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University research plays broad role in higher education and in society

Clayton after century, inquiring minds have delved into mysteries grand and small. Surprised by practical needs and natural curiosity, generations of students have ventured, and experimented their way to astonishing discoveries.

Many of those discoveries have been made by researchers in higher education institutions like Western Michigan University. Universities, after all, are places where advancing knowledge goes hand in hand with transmitting knowledge.

"Research and teaching are inextricably linked," WMU President Dieter H. Haenicke says, noting that he found early on in his career that to remain a lively, informed teacher, he had to constantly do research in his field.

Dr. Donald E. Thompson, vice president for research, also sees a strong connection between research and teaching and, like Haenicke, notes that intellectual inquiry plays a broad role in higher education as well as in society.

"A thriving research enterprise is both dependent upon and supportive of excellence in education, particularly at the graduate level. Together, research and graduate education help us better educate our students, keep our programs current, and maintain the high intellectual quality of the institution," Thompson says. "It's an investment in the future of our University, and ultimately, society."

The general public sees the results of that investment every day, although usually without realizing it.

Simple acts like placing a postage stamp on an envelope or handling currency connect the public to printing innovations perfected at WMU and used by the federal government's printing and engraving operations. Meanwhile, high school students across the nation learn mathematics from textbooks developed by WMU's nationally recognized experts and Michigan's rural residents receive better health care because of a University project that's bringing more young health care professionals to their communities.

Grant funding grows by leaps and bounds

FEBRUARY 1996

WMU's President Dieter H. Haenicke notes the university is inextricably linked with the research and creative activities of its students and faculty. The president challenges researchers to continue to push the limits of knowledge and to collaborate with other institutions to enhance the intellectual life of the University.

Over the past decade, that base has continued to become more and more diverse, and increasing numbers of faculty members have become involved in the research enterprise. The first competition led to the creation of centers and other initiatives that have had a significant impact on the intellectual life of the University. Among other important WMU-sponsored support programs are two specifically targeted toward nourishing internal funding sources.

WMU funds exciting research activities

Developing specialized Centers for Excellence has been among the most innovative methods the University has used to foster research collaboration among faculty members from different departments and colleges. The initiative began in 1992 when the Office of the Vice President for Research established a campuswide awards competition to support and encourage outstanding interdisciplinary research. WMU provides two years of start-up funding for the research centers, which are expected to eventually become self-supporting by securing external grant funding.

The first competition led to the creation of centers focusing on enhancing technology, water research, and geographic information systems. The last competition, held in 1994, led to the creation of centers focusing on educating at-risk children, friction and wear phenomena, and other areas. WMU's solid research support programs and services, and implementation of a University-wide research plan, have resulted in such successes as strength-ened graduate program offerings, increased participation in professional conferences, and a more stimulating and supportive research environment.

"It's important to understand that when I say research, I'm not just speaking about faculty who bring in grant dollars," Haenicke notes. "Books have been written that have a significant impact on the intellectual life of the disciplines in which these books have been written, and we also have numerous scholarly activities that have contributed intellectually to their respective disciplines and to the University as a whole. All falls under our research."
Quality, student-oriented initiatives play role

WMU shatters several key enrollment records

Western Michigan University's fall 1995 enrollment of 26,537 students, up a total of 3.4 percent from last fall, shattered enrollment records in several key categories, including beginning freshmen, retaining returning students, minority students, and doctoral students.

"We are delighted with this news," said President Richard H. Haerens. "Our commitment to quality and value, which continues to improve each year, is clearly reflected in this growth—as is the hard work of both staff and faculty members.

The number of new degree-seeking freshmen rose 17.5 percent, signaling the dramatic reversal of a three-year trend of declining enrollments. This was the largest percentage increase in beginning freshmen of any school in Michigan and the largest class of beginning freshmen at WMU since 1989.

"Enrollment numbers for minorities are particularly encouraging this year," Haerens said.

The number of minorities in the beginning freshman class rose a total of 32 percent, with the number of African Americans jumping by 40 percent, Hispanics by 34 percent, and Native Americans by 36 percent. When all graduate and undergraduate students were counted, 12.5 percent more minorities were on campus this fall, accounting for one tenth of WMU's total student body.

WMU also saw a 6.5 percent increase in the number of its international students. This group represented ninety countries and added credibility to the football recruiting process. Weaver, a graduate of Pennsylvania State University, was a starting linebacker and assistant football coach for the Nittany Lions.

Currently, WMU ranks second among the state's public universities in percentage of graduate students. Graduate students represent one-quarter of WMU's total student body. WMU's percentage of international enrollment ranks near the top among Michigan's fifteen public universities as well as the top thirty-five Doctoral I universities. (WMU is Michigan's only public Doctoral I university, as designated by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching.)

Awards, honors, and significant recognitions

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WMU's colleges are bursting with useful products and innovative ideas

Research College of Business

A growing number of WMU colleges and schools are focusing on the needs of today's economy at home and around the world. The college of Business and Science, for instance, has fostered student exchanges, performing market analyses for area companies, and funded research on various global initiatives. WMU's new research courses allow students to experience firsthand the responsibility of solving real-world problems. The college of Business and Science is engaged in numerous initiatives to increase engagement and global leadership, as well as the fiscal health of the college.

College of Engineering and Applied Sciences

The most powerful supercomputer in the world, the National Science Foundation's National Center for Atmospheric Research's National Supercomputer, can be claimed by the College of Engineering and Applied Sciences. The largest single-use supercomputer of its kind, the National Supercomputer can perform over 10 trillion calculations per second, solving complex problems in areas such as climate modeling, astrophysics, and molecular biology. The college of Engineering and Applied Sciences provides students with opportunities to work on projects related to industry standards, such as the development of new materials for solar energy technologies. The college also offers a variety of research opportunities through its several centers and institutes, including the Center for Electron Microscopy, which focuses on research in nanotechnology and materials science.

College of Arts and Sciences

WMU's largest college, the College of Arts and Sciences, encompasses a wide range of disciplines, generally considered the humanities and the social, behavioral, biological, mathematical, and physical sciences. That built-in variety means that the college is constantly evolving, with new programs being developed to meet the needs of the community. The College of Arts and Sciences is home to the largest share of grants last fiscal year, with $22.3 million awarded to the college. Much of the funding was awarded to the largest college, the College of Arts and Sciences, for ongoing research. The college provides students with opportunities to work with researchers and participate in cutting-edge projects, such as the study of ethics.

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Don't forget your reunion

The Classes of 1946, 1951, and 1956 are invited to return to campus June 7 and 8 for the Western Michigan University Alumni Association's Reunion Weekend '96.

In April, members of these three classes will be mailed an invitation and a registration form with complete details.

Be sure and check us out, because the college on the "hilltop" has made some dramatic changes.

WMU's curricula are bursting with products and ideas

Choreographed works by dance faculty have been showcased at international dance events while art faculty exhibits have been seen from Germany to Hawaii.

College of Health and Human Services

The College of Health and Human Services has a historic reputation for innovating its innovative academic programs with a community service orientation. Although one-third of its graduates in terms of enrollment, it attracted more than $4 million in grants last year, brought a much-needed bachelor's program in nursing to Southwest Michigan, and completed a major upgrade and consolidation of its clinical facilities.

The college's faculty not only teach and conduct research, but are also involved in training clinical professionals to work for citizens. In addition, the college's renowned programs in such fields as blind rehabilitation, occupational therapy, social work, and speech pathology and audiology contribute to the challenges of an ever-changing world. This is the college's occupational therapy when possible and tailoring new efforts to meet shifting population needs.

Sponsored research in the college ranges from a process that unlocks the secrets of human hearing to designing training packages that will tailor training to neighborhood strengths and needs.

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- A three-year, $500,000 award from the Fetzer Institute of Kalamazoo is being used to integrate holistic health care principles into the School of Nursing curriculum. This will not only help new health care providers thrive in rural communities as the fifth year of WMU's Rural Health Education Project gets under way. Funded by two successive grants totaling more than $3.1 million, the project is aimed at students in such fields as speech pathology and audiology, social work, substance abuse counseling, and therapy and physician assistant. One of two previous project graduates have started their careers in rural areas, a substantially higher ratio than the national average.
- A series of federal grants to the Department of Speech Pathology and Audiology is being used for both research and training. One grant is funding research on how the inner ear and brain interpret the sounds we recognize in a project that could lead to better design of hearing aids and other devices. Other federal grants are providing student with specialized training in how to serve clients from culturally diverse backgrounds as well as the growing population of older people with communication problems. Such multiple-year grants will bring in $474,361 in 1995-96 funds.
- A three-year project funded by a $615,000 grant from the W. K. Kellogg Foundation is examining ways of training new social service professionals to be more attuned to their community's needs. Four Kalamazoo neighborhoods are helping design training packages that will tailor training to neighborhood strengths and needs.

WMU's curricula are bursting with products and ideas Continued from page 5

"Basic research and creative activities are moving into a prominent role in undergraduate programs all over the country," Dr. Joseph G. Resh, Lee Honors College dean, says.

Resh points to the success of the National Undergraduate Research Program, which has provided $1.9 million to 387 institutions. Among the results of this popular independent research has become among young academics. This annual conference attracted more than 1,200 students from forty-four states to Kalamazoo when WMU acted as host to the proceedings in 1994.

At the graduate level, the vice president for research funds the Research Fellows program. Now in its fifth year, this program annually awards five fellowships that provide the financial backing for new researchers to work on special topics with faculty mentors. The results of their investigations are often published in refereed journals or presented at professional conferences.

In addition, the Graduate School is providing support for original research—the mainstay of master's theses and doctoral dissertations—one of its focal points. The college supports 200 graduate students across campus, administering graduate fellowships and assistantships and providing special funds to cover extraordinary research costs as well as travel costs for presenting the findings. Special workshops on preparing and presenting research findings and on writing theses and dissertations that are the development of these promising young researchers.

Academic institutions are distinguished by their faculty expertise and their commitment to which they serve the needs of society. The quality of such institutions is measured in terms of excellence in teaching, research, and service.

"We've established an institutional vision for the future and opened new horizons in developing research and making the research enterprise flourish at WMU," by Jeanne Baron, M.A., J.D., and Cheryl Roland
Deaths

1910-1929

Flora Selt Lawn, TC '13, June 3, 1927, in Kalamazoo.
Hubert Van Sickle Shim, TC '21, Nov. 7, 1927, in Kalamazoo.
Adela June Hull, TC '25, July 22, 1927, in Kalamazoo.
Eleanor Dunlap Kendrick, TC '24, July 4, 1927, in Kalamazoo.
Lee Ringle Closson, TC '25, Sept. 12, 1927, in Kalamazoo.
Mildred Gilbertus Dickey, TC '24, Aug. 15, 1927, in Kalamazoo.
Dorothy Leak Scott, TC '26, Sept. 13, 1927, in Kalamazoo.
Verne Scott, TC '27, Sept. 13, 1927, in Kalamazoo.

1930-1939

Mary Blue Cadle, TC '31, Oct. 14, 1930, in Battle Creek.
D. Horrath Cornel, BA '31, June 30, 1931, in Kalamazoo.
Lenoisa Fleck Zillie, TC '32, Oct. 21, 1932, in Kalamazoo.
Carroll B. Flett, BS '33, Sept. 16, 1933, in Kalamazoo.
Mildred Nourse Hall, BA '33, Sept. 30, 1933, in Kalamazoo.
Harry C. Roberts, BA '34, Oct. 11, 1934, in Ypsilanti.
Carl B. Tredway, BS '34, Oct. 8, 1934, in Denver, CO.
Bernice Fricke Ostrander, BA '34, Oct. 30, 1934, in Kalamazoo.

1940-1949

Tony Veal, BS '40, Aug. 24, 1945, in Grand Rapids.
Margaret Humphreys Broom, BS '41, Nov. 20, 1945, in Kalamazoo.
Joseph W. Bred, BS '42, Sept. 7, 1945, in Kalamazoo.
Howard Neis, BS '41, Sept. 8, 1945, in Kalamazoo.

1950-1959

Russell L. Egli, BS '51, May 28, 1951, in Hot Springs, AR.
Howard Neis, BS '41, Aug. 9, 1949, in Kalamazoo.

1960-1969

Margaret Humphreys Broom, BS '41, Nov. 20, 1945, in Kalamazoo.
Joyce Pierpont, BS '42, Sept. 7, 1945, in Kalamazoo.
Josefa Kimmel, BS '43, Sept. 7, 1945, in Kalamazoo.
William H. Smith, BS '44, Sept. 21, 1944, in Kalamazoo.
Alton Bledsoe, BS '45, Sept. 28, 1945, in Kalamazoo.
Elana Kimmel, BS '46, Sept. 25, 1946, in Kalamazoo.
Kimberly E. Ziegenbart, BS '49, Sept. 20, 1949, in Kalamazoo.

1970-1979

Effie W. Nilsen, BS '70, May 15, 1970, in California.
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1980-1989

Jeffrey B. Dorn, BS '80, May 7, 1980, in Grand Rapids.
Clifford H. Ochs, BS '80, May 7, 1980, in Grand Rapids.

1990-1999

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2000-2009

Jeffrey B. Dorn, BS '80, May 7, 1980, in Grand Rapids.
Volunteer spirit on campus is impressive

Just a note to say how much I enjoyed the "Volunteer Spirit" issue, which focused on volunteerism and was published in May 1995. The last letter pertains to the "Where we've been/where we're going" issue which focused on WMU's future and future plans and was published in February 1995. All the letters have been edited for style and/or length.

Service focus was delightful

As a December '94 graduate of WMU, I have received my first publication of the "Westerner." It was delightful to see that the issue focused on community service. The issue, the Westerner dedicated to community service has added more enthusiasm toward my feelings about community service. It is great to see so many people wanting to help other communities.

In April I was employed (as a media specialist) by the Manistique Community Partnership Program. Manistique is a small community in the Upper Peninsula. The partnership is a federally funded grant that focuses on grassroots prevention for substance abuse. I remember hearing in college that "you'll never use what you learn in college for a job in the real world." Well, whatever says that is not thinking hard enough, I have used some of the lessons I learned during my career at WMU, both in and out of the classroom.

I would like to thank WMU for my education and I look forward to another issue of the Westerner. Please keep me informed of ways that I may still be of service to WMU as an alumna.

Heidi E. Toeller, B.S. '94

WMU was caring 'Mother Hen' in 1930s

What a reminder of my college days - the columns, the real world, etc. (or maybe this is what you learn in college for a job in the real world). The column on "Alumni Awards: Archer" was caring "Mother Hen" in 1930s and future plans and was published in February 1995.

In the November 28 episode, WMU awarded an honorary doctor of engineering degree to Taylor. The story line centered around Taylor receiving a letter informing him of the honor and the reaction of others to it. The show concluded with the entire family returning to a fictitious WMU campus for a commencement ceremony in which the real President Haenicke presented the award.

"Mr. Allen is full of vivid memories of this institution," Haenicke said after returning from three days of taping in California in mid-October. "We had a good many occasions to talk about his experiences here as a student. He remembers some of his professors in the communication department very fondly and very accurately - although quite humorously."

Mother Hen's view of the nation's television appearance, "If you blink, you'll miss it," the president said. But alumni viewers certainly didn't miss it, or the script's references to WMU and the many authentic visual representations of the University. The morning after the show aired, Haenicke discovered 178 electronic mail messages waiting for him - sent by alumni as far away as Alaska and Florida.

M. Jamie Jeremy, director of the Office of Alumni Relations, said the "Home Improvement" staff used its enormous TV smarts to "get in" a series of "tender loving care" references to Western in the thirty-second episode of ABC-TV's "Home Improvement." The largest non-athletic alumni event ever held in Southeast Michigan attracted 400 University supporters November 1 to honor President Diether H. Haenicke on his tenth anniversary at Western Michigan University.

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items furnished by her office to give the episode a strong WMU feel. For instance, the walls of the "Sangren Hall" auditorium where the commencement ceremony was scripted to take place were adorned with large pictures of WMU students and the "Home Improvement" poster. The poster was actually peted as the "Home Improvement" poster. The show concluded with the entire family returning to a fictitious WMU campus for a commencement ceremony in which the real President Haenicke presented the award.

"Mr. Allen is full of vivid memories of this institution," Haenicke said after returning from three days of taping in California in mid-October. "We had a good many occasions to talk about his experiences here as a student. He remembers some of his professors in the communication department very fondly and very accurately - although quite humorously."

Mother Hen's view of the nation's television appearance, "If you blink, you'll miss it," the president said. But alumni viewers certainly didn't miss it, or the script's references to WMU and the many authentic visual representations of the University. The morning after the show aired, Haenicke discovered 178 electronic mail messages waiting for him - sent by alumni as far away as Alaska and Florida.

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