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Year-end grant total tops \$40 million for 2003-04

The University closed its 2003-04 fiscal year with a total of just over \$40 million in externally funded grants, the WMU Board of Trustees learned Sept. 17.

The year's grant total, the fifth largest in University history, exceeds the previous year's total by more than \$7 million. Some \$2 million in grants was received during the final month of the fiscal year, including an award for \$838,438 from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to Dr. Richard Long of the Department of Blindness and Low Vision Studies to continue a multi-university project aimed at helping low-vision pedestrians negotiate complex intersections.

The board also learned of more than \$9 million in grants already received by WMU since the July 1 start of the current fiscal year. Major grants received during July and August included an award for \$4,535,115 from the U.S. Department of Education to Joseph Kretovics, teaching, learning and leadership, to support the Midwest Educational Reform Consortium.

NEH deputy to speak Friday

Lynne Munson, deputy chairman of the National Endowment for the Humanities, will speak on "Art in an Era of Intolerance" at 3 p.m. Friday, Oct. 1, in the Dalton Center Recital Hall.

Munson's remarks are based on her book, "Exhibitionism: Art in an Era of Intolerance," which examines the impact of postmodern ideas on art making and on art institutions. Her presentation is free and open to the public.

Before coming to NEH in October 2001, Munson was a research fellow at the American Enterprise Institute for Public Policy Research, based in Washington, D.C. Her articles on the arts, culture and education have appeared in the *New York Times*, *Wall Street Journal*, and the *Chicago Tribune*.

Two more SIS information events set for coming weeks

Two more information sessions on the status of the University's new Student Information System—SIS—will be held on campus in the coming weeks.

Sessions will be held from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. in 3150 Schneider on Thursday, Oct. 7; and Wednesday, Oct. 20. Provost Linda Delene will conduct the Oct. 7 session, and James Gilchrist, associate dean of arts and sciences, will conduct the Oct. 20 session.

At each session, faculty and staff members as well as students will get updates on current and future GoWMU portal use as well as information about the implementation of new modules in the SIS. At each session, questions from the audience will be addressed.

Board approves moving forward on much-needed chemistry instructional building

The WMU Board of Trustees, acting during its Sept. 17 meeting, gave the University administration a green light to continue moving toward construction of a new \$28.5 million chemistry building.

In June, the board authorized a fast-track approach to planning the instructional laboratory facility, because of the extreme need for such a building to replace the aging McCracken Hall as a site for student instruction. Trustees set the Sept. 17 meeting as a time to review detailed plans for the proposed building.

The plans presented to the board by representatives from architectural firm Holabird & Root and the construction management firm Miller-Davis Co., included a detailed floor plan for the 83,300-square-foot building as well as a timeline that calls for construction to begin in spring 2005 and an occupancy date of August 2006.

As outlined in the preliminary plans laid out in June, the building will be attached to Wood Hall and bordered on two sides by Waldo Library and the Dalton Center. The facility, which will be used only for student instruction, includes three large auditoriums that can be used both for chemistry and general education purposes, as well as smaller classrooms, instructional labs and spaces dedicated for use by student groups. No faculty offices will be part of the new facility, which will be easily accessed through the connector to Wood Hall, where chemistry faculty have their offices. To preserve campus green space around the building site, a tunnel will connect the new building to the Dalton Center, providing access for shipping and utility maintenance.

A detailed funding plan for the new building will be presented to the board closer to the start of construction.



Front view of the new chemistry building showing canopied walkway on the west side of the facility

Trustees approve \$273 million budget for 2004-05 year

Acting at its Sept. 17 meeting, WMU trustees approved an operating budget of \$273.9 million for fiscal year 2004-05.

The board-approved budget of \$273,932,314 is a revision of a preliminary budget trustees approved in April.

The new budget includes two major ingredients—a base state appropriation of \$110,847,100 and tuition revenue amounting to \$149,860,471. The budget also includes a one-time additional state appropriation of \$3,393,300, which represents a return by the state of base funding cut during the 2003-04 fiscal year. The return of funds is scheduled to come as part of Michigan Gov. Jennifer Granholm's tuition restraint agreement that called for the state to return 60 percent of last year's funding cut to those universities that limited tuition increases for 2004-05 to 2.4 percent.



HEINIGS LAUDED—Professors emeriti Ed and Ruth Heinig flank President Judith Bailey after being honored at the Sept. 24 WMU Foundation Annual Meeting. The Heinigs were co-recipients of the foundation's Volunteer of the Year award for their work in leading the WMU centennial celebration. (Photo by Cheryl Roland)

Visiting scholars to show fusion of theatre, hip-hop

An accomplished playwright, actor and educator and a hip-hop theatre festival director, will visit campus Friday and Saturday, Oct. 1-2, for a public presentation and to work with students.

Will Power and Daniel Banks are being brought here through the Visiting Scholars and Artists Program.

Power has created his own style of theatrical communication, fusing original music, rhymed language and dynamic choreography to produce innovative works. He has appeared on "Last Call with Carson Daly" and on HBO with Russell Simmons' "Def Poetry Jam."

Banks is education director of the New York City Hip-Hop Theatre Festival and

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Campus welcomes new faculty members

Rebekah Farrugia, communication, comes to WMU from the University of Iowa, where she had been a doctoral student and a graduate instructor in communication since 2001. Her research interests include new media technologies, digital media production, popular music studies, women's studies and ethnography. Farrugia earned her bachelor's degree from the University of Windsor, a master's degree from Wayne State University and a doctoral degree from the University of Iowa.



Farrugia

Lixin Shen, mathematics, comes to WMU from West Virginia University, where he had served as a research assistant professor since 2002. His research interests include applied and computational harmonic analysis, computational mathematics and their applications to imaging science and information processing. He earned bachelor's and master's degrees in his native China at Peking University and a doctoral degree at Sun Yat-Sen University, where he also taught.



Shen

Claudia Howard Queen, dance, comes to WMU from Chicago, where she had held composer-in-residence positions with the Field Museum's Music Theatre Workshop since 2001 and was music director of the Chicago Dance Center. Composer of more than 15 musicals, the 1978 graduate of Oberlin College also studied music composition at Bowling Green State University, and she earned an MFA at New York University's Tisch School of the Arts.



Queen

Maarten J. Vonhof, biological sciences and environmental studies, comes to WMU from the University of Tennessee-Knoxville, where he had been a post-doctoral fellow and teaching assistant since 2002. His areas of research are evolutionary ecology and vertebrate biology. He focuses specifically on environmental and biological factors that influence the development of genetic structure in natural populations of bats and their parasites. He earned bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Calgary and a doctoral degree from York University.



Vonhof

Editor's note: This issue of *Western News* marks the start of a new series offering a brief profile of new members of the WMU faculty. Each week, several of the 81 new faculty members will be profiled.

Broncos are seeing red, determined to best CMU in drive

The annual Blood Challenge with Central Michigan University is under way and the Broncos are looking to break out of their slump. WMU has lost the campuswide challenge for the past three years—by a mere three pints in 2003.

We've been needled enough. Help turn things around during this year's seven-week competition by giving blood at one of the blood drive stops.

The schedule is as follows:

- Today, 1 to 7 p.m., Henry Hall;



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- Friday, Oct. 1, 1 to 7 p.m., Eichre/LeFevre Hall;

- Monday, Oct. 4, 1 to 7 p.m., Bernhard Center;

- Tuesday, Oct. 5, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Miller Auditorium;

- Tuesday, Oct. 5, 1 to 7 p.m., Bigelow Hall;

- Wednesday, Oct. 6, noon to 6 p.m., Student Recreation Center;

- Thursday, Oct. 7, 1 to 7 p.m., French Hall;

- Monday, Oct. 11, 1 to 7 p.m., Britton/Hadley Hall;

- Monday, Oct. 18, 1 to 7 p.m., Siedschlag Hall;

- Monday, Oct. 25, 1 to 7 p.m., Bernhard Center; and

- Wednesday, Oct. 27, 1 to 7 p.m., Bernhard Center.

Keep checking the Web site at <www.src.wmich.edu> for schedule changes/additions. For information about donating blood, call (800) GIVE BLOOD, e-mail <broncos@usa.redcross.org> or log on to <www.givelife.org> and, if scheduling a donation, enter WMU as the sponsor.



Smith wins Fulbright in social work for fall trip to England

Andrea Smith, teaching, learning and leadership, has been awarded a Fulbright grant to lecture and work with community groups at three universities in England.

Smith has received a Fulbright Senior Specialists award in social work at Northumbria University and, under a partnership agreement, also will work at the University of Warwick and Oxford University. Smith's visit will build on her recent work in kinship care, especially as it pertains to children living with their grandparents. In addition to lecturing on kinship care at the three universities, she will conduct workshops with community professionals to help them develop programming for high-risk parent populations.

Smith will be in England Nov. 6-20. Her trip builds on previous lecture tours to Liverpool, England, and Dublin, Ireland, five years ago, and Latvia two years ago.

Geographer He completes trip as guest of Chinese academy

Chansheng He, geography, completed a six-week trip to China recently, returning to campus just in time for the start of the fall semester.

He was invited by and his July 22-Aug. 22 trip was funded by the Chinese Academy of Sciences and the Qinghai provincial government to visit several scientific and hydrologic installations across the country. His trip included visits to the CAS' Institute of Geographic Sciences and Natural Resources, and the Qinghai province's Institute for Water Resources and Hydro-power, where he delivered lectures on large watershed modeling and water resources management.

He also visited Jiangxi Normal University and Lanzhou University and took field trips to the headwater of China's Yellow River, the Kunglun Mountain Pass, Xiangride Desert and Qinghai Lake. He is involved in collaborative projects involving hydrologic systems with colleagues in southern China.

Gullickson is D.C. keynoter



Gullickson

Evaluation Center Director Arlen Gullickson was the main speaker at a Sept. 24 forum in Washington, D.C., that was designed to highlight new national standards for student evaluations published late last year by the Joint Committee for Standards for Educational Evaluation.

Federal agency and national foundation representatives attended the event, which was sponsored by the Educational Policy Leadership Institute of ETS. Following Gullickson's presentation, a panel added its comments on the standards. Panel members included Grover Whitehurst of the Department of Education, Barbara Olds of the National Science Foundation and William Kelly of the American National Standards Institute.

Gullickson is the chairperson of the committee, which completed the standards with support from the Kellogg Foundation.

Obituaries



Embs

Ardith B. Embs, emerita in librarianship, died July 6 in Kalamazoo, she was 82.

Embs retired in 1982 after serving for 16 years on the WMU faculty. She joined the faculty in 1966, shortly after earning her master's degree in library science from the University.

Prior to that, she worked as a research assistant at the Upjohn Co. and an assistant city bacteriologist in Kalamazoo.

A lifelong Kalamazoo resident, Embs also was a 1948 alumna of Kalamazoo College.



Grundler

Otto Grundler, who spent 34 years at Western Michigan University building the Medieval Institute and its annual congress into internationally acclaimed resources for the academic world, died Sept. 12 at his home in Kalamazoo. He was 76.

Grundler, who retired from WMU with emeritus status in 1995, was director of the Medieval Institute from 1976 until his retirement. He also was a professor of religion and had been a member of the faculty since 1961, the year before the first medieval congress was convened with an attendance of 150 scholars.

Under Grundler's direction and leadership, the institute and annual congress grew in scope and reputation. Today, the institute enjoys world renown and the institute's International Congress on Medieval Studies attracts some 3,000 scholars from around the globe to WMU each May, making it

the largest and one of the most prestigious medieval studies events in the world.

Grundler was educated in Nordhorn, Germany, and first came to Michigan to attend Western Theological Seminary in Holland, where he earned a bachelor's degree in 1950. He went on to study theology at the University of Gottingen in Germany and earn a doctoral degree in theology from Princeton Theological Seminary in 1961. He served as a pastor at First Presbyterian Church in Stillwater, N.J., for six years while he began his academic career as an instructor of German language and literature at Westminster Choir College and a Princeton teaching fellow in history and Christian thought.

Human Resources

The fall 2004 movie series for staff will run from 12:10 to 1:30 p.m. Wednesdays, Oct. 6, Oct. 13 and Oct. 20, in 106-07 Bernhard Center. Grab your lunch and start off your afternoon with a free, fun and informative movie matinee. Popcorn will be provided.

The coming attractions for this year are: "Accountability That Works," Oct. 6; "Delegating for Diehards," Oct. 13; and "Curing the Attitude Virus," Oct. 20. Each video is about 20 minutes long and will be followed by 30 minutes of activities and an optional 30-minute discussion.

You can reserve your ticket now by sending an e-mail to <training@wmich.edu>. For more information, call Felicia Crawford at 7-3635.

Flu, meningitis vaccination clinics scheduled for October

Four clinics have been scheduled in October to provide flu and meningitis vaccinations to faculty, staff, emeriti/retirees and students, as well as their eligible family members. Flu and meningitis shots also will

Jobs

While a campuswide job freeze remains in effect, the following vacancies have been approved for posting as positions that are essential for the continued operation of the unit represented. All position authorizations must have the approval of a WMU vice president to be posted during the hiring freeze.

Vacancies are posted through the Job Opportunity Program by human resources. Interested benefits-eligible employees should submit a job opportunity transfer application during the posting period.

Employees may call the Applicant Information Service at 7-3669 to hear the weekly job postings.

(R) **Assistant Manager**, Books, 15, WMU Bookstore, 04/05-4492, 9/27-10/4/04

(R) **Office Coordinator**, 14, Office of the Dean, Haworth College of Business, 04/05-4525, 9/27-10/4/04

(R) **Vice Provost for Enrollment Management**, 22, Office of the Provost, 04/05-4526, 9/27-10/4/04

(R) **Aviation Maintenance Technician** (term appointment ending 6/30/05), 16, College of Aviation, 04/05-4527, 9/27-10/4/04

(N) **Assistant/Associate Professor** (tenure track; academic year), 130/120, Biological Sciences, 04/05-4528, 9/27-10/4/04

(R) **Assistant/Associate Professor** (tenure track; academic year), 130/140, Statistics, 04/05-4529, 9/27-10/4/04

(R) **Medical Assistant**, 11, Sindecuse Health Center, 04/05-4530, 9/27-10/4/04

N= New • R= Replacement
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Twenty-three on faculty begin fall semester with promotions

Twenty-three faculty members began the fall semester with promotions, thanks to action approved June 30 by the Board of Trustees.

Eighteen faculty members were promoted to the rank of full professor and two to associate professor. In addition, one faculty member was promoted to master faculty specialist and two others to faculty specialist II. All of the promotions became effective with the beginning of the 2004-05 academic year.

The faculty members and their academic areas, by the academic rank or position to which they were promoted, are:

Professor—Lisa E. Baker, psychology; Robert J. Bensley, health physical education and recreation; Steven B. Bertman, chemistry; David J. Flanagan, management; Wendy Z. Ford, communication; Janos L. Grantner, electrical and computer engineering; Rand H. Johnson, foreign languages; William W. Liou, mechanical and aeronautical engineering; Steven B. Malcolm, biological sciences; Larry A. Mallak, industrial and manufacturing engineering; Subra Muralidharan, chemistry; Joshua Naranjo, statistics; Michael Nassaney, anthropology; Sam N. Ramrattan, industrial and

manufacturing engineering; Mary E. Ross, University Libraries; Susan R. Stapleton, chemistry; Edmond Tsang, mechanical and aeronautical engineering; and Brian Wilson, comparative religion.

Associate professor—Gary Bischof, counselor education and counseling psychology; Lynn Brice, teaching learning and leadership; David Curwen, dance; Toby Daspit, teaching, learning and leadership; Susan Hoffman, political science; Gregory Howard, sociology; Yvette Hyter, speech pathology and audiology; Margaret Joyce, paper engineering, chemical engineering and imaging; Karlis Kaugars, computer science; Ronald Larson, marketing; Matthew Mingus, public affairs and administration; James Muchmore, teaching learning and leadership; Lawrence T. Potter, Africana studies; Elke Schoffers, chemistry; Laura T. Spielvogel, anthropology; Thomas Swartz, industrial and manufacturing engineering; Vince Torano, school of art; and James Visser, public affairs and administration.

Master faculty specialist—Berit G. Miller, occupational therapy.

Faculty specialist II—Jerrie L. Fiala, industrial and manufacturing engineering, and Laurie E. Hays, accountancy.

be available during regular walk-in hours at the Sindecuse Health Center each weekday beginning Oct. 1.

The first clinic is especially geared to accommodate emeriti/retirees and will be held from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 5, in 3230 and 3240 Sindecuse. The remaining clinics will be held from: 2 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 14, on the second floor of the Student Recreation Center; 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 19, in 157-58 Bernhard Center; and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 27, in the faculty/staff lounge (Room D120) of the engineering building on the Parkview Campus.

No appointments are needed to visit the clinics. Flu shots cost \$15 and meningitis shots cost \$82. These fees may be charged to an individual's University account or paid at the time of service in cash or by personal check. Credit cards will not be accepted. More information is available by calling Sindecuse at 7-3287 or visiting <www.sindecuse.com>.

Exchange

FOR SALE—Home near WMU. Four-bedroom, two-bath ranch walkout with 2,800 square feet on deep 1.18-acre lot with separate 24' x 32' workshop building. Home in like-new condition with new mechanicals, kitchen, bathrooms, central air, doors and windows. Must be seen to be appreciated. Fantastic location, easy walk to campus. \$209,899. Call Randy at 382-8056 or visit <www.randyparker.com>.

On Campus with Charles Heynig



PART OF THE SECRET SERVICE
(Photo by Jeanne Baron)

Security is a big deal to Charles Heynig.

That was true at age 19 when he began a six-year stint as a nuclear power plant electrician on Navy submarines and it's true today in his role as a junior programmer/analyst for the Office of Information Technology.

Heynig's key duties are to keep campus computers safe from snoopers and hackers, ensure that computer systems for administrative units function smoothly, and work with computer users and OIT staff to solve problems and improve efficiency.

"Mainly, I make sure people can get their work done when they need it done," he says. "It's really satisfying to know you have a positive impact on so many students, faculty and staff."

Heynig also is involved with several University initiatives, including the new electronic bill payment services, Student Information System and GoWMU intranet portal.

"The most interesting part of my job is learning new information and skills," he says of such initiatives. "I always like to learn new ways of getting things done better."

Heynig grew up in Lansing, Mich., with 11 brothers and sisters and has lived in Guam and South Carolina. After his discharge from the Navy, he "de-stressed" by managing a pet store, then moved back to Michigan to reenergize his career.

Much of his spare time is filled by staying current in his field and working on a bachelor of business administration degree in business information systems. For enjoyment, Heynig fishes, sails and attends local theatre productions.

Campus Classic offers special team rates for faculty, staff

Race organizers are offering faculty and staff members special incentives to form teams and compete in the Campus Classic 5K race on Homecoming Saturday.

The annual race, which in past years has drawn as many as 2,000 runners and volunteers, is set for 9 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 16, following an 8:15 1K walk and kids fun run. The 5 K certified course takes competitors on a cross-campus tour and attracts adult and student teams and individual runners.

Now in its sixth year, the Campus Classic offers challenge trophies in a variety of team categories. Faculty and staff members are encouraged to form departmental teams with colleagues or with students to challenge teams from other departments. Race organizers are looking for a minimum of five faculty/staff teams competing this year in order to add another challenge trophy to the mix.



Any faculty or staff member can form a team that can enter the race at student rates—\$30 per team for a three- to five-person team completing registration by

Wednesday, Oct. 14. The rate after that date is \$35. To qualify for the discount, a three-person team needs only one faculty or staff member. A five-person team can enter with just two employees. Each registered team member will receive a T-shirt, and complimentary refreshments. All competitors

also have a chance to win a \$500 AAA travel voucher and other raffle prizes. In addition, each WMU student participant has a chance to win one of 10 WMU parking passes.

For more information about the race or to register to compete, visit the race Web site at <www.wmich.edu/race>, or call 7-8402. Volunteers also are needed for the race and those wishing to volunteer can register at

Visiting scholars

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instructor of theatre studies in NYU's Department of Drama. He has directed numerous off-Broadway shows.

Power and Banks will present a public lecture-demo titled "Hip-Hop Theatre: Routes and Branches" at 5 p.m. Friday, Oct. 1, in Dalton Center Recital Hall. They also will present private workshops for WMU and Kalamazoo College theatre majors and high school students during their stay. Their visit also is sponsored by the theatre department, University Theatre Guild, Multicultural Affairs, Kalamazoo College, Black Americana Studies and the Northside Ministerial Alliance.

For more information, call Patrick Donnelly at 7-3227.

Series offers reading tonight by poet, 'Hip Logic' author

Award-winning poet Terrance Hayes, author of "Hip Logic," will read from his work at 8 p.m. today—Sept. 30—in the Little Theatre on the WMU campus.

Hayes' presentation is the second in the Fall 2004 Gwen Frostic Reading Series, which is free and open to the public. Hayes, who teaches at Carnegie Mellon University, explores imagination, desire and race in his poems and looks at the intersections and tensions of autobiography and culture.

Hayes' most recent work "Hip Logic" was a National Poetry Series Open Competition selection and a finalist for the Los Angeles Times Book Award. For more information about Hayes' visit, call Dr. Arnie Johnston, chairperson of English, at 7-2571.

Ethics talk to focus on dilemma of coercive drug abuse treatment

An authority on drug addiction will talk about the benefits and drawbacks of coercive drug treatment during a presentation at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 5, in Fetzer Center's Putney Auditorium.

Michael Liepman is a family therapist, addiction psychiatrist, director of research at the Michigan State University-Kalamazoo Center for Medical Studies and medical director of the Jim Gilmore Jr. Treatment Center.

His talk, titled "To Treat Coercibly or Not to Treat: Dilemmas in Dealing with Substance Abuse," is sponsored by the WMU Center for the Study of Ethics in Society. The program is supported by the Michael K. and Shirley Bach Endowment for the Ethics Center.

For more information, call the center at 7-4397, send an e-mail to <ethicscenter@wmich.edu> or visit the center's Web site at <www.wmich.edu/ethics>.



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