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Bronco football squad gets national praise for grad rates

The WMU football team recently was recognized by the American Football Coaches Association for its success in graduating student-athletes.

In a survey conducted by the AFCA, WMU was one of nine schools that posted a graduation rate of 90 percent or better over a five-year period. The survey focused on scholarship athletes who enrolled as freshmen or transfers during the 1996-97 academic year and included data collected from 80 Division I programs.

Northwestern University earned the AFCA's 2002 Academic Achievement Award with a 100 percent graduation rate. The eight other schools in the 90 percent group are Boston College, Duke University, the University of Notre Dame, the University of Nebraska, Pennsylvania State University, Rice University, Vanderbilt University and WMU.

"This recognition is a very positive reflection on Coach (Gary) Darnell, the student-athletes in our football program and this University," says Jeff Stone, associate athletic director who oversees academic services.

During the 2001-02 academic year, 51 Bronco football players recorded semester grade-point averages of 3.0 or better. In addition, 15 players were named to the Mid-American Conference Football Honor Roll and five players made the MAC All-Academic Team.

Web sites need new 269 code

Southwest Michigan's new area code, 269, went live July 13.

David H. Smith, WMU's director of graphics and design, recommends that University offices begin immediately updating University Web sites to reflect the new code in all contact information. All new and reprinted materials also should include the 269 code.

MEDC gives \$550,000 to Kalamazoo SmartZone for technology accelerator

With a \$550,000 grant announced July 30, the Michigan Economic Development Corp., the state's economic development organization, has given Kalamazoo SmartZone officials the boost they need to develop a technology business accelerator that will serve as a model for the state and nation.

Matt Dugener, managing director of Targeted Community Initiatives for MEDC's Community and Business Services, traveled to Kalamazoo to deliver both a check and



SMART REMARKS—Matt Dugener, manager of the MEDC's SmartZone programs, traveled to the BTR Park last week to announce the \$550,000 accelerator grant.
(Photo by Neil Rankin)

news of his agency's support to city leaders, principals in the Local Development Finance Authority and the heads of Southwest Michigan First and WMU. The grant, which was awarded to the city's LDFA, will be used to fund the first two years of activity for a business accelerator that will be located in the Southwest Michigan Innovation Center in WMU's Business Technology and Research Park.

The new accelerator program will supplement the innovation center's basic incubator services with a communitywide approach to nurturing new firms that will include entrepreneurial training programs, access to capital,

technology transfer assistance, access to talented personnel, market and product development research, and other high-level business development services. As many as 20 start-up firms are expected to spin out of the center during its first five years of operation. Among the key features of the accelerator will be:

- a venture capital focus to expand economic development opportunities by expanding access to seed money;
- a mentoring program for the CEOs of start-up companies utilizing management talent in the area as well as further development of Kalamazoo's technology talent pool;
- an on-site hub bringing together Kalamazoo community resources in the areas of personnel;
- development, technology transfer and small business development; and
- establishment of both an area business service provider network and a sophisticated Web site that will include multiple databases of information and resource links.

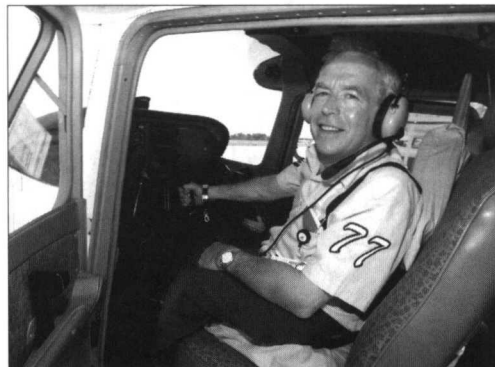
Southwest Michigan First created the proposal for the MEDC grant application. The

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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



PEDAL TO THE METAL—

Getting ready for a recent flight, Peter Kingdon demonstrates the special hand controller that gives him access to the floor rudder control pedals.

(Photo by Neil Rankin)

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 Pity Me, 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.

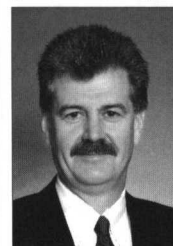
After half a dozen flights this summer, Kingdon had identified his favorite part of flying. Surprisingly, he says it's the landing.

"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 mem-



Burnie

bers 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. Schmotter. "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.



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Jobs

The following vacancies are currently being posted through the Job Opportunity Program by the Human Resource Services Department. Interested benefits-eligible employees should submit a job opportunity transfer application during the posting period, and may contact a human resource services staff member for assistance in securing these positions.

Employees may call the Applicant Information Service at 7-3669 to hear the weekly Job Opportunity Program postings, seven days a week, 24 hours a day from a Touch Tone phone.

Grade 10 clerical positions are not required to be posted. For persons interested in faculty positions, there are openings in selected fields. A letter of application should be submitted to the appropriate dean or chairperson.

Please call the Applicant Information Service for up-to-date information on the Job Opportunity Program and vacancies available to external applicants.

(R) **Library Assistant, Senior**, 13, University Libraries, 02/03-3066, 8/5-8/12/02

(R) **Office Assistant**, 11, Intercollegiate Athletics, 02/03-3067, 8/508/12/02

(R) **Stockroom Assistant** (maintenance stores), M-2, Logistical Services, 02/03-3068, 8/5-8/12/02

(N) **Administrative Assistant, Senior**, 15, Human Resources, 02/03-3070, 8/5-8/12/02

(R) **Clerk**, 10, Registrar's Office, 02/03-3071, 8/5-8/12/02

N= New

R= Replacement

WMU is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer.

Next News is Sept. 5

This is the last issue of the *Western News* for the summer session. The *News* will resume publication Thursday, Sept. 5, in its larger format.

The editorial deadline for that issue is 5 p.m. Friday, Aug. 30.

Human resources

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

Zest for Life

Join Zest for Life

The Zest For Life program is an opportunity for all benefits-eligible WMU employees, retirees and their spouses to enhance personal health and well-being free of charge. Various health promotion programs and fitness/wellness opportunities are offered each semester.

The Zest for Life staff invites employees to get started with them this fall and commit to improving their quality of life. For more information, call the Zest for Life office at 7-3543 or send e-mail to <ZFL@wmich.edu>. Interested employees can also check the Web site at <www.src.wmich.edu> for the fall schedule and locations of programs. Watch for additional Zest information and updates in future issues of the *Western News*.

MEDC

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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.

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—Top-of-the-line Winchester bike trailer. Holds two children, easy to pull, bright pink/green. Great gift idea, \$150. Call 7-5191.

FOR SALE—1970s bedroom set: headboard, 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.

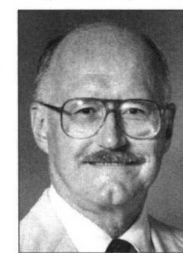
FOR RENT—One-bedroom condominium located off Stadium Drive in Oshtemo. Newly carpeted, central air and self-cleaning oven. Carport and wooded setting with deck and storage room. Laundry facilities and pool on grounds. \$560. Call 373-6436.

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

Obituary

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



Hawks

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.

Service

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; Maija Petersons, family and consumer sciences; Marsha H. Santow, University libraries; Kenneth F. Schaefer, admissions and orientation; and Theodore L. Skartsiaris, 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. Gejji, 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 Joslin, 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 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. Anemone, anthropology; Michael J. Barcelona, chemistry; Josephine Barry-Davis, teaching, learning and leadership; Alberta M. Bee, nursing; Jose 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. Hurtt, accountancy; Sandra D. Kelly, information technology; Kathleen M. Kline, mathematics; Michelle Kominz, geosciences; Kirk T. Korista, physics; Ashlyn K. Kuersten, political science; Iouri S. Lediaev, mathematics; David Lemberg, geography; Janice I. 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 I. 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.

Calendar

The master calendar maintained by the Office of University Relations for use in *Western News* is available through WMU's home page on the World Wide Web. Select WMU News and then look for Calendar of Events. You can also link directly to the calendar at <www.wmich.edu/wmu/news/events>.

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**