Admissions closed for incoming freshmen for third straight year

For the third consecutive year, the University of Michigan accepted 4,426 freshman applications for admission to its fall 2001 class on May 1. Last fall, WMU admitted a record 4,543 students to its class of 2001.

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dents in Michigan and around the nation are turning out in record numbers to take advantage of an opportunity to attend one of Michigan’s top universities,” said President Elson S. Floyd in announcing the decision. “While we’re pleased at this level of response, we’re also watching the trends carefully and working very hard to keep our incoming class at a size that will allow us to preserve the level of quality and service all of our students want and deserve.”

According to Dean John Fraire, admissions, the move to close freshman ad-

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Engler appoints two to BOT

Michigan Gov. John Engler announced on April 11 that he has appointed two new people to serve on the WMU Board of Trustees.

DeNoyer of Kalamazoo and Don Pero of Dimondale will begin serving eight-year terms on the board and are expected to be sworn in May 30 at the trustees’ next regular meeting.

DeNoyer is a lifelong area resident who has been actively involved with the Third Christian Reformed Church, Kalamazoo Christian Schools, the Kalamazoo Institute of Arts and the Gual- tional Clinic of Kalamazoo. A 1984 gradu-

ate of Michigan State University, she served as a clothing buyer for Kalamazoo’s Redwood & Ross from 1985 to 1988. She replaces Joan Krause of Grand Rapids, whose term has expired.

Pero previously served as a WMU trustee in 1997 until relocation to Florida caused him to step down. He is a partner in the Lansing-based public relations firm Sterling Corp. Previously, he was managing director for the Michigan office of public relations firm Weber-Shandwick Worldwide and vice president for Eckerd Corp., a national retail drug firm with headquarters in Florida. Prior to his work in the private sector, the 1973 WMU alumnus was Gov. Engler’s chief of staff. He also is a member of the Pontiac Sta-

dium Building Authority and a past mem-

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sion. He replaces George Franklin of Kalamazoo, whose term has expired.

Kalamazoo’s Fluid Process is second firm to commit to BTR park

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Medieval Congress will attract more than 3,000

Never mind the robins and the daffodils. Spring hasn’t officially reached Kalamazoo until the mediavisualists arrive. More than 3,000 students and scholars descending on the city and WMU for the 36th International Congress on Medieval Studies that begins today and lasts through Sunday, May 6. The largest gathering of medievialists in the world, the congress has become the premier academic event in the nearly four decades. The four-day event, sponsored by the WMU Medieval Institute, attracts researchers, historians, art curators, monks, nuns and vendors from around the world.

The congress offers participants an action-packed program with academic presentations, a film festival, music, theatre and the chance to see and study the dam at Three Gorges, reach Kalamazoo until the medievalists arrive. This year’s conference includes presentations of more than 1,700 papers in nearly 600 sessions, three theatrical events, two film festivals and a medieval film festival on Saturday evening where scholars andore Dante for dancing.

According to Paul E. Szarmach, Medieval Institute, no matter what your particular medieval specialty or interest, this year’s congress probably has it covered.

“There are sessions on drama, medicine, law and education. We also have scholars who will talk about weapons, gender issues, death and dysfunctional families. And yes, there are monsters, demons and hell mouths, too,” Szarmach notes.

With topics like “Mediterranean Women, Their Cultures,” The Challenges of Teaching Medieval Studies in the Bible Belt,” “Infamous but Dead Medievalists” and The Dysfunctional Family in the Middle Ages,” there will be plenty about which congress attendees can talk. Szarmach points out that this year, there is also much to see.

A number of musical and theatrical events are scheduled during the congress and are open to the public. They include performances by early music group Tapestry and organist Marjani Maravi. They will perform on Thursday and May 9 at the WMU Bernhard Center. The concerts will also address a variety of significant contributions to the field of professional communication. Their plans include visiting the terra cotta construction site of the Three Gorges Dam, and Great Wall in Beijing, and the chance to see both the dam and the city of Shenyang, identified as the most polluted place on earth, is intriguing. “As an environmentalist, I am eager to see and study the dam at Three Gorges,” he says. “I think we see it in tangible, visible results in the making. It will flood some of the most beautiful land in the world and is a viola-tion of rules of nature and morality. At the same time, one in five people in the world is Chinese and you can’t blame China for trying find power for its very large population.”

In fact, Bailey’s conference presentation, “It’s History Useful? The USAs’ Environmental Ethic in an Era of Globalization,” will show how developing countries such as China can learn from the environmen-tal mistakes made in the United States.

Joslin’s presentation will address “Global-ization and Turn-of-the-Century Imag-ery” based on his current strengthening of Jane Addams, the first woman to win the Nobel Peace Prize, Addams who traveled to the three embarking sites, developed “newer ideals of peace” in hopes of finding a moral substitute for war.

Joslin and Bailey head for Sino-U.S. relations conference in China

The relationship between the United States and China is at the forefront of what hasn’t stopped two WMU faculty mem-bers from accepting an invitation from the Chinese government to participate in an international conference on U.S.-Sino re-lations.

Katherine Joslin, English and director of the American Studies Program, and Thomas C. Bailey, English and associate vice president for academic affairs, will leave May 15 to reach Kalamazoo, China, for a conference on “Globalization and Sino-U.S. Relations” at the University of the Con-tern of the Century in China. The May 18-20 conference is sponsored by the China Academy of Social Sciences, the U.S. Embassy in China and the Insti-tute of American Studies at NEU. Bailey and Joslin are among 40 speakers and 12 foreign scholars participating in the program. According to WMU’s M. Scott Tanner, political science and an expert on China, the conference, the satellite is an indication of the significance of the event.

“This conference involves some impor-tant people on the Chinese side,” Tanner says, adding that the Chinese conference is a result of one of China’s top foreign policy think tanks for studying the United States. Other schools and organizations in the Chinese academical institutions are also taking part.

After the conference, Bailey and Joslin will spend several days as guest lecturers at NEU and explore the possibility of develop-

ing a reciprocal relationship between that university and WMU.

Both professors admit feeling a little trepi-dation about the trip in light of recent events, which, they say, have been significant contributions to the field of professional communication.

Joslin and Bailey

Third coast writers meet on campus May 10-12

Literary notables will have the chance to meet and get advice from an assortment of prominent, award-winning authors and poets on campus next week as part of the Third Coast Writer’s Conference.

This is the 14th year for the conference, which will take place Thursday, Saturday, May 10-12. Sponsored by the Department of English and WMU’s College of Arts and Sciences, the conference is a celebration of fiction, nonfiction, memoir and poetry writing in which successful writers share their insights with participants and the community. Conference participants are selected in part on the basis of their manuscript submit-tions.

A number of the authors who are participat-ing in the conference will present readings of their work during three evening sessions at the Bernhard Center. All readings will take place at 8 p.m. in the South Ballroom of the Bernhard Center. The public reading featured artists:

• Thursday, May 10, Martha Rhodes, poet and director of Four Way Books, an independent literary press; Brooks Hatton, author of the 1990 Yen Poetry in Transla-tion Award, and Darcy Smithe, author of the novel “Caucasia,” which won the Book of the Month Club First Fiction Award.

• Friday, May 11, W. S. Merwin, author and winner of the Pulitzer Prize.

• Saturday, May 12, Jane Brox, nonfic-tion writer and author of “Five Thousand Days Like This One”; Edward Hirsch, an award-winning poet who penned “How to be Work Forgotten,” which was recently named a finalist for the 2001 Pulitzer Prize for Literature.

This year’s conference is directed by J.D. Dolan, English. For more information, visit the Web site at www.wmich.edu/thirdcoast/conference.html.

Schmottter tapped for two roles

Haworth College of Business Dean James W. Schmottter recently joined the advisory council for the school’s new business and organization and became editor of a national magazine.

AM-UB: The International Associa-tion for Management Education recently appointed Schmottter as the new chair of its ad-visory council. The council will be working to develop closer relationships between global corpo-rate leaders and the AAMBE.

Schmottter recently became executive editor of Selection, the Association of Management Admission Council’s magazine. Working with an international editorial advisory board that includes manage-ment leaders and recruitment professionals, he is responsible for the magazine’s editorial policy and content. The APAC issue of Selection, which reaches 10,000 opinion shapers in management education, featured Schmott-ter’s new editorial and design format.

HPER department chairperson, faculty member earn honors

Faculty in the Department of Health, Physical Education and Recreation were recognized at the recent Spring Honors and Awards CERemony of the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recr-eration and Dance.

Cheryl Gagie, who retired in 1996 after more than 22 years of service, was active in a variety of roles with community organi-zations and served as advisor for the stu-dents. She was awarded the Midwest District Honor Award, which is given to those who demonstrate leadership, the profession and meritorious service and leadership for at least 10 years. She is the highest award bestowed by the district.

Jiabei Zhang was recognized as an in-dustrial alumna who has dedicated her life for the alliance. Zhang also presented his research on motor behavior and so-cial populations, examining the short-age of school recreation and therapeutic recreation specialists in the United States.

Two to receive local PR award

A WMU faculty member and a former University administrator will be honored May 8 for their achievements in the field of public relations.

George Robecek, town executive di-rector of public relations and communi-cations, will both receive the Tony Griffin Golden Word Award from InterCom-The Association of Profes-sional Communicators and Professional Women Communicators during a din-ner at the Fetzer Center.

The Tony Griffin Golden Word Award was established in 1998 and is given annually to an individual or organiza-tion in Southwest Michigan for making signifi-cant contributions to the field of professional communication.

A faculty member at WMU for 32 years, Robecek has influenced many current WMU students or graduates who now work in the field of public relations today. He conceived and developed WMU’s pub-lic relations program, which was imple-mented in the Department of Communi-cation and Information in 1998. He also served as the department’s internship pro-gram and served as advisor for the stu-dents.

Joanne Gage, who retired in 1996 after more than 22 years of service, was active in a variety of roles with school communica-tions, including the Kalamazoo County Chamber of Commerce and the Greater Kalamazoo United Way.
Jobs

The following vacancies are currently being posted through the Job Opportunity Program by employment services.

Human resources

COMP 2000 appeals continue

The COMP 2000 appeal team, whose members were appointed by University vice presidents and employee associations, are making the appeals to stimulate the attrition of grade placement appeals that were submitted. Some teams are nearing the end of their appeals, while others still have a considerable number to review. Appeal teams continue to meet weekly.

Human resources recognizes that employees are anxious to hear the results of appeals. We ask for your continued patience as the appeal teams work diligently to provide every appeal its due consideration. We plan to release results when all appeals have been reviewed.

Exchange

For Sale - 1988 Iskaka 32-foot motor home, home 45,000 miles, good condition. Call Bea at 7-8771 days or 342-1692 after 5:30 p.m.

Committee seeks input on 24 candidates for 2001 Staff Service Excellence Awards

The Staff Service Excellence Awards Program Selection Committee has announced 24 employee candidates in the running for the 2001 annual awards.

Other areas around the state that received SmartZone designations during the Aprill announcements included projects in Kalamazoo and Battle Creek. The state b~gan accepting SmartZone applications in 1999. The state b~gan accepting SmartZone applications in 1999. Significant development that also will be home to W.K. Kellogg Airport, home of WMU's College of Aviation plays a major role in Kalamazoo. The airport, located on the 265-acre BTR park, which already is under development and has been designated a 2001 SmartZone, is currently the Detroit area, Houghton, Mount Pleasant, Grand Rapids, Muskegon, Lansing, and Washtenaw Counties.

The Kalamazoo and Battle Creek proposals are among 24 applicant packages reviewed.
Wireless initiative will affect entire campus

WMU is going wireless. Since President Elon S. Floyd's recent State of the University commitment to take the campus "completely wireless" by February 2002, information technology professionals have been working to realize his vision. Along with the technological aspects of the initiative, they're also devoted to keeping faculty and staff members informed of how the project will affect them.

"We've had an opportunity to meet with our campus stakeholders to discuss the wireless initiative," says project manager George Kohrman and colleagues. "We're launching a communications campaign to keep faculty, staff and students informed throughout the project."

"Completely wireless," Kohrman says, means that students, faculty and staff will eventually be able to connect to the University network and to the Internet from laptop computers at any point on campus. The wireless initiative will not replace existing wired connections, but rather will supplement them with indoor and outdoor wireless connections.

Office of Information Technology staffers report that WMU is on the cutting edge of wireless implementation among major universities. While many smaller institutions have gone 100 percent wireless, WMU will be one of the first—if not the first—large public university to implement a campuswide wireless system.

A survey team recently began an eight-week analysis of the University's wireless needs. According to Kohrman, the team is working to identify locations for wireless hubs and create a priority list for implementation. The project's first wireless access points will be in place for the coming fall semester.

"We'll be looking first at the public areas where students congregate such as the library, Bernhard Center and residence hall lounges," Kohrman reports. "Those places, along with classrooms, are our priority. Beyond that, we'll know more when the survey is complete. But our ultimate goal is to provide universal access on this campus, whether wired or wireless.""}

Lee Honors College student is University's second Udall Scholar

A WMU senior honors student is the school's second recipient of a prestigious scholarship in environmental studies from the Morris K. Udall Foundation.

Jacquelyn Styrna of Commerce, Mich., is one of 80 Udall Scholarship winners who will receive $5,000 for tuition, fees, books, and room and board for the 2002-03 academic year. An environmental studies and political science major and member of the Lee Honors College, Styrna is currently interning with the Michigan Environmental Council in Lansing, Mich. She also has volunteered with WMU's Students for a Sustainable Earth, and worked as a field manager for the Sierra Club and Human Rights Watch through the Campaign to Save the Environment.

Styrna plans to travel abroad and work for a nonprofit public advocacy organization following her April 2002 graduation, and hopes to pursue graduate studies in environmental law and policy. Styrna follows in the footsteps of WMU senior Heather Gott, who became the University's first Udall Scholar last year.

Both students were nominated for the award by John E. Martell, assistant dean of the Lee Honors College.

"The Udall Scholarship is the nation's top award for students of environmental studies and public policy," says Martell. "Jacquelyn has distinguished herself as one of the best students in this field. It's a tremendous compliment to the University to have students of this caliber contribute to our environmental studies program to have two consecutive Udall Scholars." More than 500 undergraduate students applied for Udall Scholarships this year—the highest number of applicants ever. Other winners hail from institutions such as Yale, Cornell and Colgate universities. Styrna is one of only two Udall scholars from Michigan universities.

WMU senior Jill Winkler of Berkley, Mich., received an honorable mention in the competition. Also nominated by Martell for the award, Winkler is an environmental studies major and member of the Lee Honors College.

State's top teen artists to perform on campus at May 10-12 festival

More than 1,000 of the state's finest young artists will gather on campus Thursday through Saturday, May 10-12, for the 39th Michigan Youth Arts Festival. The festival has evolved into a comprehensive arts spectacle culminating in the moments search for the finest artistic talent in Michigan high schools. More than 60,000 students across the state become involved in the adjudication process that results in some 300 students being invited to participate in the three-day festival.

This year's guest artist, pianist Greg Reuter, is a music theatre performer who has performed in national tours of "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat," "Chicago" and "Fosse" on television. He is currently featured in the Broadway revival of "Bells Are Ringing." Students attending the festival will share their talents with peers and the public through performances and exhibitions. A visual arts exhibition is open to the public without charge. Festival passes and single event tickets are available for performances. For a complete schedule, visit the Web site at <www.wmich.edu/cfa/myaf>.

Calendar

The masthead 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/wmu/news/wmu.html>.

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5.3 Thursday

36th Annual International Congress of Medieval Studies (through May 5), various campus locations. For a complete schedule of congress events, visit the Web site at <www.cimagemedical.org>.

5.10 Thursday

Michigan Youth Arts Festival (through May 12), various campus locations. For a complete schedule, visit the Web site at <www.wmich.edu/cfa/myaf>.

5.11 Friday

Meeting, Faculty Senate Annual Meeting, Fetter Center, 5 p.m.

5.11 Friday

Baseball vs. Ball State, Hyames Field, 3 p.m.

5.12 Saturday

Baseball vs. Ball State (double-header), Hyames Field, 1 p.m.

5.13 Sunday

Baseball vs. Ball State, Hyames Field, 1 p.m.

*Admission charged