Sky is the limit for scholarship winners

"Ad astra," meaning "to the stars," was emblazoned on his family home in England, but before coming to WMU this summer, Peter Kingdon could only dream of what it was like to truly reach that high.

For six weeks this summer, the retired local government official is fulfilling his lifelong goal of being a pilot. Kingdon contracted polio at an early age, leaving him able to walk only a short distance and unable to use the control pedals in the cockpit. Through a special scholarship program called the Royal International Air Tattoo Flying Scholarships for the Disabled, he's flying now—with instruction from WMU's College of Aviation faculty and the assistance of a specially fitted hand controller that gives him access to the rudder controls.

Kingdon and two other prospective pilots with disabilities are at WMU this summer as recipients of the prestigious scholarships, which were established in 1983 in memory of Sir Douglas Bader, famed Royal Air Force flying ace and squadron commander who downed 23 enemy planes during World War II, undeterred by the loss of both legs early in his flying career. More than 170 flight students have been trained through the program that is intended to afford people with disabilities the opportunity to experience a sense of freedom and release from physical restraints.

Kingdon, 59, of Colchester, Essex; Ian Rutland, 41, an environmental officer from Pitreavie, Durham; and Declan Breen, 34, a computer engineer from High Peak, Derbyshire; began their flight training July 15. The trio is expected to remain on campus until after a special wing ceremony being planned for them Aug. 22.

Kingdon took to the skies at the controls for the first time July 16, and in the next two weeks, completed seven flights. Besides the FAA-approved hand controller for the rudder, several other small adaptations were made to make those flights possible. For example, cushions were added to the pilot's seat to give him a better field of vision, two portable steps give him easier access to the cockpit and an extension was added to a fuel-check device so he can reach the fuel lines to do a preflight check.

He says he has dreamed of flying since he was a child and was heavily influenced in his love for aviation by his father, who was a member of the Royal Air Force. His father, in fact, pulled the "ad astra" phrase from a longer RAF motto and made it the Kingdon family motto.

After half a dozen flights this summer, Kingdon had identified his favorite part of flying. Surprisingly, he says it's the landing:

"The landing's the best part. I don't like the flight being finished, but I love the sensation of landing."

Burnie is HCOB’s associate dean and graduate director

David A. Burnie has been promoted to the position of associate dean and director of graduate programs in WMU’s Haworth College of Business.

In his new role, which was effective Aug. 5, Burnie oversees the college’s graduate program and assists faculty members in obtaining external research grants and other funding. The associate dean also serves as the liaison to the college’s MBA sites around the world, works to ensure quality and continuous improvement and leads curriculum planning for core business courses.

Burnie replaces Richard L. Hodges, who will return to the faculty as an associate professor of accountancy.

"I'm delighted that David Burnie has agreed to take on this important job," says Dean James W. Schmoller. "David is a well-known scholar in the field of finance and has been active in the area of graduate education. He has spent time at Stockholm University and taken a sabbatical leave to work with the Kellogg Corp.'s Financial Analysis and Planning Division. Thus, David brings an understanding of the global and practitioner viewpoints that are so important to business education at the Haworth College."

Most recently, Burnie served as a professor of finance and commercial law and director of the Financial Studies Program in the college. A WMU faculty member since 1987, he was a visiting professor at Stockholm University in 2001. He also has served on the faculties of the University of Tennessee-Knoxville, the University of Windsor and Syracuse University.

He is a Chartered Financial Analyst in the Institute of Chartered Financial Analysts and he has earned the Certified Cash Manager designation from the Association for Financial Professionals. An active researcher who studies the stock and bond markets in the United States and Canada, Burnie is the author of "Testbank for Corporate Finance," now in its sixth edition from Richard D. Irwin Publishing. Burnie was one of the key players in the founding of the business college’s Co-Op MBA Program.
Home address and phone number changes needed

Employees who have not reported home address or phone number changes to human resources are asked to do so by Tuesday, Sept. 10, so that correct information can be published in the 2002-03 campus directory.

Changes should be reported in writing and should include the employee's full name, employee ID or Social Security number, the new home address or home phone number, the employee's signature and the date. The notice should be sent by mail or delivered to Human Resources Information Processing, 1240 Seibert Administration Building.

Please note:
• Employees do not need to report a change in area code to 269 if their local phone number has not changed. This will be done automatically for phone numbers affected by the change.
• Changes in department or campus address or phone number will be reported by the employee's department. Employees do not need to personally report these changes.

Exchange


FOR SALE—1970s bedroom set: head-board, triple dresser with mirrors, night stand. All for $150. Call 383-7185.

FOR SALE—Nice clean sofa set, includes sofa, loveseat and chair. Excellent condition. Only five years old and rarely used in past two and one-half years. $150. Call Amanda at 372-6278.


FOR SALE—1992 GMC Safari van. Very good vehicle, $2,500 or best offer. Call 646-3229.

MEDC

innovation center currently occupies space in WMU's McCracken Hall and early next year will move to its own building, which is now being built at the BTR Park. The center has been developed over the past two years to help emerging life science companies germinate and form a high-tech cluster that will diversify Kalamazoo's economy.

The MEDC grant will be used to partially fund staff salaries, acquire additional bioscience equipment and launch accelerator programs. The accelerator will be managed by an experienced CEO, who is currently being recruited through a nationwide search, as well as a chief operating officer and a client services manager.

Graham P. Hawks, professor emeritus of history, died July 25 in Kalamazoo. He was 75.

Hawks was a member of the WMU faculty for 34 years and served as chairperson of the WMU Canadian Studies Committee for many years. A native of Milwaukee, Hawks retired from WMU in 1994. He earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Rochester and master's and doctoral degrees from the University of Wisconsin. He was active in several organizations dedicated to improving U.S.-Canadian understanding. A memorial service was held July 30.
The following employees will be recognized for 35, 30, 25, 20, 15, 10 and five years of service to the University during August.

**35 years**—Kenneth D. Bartholomew, University dining services; Jolene V. Jackson, International Student Services; Richard R. MacDonald, sociology; John L. Michael, psychology; Eldor C. Quandt, geography; Robert E. Shamu, physics; Vishva B. L. Sharma, College of Arts and Sciences; Gerald L. Sievers, statistics; Thomas Sill, communication; Janet E. Stillwell, dance; Michael R. Stoline, statistics; and Lawrence Ziring, political science.

**30 years**—Arthur W. Helweg, anthropology; Maria Jonaitis, multicultural affairs; Stephen G. Jones, music; Joseph G. Reish, Lee Honors College; Herman U. Teichert, foreign languages and literatures; and Charles C. Warfield, teaching, learning and leadership.

**25 years**—Halbert E. Bates, multicultural affairs; Donald F. Cooney, social work; Linda M. Delene, Office of the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs; Leonard C. Ginsberg, College of Arts and Sciences; Richard B. Hathaway, mechanical and aeronautical engineering; Elise B. Jorgens, College of Arts and Sciences; Mark C. Kerstetter, computer science; Mushtaq Luqmani, marketing; Trudy L. Palm, physical plant-utilities; Majia Petersons, family and consumer sciences; Marsha H. Santow, University libraries; Kenneth F. Schaefer, admissions and orientation; and Theodore L. Skartsias, Valley #1 dining service.

**20 years**—Vicki M. Carter, University libraries; Elise DeDoncker, computer science; Marilyn S. Kritzman, residence life; Elizabeth W. Kuhle, intercollegiate athletics; Joanne Marshall, Registrar's Office; Edward J. Mayo, marketing; S. Hossein Mousavinezhad, electrical and computer engineering; Nina Nelson, dance; Susan Pozo, economics; and Margaret L. Springer, logistical services.

**15 years**—Dewayne Anderson, teaching, learning and leadership; David A. Burnie, finance and commercial law; Robert F. D'Amelio, intercollegiate athletics; James R. Daniels, theatre; Raghvendra R. Geji, electrical and computer engineering; William C. Gross, health, physical education and recreation; Philip J. Guichelaar, mechanical and aeronautical engineering; Margaret J. Hamilton, music; Diana Hernandez, multicultural affairs; Patricia M. Holton, public safety; Katherine Hoslin, English; William S. Kern, economics; Renata A. Knific, music; Thomas Knific, music; David E. Little, music; David M. Lyth, industrial and manufacturing engineering; Roman J. Rabiej, construction engineering, materials engineering and industrial design; Robert C. Scherzer, physics; Rebecca S. Solomon, International Student Services; Kathleen K. Springsteen, College Of Education; Bruce J. Uchimura, music; Linda C. Walker, Office of the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs; and Allen Zagarell, anthropology.

**10 years**—Karen R. Blaisure, family and consumer sciences; Allen Carey-Webb, English; David Code, music; Sylvia Culp, philosophy; David J. Flanagan, management; Debra L. Hazel, occupational therapy; Keith Jones, art; Jil C. Larson, English; Timothy J. Light, comparative religion; Mary A. Loewe, English; Michael Nassaney, anthropology; Craig A. Peterson, finance and commercial law; Richard E. Plank, marketing; G. Thomas Ray, educational studies; Ajay A. Samant, finance and commercial law; Zoann K. Snyder, sociology; and Donna M. Talbot, counselor education and counseling psychology.

**Five years**—Hideko Abe, Asian and Middle Eastern languages; Richard Adams, music; Robert L. Amene, anthropology; Michael J. Barcelona, chemistry; Josephine Barry-Davis, teaching, learning and leadership; Albert M. Bee, nursing; Joseph A. Brandao, history; Eileen W. Buckley, family and consumer sciences; Steven E. Butt, industrial and manufacturing engineering; Scott M. Carr, physical plant-landscape services; Scott Dykstra, English; Michelle L. Hastings, international affairs; James A. Henry, social work; Georgina B. Hill, English; David N. Hutt, accountancy; Sandra D. Kelly, information technology; Kathleen M. Kline, mathematics; Michelle Kominz, geosciences; Kirk T. Korista, physics; Ashlyn K. Kuersten, political science; Lori S. Ledaiey, mathematics; David Lemberg, geography; Janice L. Meyer, WMU Bookstore; Berit G. Miller, occupational therapy; Damon A. Miller, electrical and computer engineering; Mark Orbe, communication; James R. Palmitessa, history; Peter E. Parker, paper and printing science and engineering; Michael E. Raines, mathematics; Alan L. Rea Jr., business information systems; John Saillant, English; Nancy M. Schullery, business information systems; Lori Sims, music; Mary Jo Smith, teaching, learning and leadership; Linda K. Spiker, Sindecuse Health Center; Marcia Louise Thompson, admissions and orientation; Vince Torano, art; James Van Rhee, physician assistant; Xiaojun Wang, Asian and Middle Eastern languages; Karen Wicklund, music; Michael J. Woodhams, physical plant-maintenance services; Jacqueline L. Wylie, nursing; Steven Ziebarth, mathematics; and Teresa L. Ziebarth, mathematics.

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### Calendar

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**AUGUST**

**8.16 Friday**
Summer session ends.

**8.25 Sunday**
Bronco Days, residence halls open for first-year students participating in Bronco Days, 8 a.m.

**8.29 Thursday**
Campus Employment Fair, sponsored by Career and Student Employment Services, Student Recreation Center Tennis Courts, 9 a.m.-noon.

*Football vs. Indiana State, "CommUniverCity," Waldo Stadium, 7:30 p.m.*

**8.30 Friday**
Residence halls open for all students, 8 a.m.

**9.2 Monday - Labor Day**
WMU offices closed. No classes.

**9.3 Tuesday**
Fall semester begins. Classes begin at 4 p.m.

Bronco Bash, Fine Arts Plaza, 3-10 p.m.

*Admission charged*