed by the Society of Biomolecular Screening.

WMU part of $5 million effort to boost ranks of physics educators

WMU is one of six universities nationwide that will participate in a five-year, multimillion-dollar effort to increase the ranks of physics teachers in America’s elementary and secondary schools.

The University is part of the Physics Teacher Coalition, dubbed PhysTEC, an initiative of the American Physical Society, the American Association of Physics Teachers and the American Institute of Physics that has received $5.76 million in funding from the National Science Foundation. PhysTEC aims to increase the number of physics educators by improving the science preparation and teaching skills these teachers receive as students and to focus on retention of physics educators.
A draining project gets under way

In 1913, the current site of Waldo Stadium, became WMU's first land purchase, after two years of haggling. The event triggered the school's first fund-raising campaign, as members of the campus and Kalamazoo communities joined forces to raise the $12,000 needed to pay for the purchase of the land as well as additional funds needed to develop athletic facilities.

College of Aviation

Kellogg Foundation executive named new college dean

Gregory A. Lyman, B.A., '68, a W.K. Kellogg Foundation executive and a longtime booster of Michigan aviation, became the dean of the College of Aviation in January, under the foundation's loaned executive program.

Lyman, senior vice president and corporate secretary for the Kellogg Foundation, took the reins of the college from Dr. Richard A. Wright, who stepped down for personal and health reasons after serving two years as dean.

"This time of great uncertainty for the aviation industry poses a special challenge for colleges of aviation," said President Elson S. Floyd. "We are fortunate that we will be able to count on the strong leadership of Greg Lyman, who is familiar with the industry and absolutely dedicated to the success of our enterprise, as we navigate the changing national and international aviation arena."

Lyman has been heavily involved with the College of Aviation for a number of years and currently serves as chairperson of the college's corporate advisory panel. He was instrumental in putting together the community/foundation/University partnership that brought what was then the School of Aviation Sciences to Battle Creek, Mich., in 1997.

A licensed pilot and certified flight instructor, Lyman is a past member of the Michigan Aeronautics Commission and is currently a member of the advisory board for the college's home field, the W.K. Kellogg Airport.

Two WWII planes land at college

West Michigan residents had the opportunity to get a close look at a B-24 Liberator and a B-17 Flying Fortress when the famed World War II-vintage aircraft visited the College of Aviation late last summer.

The completely restored planes, part of the Collings Foundation Wings of Freedom Tour, flew into the college's Battle Creek, Mich., facility at W.K. Kellogg Airport and were on display and open for tours for four days. Several flight experiences on the planes also were part of the attraction.

Delta Air Lines ready to start undergraduate aviation program

The college and Delta Air Lines began seeking scholarship applicants this winter for the undergraduate portion of a Delta professional pilot program set to begin in May.

In January 2001, Delta announced a $1.6 million scholarship award to the college to increase the number of women and minorities training for flight positions with commercial air carriers. The scholarships fund enrollment in the college's European-style ab initio flight-training programs approved by the FAA.

The first phase of the program was for students who had already earned a bachelor's degree. The second phase of the Delta program is targeted at undergraduate students.

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Haworth College of Business

Harley executive discusses supply management for hogs
There were hogs in the college this fall—not portly, four-legged creatures, but rather sleek, high-performance muscle machines.

Three Harley-Davidson motorcycles were on display in October in the lobby of Schneider Hall, heralding the presence of the

Haworth College of Business

Sports marketing maestro Mike Veeck visits WMU campus
Sports executive Mike Veeck, who has used a hog named Kevin Bacon to deliver baseballs to the home-plate umpire and hired a Benedictine nun to give backrubs at the game, shared his experiences with the Kalamazoo community during an October visit.

Meijer chief visits campus, discusess his company's future
Meijer joined his family's company in 1979 as assistant advertising director. Shortly after his visit to WMU, he was named chief executive officer. Today, he oversees Meijer's more than 140 self-service, combination supermarket and discount department stores in five Midwestern states.

Breaking barriers
In 1927, Merze Tate, one of the University's earliest black degree recipients, discovered Michigan high schools would only hire white teachers. With the help of then President Dwight B. Waldo, she secured a teaching job in Indianapolis. Tate went on to earn a master's degree from Columbia and subsequently became the first American black woman to enter Oxford University; the first American black to earn an advanced degree there; and the first American black woman to earn doctoral degrees at both Radcliffe and Harvard. The Michigan Women's Hall of Fame member enjoyed a 35-year teaching career at Howard University as well as worldwide acclaim as an expert on international affairs.
Still on campus

In 1939, Dwight B. Waldo, founding president of WMU, died just three years after his retirement. The man who led the school for its first 32 years of existence remained on his beloved Prospect Hill even in death. His ashes are interred in a cornerstone beneath what had been his East Hall office, overlooking the city of Kalamazoo.

College of Education

College launches two new graduate degree programs

Two new master's degrees will train students to work with families and enhance their ability to integrate technology into the classroom.

The new master of arts degree in marriage and family therapy will help meet the growing need for counseling professionals to address relationship, family and mental health issues. Set to begin in the fall, the program effectively broadens the choices marriage and family therapy undergraduates have. Currently, students seeking a post-baccalaureate MFT degree are limited to the doctoral program at Michigan State University.

Offered by the Department of Counselor Education and Counseling Psychology in collaboration with the Department of Family and Consumer Sciences, the MFT master's program allows students to seek licensure without pursuing a doctoral degree.

In response to the continued demand for teachers who know how to integrate technology in K-12 classrooms, the Department of Educational Studies is launching a master of arts degree in educational technology.

The new program began in January and equips students with the specialized technology know-how needed by today's teachers and school administrators. In addition to having hands-on expertise, program graduates will be prepared to provide leadership in educational policy.

"These people are already working in schools in technology leadership roles," says Dr. Howard Poole, an educational studies professor who helped create the master's program. "They're serving on committees, acting as technology support staff for other teachers and some are teaching very specialized skills such as networking, Web page and Web site creation, and desktop publishing."

Reading Recovery founder visits

In November, the Dorothy J. McGinnis Reading Center and Clinic played host to Reading Recovery founder Dr. Marie M. Clay, who was in the United States to talk literacy with Michigan legislators and educators.

In a courtesy visit to WMU, where the intervention program has been in place since 1990, Clay discussed recent findings in reading research. She also fielded questions about teaching methods, student learning styles, bilingual education, school policy and politics.

Clay also spent a day with Dr. Beulah Lateef, associate professor of teaching, learning and leadership, as she worked one-on-one with a local first-grader. But that wasn't the best part of Clay's visit, says Lateef.

"For us, her greatest gift was speaking to administrators throughout Michigan and giving them a perspective straight from the founder—as to what the program is all about and how it is designed," she says.

Launched in New Zealand in the 1970s, Reading Recovery was introduced to the United States in 1984. Since then, more than 1 million American first-graders have been served.

"When the history of 20th century literacy education is written, Marie Clay will be conspicuous in it because few, if any, have had as much impact on early literacy intervention," says Dean David England.

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College of Engineering and Applied Sciences

New doctoral program offered in electrical, computer engineering
A new doctoral program is being offered in electrical and computer engineering, bringing the total number of doctoral programs in the college to five.

The program will begin in fall 2002 with an initial enrollment of about 10 students and is expected to produce two or three graduates annually by 2006. The program will engage students in study and research in such areas as biomedical and life science applications, signal processing and communications, and intelligent control systems.

Graduates of the new program are expected to be in demand for jobs in government, at universities or in industrial research centers. The target audience includes students living and working in Southwest Michigan as well as international students.

“We receive numerous letters of interest from prospective students and we know from national data that there is a rapidly growing demand for electrical and computer engineers with education at the doctoral level,” says Dr. Daniel M. Litynksi, college dean. “We’ve designed our program to both meet the technology needs of Michigan and take advantage of our faculty’s expertise and research interests to produce graduate students who can make great contributions to our nation.”

University engineers put ‘brakes’ on Chrysler product development
With the help of an in-house PT Cruiser and a challenge grant from DaimlerChrysler AG, University engineers are making tracks in solving a problem that has already stumped research teams from around the nation.

DaimlerChrysler has awarded a $195,000 grant to Dr. Mitchel J. Keil and Dr. Jorge Rodriguez, both assistant professors of industrial and manufacturing engineering, to study and develop methods to enhance the design of brake hoses and similar flexible parts in automobiles. The two-year challenge grant began in January 2001, and in May, a 2001 PT Cruiser arrived on campus for use on the project. The vehicle was from DaimlerChrysler and Kalamazoo’s Maple Hill Auto Center, a DaimlerChrysler dealer.

Keil says in this day of product development done primarily with computer-aided design software, one of the few design tasks that CAD programs cannot address involves the design of flexible materials that shift in shape and move through an allotted space during operation. The brake hose is a perfect example of such a part, and the lack of CAD modeling software to represent such parts has been plaguing automakers, causing production delays as engineers try to fit such flexible parts around the solid parts that have already been designed using sophisticated and precise CAD programs.

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A sketchy description of a new university

In 1957, sketching on the back of his faculty card, art professor John Kemper designed a seal for what the Legislature had just designated as Michigan's fourth public university—WMU. The seal's five stars symbolize the University's original five schools. The tree symbolizes WMU's continuing growth, and the roots acknowledge the institution's firm planting when created in 1903 by the Michigan Legislature. The stone arch signifies a gateway to knowledge, but its missing keystone indicates WMU's growth is not complete. The pyramid, with a flame at its apex, is thought to represent enlightenment—the University's true purpose.

College News

College of Fine Arts

University music students pocket $2,000 Liberace scholarships

For the third consecutive year, the Liberace Foundation for the Performing and Creative Arts has awarded the School of Music a grant, which will again be used to support the University's most prestigious student string ensemble.

Named the "Liberace Quartet" in honor of the benefactor, the string ensemble members are selected by School of Music string faculty via live audition. The four winners are Alan Daowz-Mendez, cello; Blake Espy, violin; Christina Gaston, violin; and Aleksandra Holowka, viola. Each student selected was awarded a $2,000 scholarship.

According to the guidelines of the Liberace Foundation, the grant is to be used "exclusively for scholarship assistance to talented and deserving students." Throughout much of Liberace's early years, scholarships played an integral role in his musical education, prompting the artist to later start the foundation.

Fashion guru, 'Learning Curves' author returns to alma mater

A theatre graduate recognized as a leader in the fields of self-love, self-style and self-assurance for those struggling with body image returned to campus for a series of events in October.

Michele Weston, author of the book "Learning Curves: Living Your Life in Full with Style" and a guest on such television shows as "Oprah," "The Today Show" and the "CBS Early Show," was honored at a President's Performance on campus and also was inducted into the theatre department's new Alumni Academy as a distinguished alumna. The President's Performance was a special fund-raising event sponsored by the Theatre Guild and supported by President Elson S. Floyd.

While on campus, Weston also worked with theatre students, made presentations to other University students and participated in another fund-raising event for the College of Fine Arts.

Fashion guru and author Michele Weston checks out theatre design student Jason Resler's portfolio.

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College of Health and Human Services

College introduces three new graduate level programs
The college has created two new doctoral programs in the fields of audiology and interdisciplinary health studies and a new graduate certificate program in clinical trials administration.

The doctor of audiology program is designed to prepare audiology practitioners to meet new accreditation standards of the Council on Professional Standards of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association, while the interdisciplinary health studies degree is being offered to respond to fundamental changes in health care by designing a more flexible curriculum, removing disciplinary boundaries and increasing research in allied health.

Public and private-sector demand is the driving force behind the new certificate program in clinical trials administration through the Department of Physician Assistant. During the past two decades, the number of novel drugs developed by the U.S. pharmaceutical industry has doubled and the complexity of the drug development process has increased. In addition, a life sciences corridor is emerging in Southwest Michigan, and clinical research is expected to increase rapidly.

Plans for new college building unveiled at community event
Members of the Kalamazoo-area community got a chance to see preliminary plans for the college's new, 195,000-square-foot building during an event to formally acknowledge the signing of a state bill authorizing its construction.

The long-awaited building moved a step closer to reality last summer when Michigan Gov. John Engler signed a capital outlay bill authorizing state funding for the project's estimated $48.2 million cost. Through private fund raising, the University will raise a quarter of the cost as a match to state funds being provided. The new building will house all of the college's academic programs in one location.

University officials showed an artist's depictions of the new building and discussed its scope and potential impact. Also attending the event were area legislators, leaders in the health and human services community, city officials and economic development leaders, as well as University and college administrators, faculty and staff.

Effort to boost minorities in health care seen as national model
The strategic plan for a program led by the University designed to increase the number of minorities in the health professions is being used as a national model.

Since its inception four years ago, the Kalamazoo Health Professions Partnership Initiative has developed a close, supportive relationship with Kalamazoo Public Schools, community health professionals, schools teaching the health professions and other partners and has been praised for its innovative use of volunteerism and collaboration. Its recently revamped strategic plan is now being used as a prototype by other programs around the country.

A lost message restored
In 1963, Martin Luther King Jr. responded to an invitation from the WMU Student Council to appear on campus as part of a series of lectures and symposia about "The Conscience of America." King's topic, as he spoke to the Read Fieldhouse crowd of 2,000, was "Social Injustice in America." The speech included elements of his later "I Have a Dream" speech. King's Dec. 18 appearance was arranged by the late Dr. Sam Clark, founding dean of the Lee Honors College. Campus recordings of the event were lost, and for more than 30 years, King's message was available only through news accounts of his speech. In 1998, the grandson of a Kalamazoo store owner restored a copy of the tape that had been in his family's possession, and the tape was made available again to area audiences on WMUK, the University's public radio station.
Lee Honors College

Senior uses honors thesis to raise money for Habitat for Humanity

A LHC senior used her senior honors thesis to raise funds for Habitat for Humanity in Puerto Rico.

Bethany Wolbert spent five months in Puerto Rico as a volunteer for Habitat for Humanity. Throughout the exhibit's run, Wolbert accepted donations for the nonprofit housing organization and organized a pop can drive, encouraging patrons to drop off bottles and cans at the exhibit. Most significantly, all of the photos in her exhibition were for sale and all proceeds benefited Habitat.

“I have worked for many months with Habitat both here and in Puerto Rico,” Wolbert says. “I have personally seen the tremendous need for decent housing, and I am committed to helping Habitat fill the need.”

Math-music connection explored by piano trio in lecture recital

A November lecture and recital by the Triple Helix piano trio in the honors college lounge explored the connection between math and music.

Titled “Math and Music: Intersecting Lines of Thought,” the performance-lecture examined why mathematics and music have been such constant companions throughout history, from Pythagoras, Kepler and Bach to Bartok and John Cage.

Using plentiful musical examples from Schubert’s “Nottorno,” Ravel’s Piano Trio, Carter’s Cello Sonata and Beethoven’s Triple Helix piano trio use performance to show the connection between math and music.

“Archduke” Piano Trio, the group investigated aspects inherent to both disciplines that predispose them to resonate with each other as well as the shared notions of pattern, symmetry, point/line and space/time. Members of Triple Helix are artists in residence at Wellsley College.

Recent honors college grad gets internship at Kennedy Center

A recent honors college graduate spent the fall as a jazz programming intern at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, D.C.

Holly Holmes, an April 2000 graduate, was part of the Vilar Institute for Arts Management Internship Program. She worked closely as both an artistic liaison and administrator for the many jazz events offered by the Kennedy Center, and focused on “Billy Taylor’s Jazz at the Kennedy Center,” a series which is recorded live and broadcast over National Public Radio stations throughout the country.

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Books

How Nancy Jackson Married Kate Wilson and Other Tales of Rebellious Girls and Daring Young Women

University of Nebraska Press, 2001
Dr. John Cooley, professor of English
A dozen tales from Mark Twain about unconventional young women are unearthed and presented in this new book, showing that the author could write about women outside the boundaries of 19th-century conventionality. The 12 stories collected by Cooley, a noted expert on Twain, share two common traits: the protagonists are female and behave in ways that flagrantly violate Victorian customs. Most were published in such places as Cosmopolitan, the Buffalo Express and the Californian. However, several of the scandalous tales were not published during Twain’s lifetime.

Reading Inca History

University of Iowa Press, 2000
Dr. Catherine Julien, associate professor of history
The culture and history of the Incas, who had no system of writing, are illuminated in this award-winning book, which looks at the written history of the Inca civilization found in 16th- and 17th-century Spanish literature. The book examines official accounts of the genealogy of the Inca dynasty and life histories of Inca rulers. It won the Erminie Wheeler-Voegelin Prize from the American Society for Ethnohistory and the Katherine Singer Kovacs Prize from the Modern Language Association.

Compact Discs

Cosmosis

Sea Breeze Records, 2001
University Jazz Orchestra
With two Grammy-nominated albums under its belt, the WMU Jazz Orchestra makes another bid for the honor with this release, the award-winning ensemble's fifth for Sea Breeze Records. From start to finish, the group's enterprising undergrads leave no doubt that they've come to swing, rendering energetic readings of compositions by Sonny Rollins, Tom Harrell, John Coltrane, Jay McShann, Mark Buselli and Dave Holland. Also included are arrangements of such traditional melodies and standards as "Dear Old Stockholm," "Bye Bye Blackbird" and "Nature Boy."
Dear Readers:

The Western Michigan University Magazine is fast approaching the end of its fourth year of publication. We contacted many of you for guidance in 1997 before designing the first issue. Now, we need your feedback again as we gauge how well we are meeting your needs and communicating WMU's goals and accomplishments.

Please take a few moments to answer the survey questions below. Then, return the survey via mail to:

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You also may fax the survey to (616) 387-8422, or you may complete the survey online at <www.wmich.edu/ur/magazine>.

Thank you, in advance, for sharing your opinions with us. Please feel free to attach additional comments about items that may not be included in the survey.

1) Please mark the one statement below that best describes the way you usually read the WMU Magazine.

- [ ] I read nearly every article.
- [ ] I read most of the articles.
- [ ] I read about half the magazine.
- [ ] I read a few articles.
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- [ ] 0-10 minutes
- [ ] 11-20 minutes
- [ ] 21-30 minutes
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- [ ] Yes
- [ ] No

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- [ ] One day
- [ ] Two weeks
- [ ] Three weeks
- [ ] Four weeks
- [ ] Longer

5) Please mark the statement(s) that most accurately describe your two main reasons for reading items in the WMU Magazine.

- [ ] I want to know about events and/or personalities at WMU.
- [ ] I want to read news of former classmates.
- [ ] I want to know more about activities in my field of study.
- [ ] I'm interested in news about broad current issues and WMU's relationship to them.
- [ ] I am interested in following intercollegiate athletic news.

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a) Letter from the President
   - [ ] Always
   - [ ] Sometimes
   - [ ] Rarely
   - [ ] Never

b) University News
   - [ ] Always
   - [ ] Sometimes
   - [ ] Rarely
   - [ ] Never

c) Alumni profiles (short features on alumni)
   - [ ] Always
   - [ ] Sometimes
   - [ ] Rarely
   - [ ] Never

d) College News
   - [ ] Always
   - [ ] Sometimes
   - [ ] Rarely
   - [ ] Never

e) Alumni News
   - [ ] Always
   - [ ] Sometimes
   - [ ] Rarely
   - [ ] Never

f) Athletics
   - [ ] Always
   - [ ] Sometimes
   - [ ] Rarely
   - [ ] Never

g) Classnotes and Obituaries
   - [ ] Always
   - [ ] Sometimes
   - [ ] Rarely
   - [ ] Never
7) Which of the following topics would you be interested in seeing more closely covered in the WMU Magazine. Please circle the term that describes your level of interest.

a) Stories about current students' views and accomplishments
very greatly somewhat slightly not interested

b) Stories about current faculty members' research and accomplishments
very greatly somewhat slightly not interested

c) Stories about alumni accomplishments and events
very greatly somewhat slightly not interested

d) Stories about WMU's future plans for physical and academic growth, changes in University structure or policy
very greatly somewhat slightly not interested

e) Stories about the University's history with a "then and now" focus
very greatly somewhat slightly not interested

f) Short pieces written in lay terms on new research being conducted at WMU
very greatly somewhat slightly not interested

g) Stories about WMU athletics
very greatly somewhat slightly not interested

8) What other topics, if any, would you like to see addressed by the WMU Magazine?

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- [ ] Shorter news stories
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- [ ] Larger photographs and artwork
- [ ] Cover summary of topics that appear inside
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- [ ] Very inviting and easy to read
- [ ] Somewhat easy to read
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- [ ] Alumni (please include class year and degree)
- [ ] Faculty or staff member
- [ ] Friend
- [ ] Donor
- [ ] Current student
- [ ] Family member of current student

13) Age

- [ ] 18-24
- [ ] 25-35
- [ ] 35-49
- [ ] 50-65
- [ ] 65+

14) Gender

- [ ] Male
- [ ] Female

15) Occupation

16) Approximate date of last visit to the campus
Month __________ Year __________

17) Are you a member of the WMU Alumni Association?

- [ ] Yes
- [ ] No

18) How many times in the past year do you recall receiving a copy of the WMU Magazine?
WMU Alumni Association sets ambitious new membership goal

Members of the WMU Alumni Association Board of Directors have set a goal to more than double the number of its dues-paying members to 25,000 by the end of the 2003-04 fiscal year.

The Alumni Association currently has about 12,470 dues-paying members. The figure includes those who pay dues on an annual basis as well as those who are life members, but does not include the more than 4,900 recent graduates whose first year membership is complimentary.

"The observance of the University's centennial next year provides the Alumni Association with a great opportunity to engage our graduates and former students in not only the celebration of our first 100 years but more importantly, in those programs and activities that will ensure its success in the 21st century," board member Anitta Orr said during a lengthy discussion of membership at the group's Oct. 12 meeting.

During their discussion, board members acknowledged that alumni are often unsure about their membership status because they are not aware that giving to the WMU Foundation and paying WMU Alumni Association dues are two different things.

M. Jamie Jeremy, Alumni Association executive director, noted that the WMU Foundation's primary purpose is to secure charitable gifts, which allow the University to achieve and maintain the highest possible standard of excellence on all levels.

The WMU Alumni Association, on the other hand, specifically facilitates alumni involvement and participation in University life through its numerous and varied programs, including regional chapters and events, constituent societies, Homecoming activities, reunions, the Bronco Legislative Network, and the Legacy and Distinguished Alumni awards.

"Those programs wouldn't be possible without income from membership dues or volunteer service by association members," Jeremy said.

Outstanding teachers honored

Two faculty members were recognized Feb. 7 for their superior classroom skills when they received the WMU Alumni Association Teaching Excellence Award for 2001.

The awards were presented to Dr. Mary L. Dawson, professor of health, physical education and recreation, and Dr. Carolyn J. Harris, professor of foreign languages and literatures.

The Alumni Association established the awards program in 1966 as a way for alumni, students, and faculty and staff to recognize exceptional teachers at WMU. The 2001 recipients join a select group of 127 University scholars who have received Alumni Teaching Excellence Awards during the past 34 years.

Dawson, who came to WMU in 1979, is an expert in biomechanics and has helped her department establish and maintain one of the finest lab facilities in the Midwest. Harris, who came to WMU in 1985, teaches Spanish and has been head of her department's Spanish section for the past two years.

WIDR 50th anniversary celebration set for Oct. 12, Homecoming Saturday

For information, call (616) 387-8777 or send e-mail to <gregory.moorehead@wmich.edu>.

A home for the arts honors hometown arts patron

In 1982, the Dorothy U. Dalton Center, heralded as one of the nation's finest instructional facilities for the arts, was dedicated in a three-day celebration that drew hundreds of spectators. Named for a Kalamazoo civic leader, supporter of the arts and charter member of the University's Board of Trustees, the $16.2 million building was designed to continue development of WMU's Arts Plaza, which already included Miller Auditorium. Dorothy Dalton, the daughter of W.E. Upjohn, helped in the planning of Miller Auditorium as well. She died in 1981, just over a year before completion of the Dalton Center.
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.

Patricia F. Beilke  
BA '55, MA '58, MS '68, EdD '74, Muncie, IN

John G. Hungerford, IV  
BS '82, Bel Alton, MD

West Chiles  
BS '89, Pulaski, TN

Wallace B. Vogtmann  
BS '83, Victoria, MN

Andrew Rivers  
BS '89, MPA '96, Bowling Green, OH

Thomas V. Scannell  
BS '85, MBA '93, Grand Rapids, MI

Jane C. Scannell  
Grand Rapids, MI

Robert B. Woodrick  
BS '84, Ada, MI

John M. Mandrick  
BS '88, Fernandina Beach, FL

Christine Juvonen Meadows  
BA '70, Mission Viejo, CA

John F. Meadows  
BA '71, Mission Viejo, CA

Frank J. Delaura  
BS '78, Grosse Pointe, MI

Steve F. Willenborg  
BS '86, Milford, MI

Bonni L. Kinne  
BS '84, MA '85, Grand Ledge, MI

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

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M. Bruce McLaren  
BA '63, has accepted a position as the director of planning, allocations and agency relations for United Way of Concho Valley in San Angelo, TX.

Stanley J. Pefley  
MA '66, recently retired from Paw Paw, MI, schools after a 40-year career as a middle school counselor and special education administrator.

John J. Ball  
BS '67, recently retired from his position as a purchasing specialist for Ford Motor Co. after 31 years of service. He now owns and operates a 70-acre tree farm in Manchester, MI.

Jasper G. Pennington  
BA '67, MLS '68, recently retired as rector of St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Ypsilanti, MI.

Susan E. Keramidas Ritchie  
BS '68, recently retired from Allen Park (MI) Public Schools after 33 years as a teacher and department leader in the business education/technology program.

Patrick L. Laughlin  
BA '68, is the advisory board chairperson for the Michigan Political Leadership Program, an education outreach arm of the Institute for Public Policy and Social Research at Michigan State University.

Raymond D. Nash  
BBA '69, recently retired from his position as assistant vice president at Old Kent Bank in Allegan, MI, after 27 years of service.

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David A. Nolley  
MA '70, was named a diplomate in behavioral psychology by the American Board of Professional Psychology. Diplomates demonstrate advanced competence in their specialties. His practice is in San Francisco.
Larry P. Nolan
BA '71, has been elected treasurer of the Michigan Supreme Court Historical Society. He is the founder and president of Nolan, Thomsen and Villas PC in Eaton Rapids, MI.

Harold C. Tiburzi
BS '71, MA '72, has been promoted to product program analyst for Ford Motor Co.'s Advanced Powertrain Engineering in Dearborn, MI.

Arthur M. Crump
MA '72, has been inducted into the Lake Michigan College Athletic Hall of Fame. He held various positions at the college, including basketball coach, dean of students and supervisor of athletics.

Deborah Davis
BBA '74, has joined the Greater Oakland Visiting Nurse Association in Oakland County, MI, as chief financial officer.

David J. Barton
MLS '75, has been named library and information services director for Metropolitan State University in St. Paul, MN.

Kenric J. DeLong
BA '75, MA '77, is the recipient of the Outstanding Faculty Award for the second time in his teaching career at Montcalm Community College in Sidney, MI, where he is a social sciences instructor.

Christine K. Cortez
BBA '76, has been appointed senior vice president/service and parts, at Chrysler Group in Auburn Hills, MI. She will be responsible for global service and parts operations.

James M. Griffiths

Janet Hubbard
BA '76, was recently promoted to director of marketing and public relations at Walsh College in Troy, MI.

Brenda Lauer
MA '76, MSA '82, is the new accounting division chairperson at Davenport University in Kalamazoo.

Douglas R. Worgul

Douglas G. Charnley
BBA '78, has been promoted to life marketing director in the northeast Ohio district for the Cincinnati Life Insurance Co.

Jill E. Claeyts
BS '78, MA '80, has been inducted into the Lake Michigan College Athletic Hall of Fame. She is the coordinator of LMC's physical education and wellness program.

Linda K. Fowler-Nash
BBA '78, is the Alice Rotary Club president in Alice, TX. She is the second female elected to the post and the first African American.

Norman L. McKee
BBA '78, was named the Class A Men's Ski Coach of the Year for the 2000-01 season by the Michigan High School Ski Coaches Association. He is the ski coach at Lake Orion (MI) High School.

Diane Robertson Tracy
BA '78, has been appointed director of development at St. Mark's Episcopal School in Houston.

David M. Dombrowski
BBA '79, is the new president and chief executive officer of the Detroit Tigers baseball club.

Thomas D. Heideman
BS '79, has written and recorded a song titled "That's America," inspired by the Sept. 11 tragedy. Proceeds will go to the American Red Cross to benefit the victims.

Reading, Writing and RAM
In 1983, WMU became the first university in the United States to make computer literacy an undergraduate requirement. Beginning that year, graduating seniors had to pass a computer proficiency test, complete a computer usage course or meet computer proficiency standards set by their colleges.
A woman of words

Literary biographer, filmmaker and poet Melba Joyce Boyd, B.A. ’71, M.A. ’72, is part of a rich lineage of Detroit writers.

Recording the urban rhythm

For Dr. Melba Joyce Boyd, poetry is a lot like jazz—the articulation, the heat, the rhythm. That musical sensibility winds through the Detroit poet’s work, known for its exploration of the African American experience.

Head of Wayne State University’s Department of Africana Studies, Boyd recently co-edited “Abandon Automobile: Detroit City Poetry 2001,” an anthology of 20th-century poems written in or about the Motor City.

“There were a number of books on Detroit poetry, but never anything as comprehensive as this anthology,” says Boyd. “We wanted to pull all these works together so people could see and read and feel the richness of this city’s poetry. It’s a primarily working class city, but with a working class that is well educated and exposed to a broad spectrum of cultural activities.

“Detroit poetry has a strong activist feel to it. There’s a collective consciousness that permeates the city and is reflected in the writing, whether black, white, Latino or Arab.”

Boyd discovered her own poetic voice as a WMU student in the late ’60s and early ’70s. A professor assigned some creative exercises and, after seeing Boyd’s work, encouraged her to continue writing. She penned poetry in secret until, after earning a master’s degree in English, she landed a position at Detroit’s renowned black publishing house, Broadside Press.

Under the tutelage of Broadside founder Dudley Randall, she honed her skills and began publishing her work in magazines and journals. In 1978, just one year before Boyd earned her doctoral degree from the University of Michigan, her first book of poetry, “Cat Eyes and Dead Wood,” debuted.

She’s since published five more collections of poetry and two biographies and has produced and directed a documentary film. Poems in her latest book, “The Province of Literary Cats,” explore a range of social and historical issues from psychological domestic abuse to an imagined Key West encounter between Ernest Hemmingway and a persecuted ex-slave.

“My daughter said she thought the poems in this book were sad, which I suppose is true,” Boyd says. “I don’t know what it was about this particular time in my life, but most of these poems were written about the experiences of others rather than drawn from my own experiences. My muse is motivated when I encounter something disturbing. My instinct is to write about it.”
Ryan D. Rowder  
BBA '88, has been appointed vice president and central division sales manager for the California Wine Co., based in Napa, CA.

Jose E. Santamaria  
BA '88, BBA '88, MBA '91, has been promoted to market president of Irwin Union Bank in Kalamazoo.

David Crumrine  
MBA '89, has been named president of Interstates Electric of Sioux Center, IA.

Stephen D. Dice  
MPA '89, recently became a board member of the National Association of County Park and Recreation Officials. He is the director of park operations for Cleveland Metroparks.

Gregory J. Henry  
BS '89, has been promoted to operations manager of the Olivier-VanDyk Insurance Agency in Grand Rapids, MI.

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Mark Buckland  
BS '90, has joined SSOE Inc., a full service architectural and engineering design firm based in Toledo, OH, as project manager for the food process department.

Sydney Kay Dreasky  
BA '90, is a special agent with the U.S. Secret Service and is presently protecting former President Bill Clinton at his New York home, his Harlem office and on his travels.

Diana R. Middleton  
BS '90, has been elected president of the West Virginia Occupational Therapy Association.

John A. Bradley  
BS '91, is a member of the blues group "Anson Funderburgh and the Rockets," which is based in Texas.

Ellen L. Armstrong  
BFA '92, MFA '95, recently displayed her watercolors and oil paintings at the Davidson Gallery at Kellogg Community College, Battle Creek, MI, in an exhibition titled "Michigan Islands."

Timothy Penning  
MA '92, has joined the faculty of Grand Valley State University, Grand Rapids, MI, as an assistant professor of communications.

Ronald E. Reid  
BBA '75, MPA '83, EdD '92, managing director of the Kalamazoo Road Commission, has been reappointed to the National Association of Counties’ Transportation Steering Committee.

Patricia J. Randall Roe  
BS '92, has been named manager of public affairs for the Washington, DC-based National Roofing Contractors Association.

Janelle L. Wilson  
MA '92, PhD '95, has been granted tenure and promoted to associate professor of sociology at the University of Minnesota in Duluth.

Deborah L. Benedict  
BA '93, has joined the Detroit office of the law firm Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone PLC as an associate in the litigation and dispute resolution practice group.

Scott A. Kilgren  
BBA '93, has been promoted to manager of consolidations and financial reporting for Allegiance Healthcare, a manufacturer and distributor of medical-surgical products.

Corey A. Leon  
BS '93, was recently hired by the Detroit Economic Growth Corp. as director of business attraction.

David A. DeGroot  
MA '94, has joined the Grand Rapids, MI, office of Warner Norcross & Judd LLP, as an associate in the corporate and litigation practice groups.

Michael T. Jekel  
BBA '94, has joined Credit Union Mortgage Co. of Kalamazoo as a loan officer, serving the needs of both credit union members and realtors.

University stature acknowledged with 'key' academic event

In 1997, WMU became the first Michigan college or university since 1980 to be granted a charter to house a chapter of Phi Beta Kappa, the oldest and most widely recognized academic honor society in the world. In early 1998, six faculty members were selected as the WMU chapter's foundation members, and in March 1998, 107 juniors and seniors and three doctoral students were inducted as the first student members the University's Theta chapter. WMU is one of just 95 public universities in the nation and one of only four in Michigan to be selected to shelter a chapter of the organization.
Richard F. Sims Jr.
BS '94, has joined the fight against terrorism in the Arabian Sea as a member of the 13th Marine Expeditionary Unit. He is a captain in the U.S. Marine Corps stationed at MCAS Camp Pendleton and pilots the AH-1W Super Cobra.

Adrienne L. Bradley
MA '95, is a vocalist for the group “She Left Ben,” which performs in Kalamazoo.

Jennifer L. Dale
BA '95, has been named director of development for the Corner Health Center in Ypsilanti, MI. She is also president of GrapeStone Communications Inc. in Canton, MI.

Steven Ott
BA '96, is director of marketing and new ventures for undergraduate off-campus programs at Siena Heights University in Adrian, MI.

Jason Paupore
BA '96, has joined the Nashville, TN, law office of King & Ballow as an associate.

1997-2001

Shannon K. Anderson
BA '97, has joined the litigation practice group of Dykema Gossett PLLC in Detroit.

Douglas W. Eyre
BA '97, has joined the Detroit and Lansing offices of the law firm Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone PLC as an associate in the litigation and dispute resolution practice group.

Rebecca Marteen
MS '97, has joined Three Rivers (MI) Rehabilitation Pavilion as an occupational therapist.

Jennifer Millerwise
BBA '97, has been named deputy assistant for communications and press secretary for Vice President Dick Cheney. She will be his principal spokesperson.

Francena Purchase-Owens
BS '97, is included in the 19th edition of “Who's Who in the World.” She has also been included in the “Who’s Who of Information Technology” and the “Who’s Who of Educators.”

Greg Goings
BS '98, recently joined Onsted (MI) State Bank, as a credit analyst.

1917 - 1948

Gertrude H. Schutz
TC '17, July 24, 2001, in Kalamazoo.

Lillian B. Anderson
TC '23, Aug. 8, 2001, in Kalamazoo.

Evelyn Mummy
TC '27, Sept. 18, 2001, in Fulton, MI.

Velma M. Stafford
TC '27, Aug. 11, 2001, in Essexville, MI.

Hazel DeMeyer Rupp

Cleona H. Smith

Gertrude G. Keiser
BA '30, June 3, 2001, in Saginaw, MI.

Helen Sanford Carney

Robert K. Jeffers
BS '33, July 22, 2001, in West Bloomfield, MI.

Mary M. Berger

Donna M. Chrisman

Phyllis Janes DeLano
BA '34, Sept. 18, 2001 in Kalamazoo.

Mary F. Harney
BA '34, Nov. 15, 2001, in Kalamazoo.

Adrian Nieboer
BA '34, July 24, 2001, in Kalamazoo.

Dorothy Shane
BA '34, Aug. 29, 2001, in South Haven, MI.

Clare E. Richards
BS '35, Aug. 28, 2001, in Delton, MI.

Valdo W. Smith
BS '35, MA '62, Nov. 20, 2001, in Middleville, MI.

Ruth K. Heikes
BA '36, July 26, 2001, in Kingstown, RI.

Jennie G. Mandigo
TC '28, BA '36, July 21, 2001, in Jackson, MI.

Pauline C. Heuser

Elizabeth S. Townsend
BS '39, MA '64, Aug. 25, 2001, in Kalamazoo.

Avis E. Bloomquist
BS '41, Nov. 23, 2001, in Plainwell, MI.

Viola E. Walters Greene
TC '41, Nov. 21, 2001, in Kalamazoo.

Donald E. Bloomquist
BS '42, Oct. 14, 2001, in Osseo, MI.

Marjorie C. Bradley
BS '42, MA '63, TC '65, Sept. 2, 2001, in Ann Arbor, MI.

Luther L. Daines

Roberta Imogene Straw
TC '42, April 18, 2001, in Sparta, MI.

Lorraine Isabelle Young
BS '42, Sept. 17, 2001, in Tucson, AZ.

Emily Rae Geren
BS '43, Oct. 26, 2001, in Traverse City, MI.

Esther M. Confer
BS '44, Sept. 27, 2001, in Kalamazoo.

Richard Kohlenstein
'44, Aug. 6, 2001, in New Buffalo, MI.

Virginia Guenther
TC '29, BS '48, Sept. 14, 2001, in Grand Rapids, MI.

1949 - 1961

Dean A. Fox

Patrick O. Hudson
BS '49, TC '50, Aug. 4, 2001, in Portage, MI.

Joan V. Phillips
BS '49, Dec. 1, 2001, in Hanover Township, NJ.

Beverly A. Wickman
BS '49, July 7, 2001, in Orlando, FL.

Wayne A. Blanchard Jr.
BS '50, July 19, 2001, in Howell, MI.

Lurae M. Brisley
BS '50, Nov. 11, 2001, in Greensboro, NC.

Richard R. Fontaine
BM '51, MA '66, Oct. 7, 2001, in Galesburg, MI.

Warren A. Geiger
BS '51, MA '59, Sept. 15, 2001, in Grand Rapids, MI.
Jerilee J. Gregory  

Stanley A. Martin  
BS ’52, Nov. 25, 2001, in Kalamazoo.

Margaret R. Moss  
BS ’52, June 1, 2001, in Battle Creek, MI.

Coral Rogers Briney  

Joseph H. McKee  

Pearl Fabio Robinson  

Robert E. Feldt  
BS ’54, MA ’57, July 18, 2001, in Kalamazoo.

Betty Ann McCelland  
BS ’54, May 23, 2001, in Wyandotte, MI.

Beatrice J. Ahnet  
BS ’55, MA ’59, Aug. 31, 2001, in Ovid, MI.

Martha B. Coleman  

David E. Corbin  

Richard Swinsick  
BM ’56, MA ’58, July 16, 2001, in Kalamazoo.

Richard G. Bunce  
BBA ’57, MA ’66, July 14, 2001, in Portage, MI.

Dorothy M. Caszatt  
BS ’57, Aug. 27, 2001, in Lakeland, FL.

Phillip K. Williams Sr.  
BS ’57, Nov. 14, 2001, in Springfield, IL.

Malcolm M. Jersey  
BBA ’58, Nov. 29, 2001, in Kalamazoo.

Robert H. Murphy  
BM ’58, MA ’60, Sept. 22, 2001, in Traverse City, MI.

Pauline M. Dashtestani  

Joseph H. Davidson  
BBA ’59, Sept. 28, 2001, in Bloomfield Hills, MI.

John H. Geary  
BS ’59, MA ’65, July 31, 2001, in Stevensville, MI.

Ethel E. Snow  

M. Lucille Visser  
BS ’59, July 18, 2001, in Holland, MI.

Mary Wark  
TC ’26, BS ’59, Sept. 1, 2001, in Fennville, MI.

1962 - 2000  

Irene Shippy  
BS ’62, Sept. 27, 2001, in Grand Rapids, MI.

Aleta J. Berkey  

Kenneth C. Stevens  
BBA ’63, April 12, 2001, in Encinitas, CA.

Barbara Edwards  
BA ’65, Sept. 11, 2001, in Washington, DC.

Valerie Nobel  

Wilma G. Schreur  

James M. Quaak  

Thomas Schuler  
BS ’66, Nov. 19, 2001, in Muskegon, MI.

Dorothy Butela  
MLS ’67, Oct. 1, 2001, in Grand Rapids, MI.

Juanita Gladys Liechti  

Sister Verona Prescott  
MA ’67, Aug. 28, 2001, in Nazareth, MI.

Bob Rischar  
BA ’67, MA ’69, July 22, 2001, in Pentwater, MI.

Alan K. Bonine  
BBA ’68, MBA ’72, Oct. 6, 2001, in Galesburg, MI.

Jean Doris Ingalsbee  
BS ’68, Aug. 26, 2001, in Allegan, MI.

Dale G. Griffin  
BBA ’69, Sept. 22, 2001, in Battle Creek, MI.

David V. Pries  
BS ’69, Aug. 17, 2001, in Bayonet Point, FL.

Virginia L. Blasch  
BS ’70, Nov. 13, 2001, in Naperville, IL.

Leo Lavall Webber  

Richard L. Wiles Jr.  
BS ’70, Sept. 30, 2001, in Kalamazoo.

Iris Green  
BS ’71, MA ’76, July 16, 2001, in Kalamazoo.

Suzanne Eddy Blake  
BS ’72, Aug. 20, 2001, in Paw Paw, MI.

Melvyn C. Meller  
BBA ’72, Nov. 30, 2001, in Portage, MI.

Lorena VanGorder  
BS ’72, MA ’80, Aug. 10, 2001, in Watson Township, MI.

Joseph James Blyskal Jr.  
BS ’75, July 10, 2001, in Portage, MI.

Robert S. Witoszynski  
BBA ’77, Jan. 18, 2001, in Beverly Hills, MI.

Phillip W. Forsyth  
BS ’79, Nov. 7, 2001, in Constantine, MI.

Carrie Ann Doherty  

Alice L. Ulrich  
BS ’81, Aug. 1, 2001, in Kalamazoo.

Mary C. McConnell  
BS ’82, MA ’84, Aug. 22, 2001, in Las Vegas, NV.

Barbara A. O’Hara  

Marcy Kriegel Teel  

Faculty  

Harold Boles  
professor emeritus in educational leadership, Oct. 6, 2001, in Eton Rapids, MI.

Frances E. Lohr  

Candace L. Roell  
professor emerita in health, physical education and recreation, Nov. 17, 2001, in Kalamazoo.

Hazel Rupp  
associate professor emerita in University libraries, Sept. 19, 2001, in Grand Rapids, MI.
Campaign leadership announced

WMU Foundation marks 25 years of service to the University
In November 2001, the WMU Foundation marked 25 years of service to Western Michigan University.

The foundation was incorporated in November 1976. The 17 original directors met for the first time on Dec. 7 of that year to elect Wm. John Upjohn and Arthur F. Homer as the first president and vice president, respectively, of the corporation.

For 25 years, the WMU Foundation has advanced its singular purpose, “to promote and provide private financial support for Western Michigan University.” Beginning in the late 1980s, the foundation expanded its role to include more direct stewardship of WMU endowments and other foundation-held assets.

From a modest beginning of less than $1 million annually in gifts received, the foundation has grown to annual gift totals of more than $18 million. In its first quarter century of service, the WMU Foundation generated more than $175 million in gifts to the University.

National City donates $2 million
WMU’s Haworth College of Business and varsity athletic teams are the principal beneficiaries of a $2 million gift from National City Bank of Michigan/ Illinois. The gift is among the larger cash contributions by a corporation in the University’s history.

“As a corporate citizen in West Michigan, National City has a long history of helping those organizations that work to strengthen our region,” said John Schreuder, president of National City Bank, Southwest Michigan Region.

“Western Michigan University is critical to the continued growth of our community. It provides a superior pool of talent to satisfy the region’s employers and helps to create new jobs through its research and development efforts,” Schreuder said.

The business college at WMU will receive $1.5 million to establish the National City Endowed Chair in Finance and Commercial Law. Income from endowed chairs provides supplemental faculty support for research and scholarship.

National City also designated $500,000 of the total gift to help fund the new Donald “J” Seelye Athletic Center, the University’s indoor practice facility now under construction near Waldo Stadium.

Foundation officers elected
At the Sept. 28, 2001, annual meeting of the WMU Foundation, William D. Johnston was elected president of the foundation, succeeding James S. Brady, who served for four years, the longest tenure in the foundation’s history.

Johnston, B.S. ’70, M.A. ’74, of Portage, Mich., is the president and chief executive officer of Greenleaf Asset Management. Brady, B.S. ’66, who continues to serve as a director of the foundation, is a partner in a Grand Rapids, Mich., law firm and a former trustee of the University.

Joseph B. Hemker of Richland, Mich., was re-elected to a fourth one-year term as a vice president, and Judith L. Maze of Kalamazoo was elected to her first term as a vice president. Other officers elected or re-elected at the Sept. 28 meeting were Bud Bender, executive director and secretary; Robert M. Beam, treasurer; Kenneth J. DeVries, assistant secretary; and Jan Van Der Kley, assistant treasurer.

One-third of the 39 positions on the board of directors were up for election this year. Eleven directors were re-elected to additional three-year terms. Elected to their first terms on the board were Jon M. Dixon, B.S. ’69, a vice president at Bronson Healthcare Group in Kalamazoo, and Ruth M. Heining, a WMU professor emerita and co-chairperson of the University’s centennial celebration.
Several recent major gifts and pledges were made to support construction of the new Donald “J” Seelye Athletic Center, the University’s first indoor practice facility for baseball, football, golf, soccer and softball.

Mrs. Jane Seelye of Kalamazoo, the widow of the late Donald “J” Seelye, for whom the building will be named, made a gift of $240,000. A pledge of $125,000 was received from an anonymous donor, and alumni Willard A. “Bill” Brown, Jr., and Lloyd E. Gearhart each pledged $100,000 to the athletic capital project.

Brown, B.B.A. ’53, a retired corporate executive from Barrington, Ill., was a four-year member of the Bronco football squad and the team’s most-valuable player in 1952. The Bill Brown Alumni Football Center at Waldo Stadium and Brown Auditorium in the Haworth College of Business are named in his honor.

Gearhart, B.A. ’92, of Libertyville, Ill., is president and CEO of Lyndon American Inc., a subsidiary of the Lyndon Insurance Group. He is a volunteer for the Mike Gary Athletic Fund. Gearhart attended the University from 1956 to 1960. He completed his bachelor’s degree from WMU more than 30 years later, in 1992.

Medallion Scholarships benefit from Merze Tate estate gift

During her life and through her estate, Merze Tate contributed more than $1.5 million to WMU, primarily to create a series of endowed Medallion Scholarships. More than $730,000 was received in distributions from her estate during 2000-01.

In 1927, Tate received one of the first bachelor’s degrees conferred by Western. She went on to receive degrees from Columbia and Harvard and studied at Oxford. She was a professor of history at Howard University and resided in Washington, D.C., where she died in 1996.

Make your gift via the Web

Charitable gifts to Western Michigan University can be made online with MasterCard or VISA credit cards by visiting the WMU Foundation Web site at <www.wmich.edu/wmuf>. The foundation established a “secure server” for credit card transactions and began accepting gifts online in October 2001.

Through the “Make a Gift” link on the foundation’s Web home page, donors can also establish an annual pledge to the University and request other information. Gifts made online are treated exactly the same as other gifts for federal and state income tax purposes, and donors receive the same printed gift receipts in the mail for their permanent tax records.
Fund supports women's sports
An anonymous donor has given $300,000 to establish an endowment fund that will provide professional development experiences for female coaches in specified women's varsity sports.

The fund is named in honor of Jean Friedel, professor emerita of physical education. Friedel, who retired in 1989, coached seven women's sports during her 29-year tenure at WMU.

New coach heads women's track
Kelly Lycan became head coach of the women's cross country and track and field programs this past August, becoming the fifth coach since their inception in 1978. Lycan replaces Diane Russo, who resigned June 5.

He had been the top women's cross country and track assistant coach at Ball State University, which won a total of seven Mid-American Conference indoor and outdoor track championships during his seven-year tenure. Lycan also has served as an assistant at Southwest Missouri State, Eastern Michigan and Arkansas universities.

Morin joins pro volleyball team
Traci Morin, who completed her volleyball career at WMU in 1999, began this January as a member of a professional volleyball team in Tirol, Austria.

The 6-foot, 2-inch middle blocker holds a number of Bronco all-time records, with her .345 career hitting percentage being second highest for both the Mid-American Conference and WMU. She ended her collegiate career by helping her team post a 25-win season and earn a berth in the MAC championship match and by being selected to the United States National A-2 Team as well as the all-MAC First and Tournament teams.

Football scholars honored
The Broncos received an honorable mention for being one of 28 schools to post a 70 percent or higher graduation rate for football players according to an American Football Coaches Association survey. The survey measured rates for Division I programs (scholarship players only) over a five-year period beginning in 1995.

Beauregard responds to proposed guidelines for Division I-A status
WMU has every intention of staying at the NCAA Division I-A level. Athletic Director Kathy Beauregard told media representatives this past fall in response to an article published in the Oct. 18 USA Today that listed the University as one of 20 schools in jeopardy of losing their Division I-A status.

"People think this is something that is going to happen tomorrow and that simply isn't true," Beauregard said. "We have absolutely no plans other than to be Division I-A and will continue to do everything possible for the Mid-American Conference to continue at that level also."

The NCAA Division I Management Council has been discussing new guidelines for granting Division I-A status. The council is expected to vote on the guidelines this April.

WMU currently meets all but one of the criteria—the proposal that schools annually participate in at least five regular-season home football contests against Division I-A opponents.

Fall season summaries
- Cross country, men's—league championships, sixth/12 teams; NCAA Region IV Championships, 18th/31 teams; All-MAC Second Team, Chris Stine.
- Cross country, women's—league championships, sixth/13 teams; NCAA Region IV Championships, 15th/31 teams.
- Football—MAC, 4-4; MAC West Division, 2-3; overall, 5-6; West league finish, fourth/six teams; All-MAC First Team, defensive end Anthony Allsbury and cornerback Ronald Rogers; All-MAC Second Team, tight end Mobolaji Afariogun, wide receiver Josh Bush, defensive end Jason Babin and safety Jermaine Lewis; All-MAC honorable mention, linebacker Bryan Lape.
- Soccer, men's—MAC, 1-4-1; overall, 5-13-1; league finish, sixth/seven teams; league tournament, lost in first round.
- Soccer, women's—MAC, 6-6; overall, 8-11; league finish, eighth/13 teams; league tournament, lost in first round.
- Volleyball—MAC, 10-8; overall, 15-11; league finish, fourth/tie/13 teams; league tournament, lost in first round; All-MAC Second Team, middle blocker Zakiya Pope and setter Ashley Ritter.
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**September**
- 22: Tony Bennett
- 24-29: Robert Goulet starring in Rodgers and Hammerstein's South Pacific

**October**
- 1-2: Swing
- 4: Gus Giordano Jazz Dance Chicago
- 20: Red Star Army
- 24: Randy Travis
- 25-27: Fosse

**November**
- 2: Franklin's Class Concert
- 3: Herbie Hancock Quartet
- 5-10: Miss Saigon
- 16: Doc Severnien and His Big Band
- 22: The Four Tops & The O'Jays
- 23: Tim Conway & Don Knotts with special guest Louise DuArt

**December**
- 1: Vienna Choir Boys Christmas
- 4: Oak Ridge Boys Christmas
- 7: Boston Pops Christmas
- 17: Sing Along Santa

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**2003**

**January**
- 5: Tom Chapin
- 18: Michael Flatley's Lord of the Dance
- 21-26: Disney's Beauty & The Beast

**February**
- 1: Gold Company
- 5-9: Jesus Christ Superstar
- 16: Doo Wop Dreams
- 21: Hal Holbrook in Mark Twain Tonight

**March**
- 9: Dublin's Irish Cabaret
- 23: London City Opera: Madame Butterfly
- 26: Twyla Tharp Dance Company
- 28-30: Cats

**April**
- 1: Sir James Galway
- 12: Mark Russell
- 15: Gallagher

**May**
- 1-4: Cathy Rigby
- Seussical, The Musical

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Answering a call to serve has taken Dr. Janet Pisaneschi from life as a young Ursuline nun to a post on Capitol Hill and to WMU as dean of the College of Health and Human Services.

But the elements of Pisaneschi’s career in the church, government and academia have not been as disparate as they first may seem. A reverence for teaching has been the common thread on a journey that began in 1954, when the recent high school graduate became a member of the Ursuline congregation, a Roman Catholic order based in Louisville, Ky., that is devoted to teaching.

“Most people realize that nuns take vows, and the big three are poverty, chastity and obedience,” Pisaneschi says. “But members of the Ursuline community make a fourth vow: instruction. Their whole purpose is to teach, especially to teach women. I’d been taught throughout elementary and high school by Ursuline sisters, and the idea of teaching appealed to me.”

After taking her vows, Pisaneschi began undergraduate studies in English and history at Ursuline College. Because it was tough to find women in the ’50s to teach the sciences, Pisaneschi was asked to change her major to biology, and she complied.

She graduated and completed a six-year stint teaching elementary and high school students before the order asked her to return to school. They had her pegged for a teaching post at her alma mater, so she began a master’s program in microbiology at St. John’s University, switched to a philosophy of science program and eventually earned her master’s at St. John’s and a doctoral degree at St. Louis University.

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—Dr. Janet Pisaneschi
Just as she finished her education, the women-only Ursuline College merged with its all-male neighbor, Bellarmine. "Suddenly, there was no college for me to return to," Pisaneschi recalls. She applied and was accepted at another Catholic university, Christian Brothers College in Memphis.

Pisaneschi quickly distinguished herself there as a philosophy professor. After just two years, she became the first woman to lead an academic division at Christian Brothers College.

But while her career was humming along, she was questioning her vows. "I made the choice to become a nun when I was very young and naive, and I was troubled by that choice for most of the time I was in the religious life," she says. "Finally, I realized that I could fulfill my call to service in other ways. I mustered up the courage to listen to my own spirit and left the congregation in 1973."

Although no longer a nun, Pisaneschi remained committed to academic life. She stayed at Christian Brothers College until 1976, spent three years with the Tennessee Higher Education Commission and then landed at the University of Kentucky, where she served as director of the Center for Interdisciplinary Education and later as assistant dean of the College of Allied Health Professions.

After several years as assistant dean, she confides, she was "getting a little bored." In the late '80s, Pisaneschi started looking for new opportunities, the first of which she found as a congressional fellow of the American Society for Allied Health Professions, funded by the W.K. Kellogg Foundation.

On sabbatical from the University of Kentucky, she served for a year on the Majority Health Staff of the U.S. Senate Labor and Human Resources Committee. On the hill, she drafted speeches, articles and even a piece of legislation, providing health staff support for Sen. Edward Kennedy, who chaired the committee.

"It was a heady experience," she recalls. "I thought I would end up very jaded, but instead I became invigorated. There were so many people who were incredibly committed to what they were advocating."

One of those people was Terry Beirn, a consultant hired by Congress to help write HIV/AIDS legislation. After Pisaneschi's year in the Senate, Beirn asked her to serve as a consultant to the American Foundation for AIDS Research. She arranged for additional release time from the university, and spent several more months in Washington, D.C., serving as co-editor of the AIDS Information Resources Directory. A few months turned into more than a year as Pisaneschi eventually headed to AmFAR's Manhattan office to tackle a second edition of the directory along with a grant project for the foundation.

While in New York, Pisaneschi got an unexpected phone call from a contact at WMU. She'd been nominated for the position of dean of the College of Health and Human Services. Pisaneschi had known the college's founding dean, the late William Burian, and respected him and the WMU program. After one year in the capital and another in the Big Apple, however, she had reservations about moving to a small Midwestern city.
Pisaneschi declined the original nomination, but friends urged her to reconsider. Intrigued by the college's philosophy of community collaboration and impressed by its mix of programs, she thought perhaps this particular Midwestern town would be a good choice after all. She applied, and in 1989, she got the job.

Over the past 13 years, Pisaneschi says, she's come to love Kalamazoo. She's overseen dozens of town-gown partnerships, serving as "organizer on occasion, happy facilitator on occasion and happy observer on occasion."

"I articulate the mission, vision and values of the college," she says, "and then help people carry that out, sometimes with resources, sometimes with money and sometimes just with affirmation, saying 'this is a good thing, keep on doing it.'"

One of her proudest achievements is the establishment of WMU's Bronson School of Nursing. The concept of a four-year nursing program at the University arose after Kalamazoo lost two schools of nursing—one at Nazareth College, which closed its doors in the mid '90s, and one at Bronson Methodist Hospital. Leaders from Bronson, Kalamazoo's Borgess Hospital and the Kalamazoo Foundation urged then President Diether Haenicke and Pisaneschi to develop a baccalaureate nursing program. Haenicke, Pisaneschi and WMU's fund-raising team garnered $5.3 million in private funds from the community to found the school, which opened in 1995.

Another of her banner partnership projects was the development of WMU's Unified Clinics. In 1994, the college brought together a handful of its clinical education programs that served community members from various campus locations. In a complicated logistical dance, the college relocated many of its existing clinical programs and developed several new ones, all housed today in one facility on the University's Oakland Drive campus. At that location, seven clinics provide everything from comprehensive geriatric assessments to treatment of children who've been traumatized.

Pisaneschi's community commitment extends far beyond the walls of the University. She is an active volunteer, having served as a member of the Kalamazoo County AIDS Planning Task Force and on the local boards of directors of the YWCA, American Red Cross and United Way.

Her volunteer time is increasingly limited, however, as she plans for something the college has waited for since its founding 25 years ago—a home.
Legend has it that when the college was founded, administrators told then Dean Burian that his programs would be brought together within five years, tops. A quarter century later, the college's seven academic units are scattered across seven buildings on three Kalamazoo campuses—but not for long. A 195,000-square-foot building is in the works.

Pisaneschi and her staff have been planning the $48.2 million facility for more than a year, collaborating with campus planners and consultant architects to create a building that reflects and supports the college's ideals.

- Faculty, staff and students wanted a healthy building, so Pisaneschi says it will be “open and bright and airy.”
- They wanted students to feel welcome, so there will be a student commons, an advising suite, a virtual library and spaces for student organizations to meet.
- The college now manages more than $5 million in grants and contracts, so the new building is outfitted with research labs and space to house grant-funded employees.
- Faculty members are using innovative problem-based learning techniques in their courses, so many of the classrooms will be specially shaped to support this kind of instruction.

That's the fun stuff, but Pisaneschi is also dealing with a host of logistical challenges as she prepares to bring together 93 faculty members, 32 staffers and some 1,100 students at the Oakland Drive building by fall 2004. Decades of files must be culled, as the new facility will have adequate but more limited filing and archive space. Procedures for joint supply ordering must be developed. Inventories and policies must be scrutinized to ensure economies of scale. Faculty members must be prepared for more beautiful and efficient, but sometimes smaller, offices.

"Just engineering the move itself is going to be a massive undertaking," says Pisaneschi. "But I cannot wait to have everyone under one roof. The opportunities for collaboration between departments will increase a hundredfold. The college's faculty and staff have done such a spectacular job of working together, even from different locations, that the possibility of even greater collaboration is marvelous. Who knows what we can become."
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Color: oxford Sizes: S-XXL
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