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For the ninth consecutive year, WMU has brought home multiple awards in Down Beat magazine's annual Student Awards Competition. This year, three WMU students have won top honors. No other Michigan school won an award.

The winners, along with their individual categories, are: Shawn Wallace, instrumental soloist, saxophone, out-of-school; and chairperson of the University's Jazz Committee, spearheading the University's preparations for marking, in 2003, the 100th anniversary of its founding.

"We did it," says Thomas Kn-pic, music and chairperson of the University's Jazz Studies Program. "What it tells us, and what we've believed all along, is that our students are as good or better than any other students in the world."

The newest Web site is Down Beat awards go back to 1993, with the University accumulating more of the awards for a number of years than any other college or university. Kn-pic says he hasn't totaled up the tally for other schools and compared it with WMU's, so it's unclear whether WMU tops all other schools.

"We're definitely among the top three," Kn-pic says. "And we may still be the leader in multiple awards since 1993."

Sky Broncos finish big-again

WMU's flight team, the Sky Broncos, nailed down its 12th consecutive national finish. Thirty-five students won the Grand Rapids N. D. Embry Riddle Aeronautical University of Prescott, Ariz., came in third. The three teams repeated last year when they came in first. This year attracted 29 teams from across the country to compete for the national title.

In addition to taking second place in the championship, the Sky Broncos captured the Judge's Trophy. That award is based on the total number of points earned by the team—not just the top-10 placings that count towards the team championship. The WMU team total of 14,188 points was more than 1,100 points higher than its nearest competitor, Ohio State University.

WMU wallpaper now available

The newest Web site at WMU contains 12 photos that may be used by faculty, staff, students and friends of the University for computer wallpaper, the background image on computer screens.

To electronically overlay several campus buildings, sports, performing arts and other activities, new photos will be added periodically to the WMU Wallpaper site, www.wmich.edu/wmu/wallpaper, also includes a help page with instructions for downloading the images and using them as wallpaper for both Macintosh and Windows computers.

Heinigs to lead centennial celebration efforts;
awareness campaign to be launched this summer

Retired faculty members Edward J. and Ruth Beall Heinig will serve as co-chairs of the WMU Centennial Celebration Committee, spearheading the University's preparations for marking, in 2003, the 100th anniversary of its founding.

The Heinigs recently accepted President Elson S. Floyd's invitation to lead the effort and will immediately begin forming a campuswide committee to oversee plans for the celebration. The committee will include members of an ad hoc centennial committee that has been involved in preliminary planning for the past three years as well as representatives from the entire University community.

"We hope the celebration will look both ways like the Roman God Janus, to honor the University's illustrious century of service to the state and to anticipate our progress into the next era under President Floyd's dynamic leadership," the Heinigs said.

Edward J. Heinig, emeritus in education and professional development, joined the faculty of the College of Education in 1963. He retired in 1992. Ruth Beall Heinig, emerita in communication, also retired from the University in 1992 after 28 years of distinguished service. Both have remained active in the community and have served the University in a number of capacities over the years. The Heinigs will assume the reins of an effort that has just begun taking shape. With the centennial celebration only two years away, a number of initiatives and events have been planned to coincide with the milestone and are in the advanced planning stage. They include an upcoming capital campaign, publication of a new WMU history and development of a WMU centennial Web site.

This summer, the centennial celebration logo will begin appearing on University stationery and other promotional materials—all as part of an overall awareness campaign designed to start students and the Kalamazoo community thinking about the upcoming celebration.

The logo was developed last fall by the graphics and design staff in the Office of University Relations in conjunction with design work being done for the University's next capital campaign, which will coincide with the centennial celebration. The design plays on the familiar look of the University seal but incorporates a new sub-message that connotes the historic Prospect Hill and the University's historic East Campus. The words "Centennial Celebration 1903-2003" complete the logo design.

The Heinigs will maintain a work space in the Office of University Relations. Anyone interested in volunteering to help plan the celebration may contact them at 7-S449.

Firm partnering with University to train pilots for European airlines

A Dutch firm that specializes in screening, selecting and arranging funding for prospective pilots headed for careers with European airlines has entered into a partnership with WMU to bring up to 32 students a year to the University for training.

The first eight students selected by EPST—European Pilot Selection & Training—will arrive in July at WMU's International Pilot Training Centre in Battle Creek, Mich., to begin training alongside a class of British Airways cadets. A second class will arrive in September.

The partnership with WMU is the first step in an effort that will make the firm's soon-to-be-established American division the first resident partner in Battle Creek's newly designated SmartZone, a Michigan economic zone network that focuses on the aviation arena.

Plans call for the firm to be part of a Center for Excellence in the field of pilot candidate selection.

"This agreement will provide a much-needed component to our professional pilot education programs," says Dean Richard Wright, College of Aviation. "As with any professional program, training pilots for commercial airlines requires candidates with a unique set of skills and aptitudes. EPST will give us access to a screening program that will ensure those selected for our professional programs will enjoy a high probability of success."

According to Dick Verburg, managing director of EPST, the firm has worked successfully since 1997 to select carefully screened pilot candidates and place them with top-notch training establishments. Each of the selected candidates receives 100 percent funding to complete basic and advanced training through an agreement with ABN AMRO, a Dutch-based banking group. The funding is a loan that students repay through a tailored contract that begins after they secure a job with an airline. When students' training is complete, EPST also places them as first officers with European airlines.

"Verburg says the critical component of his firm's work is the elaborate screening process used to select students. Students undergo rigorous testing that focuses on personality traits, academic ability and aptitude as well as the capacity to handle job requirements identified as crucial to success as a jet airline pilot. Flight simulation, which tests at increasingly difficult levels of intensity, is an important ingredient to EPST's screening efforts.

"We do an excellent job at analyzing and predicting flying ability through our selection process," he says. "We've had less than 3 percent failure rate for students in basic flight training, and once they've progressed to advanced training in a jet orientation course, we've had a 100 percent success rate."

That success rate is important to the bank that funds the students because it serves as an assurance of the probable success of the students who will ultimately repay the loans. Verburg says the arrangement is similar to a loan program for those pursuing degrees in law or medicine. Training an airline pilot can be nearly as expensive, and the successful candidate's earning potential is just as high.

EPST began working primarily with pilot candidates from the Netherlands and Belgium. It is in the process of establishing a site in Great Britain to screen candidates there. Candidates for pilot training who come through EPST are essentially self-funded students, as opposed to those who come to WMU and the world's other leading training centers through airline contracts.

Plans call for the firm to establish a U.S. office called American Pilot Selection & Training in Battle Creek's SmartZone.

EPST will select and train a team that can carry out the firm's pilot screening regimen and expand efforts to serve the U.S. aviation market. Verburg expects to be working with Michigan National, which is part of the ABN AMRO banking group, to explore funding options.

"We're really excited about maximizing the success of training," Verburg says. "The keys to that success are a rigorous selection process, quality training and a quality jet orientation course. We'll have all three right here."
Delene tapped for position as vice provost

Linda M. Delene, a longtime faculty member and veteran planning and marketing specialist, has been named vice provost for academic planning and assessment at WMU.

Her appointment, effective Feb. 5, was approved March 3 by the WMU Board of Trustees. In her new position, Delene will provide organizational assistance for academic program reviews and will have responsibility for general education and program assessments, academic program planning, and marketing studies for new initiatives and degree programs.

"Dr. Delene brings to this post a wealth of experience in higher education planning and marketing," says Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Fredrick Dobney. "She is ideally suited to help the University plan for new initiatives and move forward with a focus on student learning outcomes assessment.""Delene, who joined the WMU faculty as an associate professor of marketing in 1977, has been a professor of marketing and director of WMU's Service Quality Institute since 1990. She also served from 1996 to 1998 as project director for the Haworth College of Business' successful reaccreditation effort.

This is the first time the international horn symposium has been held at WMU and the first time it has been in Michigan since 1977, when Michigan State University was host of the event. The first international horn symposium was held at Florida State University in 1969. Last year's symposium was in Beijing, while next year's event will be in Finland.

"It's terrific to be able to bring this event here," says Johnny Pherigo, music and the arts. "We've been trying for years to get some of these artists to come here, it's not unusual for a student to get to meet them, but in many cases get to know them. These are tremendous opportunities for our students to get to know many of these artists. They not only get to meet them, but in many cases get to know them."

Since artists stay on campus and eat their meals here, it's not unusual for students to sit down to lunch with the principal horn of the Boston Symphony Orchestra, Pherigo says. "Featured artists at the symposium include Jean-Bowet of Spain; members of the brass quintet of Boston's New England Symphony, a New York jazz horn player; Eric Ewazen, composer in residence at the Juilliard School; Michel Garcia-Marrone of France; David Jolley, a New York free-lance horn player; Shylle Mahni of the Frankfurt Opera Orchestra; Karl Pituch, principal horn of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra; Donna Dolson Roath of the Century Orchestra of Osaka, Japan; Arkady Shilkloper of Russia; James Sommerville, principal horn for the Boston Symphony; and Stahhels Zempleni of Hungary. All of the artists are accomplished players. Pherigo says: Some of the bigger names, however, are Shilkloper and Zempleni. Shilkloper is a leading avant-garde jazz artist who plays everything from jazz to the French horn and other wind instruments in his unique chamber music. "It's important for our students to get to know this kind of music."

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The following vacancies are currently being posted through the Job Opportunity Program by the Human Resource Services Department. Interested benefited-eligible employees may 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 7-3699 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 Grade 10 clerical positions, please contact HRLI or the Staff Development Office, 00/01-2421, 5/29-6/4/01

FOR RENT—Home with 4 bedrooms, Muskegon, Mich. She also was a member of the board from its inception in 1964 until she stepped down in 1982.

The following is an excerpt from the obituary:

Paul T. Mountjoy, emeritus in psychology, died May 22 in Kalamazoo. He was 76.

A WMU faculty member from 1964 until 1986, Mountjoy headed the Department of Psychology from 1967-71, acting chairperson for one year and then as chairperson. He was active in WMU’s Faculty Senate and appeared in the 1972 edition of “Who’s Who in America.”

A widely published scholar, he held a long-term research grant from the National Institute of Mental Health. He served for many years as managing editor of the Psychological Record and was an author or coauthor of several books, including “The Experimental Analysis of Social Behavior,” which included contributions from B.F. Skinner and other noted psychologists.

Mountjoy earned his bachelor’s degree from Lawrence University and his master’s and doctoral degrees from Indiana University. He was a World War II Air Force veteran.

Mountjoy University officials also have received word that two longtime members of the campus community died recently.

Bettie Caine, wife of the late Trustee Emeritus Robert Caine, died May 23 in California. Her husband served on the first WMU Board of Trustees, which was formed in 1964.

Conrad Johnson, husband of Trustee Emerita Mildred Johnson, died May 25 in Muskegon, Mich. She also was a member of the board from its inception in 1964 until she stepped down in 1982.

In her private life, Wygant spends time gardening—organic vegetables are her specialty, and she looks after her two cats, kayaking, nature walks and reading nonfiction.

Gershon examines telecom industry in book

The little-known disorder of aphasia will be in the spotlight during a special event June 19 at WMU to help raise public awareness and to educate the public about the communication disability.

The Department of Speech Pathology and Audiology is sponsoring the event from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Charles Van Riper Language, Speech and Hearing Clinic to commemorate National Aphasia Awareness Month. The clinic is in the University Medical and Health Science Building.

John Liechty, who suffers from aphasia, is one of the speakers who will be sharing his story. Liechty has been an active member of the National Aphasia Association and helped form the Goshen, Ind., Community Aphasia Group. He has presented on topics to the disorder on a number of national and regional health-related organizations.

Aphasia is an acquired language disorder, usually of sudden onset, which affects a person’s ability to communicate. Its primary symptoms are difficulty in speaking, while the understanding of speech, reading and writing are also often impaired. People suffering from aphasia often become socially isolated and find it difficult to communicate, which can lead to feeling isolated and misunderstood by people around them.

More than 1 million Americans have acquired aphasia primarily as a result of strokes, but also from head injuries and other causes. The Department of Speech Pathology and Audiology at WMU is a National Aphasia Association hope to improve the quality of life for those with the disorder.

The event is sponsored by the department and the Kent Glickings Advancement of Aphasia Awareness and Education Award.
WMU's Center for Community Asset development in Benton Harbor, thanks to community organizations to build individual

Building. Founded in 1996, the University's HUD grant funding multilevel project to improve quality of life in city of Benton Harbor when we consider and approve each new project in the future,” she says.

A View to the Future: Western Michigan University Master Plan Summary Report has been published by SmithGroup JRR of Ann Arbor, the University’s planning consultant in the process and lays out a set of recommendations for each of the three existing subcampus areas on the main Kalamazoo campus:

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ing effort will focus on connecting people with local services, along with creating a number of new programs to fill in obvious gaps. Plans include: a "211" information and referral line being developed in conjunc-

tion with local agencies, such as the Kalamazoo County Commission for Health and Welfare to Work program.

Three language-speaking programs to subcampus destinations resulted from the planning process, Askew says, as it became apparent there was a need to give better geographic references to identify sections of the campus. President Floyd approved the name changes to help clarify the boundaries of the subcampus areas.

During much of the planning process, for instance, the Oakland Drive Campus was referred to as South Campus, leading to some confusion in communications and what was encompassed. The name was changed to the Oakland Drive Campus to clarify those questions.

At the same time, the new engineering complex at the intersection of Drake Road and Parkview Avenue, which includes the Business Technology and Research Park, was designated as the Parkview Campus. That subcampus was separated out as a planning focus area. Both new campus names are now used and the Oakland Drive Campus terminology was incorporated into both the summary report of the master plan and the technical report now being prepared.

While the published summary report is only available to a limited number of campus offices and individuals, Askew says, the report will soon be published on a new master plan Web site that will replace the current Web site devoted to the plan development process.

The report will be sent to campus offices that deal with learning, teaching, and planning and facilities planning. The summary report is a condensation of the full technical report due to arrive on campus in August.

The report involved 15 new senators and the election of members to four of the five senate councils took place at the Faculty Senate's annual meeting May 10 at the Fetzer Center.

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