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New health and human services home to be built on South Campus

A new \$45 million home for WMU's College of Health and Human Services will be built on the University's South Campus property, thanks to late December approval by Gov. John Engler of a state capital outlay bill.

The bill, signed by the governor Dec. 29, begins the planning process for facilities that will bring the college, now scattered in eight locations around the campus, together under one roof for the first time in its 24-year history. The new home for the college's 1,800 students and eight departments will be located on Oakland Drive on the former Kalamazoo Psychiatric Hospital property that was transferred to the University just over a year ago.

The bill making that possible, House Bill #4297, also included approval for the University to proceed with planning for a \$6.5 million facility at Lake Michigan Community College in Benton Harbor. When complete, that building will serve as a new home to WMU's Southwest Michigan Regional Center.

WMU President Elson S. Floyd was joined by area legislators and community leaders for a Jan. 6 news conference to announce the funding developments and the collaborative work that went into making the HHS funding part of the deal.

"We believe that this project will have a significant impact not only on our Uni-

versity but on our community, the region and the state," Floyd told those attending. "We are deeply indebted to the Michigan Legislature and Gov. Engler for their support of this most important project. I especially want to thank Senate appropriations chairman Harry Gast for his steadfast support of this project."

Joining Floyd at the news conference were a number of legislative and community leaders instrumental in securing the funding for the University. They included Michigan House Speaker Charles Perricone; Donald R. Parfet, senior vice president of Pharmacia & Upjohn; and Barry Broome of Southwest Michigan First, a Kalamazoo-based economic development agency.

Also present were Kalamazoo area legislators Edward LaForge, Dale Shugars and Jerry L. VanderRoest.

Floyd noted that it was the potential for expanded collaboration between the University and Pharmacia & Upjohn that tipped the scales in the University's favor when Engler considered signing the bill. The governor has directed University and P&U officials to engage in talks with the Michigan Economic Development Corp. to lay plans that will maximize that potential and foster new economic development in the region.

"We will use every possible resource that we have at the University to add value to our relationship with P & U and to make our region a leader in health sciences and human sciences," Floyd pledged. "It is my hope that we'll also expand the scope of these discussions to include other partners in West Michigan that will also benefit from this form of collaboration."

Parfet added his support to the arrange-

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There's no place like a home

Top, Michigan House Speaker Charles Perricone took the podium during a Jan. 6 news conference in the University Medical and Health Sciences Center after President Floyd announced state support for the University's plan to build a new home for the College of Health and Human Services. Following the event, Dean Janet Pisaneschi of the College of Health and Human Services, above, used a map of the University's South Campus to show Pharmacia & Upjohn's Donald R. Parfet the proposed location for the new facility. Collaboration between WMU and P&U is expected to be enhanced by the development. (Photos by Neil Rankin)

Former Gateway Inc. chief to speak Jan. 27

Michigan's high-tech future will be the topic of discussion Thursday, Jan. 27, when the former head of Gateway Inc. speaks on campus.

Richard D. Snyder, founder and president of Avalon Investments Inc. of Ann Arbor, will talk about "Michigan and the Technological Revolution" as part of the Haworth College of Business Distinguished Speakers Series.

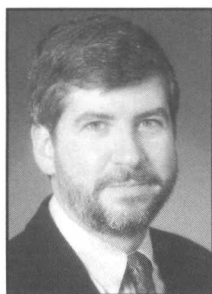
His talk will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the Brown Auditorium of Schneider Hall.

Snyder began his career with the accounting firm of Coopers and Lybrand, rising to the position of partner in charge of mergers and acquisitions in that firm's Chicago office.

In 1991, he joined Gateway as executive vice president and later was named president and chief operating officer. By the time he left Gateway in 1997 to start his own venture capital company, the firm had grown from a U.S. company with 700 employees and \$500 million in sales to an international corporation with 11,000 employees and more than \$6 billion in annual sales.

Snyder, whose current firm specializes in technology-oriented ventures, still serves on Gateway's board as well as the board of the Michigan Strategic Fund. He also serves as chairman of the Michigan Economic Development Corp.

Business and community leaders from Southwest Michigan, as well as WMU faculty, staff and students, will attend the event. Those wishing to attend should reserve a spot by calling 7-5068.



Snyder

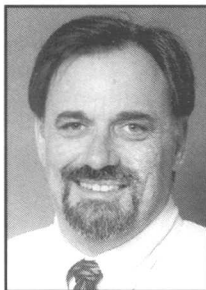
Hillenbrand named Distinguished Faculty Scholar

A scientist whose career has focused on unlocking the secrets of human speech and how it is heard will receive the University's highest faculty honor next month.

James M. Hillenbrand, speech pathology and audiology, has been named the University's 1999 Distinguished Faculty Scholar. He will receive the award at 3 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 8, at the Dalton Center Recital Hall during the University's annual Academic Convocation.

The Distinguished Faculty Scholar Award, established in 1978, is made for those whose work constitutes a significant body of achievement, most of which has been accomplished while a faculty member at WMU. Nominations are sought campus-wide for recipients, who also must have a wide body of recognition beyond the University. The award includes a plaque and a \$2,000 cash award. As an award recipient, Hillenbrand also will have \$2,000 added to his base salary.

A faculty member since 1988, Hillenbrand enjoys an international reputation for his research on acoustics and speech perception in communication. His research examines how human speech is



Hillenbrand

created and how the human ear and brain convert that sound into meaning. He has been the recipient of more than \$4 million in federal funding for his research, with \$3 million of that funding coming during his tenure at WMU.

He is the author of 34 peer-reviewed research articles and has provided editorial service for some 13 scientific journals. Currently, he serves as associate editor for the Journal of the Acoustical Society of America. He also has made more than 47 juried research presentations at professional conferences and has accepted four multi-year assignments to federal grant panels.

Hillenbrand's role as a researcher whose work has served as the foundation for developments in the areas of speech perception, voice and speech synthesis was noted by professional colleagues, both inside and outside the University, who wrote in support of his nomination for the award.

"His work is very often cited to the foundation of and motivation for research of his colleagues," noted a WMU colleague. "He arrived (here) with a very strong record of scholarly performance and has since continued to develop wide acclaim and national and international respect for his work."

Hillenbrand's research in recent years has set the standards in his profession and charted new territory, noted many of his supporters.

"As a scientist in this field, I have ob-

served first-hand the excitement produced by the research stemming from his laboratory and believe that Dr. Hillenbrand is one of the most distinguished scholars of his generation," said a researcher at another university. That colleague noted that one of Hillenbrand's papers "has become the new standard against which everything is compared."

"Some of his papers seem to have achieved the status of classics already, judging from the frequency with which other scholars cite them," agreed another

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Did you know?

■ WMU's 648 international graduate students comprise nearly 11 percent of the University's total graduate enrollment of 5,915.

■ The largest concentrations of international graduate students are in the College of Arts and Sciences (49.5 percent) and the College of Engineering and Applied Sciences (28 percent).

■ Last fall, international graduate students constituted more than 40 percent of the graduate enrollment in 10 different campus departments and 75 percent of graduate enrollments in six departments.

Study tour of Turkey and companion seminar series on campus to focus on Turkish culture, traditions

History, culture and learning will intertwine in a far-off land during a two-week trip to Turkey May 6-21 and right in Kalamazoo during a companion seminar series that begins Saturday, Jan. 22.

A major goal of the WMU-sponsored tour of Turkey and related seminar series is to take in all aspects of Turkish traditions



Breu

and customs from the ancient to the modern. In particular, the two-week trip to Turkey offers a unique learning experience, says Marlene Breu, family and consumer sciences and tour co-coordinator.

"We really want people to learn about the country," says Breu, who specializes in textile and apparel studies. "It's not just a tour like other tours, where you just go around and see one sight and then go to another one. This will give people a totally different perspective."

The tour, sponsored by the College of Education, Department of Family and Consumer Sciences and Office of International

Affairs, will focus on family life, education and religion; traditional and contemporary textiles and dress; art, architecture and interior design; food and festivities; and nutritional issues for families.



Geasler

"I think one of the unique things about this tour is the emphasis on the family," says Margie Geasler, family and consumer sciences and co-coordinator of the tour. "In addition to family customs and relationships, there also will be a focus on food and housing for families, jobs for families, and the living environment. I think often people go to Turkey and see the architecture and history. That also will be included on this tour, but in particular how they impact people."

Tour highlights include viewing Istanbul while cruising the Bosphorus; a visit to the famous Blue Mosque named for its intricate blue tile decoration; a tour of the old city walls and a Byzantine mosaic exhibit in the Chora Museum; trips to museums in

Ankara and Konya; a visit to textile and apparel industries in Denizli; a trip to the ancient city of Ephesus; a guided tour of old Ottoman houses; a visit to Bursa, the original capital of the Byzantine Empire and once a center of the silk industry; and much more.

The tour is open to both students and the general public.

Cost of the trip is \$2,745 with a first deposit of \$250 due on Feb. 4. All lodging, meals, tips, in-country travel, museum admissions, travel insurance and instructional materials is included. Airfare to and from Turkey is additional to allow for various points of departure. Tour space is limited to 30 people.

Students who sign up may earn two credit hours by attending the companion seminars on three Saturdays leading up to the tour. The general public also is strongly urged to join the tour and may attend seminar sessions at no charge whether or not they plan to go on the trip.

The Saturday seminars begin Jan. 22 and continue Feb. 5 and 19 and are sponsored by the WMU Visiting Artists Program, Department of Family and Consumer Sciences, the College of Education and Haenicke Center for International Studies. All three seminars begin at 10:15 a.m. in Room 3005 of Kohrman Hall.

"We have distinguished guest speakers and experts on different aspects of Turkey coming in," Breu says. "By going through the Visiting Scholars Program, we were able to pay them honoraria to lecture and help prepare students, faculty and members of the community who would like to go on this tour and give them a much better background on Turkey than they might have otherwise."

This Saturday's seminar begins with a session on "Turkey's Ancient and Byzantine Heritage" featuring Ronald Marchese, professor of ancient history and archaeology at the University of Minnesota-Duluth. Other topics this Saturday, along with speakers and times, are "Modern Turkish Republic: 1923-Present" with Doug Howard, professor of history, Calvin College, 1 p.m.; "Reflections on the Islamic Traditions" with David Ede, comparative religion, 1:45 p.m.; "The Role of History in Shaping the Contemporary Turkish Identity," panel discussion, 2:40 p.m.; and "Personal Perspectives on Visiting Turkey: Advice and Highlights," panel discussion, 4 p.m.

For more information, call Breu at 7-3434 or Geasler at 7-3715.

Two-month gift total hits \$1.9 million

Gifts to the WMU Foundation for September and October totaled \$1.9 million, including \$625,000 for a memorial scholarship in the College of Engineering and Applied Sciences.

The two-month figure brings to \$3.8 million the amount given to the WMU Foundation since the start of the current fiscal year July 1. The gift total for September was \$816,000, and for October the sum was \$1.1 million.

Pledges to the foundation in September and October included \$1 million from the Borgess Health Alliance. The pledge is part of \$14 million in local community support for the relocation of WMU's College of Engineering and Applied Sciences and its related business, research and technology park.

In addition, the Louis Calder Foundation of New York pledged \$250,000 to PTF 2000, the \$5.75 million capital campaign of WMU's Paper Technology Foundation. The campaign has reached more than 90 percent of its goal.

The late Harold E. and Kathryn P. Knight of Copemish, Mich., have given the University \$625,000 to create an endowed scholarship in the College of Engineering and Applied Sciences. The scholarship, in honor of their late son, is called the Kenneth W. Knight Memorial Scholarship.

In other gifts, H. Nicholas Hamner of Kalamazoo, emeritus in history, has established a permanent endowment for the Department of History with a gift of \$100,000. The fund is intended to bring to WMU outstanding historians to speak.

Another retired WMU faculty member, Phyllis Rappaport of Kalamazoo, also has made a gift to the University. Rappaport, an accomplished concert pianist, has given WMU \$30,662 to establish a scholarship in piano accompaniment, an often overlooked discipline that requires great skill.

Series to focus on different perspectives and variety of views about American culture

It's often said that America means different things to different people.

A chance to hear and discuss some of those different perspectives will be offered through the winter semester's American Studies Program lecture series.

The series, named "Diverse Perspectives/Diverse Approaches," is designed to explore the many facets of the American experience and to bring attention to WMU's American studies major and minor as well as American studies research.

All lectures are free and open to the public and will take place in the Lee Honors College lounge.

"We have an impressive group of speakers and a wide range of topics," says Brian Wilson, comparative religion and coordinator of the lecture series. "Over the next few months, we'll be addressing topics as diverse as homelessness, the impact of Native American culture on 'American' culture and surrealist women painters of the Americas."

The series kicked off Jan. 19 with a panel discussion called "Bigger Thomas and African-American Male Identity." The event was part of the University's week-long celebration of the life of Martin Luther King Jr.

The program began with WMU theatre students performing a scene from the University's production of "Native Son," which is based on the Richard Wright novel of the same name. The cast features Page Kennedy and Christopher Webb and currently is on tour, competing regionally for a chance to perform at the American College Theatre Festival in Washington, D.C.

Next up in the series is "American Art and Culture, circa 1900." This program will be presented 10 to 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 26, by John Wilmerding, professor of American art at Princeton University.

Wilmerding is Princeton's Christopher Binyon Sarofim 1986 Professor in American Art and Visiting Curator in the Department of American Art at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City.

Other topics and speakers slated in the series and the dates of these presentations are:

- "Homelessness within Prosperity: Popular Imaginings, Everyday Practices and Social Policy in Massachusetts," which investigates how regional class inequalities are manifested and produced; Vincent Lyon-Callo, anthropology; 3:30-5 p.m., Friday, Feb. 11.

- "Native American 'Contributions' to American Culture," which questions the dichotomy between "American" and Native American culture; Jose Brandao, history; 3:30-5 p.m. Friday, Feb. 25.

- "CLR James, the Research Methods of a Caribbean Pioneer in American Studies," which assesses this important historian's impact on the development of public intellectuals and American studies as a field; William Santiago-Valles, communication and black Americana studies and director of the Institute for the Study of Race and Ethnic Relations; 3:30-5 p.m. Friday, March 10.

- "Caught between Worlds: Surrealist Women Painters in the Americas," which explores the long-neglected role of women artists from the Americas; Irma Lopez, foreign languages and literatures, and Gwen Raaberg, English and director of the Center for Women's Studies; 3:30-5 p.m. Friday, March 24.

- "American Studies and American Things," which focuses on the role of material culture and material analysis in the American studies field; Thomas J. Schlereth, professor of American studies and director of graduate studies in American studies at the University of Notre Dame; 3:30-5 p.m. Friday, March 31.

- "Freedom's Bitter Taste: Frederick Douglass' Personal Narratives and the Heroic Slave," which examines the importance of Douglass' autobiographical writings in light of the changing historical contexts in which they were composed; Leonard Neufeldt, professor of American studies at Purdue University; 3:30-5 p.m. Friday, April 7.

For more information about the lecture series, contact Wilson at 7-4361 or Katherine Joslin, director of the American Studies Program, at 7-2086.

Provost candidates will visit campus in February

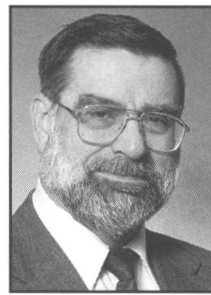
The committee conducting the search for a new provost and vice president for academic affairs expects as many as five candidates to visit the campus during the weeks of Feb. 7 and 14.

Public presentations have been set for 4 p.m. Feb. 7, 9, 14, 16 and 17. More detailed information about the candidates and presentations will be available in the coming weeks.

Trustees approve 11 staff retirements

The retirements of 11 staff members were approved by the University Board of Trustees at its Dec. 11 meeting.

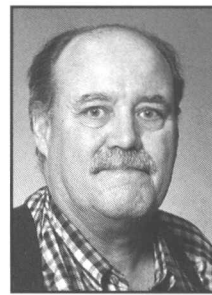
The staff members retiring are: George H. Yorgo Demetrakopoulos, assistant to the dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, 34-1/2 years, effective Jan. 3, 2000; Richard A. Hamelink, press operator in Brink Printing Services, 43-1/2 years, effective Jan. 1, 2000; Irvin R. Hawkins, dispatcher in public safety, 31-1/2 years, effective Jan. 1, 2000; F. Arlene Holston, financial clerk in Customer Account Services, 29-1/2 years, effective Jan. 31, 2000; Gertrude Jennings, clerk in the Office of Records and Registration, 16 years, effective Dec. 31, 1999; Judy A. Lem, cook in dining services, 20 years, effective Nov. 30, 1999; Patricia M. Martin, administrative secretary in sociology, 30-1/2 years, effective Jan. 31, 2000; Juanita I. McCord, secretary in the Division of



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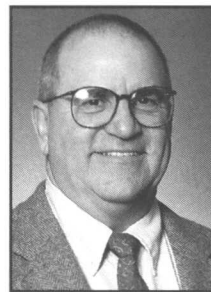
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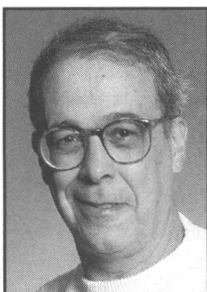
Five on faculty to retire with emeritus status

The retirements of five faculty members were approved by WMU trustees at their Dec. 11 meeting. They also accepted the resignations of three faculty members.

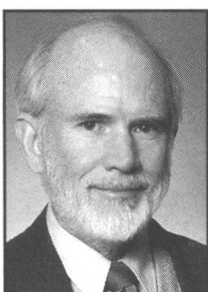
The faculty members retiring are doing so with emeritus status. Their names, years of continuous service and effective dates of retirement are: James M. Ferreira, history, 29 years, effective April 16, 2000; Michael E. McCarville, chemistry, 31-1/2 years, effective Dec. 31, 2000; Edward J. Pawlak, social work, 22 years, effective April 30, 2000; John W. Petro, mathematics and statistics, 39 years, effective June 30, 2000; and Lambert R. VanderKooi, electrical and computer engineering, 30-1/2 years, effective July 31, 2000.

The faculty members who have resigned are: Sanjeev Baskiyar, electrical and computer engineering, effective Sept. 4; Garrison W. Green-

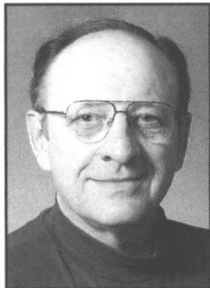
wood, electrical and computer engineering, effective Dec. 11; and Karen Neuman, social work, effective Dec. 12.



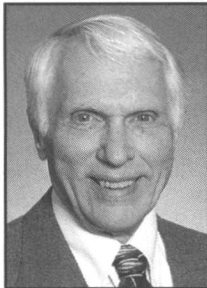
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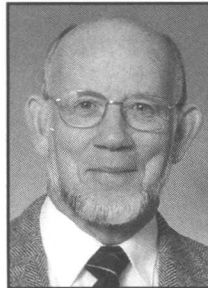
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Human resources

Job profile information due tomorrow

Earlier this month, all clerical, technical, professional and administrative staff members received Job Profile Questionnaires, which are due back in Human Resources on Friday, Jan. 21. Information from the Job Profiles is an essential part of *Compensation 2000*, a project that will bring new compensation and performance management systems to the University.

Your completed Job Profile will be sent to Towers Perrin, our *Compensation 2000* consultants, and be used to:

- Design new job groupings.
- Compare WMU compensation to the compensation of similar jobs in relevant markets.

- Serve as a source document for new job descriptions.

Coming up next in *Compensation 2000*

In late January, key University constituents will discuss potential barriers to implementing the new systems at an implementation workout session, facilitated by Towers Perrin.

In early February, Towers Perrin will train managers and supervisors on key components of market pricing.

Human Resources will continue to provide *Compensation 2000* updates throughout the course of the project.

Jobs

The following list of vacancies is currently being posted through the Job Opportunity Program by employment services in the Department of Human Resources. Interested benefits-eligible employees should submit a job opportunity transfer application during the posting period, and may contact an employment services staff member for assistance in securing these positions.

S-01 and S-02 clerical positions are not required to be posted. For persons interested in faculty positions, there are open-

ings in selected fields. A letter of application should be submitted to the appropriate dean or chairperson.

(N) **Vice President for Development**, Z, Development, 98/99-537, 1/18-1/24/00

(N) **Associate Dean**, Z, College of Aviation, 99/00-1130, 1/18-1/24/00

(R) **Business Manager**, P-04, Miller Auditorium, 99/00-1131, 1/18-1/24/00

(R) **Secretary II**, S-05, Geosciences, 99/00-1132, 1/18-1/24/00

(R) **Library Assistant** (.75 FTE, 30 Hours Per Week), S-05, Waldo Library, 99/00-1133, 1/18-1/24/00

(R) **Vehicle Mechanic**, Licensed, ST2, Physical Plant-General Services, 99/00-1134, 1/18-1/24/00

(R) **Secretary I** (.50 FTE, 20 hours per week; Term ends 12/31/00), S-04, Center for Science Education, 99/00-1135, 1/18-1/24/00

(N) New

(R) Replacement

WMU is an EO/AA employer

Zest for Life

The Zest for Life program would like to take the opportunity provided by the new millennium to encourage healthy living.

The program for benefits-eligible employees specifically targets physical fitness. The program offers a diverse range of exercise selections.

Fitness options include access to West Hills Athletic Club as well as a variety of aerobics and yoga activities and Gabel Natatorium lap swimming. Employees should refer to the blue winter semester brochure for complete program requirements and activity times.

To receive a brochure, schedule a West Hills Athletic Club orientation or obtain further information, please call the Zest for Life office at 7-3543.

Sprick to be lauded at Jan. 27 reception

Members of the University community are invited to attend a retirement reception for Robert W. Sprick from 3 to 6 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 27, in the ballroom at the Fetzer Center.

Sprick, who has served WMU in a variety of positions for 34 years, will retire from his position as director of housing operations for Residence Life in early March.

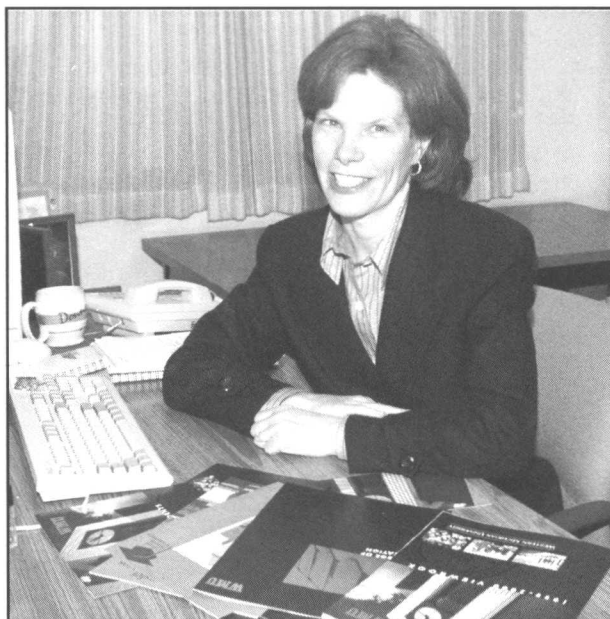
On campus

A CAREER WITH SEVERAL TURNS—

Donna St. John graduated from high school wanting to be a state police officer and even majored in criminal justice in college in Indiana. But it was her experience as a residence hall student assistant in college that most shaped her career and led her to her first job at WMU in 1981 as a residence hall director in Ackley-Shilling. Her career took a detour, however, when her husband, Randy, became a physical therapist in 1987 and the couple moved to Lima,

Ohio, where Randy had a job. Donna took a job there as coordinator of teen-pregnancy prevention services for the county and pioneered a program that provided education in the schools and community. It had become clear to St. John that she enjoyed helping others, and when the chance came, the couple, with their two children, Jeremy, now 16, and Jessica, now 12, moved back to Kalamazoo in 1989. St. John returned to WMU as a training and development specialist in the Office of Admissions and Orientation and then became coordinator of orientation, a post she held until August 1998, when she was promoted to associate director of admissions. Now she guides a staff of 13 admissions officers, helps to develop recruiting strategies and coordinates several publications, including the viewbook. "I enjoy the constant change, the strategizing, the problem solving," she admits. But she derives the most satisfaction from supporting her staff. "I enjoy enabling staff members to use their skills to enhance their performance," she says. "I always had mentors who were there for me in a college setting, providing encouragement and direction. Now I have the chance to provide the same kind of support to others."

(Photo by Neil Rankin)



Orientation leaders sought for summer positions

Staff and faculty are asked to lend a hand to the Office of Admissions and Orientation by identifying students who would be good orientation leaders. A total of 34 students with strong leadership skills are needed for the summer orientation program to help new freshmen and transfer students make the transition to WMU.

The activities orientation student leaders will participate in include facilitating small groups of new students and parents, explaining academic opportunities and procedures, and assisting in the development of class schedules and the registration process. Qualifications for the positions in-

clude excellent communication skills, a 2.3 minimum grade point average and good organizational skills and flexibility. Orientation student leaders receive a \$2,800 summer salary and additional compensation for completed activities.

In addition to identifying students, faculty and staff are asked to post signs and make announcements in classes regarding the positions. Information about the positions was recently distributed on campus.

The application deadline is 5 p.m. Friday, Jan. 28. Interested students should contact the orientation office by visiting 2120-9 Seibert Administration Building or by calling 7-2167.

Service

These faculty and staff members are recognized for 35, 30, 25, 20, 15, 10 and five years of service during January.

35 years—John S. Carr, WMU Bookstore.

30 years—Kai M. Chapman, development; Mark J. Evert, Miller Auditorium; Gerard T. Nowak, University Counseling and Testing Center; and Lambert R. VanderKooi, electrical and computer engineering.

25 years—Ronald G. Canard, physical plant-building maintenance services; Elizabeth B. Lockett, Office of Institutional Equity; and William L. Myers, Brink Printing Services.

20 years—Barbara S. Liggett, School of Public Affairs and Administration; Darla J. Manion, physical plant-building custodial and support services; Michael Matthews, university relations; Miguel A. Ramirez, minority affairs; Mary E. Ramlow, the Evaluation Center; Marilyn K. Rowe, College of Arts and Sciences; and Dawn M. Southworth, student financial aid and scholarships.

15 years—Sharon L. Carlson, archives and regional history collection; Polly R. Graham, Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs; Timothy Mader, physical plant-building custodial and support services; Karin H. Moses, paper and printing science and engineering; and Fern Stewart, physical plant-building custodial and support services.

10 years—Ila M. Baker, Career English Language Center; Amy M. Birch, physical plant-building custodial and support services; Marc P. Fawley, Bernhard Center; Jodie A. Lewis, physical plant-building maintenance services; Linda J. Lumley, Women's Resources and Services; Suzanne M. Morrian, computer science; Bradley F. Morgan, instructional technology services; Gayle L. VanSweden, physical plant-building custodial and support services; and Patricia A. Williams, Henry-Hoekje-Bigelow dining services.

Five years—Bonnie K. Bell, physical plant-building custodial and support services; Patricia I. Hale, Office of the Dean of Students; Katherine Ill, University recreation; Thomas F. Penar, physical plant-building maintenance services; Connie Slater, physical plant-building custodial and support services; and Renee Smith, University counseling and testing Center.

Obituaries

Three retired faculty members have died.

Eleanor N. Douglass, emerita in health, physical education and recreation, died Dec. 3 in Belmont, Mass. She was 78.

Douglass was a WMU faculty member for 31 years. She joined the faculty in 1948 after teaching at preparatory schools in Rhode Island and Massachusetts, as well as at Pine Manor Junior College in Wellesley, Mass.

After her retirement in 1979, she returned to Massachusetts.

Douglass was a graduate of Boston University and earned a master's degree from WMU.

Hazel E. Saye, a longtime University libraries faculty member, died Nov. 2 in Kalamazoo. She was 93.

Saye served as circulation librarian from 1939 until she retired in 1965 with emerita status. Prior to coming to WMU, she was

an elementary school teacher in Jackson and Wyandotte.

She earned a bachelor's degree from WMU in 1934 and a library science degree from the University of Michigan in 1939.

A close associate of Anna L. French, WMU head librarian, Saye spoke at the dedication of French Hall in 1960 and at that building's rededication in 1990.

Word was recently received that **William A. Schreiber**, emeritus in engineering and technology, died Sept. 27 in Westport, Conn. He was 94.

Schreiber retired in 1971 after 18 years of service as a WMU faculty member.

He first came to the University in 1953 after working as an engineer in private industry and as an instructor at the New York State Veterans' Vocational School.

He was a 1929 graduate of Cooper Union College of Engineering and earned a master's degree in 1957 from WMU.

Third Coast manuscripts due March 10

Aspiring authors seeking to hone their skills with some of America's most prominent writers will be able to do so at the Third Coast Writers' Conference, Thursday through Sunday, May 11 through 13, at WMU.

On hand to conduct workshops with conference participants and give public readings of their works will be poets C.D. Wright, Richard Lyons, William Olsen, Nancy Eimers and Martin Walls and fiction writers Rikki Ducornet, Carol Anshaw, Daniel Mueller and Bonnie Jo Campbell. In addition, nonfiction workshops and readings will feature Michael Martone, Harold King and Michael Steinberg.

Conference participants will be selected on the basis of manuscript submissions, which must be received by March 10. To be considered for selection, writers should submit three to five poems or less than

2,500 words of fiction. Participants will be notified of their selection in late March.

The conference registration fee is \$175 and due April 11. Housing will be available on the WMU campus for less than \$20 per night.

The Third Coast Writers' Conference, now in its 13th year, is sponsored by the Department of English. It is designed as a celebration of literature in which featured writers share their work and insights into the writing process. Those attending are able to enhance and expand their skills by participating in workshops, panel discussions and question/answer sessions with acclaimed writers.

For more information, call 7-2570; email michele.mclaughlin@wmich.edu; or visit the Web site at <www.wmich.edu/thirdcoast/conference.html>.

Sabbaticals granted to 26 by trustees

A total of 26 WMU faculty members were granted sabbatical leaves Dec. 11 by the Board of Trustees. In addition, trustees granted a professional development leave for Paul E. Szarmach, Medieval Institute, effective Aug. 7, 2000, through Dec. 10, 2000.

Granted sabbatical leaves for the entire 2000-2001 academic year were: Lisa E. Baker, psychology; David A. Barnes, geosciences; Jan L. Bedrosian, speech, pathology and audiology; Christine A. Browning, mathematics and statistics; Susan M. Carlson, sociology; Sung G. Chung, physics; Trudy Cobb, dance; James R. Daniels, theatre; Katherine Joslin, English; John A. Kapenga, computer science; Hanjoon Lee, marketing; Bruce Naftel, art; Paul V. Pancella, physics; Gwendolyn Rose, mu-

sic; Ajay A. Samant, finance and commercial law; Robert A. Wertkin, social work; and Stephen L. Zegree, music.

Sabbatical leaves for these faculty members also were approved: Gary E. Bigelow, foreign languages and literatures, for winter 2001; Jody A. Brylinsky, health, physical education and recreation, for fall 2000; Elen M. Cutrim, geography, for fall 2000; John B. Dilworth, philosophy, for winter 2001; Arthur E. Falk, philosophy, for fall 2000 and fall 2001; Gerald E. Markle, sociology, for winter 2001; Robert I. Moss, health, physical education and recreation, for fall 2000; Christopher J. Schmidt, geosciences, for winter 2001; and Benjamin C. Wilson, black Americana studies, for fall 2000.

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scholar from outside the University. Another national colleague called Hillenbrand "a relentless pursuer of longstanding and different issues at the core of the field. He has made your campus a leading center for speech research in North America." Hillenbrand also was lauded for his generosity with his time and service to the profession. "Grant reviewing, editing and committee service are demanding, time-consuming activities," noted a supporter. "Not everyone is willing to accept these 'honors' when they are offered." Hillenbrand earned a bachelor's degree in 1974 and a master's degree in 1975, both in speech and hearing science, from Indiana University. He earned a doctoral de-

gree, also in speech and hearing science, from the University of Washington in 1980. Prior to coming to WMU, he served as director of research for the Intelligent Systems Division of RIT Research Corp. in Rochester, N.Y. He held a concurrent adjunct appointment in the Graduate Computer Science Department at the Rochester Institute of Technology. He also taught for five years at Northwestern University, where he earned that school's 1983 Teaching Excellence Award. As part of his award, Hillenbrand has been invited to give a presentation to the University community at a Distinguished Faculty Scholar Colloquium. The date, time and location of that event will be announced later.

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>.

Thursday, Jan. 20

Exhibition (through Jan. 25), faculty paintings and drawings by Vince Torano, and Charles Stroh, art, Gallery II, Sangren Hall, weekdays 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; reception, Thursday, Jan. 20, 4-6 p.m. APA general membership meeting with President Floyd, 157 Bernhard Center, noon. Mathematics and statistics colloquium, "From P-values to Prescriptions: A Statistician's View of Pharmaceutica Development," Patricia L. Ruppel, senior director of biostatistics and data management, Pharmacia & Upjohn, Alavi Commons Room, sixth floor, Everett Tower, 4:10 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 21

*Kalamazoo Symphony, "America the Beautiful," Miller Auditorium, 8 p.m. Prelude discussion of the performance, 7 p.m. *Film showing (through Jan. 23), Julio Medem's "Lovers of the Arctic Circle," Campus Cinema, Oakland Recital Hall: Friday and Saturday, 7 and 9:30 p.m.; Sunday, 2:30 and 5 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 22

*Women's basketball vs. Kent, University Arena, 2 p.m. *Concert, Western Jazz Quartet with Billy Hart, "Sabine's Dance" CD release party, Dalton Center Recital Hall, 8 p.m. *Ballet de l'Opera de Bordeaux: Romeo and Juliet, Miller Auditorium, 8 p.m.

Sunday, Jan. 23

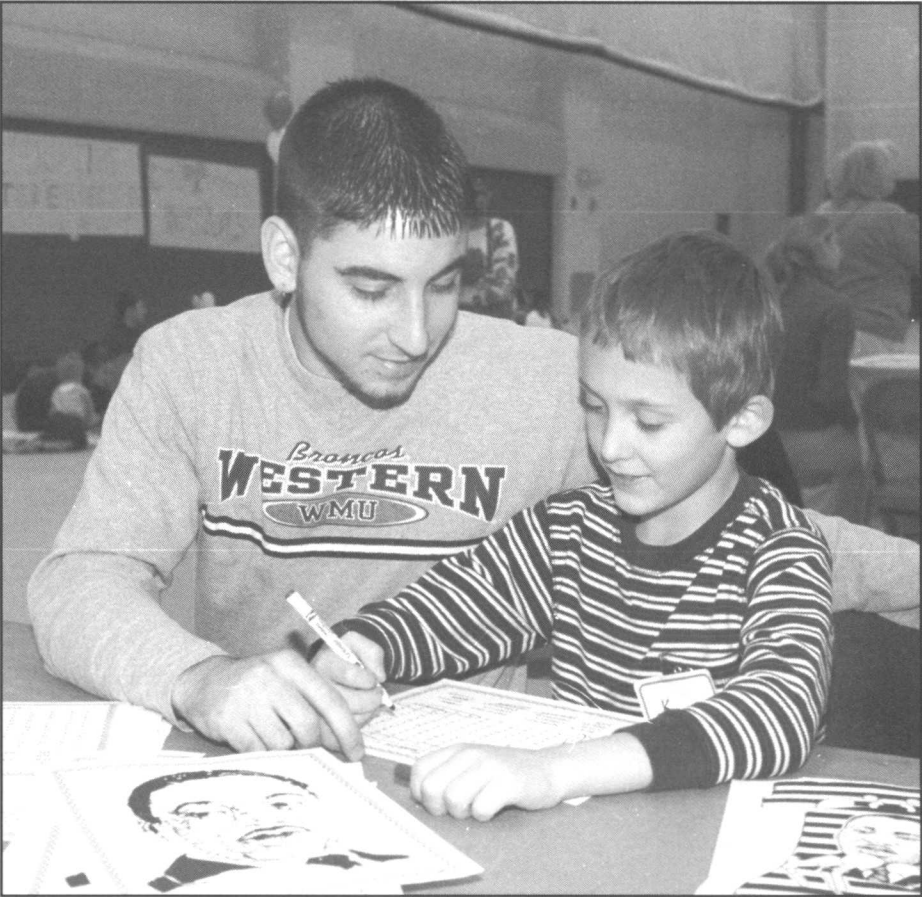
Dalton Series, School of Music "Voice Faculty Showcase," Dalton Recital Hall, 3 p.m.

Monday, Jan. 24

Exhibition (through Jan. 28) "Penetration," Mixed-Media Group Show, Rotunda and South Galleries, East Hall, daily, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; reception, Friday, Jan. 28, 5 to 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 26

American Studies Program winter lecture, "American Art and Culture, circa 1900," Dr.



PASSING THE MLK STORY ON TO THE NEXT GENERATION—Freshman Mark Magyar of Dowagiac spent some time encouraging young Kaz Smolenski of Richland to take note of Martin Luther King Jr.'s legacy during Student Volunteer Services' Discovery Day earlier this week. The afternoon of programs and activities that drew K-8 students from across the area to the Student Recreation Center was part of a Jan. 17-21 campuswide celebration of the life of MLK. (Photo by Neil Rankin)

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ment, noting that his firm has had "a very long and substantive relationship" with the University and already was doing collaborative research in the fields of chemistry and biological sciences. He predicted expanded collaborative work with the College of Health and Human Services and raised the prospect of being able to tap into the state's recently announced life sciences initiative that is being funded with tobacco settlement money. "We've heard about the exciting developments with the Michigan life sciences corridor initiative," Parfet said. "I just think that we're going to see a very wide life sciences corridor running right through Kalamazoo County. We at Pharmacia & Upjohn look forward to engaging ourselves in that, working with Western and with any other partners that want to engage in that collaborative work." Perricone praised the community partnerships that made the funding possible and said the University's success on the project heralded a new era in the Michigan legislature in which funding decisions will

reflect the merit of the proposal and the accomplishments of the institution asking for funding. "Now we have put in place a rating system—a point system—proposed by Sen. Harry Gast and Rep. Jon Jellema, our vice chair of appropriations in the House, that would base the applications for funding on merit," Perricone said. "It was a point system. Western came in second and third respectively on the list for the Lake Michigan College project and for this project and the governor honored that." Floyd thanked Perricone, Gast, Jellema and the community partners who helped make the funding request a success. "We put out a call to help the University secure this new campus for health and human services," Floyd said. "We believe, fundamentally, that we play a major, major role in this region, in this community and in this state. The only way that we can do it as an institution is with your support, and this coup represents the support that we have and we thank you very much."

John Wilmerding, professor of American art at Princeton University, Honors College Lounge, 10-11:30 a.m. **Thursday, Jan. 27** Retirement reception for Robert W. Sprick, residence life, Fetzer Center ballroom, 3-6 p.m. Slide lecture, clay works by Alan Lerner and Von Venhuizen (exhibition opens Jan. 28), 2302 Sangren Hall, 7 p.m., reception follows. **Friday, Jan. 28** Board of Trustees meeting, times and locations to be announced. Exhibition (through Feb. 18), clay works by Alan Lerner and Von Venhuizen, Gallery II, Sangren Hall, M-F, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. *Hockey vs. Michigan State, Lawson Ice Arena, 7 p.m. **Saturday, Jan. 29** *Women's basketball vs. Northern Illinois, University Arena, 12:30 p.m. *Men's basketball vs. Miami, University Arena, 2:30 p.m. *Hockey vs. Michigan State, Lawson Ice Arena, 7 p.m. **Sunday, Jan. 30** Gymnastics vs Bowling Green and Kent, University Arena, 2 p.m. **Monday, Jan. 31** Exhibition (through Feb. 4), Art Education Student Group Show, Rotunda and South Galleries, East Hall, weekdays, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. (reception, Friday, Feb. 4, 5 to 7 p.m.) Exhibition (through Feb. 11), Interior Design Senior Show, Katrina Liechty, Meghan, Piersma and Nancy Pierson, Trimpe Gallery, weekdays 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Exhibition (through Feb. 17), Digital Imaging, Department of Art showcases, Sangren Hall. **Wednesday, Feb. 2** *Men's basketball vs Eastern Michigan, University Arena, 7 p.m. **Thursday, Feb. 3** *Women's basketball vs. Eastern Michigan, University Arena, 7 p.m. *University theatre production (through Feb. 12), "Antigone," Multi-Media Room, Gilmore Theatre Complex; Feb. 3-5 and Feb. 10-12, 8 p.m.; Feb. 6, 2 p.m. *Admission charged