University anticipates topping last year's record for private gifts

WMU is on course to duplicate the one-year record of $17.5 million in private gifts reported during the first 10 months of the 2000-01 fiscal year, which ends June 30. That is virtually identical to the amount raised during the same period the previous fiscal year.

According to a report presented to the University's Board of Trustees at its May 30 meeting, $16,474,538 in gifts was received during the first 10 months of the 2000-01 fiscal year, which ends June 30. That is virtually identical to the amount raised during the same period the previous fiscal year.

With May and June gifts still to be reported, the University is within $1.1 million of surpassing the one-year record total. The $17.5 million record set in 1999-2000 exceeded the previous one-year record, set in 1995-96, by $5 million or 40 percent.

All gifts to WMU are received through the WMU Foundation or the Paper Technology Foundation, which supports the University's internationally known paper programs. For the first 10 months of the 2000-01 fiscal year, the WMU Foundation reported current and deferred cash gifts totaling $14,664,022 and non-cash gifts valued at $1,296,768, for a total of $15,960,790. The Paper Technology Foundation reported cash gifts of $395,224 and non-cash gifts valued at $118,504, for a total of $513,728.

All of the larger gifts reported at the May 30 board meeting were made anonymously. A gift of $360,000 was received to support the jazz studies program in the School of Music, which also received $25,000 from anonymous donors for the Russell Brown Honors Quintet Scholarship. The special collections endowment for the University Libraries received slightly more than $1 million in the form of two gifts from an anonymous donor. Two gifts totaling $558,571 were given to support the Center for Integrated Design in the College of Engineering and Applied Sciences, which also received an anonymous contribution of $450,000 for equipment. Also given anonymously were gifts of $47,665 to support a study fellowship in the Medieval Institute, $31,253 for the New Issues Press in the Department of English, $50,000 for the Southwest Michigan Children's Trauma Association Center in the College of Health and Human Services, and $30,000 for scholarships in the Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures.

At their May 30 meeting, the trustees approved minor changes to the WMU Foundation bylaws regarding titles of officers and committee structure.

Seelye Center structure to incorporate gym

Site preparation has begun around Oakland Gym on East Campus to get ready for construction this fall of the Donald "J" Seelye Athletic Center. The 120,000-square-foot building, announced last summer and originally planned for as late as 2003, will be constructed at the north end of Waldo Stadium and have major entry points on Stadium Drive and through the front of what is now Oakland Gym on Oakland Drive. The Brinck Printing Services building will be demolished to make way for the new facility, which will be the first indoor athletic practice facility built at WMU in more than 40 years.

When completed in 2002, the facility will serve as a practice site for men's and women's soccer, football, baseball, softball and golf. It will also house coaches' offices for several of those sports and for track. A future addition to provide indoor practice space for track will be built on the current site of the Physical Plant.

The Seelye Center will provide an attractive new focus for those entering the campus on Stadium Drive. The Oakland Drive entrance to the building has been designed to preserve the look and atmosphere of historic East Campus by incorporating the existing front wall and roofline of Oakland Gym. A portion of the interior will be dedicated to honoring the history of athletics at WMU and provide a meeting place for alumni athletes and boosters who are members of the W Club.

Removal of interior structures and asbestos abatement has been under way for several weeks at Oakland Gym. This week, the back and roof of the building are being opened to remove debris. Construction on the new facility is expected to be in full swing by fall.

The $20 million Seelye Center is named for the late Don Seelye, Kalamazoo businessman and a longtime Bronco athletics booster. Some $8 million in private funding will be used to build the facility.

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1,389 degrees to be awarded at June 23 commencement

The University will award nearly 1,400 degrees in commencement ceremonies Saturday, June 23, in Miller Auditorium. President Elson S. Floyd will preside over two ceremonies:

• A 9 a.m. ceremony for graduates of the College of Arts and Sciences, College of Business, Haworth College of Business, and College of Health and Human Services; and
• An 11:30 a.m. ceremony for graduates of the College of Aviation, College of Engineering and Applied Sciences, and College of Arts and Sciences, College of Liberal Arts and General University Studies program.

A total of 888 bachelor's degrees, 463 master's and specialist degrees, and 38 doctoral degrees will be awarded for a total of 1,389 degrees. Students taking part in the ceremonies will include those earning their degrees in June at the end of the spring semester and those earning their degrees in August at the end of the summer session. The University does not hold commencement ceremonies in August.

Tickets are required to attend the June commencement ceremonies. If Miller Auditorium fills to capacity, the ceremonies may be viewed on a large-screen television in 3512 Knauss Hall.

Trustees meet next on July 6

The next meeting of the WMU Board of Trustees, originally scheduled for June 22, has been rescheduled for Friday, July 6.

Board members are expected to tackle finance issues tabled at their May 30 meeting, including recommendations on increases for tuition, room and board, and vehicle registration rates.

Meeting times and locations for the board and its standing committees have not yet been set. Watch future issues of Western News for each publication date.

June 16 memorial service set for artist, alumna Gwen Frostic

A memorial service for Gwen Frostic will be held Saturday, June 16, at 11 a.m. in the auditorium at the Interlochen Center for the Arts. Former WMU President Diether H. Haenicke will preside over the service, which begins at 1 p.m. Also speaking will be retired WMU development officer Helen Flaspohler, who first met Frostic in 1974 and maintained a relationship with her during the past 26 years.

A distinguished artist, poet and naturalist, Frostic is one of WMU's most accomplished and celebrated alumni. She died April 25 at her home in Benzie County.

Last 'big' News for the summer

This is the last issue of Western News for the spring session and the paper's last large format edition for this academic year.

Publication will resume June 28 at the start of the summer session. Additional summer issues are slated for July 12, July 26 and Aug. 9. Those issues will be published in the Western News' traditional smaller summer format. The deadline for each issue remains 5 p.m. Friday before each publication date.

Web site 'under construction' to provide campus updates

Site preparation for the new Seelye Center is just one of a number of construction projects now under way at WMU.

To help the University community keep tabs on the status of projects across the campus, a new WMU construction update Web site will soon be available, with a link to the WMU home page.

The site will include the latest information on the Parkview Campus, home to the new College of Engineering and Applied Sciences buildings and Business Technology and Research Park; the Oakland Drive Campus, future site of the College of Health and Human Services; the new Graduate Center in downtown Grand Rapids; and the Seelye Athletic Center on the main campus. Other campus construction projects will be added as details become available.

Watch future issues of the Western News for a Web address.
The appointments of two associate deans and six department chairs have been among personnel moves approved by the WMU Board of Trustees at its May 30 meeting.

The board also approved the appointment of William W. Cobern as professor and associate dean for academic programs in the College of Education, and Edmund Tsang as associate professor and associate dean for undergraduate programs and assessment in the College of Engineering and Applied Sciences. In addition, Leonard Ginsberg, associate dean in the College of Arts and Sciences, won the trustees' approval to continue his service as interim director of WMU's new Institute for Science Education. The appointments are effective July 1.

Ginsberg has been a faculty member at WMU since 1977 and served as chairperson of the Department of History several times and as director of undergraduate studies from 1975 to 1984. A European history specialist who focuses on Germany, he is widely published in his field and research grants to conduct research and attend conferences abroad. Gray comes to WMU from Kansas State University, where he has been a faculty member since 1975 and has served as acting head of the Department of History and area studies. He has been active in the history and women's studies at that university, has served as acting head of the Department of History and has directed undergraduate studies from 1975 to 1984. A European history specialist who focuses on Germany, he is widely published in his field and has served as guest artist at University of Texas at Austin, the University of Oklahoma, the University of Wisconsin, the University of Michigan, the University of California, Berkeley, and the University of Arizona. His areas of specialization are modern, national, and cultural history, and his major projects are the history of the Third Reich and the history of Germany.

Hart has been a faculty member at the University of California at San Diego since 1971, a master's degree from San Diego State University in 1972, and a doctoral degree from the University of Colorado at Boulder in 1977. Tanzania is a native of Tanzania, from the University of the Western Cape, and has been a faculty member in mechanical engineering since 1980. Prior to that, he was a post-doctoral research fellow at the University of Wisconsin and a research associate at the University of Iowa and a visiting scholar at both the Center for Defense Information in Washington, D.C., and the American Society for Engineering Education in New York City. During his career, Tsang has been active in curriculum development and laboratory design research as well as in initiating service learning initiatives in engineering education and student recruitment efforts, particularly in the recruitment of African American and Hispanic minority students. He earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Nebraska in 1971 and a doctoral degree from Iowa State University in 1977.

New appointments given nod by trustees

Faculty members in the Haworth College of Business recently began writing a monthly column in MiBiz Southwest. A new publication for business leaders in the Midsouth, MiBiz is an offshoot of the Muskegon-based MiBiz West. The monthly columns from the Haworth College of Business feature faculty members addressing timely topics in their areas of expertise. The inaugural columns focused on the 1832-1800 environmental management system, the future of e-commerce and accounting fraud.

"Our college creed is "partners for business knowledge and leadership," says Dean James W. Schmutz. "These columns will help our faculty members share their insights and help local businesses recognize the college as a valuable source of information and research."

Paul tapped for NIH team

Stanley Paul, occupational therapy, was recently invited by the National Institutes of Health to be an operational review committee member for the Warner-Gustavson Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Center of the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, Md. Dr. Paul's expertise in ergonomics is believed to enable the organization to operate more economically, efficiently and effectively with the goal of maximizing operating results at the least cost. The review team consists of directors of rehabilitation medicine and chief operating officers of a number of nationally renowned rehabilitation institutions.

New chairpersons approved by trustees

The appointments of two associate deans and six department chairs have been among personnel moves approved by the WMU Board of Trustees at its May 30 meeting. Brian Wilson came to WMU in 1996 as a professor of political science and served as associate dean of the departments of history and political science until his administrative leave and return to the faculty also were approved by trustees.

Benjamin Wilson, a faculty member since 1975, will head the African Studies Program, created when the departments of history and political science were combined into the Department of History and Politics. Wilson earned a bachelor's degree from Stanford University in 1982 and master's and doctoral degrees from the University of California at Santa Barbara in 1991 and 1996, respectively. He joins the political science department from the Department of History and Politics where he has served as chairperson since 1993.

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The meals will feed members of WMU’s multicultural society, volunteers are needed to assist with such tasks as team check-in and site monitoring. There is also an opportunity for volunteers to provide lunches or dinners for members of two solar teams—a total of about 35 people—from June 26 through July 8th. Those interested may sign up to provide either meal on those days in the Kohrn Hall Vehicle Design Center Lab. The meals will feed members of WMU’s Sunseeker team as well as team members from England’s South Bank University who will be working on their entry in the lab alongside the WMU students. For more information or to participate as a volunteer, call Jan Selesky, mechanical engineering student, at 734-5160.

Electives

The following electives are recognized for 35, 30, 25, 20, 15, 10 and five years of service to the University during June.

35 years—Joseph A. Kelemen, health, physical education and recreation.
30 years—Robert G. Bowsher Jr., physical plant-building custodial and support services; David H. McKee, University libraries; Joseph F. Stolman, geography; and Shirley G. West, comparative religion.
25 years—William E. Breur, logistical services; Robert M. Kohrman, management; Tom Payne, recreation; and Herb Pettit, general services.
20 years—Bonnie L. Guminiski, economics; Randall D. Kees, information technology; and Mary A. Warren, physical plant-building custodial and support services.
15 years—Ralphold Bortolus, power plant; and Sara E. Wick, University libraries.
10 years—Linda M. Lamb, continuing education.
5 years—Gordon Frederick Evans, WMUK; Joan P. Harrington, theatre; Susan Longjohn, Center for Disability Services; Gregory A. Koomer, Office of Alumni Relations; David R. Morgan, intercollegiate athletics; and Lester W. Wright Jr., psychology.

Montjoy memorial service set

A memorial service for Paul T. Montjoy, emeritus in psychology, will be held Saturday, June 23, at 7 p.m. in the chapel of the Missions building on campus. The service will begin at 7 p.m. Montjoy, a WMU faculty member from 1964 until he retired in 1985, was an associate professor of business education and administrative services and began offering training courses at the university. He also was instrumental in establishing the Wesley Foundation building on campus.

Hilda M. Oster, emerita in teacher education, died April 25 at her home in Paw Paw, Mich. She was 88.

A faculty member from 1946 until her retirement in 1972, she also worked as a mathematics teacher and department chairperson at Paw Paw High School. She earned a bachelor’s degree from WMU and a master’s degree from the University of Michigan.

Obituaries

Charles O. Houston, emeritus in social science, died May 18 in Ohio. He was 83.

 Houston, who retired in 1984 after 19 years on the WMU faculty, originally came to campus as a member of the Institute of International and Area Studies and later became a professor in the College of General Studies. Houston, who taught and researched around the world, earned a bachelor’s degree from Michigan State University in China and attended lectures at Tsing-Hua University in China while serving there in the World War II with the Army Air Corps’ Flying Tigers. He earned a doctoral degree in absentia from Columbia University in 1952 and went on to teach at the University of the Philippines. He also served as associate curator at the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C., before coming to WMU. He was the author of numerous articles on history, ethnography and the environment.

Word has been received of the death of Thomas W. Null, emeritus in business education, who died in East Lansing, Mich., on March 22. He was 87.

 null was a graduate of Ottawa University in Kansas and earned a master's degree from Iowa University.

On Campus

“Dixie Edwards calls herself an "old hippie." The administrative assistant for legislative affairs says she developed an interest in government while protesting on her college campus, in Lansing and in Washington, D.C.

That early passion for the political led her to a 30-year career in that arena, beginning with a stint as a campaign worker during Gov. William Milliken’s first gubernatorial bid and culminating in her current position with the University.

Dixie Edwards did not apply for a job opportunity transfer application during the posting period, and may contact a human resources service 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 positions 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 at 7-3669 for up-to-date information on the Job Opportunity Program and vacancies available to external applicants.

(R) Coordinator, Conference Operations, 14, Continuing Education-Grand Rapids Regional Center, East B et l i ne, 0021-2429, 612-618/01

(R) Coordinator, Underwriting Services, 14, WMUK Radio, 0021-2431, 612-618/01

(R) Coordinator, Environmental Services, 21, Environmental Studies, 0011-2434, 612-618/01

(R) Instructor (term ends 8/4/02), 14E, 0011-2439, 612-618/01

R = Replacement

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Solar car race event in need of volunteers

Volunteers are needed to help out when more than 40 visiting solar car race teams are on campus next month for the WMU Formula Sun Grand Prix.

The event, which runs July 9-13, is the final qualifying event for the American Solar Challenge, a 2,300-mile cross country race along Route 66 that will begin July 15 in Chicago and end 10 days later in the Los Angeles area.

Collegiate and club teams from around the world will spend the week on campus having their entries in the race certified as solar power roadworthy. They will spend the first two to three days of the week on campus and then complete the week’s final events at GingerMan Raceway in South Haven.

Students enlist in dissertation ‘boot camp’

Imagine clustering seven doctoral candidates in a residence hall for a week of intensive dissertation writing. Although this sounds like fodder for a new reality TV show, it’s real life for a group of WMU students.

The students have all signed up for a rigorous, supervised retreat that provides a structured time and place to focus exclusively on their dissertations.

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Retirements of faculty and staff members
given blessing by WMU Board of Trustees

The retirements of 12 faculty mem-
bers and eight staff members were
approved by the University's Board of
Trustees at its May 30 meeting. Truste-
ers also accepted the resigna-
tions of five faculty members and one
staff member.

All of the faculty members who are
retiring are doing so with emeritus sta-
tus. Their years, types of continuous
service and effective dates of retire-
ment are: Raymond E. Allie, manage-
ment, 22 years, effective June 30, 2001;
Dale M. Berthower, psychology, 21
years, effective Dec. 30, 2001; Mary Anne Bunda, educa-
tional studies, 28-1/2 years, effective Dec. 31, 2001;
Nancy H. Steinhaus, family and con-
erial sciences, 33-1/2 years, effective Dec. 31, 2001;
Ronald A. Crowell, teaching and learning, 36
years, effective Jan. 1, 2002; Robert C. Eisenberg,
biological sciences, 33-1/2 years, effective April 21, 2001;
R. Dean Kaul, physics, 34-1/2 years, effective Dec. 31,
2001; Thomas F. Pagel, communication, 31-1/2 years,
effective Jan. 1, 2002; Thomas Sellier, English and the
Medieval Institute, 31-1/2 years, effective Jan. 1, 2002;
Nancy H. Steinhaus, family and consumer sciences,
28-1/2 years, effective Jan. 1, 2002; Ralph K. Steinhaus,
chemistry, 33-1/2 years, effective Jan. 1, 2002; and
Morton O. Wagenfeld, sociology and community health
services, 35 years, effective Jan. 1, 2002.

The staff members retiring are: Beatrice I. Clawson,
alumni relations, 17 years, effective June 30, 2001; Robert E. Crowl,
Course, 26 years, effective June 30, 2001;
Lawrence L. Danforth,
Business, 14-1/2 years, effective March 6, 2001; Robert Donewald,
inter-

collegiate athletics, 12 years, effective May 1, 2001; Joyce A.
ning, Valley I dining service, 17-1/2 years, effective April 30,
2001; Ralph K. Johnson, physical education and recre-
tional services, 21-1/2 years, effective May 31, 2001; Janey Rutkza,
WMU Apartments, 27-1/2 years, effective March 4, 2001;
Stephen E. Vesbit, continuing education, 12 years, effective June 30,
The faculty members resigning are: Anthony J. Cataldo, accoun-
tancy, effective April 15, 2001; Melissa Gibson, communication,
effective Aug. 5, 2001; Anna Lied Hasl, political science, effec-
tive Aug. 5, 2001; Yuan Ping Liu, chemistry, effective May 14, 2001;
The staff member resigning is Julie A. Steffells, Course, effective Aug.

We have rolling display boards, drop off boxes that hold marketing flyers and floor protectors on the soccer nets, thanks to Disease Activity Each item a custom-designed item at a very low cost to the department.'