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## Transfer of hospital property approved by state board

Now it's official.

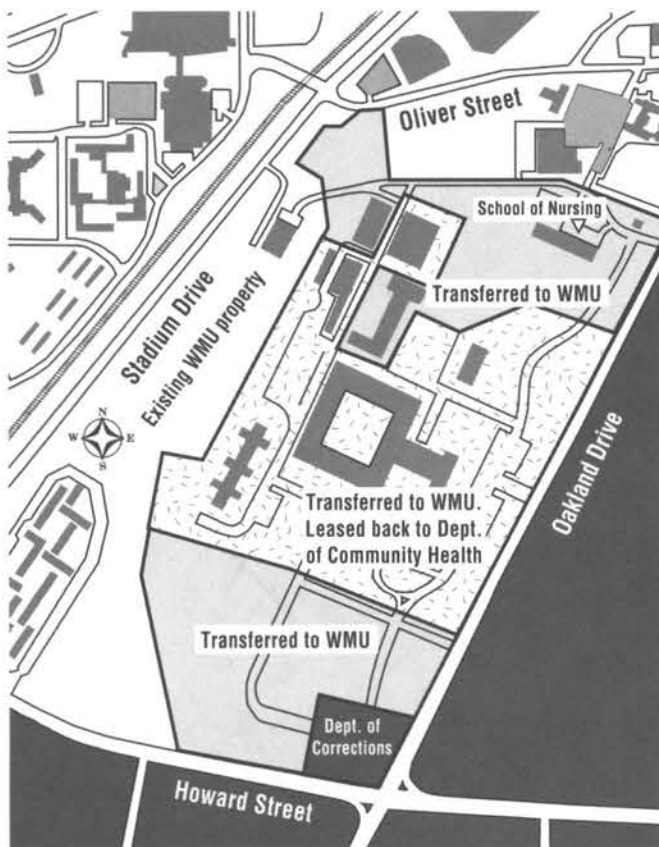
The transfer of 120 acres of property, all but 10 acres of it along Oakland Drive, to the University was approved May 19 by the State Administrative Board in Lansing. It is expected that a deed to the property will be executed before June 30, making the transfer final.

About half of the property will be leased back to the state Department of Community Health for \$1 per year for use by the Kalamazoo Psychiatric Hospital. The transfer was authorized by the state Legislature in December 1996.

The University will experience an immediate savings of \$150,000 per year in a lease agreement no longer necessary for the building housing the School of Nursing. It also will enable WMU to build a \$10 million welcome center and student services building at the southeast corner of Stadium Drive and Oliver Street.

"This is a truly significant moment in the history of our University," President Haenicke said. "It provides us with the opportunity to grow and develop in ways not previously possible. No one can predict the full significance of this property acquisition."

Keith A. Pretty, vice president for external affairs and general counsel, expressed the University's appreciation to several state officials and members of their staffs



for their cooperation in the transfer.

They include James K. Haveman Jr., director of the Department of Community Health, and Robert Mosher, manager of special services in the real estate division of the Department of Management and Budget. The State Administrative Board includes the governor, the state treasurer, the secretary of state and the attorney general.

The property includes 106.7 acres along Oakland Drive and Howard Street as well as 10 acres on Blakeslee Street in Kalamazoo, which is known as the Northwest Unit.

WMU will lease back 53 acres of 106.7 acres to the Department of Community Health for use by the Kalamazoo Psychiatric Hospital. This property includes the main hospital building, the now vacant Pheasant Ridge building, a physical plant shops building and a food service building.

## School of Nursing earns highest accreditation level

WMU's School of Nursing is in just its fourth year of operation, but it already has earned national accreditation from the only recognized accrediting agency for nursing in the United States.

The National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission has granted the WMU School of Nursing a five-year accreditation after an intensive examination that included a site visit last October. This is the highest accreditation level a new program can receive.

"This is very early for a school to receive accreditation," says Bernardine M. Lacey, who helped launch the WMU School of Nursing in 1994 and currently serves as its director. "We wanted those students who took a chance and came to us early to graduate from an accredited program. I know that the University saw national accreditation as absolutely essential, and we've been aiming for it ever since the school started."

"The faculty is tremendously pleased and proud — this took a lot of hard work. It is not easy to assure in a very, very new program that all of the elements are in

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## WMU first in state to implement tuition grant program

In recognition of the service of Michigan National Guard members to the state and nation, Gov. John Engler and President Haenicke May 12 unveiled a precedent-setting tuition grant program for members of the guard to attend WMU.

The WMU tuition grant program is the first by a public university in Michigan. It is designed to provide all eligible members of the Michigan Air and Army National Guard with up to the full cost of tuition at WMU, combining federal and WMU tuition assistance. Michigan guard members who are eligible to receive the federal Montgomery GI Bill can participate in the WMU tuition grant program.

Joining Haenicke and Engler, who is commander-in-chief of the Michigan National Guard, was Maj. Gen. E. Gordon Stump, Michigan adjutant general.

Engler commended the University and thanked Haenicke for his leadership in the development of this initiative. "This program is another example of the world-class educational opportunities available at Western Michigan University," he said. "WMU's commitment to the men and women of the Michigan National Guard represents a significant investment in the security of our state and nation."

Engler noted that the national guard is playing an increasing role in humanitarian and peace-keeping missions around the world. At home, the guard is involved in missions of domestic security as well as response to natural disasters.

"Guard members' access to higher education greatly increases their skills, abili-

ties and insights as they fulfill both their mission as soldiers and airmen as well as their role as citizens of Michigan and the United States," Engler said. "We are grateful to WMU for its willingness to participate in this exciting program."

During the ceremony, Haenicke recognized the dual role of the National Guard. "It is vital to the defense of our nation and the protection of the citizens of Michigan

women of the Michigan Army and Air National Guard.

"Education is a vital component in the development of 21st century guard members," he said. "The participation of our guard members in this tuition grant program will have a dramatic impact on their ability to access higher education and on our ability to attract high caliber citizens to our ranks."

Haenicke also acknowledged the support of the National Guard Association of Michigan, a private group made up of current and former army and air guard members. The association played a significant role in the establishment of the program.

Qualified Michigan National Guard members can enroll in any degree program at WMU beginning with the summer session, which starts June 24. Full-time students are eligible for WMU grants up to \$800 per fall and winter semester and up to \$400 per spring and summer session. Part-time students receive prorated amounts.

This program will be available at all WMU locations in Michigan, including its five regional centers. Required fees, books and other expenses will continue to be the responsibility of the enrolled guard student.

Several hundred students are expected to participate in the first year of the program.

For more information, persons may contact the Michigan Air National Guard through its recruiting offices, its retention offices or its personnel office at (517) 483-5512 or the Michigan Army National Guard through its unit recruiters or its state education officer at (517) 483-5519.



**EXPANDING EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES —** President Haenicke announced a new WMU tuition grant program for eligible members of the Michigan Air and Army National Guard during a news conference May 12 in Lansing. Participating in the announcement were Gov. John Engler and Maj. Gen. E. Gordon Stump, Michigan adjutant general. The WMU program, the first by a public university in Michigan, combines federal and WMU assistance to provide up to the full cost of tuition for guard members. (Photo by Staff Sgt. John Saul)

to ensure that the men and women of the Michigan National Guard have the best education we can provide them," Haenicke said. "It is with great pride that all of us at WMU enter into this partnership, which is part of our continuing efforts to extend access to public higher education to the people of Michigan."

Stump also thanked Haenicke for this initiative, on behalf of the 12,000 men and

## Committee seeks input on NCAA certification report

As part of an NCAA certification process, WMU officials will conduct a public hearing from 1 to 3 p.m. Wednesday, June 3, in the Faculty Lounge of the Bernhard Center.

"The purpose of the hearing is to gather ideas and input from the WMU campus community as well as the larger community about athletics at WMU and the draft report of our steering committee," said Jan W. Lyddon, planning and institutional research.

Lyddon is chairperson of a 13-member steering committee that is conducting WMU's institutional self-study, a part of certification by the National Collegiate Athletic Association. A copy of the steering committee's draft report is available for review at the circulation desk in Waldo Library.

The committee includes Kathy B. Beauregard, intercollegiate athletics, and

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## Did you know?

- WMUK-FM, the University's public radio station, received several awards in the 1997 Associated Press Michigan Broadcast Contest.
- The station earned a top award for having the best newscast.
- It also received honorable mentions for general excellence, best hard news, best use of natural sound and best sports feature story.



## Sky Broncos climb to the top in national competition

WMU's Sky Broncos captured first place at the National Intercollegiate Flying Association championship held May 5-9 at Kansas State University at Salina.

The 13-member Sky Broncos team won the national title, its first since 1983, by beating 27 teams from around the nation, including the second place team from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University of Prescott, Ariz., and the third place University of North Dakota. The win came after six consecutive years of top three finishes by the Sky Broncos at the annual event.

A strong showing in the four flight events was the key to the victory after team members placed second overall in the competition's five ground events, according to Joseph H. Dunlap, aviation sciences. Team points are earned by competitors who place in the top 10 in each of the nine events. While ground competition was very close, Dunlap says the flight events put WMU in first place by a wide point spread.

"We did extremely well in the flying events," Dunlap says, "but overall, this was about a team that worked very hard. They gave everything they had in every event and lived up to their potential."

Leading the Sky Broncos in their victory performance was Jennifer Richard, a senior from Caledonia. Richard was named the nation's top college pilot in the individual standings and also earned top female pilot hon-



### Flying high

The co-captains of WMU's Sky Broncos show off their national championship trophies (from left): Gregory Killeen, an April graduate from West Islip, N.Y.; Jennifer Richard, a senior from Caledonia; and Pat Denney, an April graduate from Athens. (Photo by Neil Rankin)

ors. She placed second in two of the four flying events and won one of the ground events. This is the second consecutive year that a Sky Bronco has captured the top pilot award at the championship.

The team also earned this year's judges' trophy, which goes to the team with the most overall points in the competition. Dunlap says that award shows the depth and strength of this year's team because it is based on the performance of all the competitors — not just those who place in the top 10.

The win caps an academic year full of success for WMU's School of Aviation Sciences. The school moved to new facilities at Battle Creek's W.K. Kellogg Airport in September and also launched its International Pilot Training Centre. International contracts with British Airways and Aer Lingus were announced over the winter and in March, British Airways brought its first group of cadets to WMU aboard a supersonic Concorde, a visit that attracted national attention.

"All along we've said the bottom line for our program is quality," Dunlap says. "This win on the American side, along with all the successes of the past year, speaks to that goal and it brings great credit to the University and to the program."

This year's Sky Broncos team was coached by Mark A. Serbenski, aviation sciences. Ryan Seiler was the assistant coach.

## Jazz students, ensembles garner more 'DB' awards

Faculty members and students in the School of Music's Jazz Studies Program are upbeat about the recent honors they received from Down Beat magazine.

Seven "DB" awards, announced in the May issue of the magazine, went to WMU students and ensembles. Adding these accolades to those received in the past five years gives WMU students and ensembles some 50 awards — more than any other college or university in the same time period.

This year's winners were: saxophonist Robert Lewis, a recent master's degree recipient from Moscow, Idaho, who was named a college co-winner in the jazz instrumental soloist category; guitarist Michael Drost, a recent graduate from Arlington Heights, Ill., who received a college outstanding performance award in the jazz instrumental soloist category; the University Jazz Orchestra, under the direction of Thomas Knific, which was named a college co-winner in the jazz big band category; vocalists Christin Foley, a senior from Bay Village, Ohio, and Dan Myers, a junior from Stevens Point, Wis., who swept the college outstanding performance awards in the jazz vocal soloist category; Gold Company, under the direction of Stephen Zegree, which received a college outstanding performance recognition in the jazz vocal choir category; and the Gold Company Sextet, which was named the college winner in the jazz vocal group category.

## Reunions set for June 5-6

Members of the WMU classes of 1948, 1953 and 1958 will gather in Kalamazoo Friday and Saturday, June 5-6, for Reunion Weekend.

A welcome back reception will take place from 3 to 5 p.m. Friday in Walwood Union, the home of the McKee Alumni Center. The day will end with a private viewing of "Singing in the Rain" in the Campus Cinema of Oakland Recital Hall.

Saturday's activities will begin with registration at 8:30 a.m. in the Fetzer Center and a 9 a.m. breakfast program featuring Richard Kishpaugh, a member of the class of 1948 and a historian who lives in Kalamazoo. Among the other scheduled activities will be a special presentation, "I Love Music," by Robert J. Ricci, music; a bus tour of campus; and a 5 p.m. social hour that will include the taking of class photographs.

Members of the 40th, 45th and 50th reunion classes will conclude Reunion Weekend with a 6 p.m. dinner program in the Fetzer Center. Traditionally during the program, alumni who have graduated 50 or more years ago are recognized as Golden Associates by the WMU Alumni Association. This recognition will be bestowed on the class of 1948 during an induction ceremony at the close of the event.

For more information, persons should call the McKee Alumni Center at 7-8777.

## WMU researchers evaluating state's charter schools

The performance, operation and impact of charter schools in both Michigan and Connecticut is the focus of two statewide studies being conducted by WMU researchers.

With \$149,493 in funding from the Michigan Department of Education, the team from WMU's Evaluation Center is evaluating approximately half of Michigan's 105 public school academies, which are popularly known as charter schools. A private firm, Public Sector Consultants Inc. of Lansing, is evaluating the other half of Michigan charter schools, focusing its efforts in the southeastern corner of the state.

In a separate grant project, the WMU researchers also have received \$250,000 to study 12 charter schools that opened this year in Connecticut. In that project, the team will spend the next five years helping the schools and state officials build evaluation practices into the Connecticut charter initiative.

Both studies are designed to determine if charter school initiatives are meeting the needs of the families and communities they serve. They also will address specific issues of concern in each state.

"In Michigan, we are evaluating schools, the authorizing agencies' roles in the schools, the role of private service providers in the schools, the role of the Department of Education and the schools' impact

on their communities," says Jerry G. Horn, Evaluation Center, who is directing the WMU efforts in both Michigan and Connecticut.

"Our work with the two projects provides an opportunity to evaluate a popular educational reform movement and to build capacity for conducting and using evaluation in local schools," Horn says.

Evaluating the two states' charter school programs should provide information of great interest to state and education leaders across the country, Horn notes. About 28 states are involved in charter school development and several of those states have only a handful of charter schools in operation. With more than 100 schools, Michigan's public school academy program boasts an estimated 12 to 14 percent of the nation's charter schools.

Horn directed a preliminary study of Michigan's charter schools last year and developed a long-term plan for the state to use in evaluating such schools. The earlier project, which also was funded by the Department of Education, produced a self-study kit for schools to develop data for their own use as well as for the comprehensive state study.

Horn's team is using that self-study kit to begin the evaluation process of the schools in the new effort. They have asked each school to develop a portfolio that will include files on such areas as curriculum, innovative teaching methods, technology use and physical plant records. They also are asking the schools to complete a number of surveys covering school climate and the perceptions and attitudes of teachers, students and parents. Site visits, interviews and focus groups also are being utilized.

Student performance will be measured by analyzing every type of data available to the researchers. That will include student performance on the Michigan Educational Assessment Program or MEAP tests, which charter school students must take, as well as any standardized assessment tests the schools voluntarily administer.

The WMU and Public Sector Consultants efforts are the first attempt at a statewide assessment of the schools, which first began accepting students in 1995. The evaluation is mandated by the Michigan Legislature as part of the legislation that allowed the development of charter schools.

"We are the only study in which the schools must legally participate," notes

Horn, who also says the performance of charter schools may be a difficult area to measure since traditional achievement tests focus on skills that may not be part of the mission of a particular school. Other school performance areas being examined include the use and success of innovative teaching techniques.

The Michigan study also features an evaluation of such broad questions as whether the charter school legislation has worked as legislators intended, whether the Michigan Department of Education staff has provided appropriate support for charter schools, why more eligible authorizing agencies have not taken advantage of the charter school opportunities and how charter schools address the special education needs of students.

Public school academies in Michigan may be chartered by such authorizing agencies as public state universities, community colleges, intermediate school districts and local public K-12 school districts. The schools are operated with the same per pupil funding as traditional public schools, and services may be provided by for-profit organizations.



**PROMOTING THE ARTS** — More than 700 of the state's finest young artists gathered on campus May 7-9 for the 36th annual Michigan Youth Arts Festival. The festival is a comprehensive arts spectacular, culminating a nine-month search for the finest artistic talent in Michigan high schools. The outstanding students attending the festival shared their talents with their peers and the public through performances and exhibits. Here, Kevin Sedatole, a faculty member from the University of Michigan, rehearses a group of instrumental music students in the Dalton Center. This is the 14th year that WMU has played host to the festival, which is coordinated through the College of Fine Arts. (Photo by Neil Rankin)

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## Noted educator to speak on leadership qualities

A former superintendent of the Washington, D.C., public school system will discuss the leadership qualities needed to run today's schools in a Thursday, May 28, speech on campus.

Floretta Dukes McKenzie, now head of an educational consulting firm in Washington, will describe her views on "Reinventing Leadership" in a free public talk set for 10 a.m. in the Oakland Recital Hall's Campus Cinema. McKenzie will draw on her 40-year record in all phases of American education to explore the similarities between top educators and leading business executives when it comes to management and leadership habits in a world of rapidly changing public expectations.

McKenzie also will focus on the importance of meaningful connections educators must make with members of the private sector and others in attempting to keep pace with the daily emergence of new technologies.

"Her talk should appeal to administrators, teachers, students and parents interested in school administration — anyone interested in what constitutes good leadership in schools," says Lynn C. Todman, Institute for Leadership Transformation, which is sponsoring McKenzie's visit. "We're expecting to attract a fairly eclectic audience."

The nationally recognized educator who spoke at last month's National Association of School Boards annual conference in New Orleans, will visit Kalamazoo to meet with the Michigan Association of African American Superintendents. That group will hold a day-long meeting May 28 on campus.

McKenzie's successful tenure as head of the nation's 21st largest school system from 1981 to 1988 was marked by the

establishment of a comprehensive public/private partnership program and the implementation of a five-year computer literacy program. She also is credited with the development of a stable financial and planning base that led to increased student academic progress.

Her firm, the McKenzie Group Inc., is a comprehensive educational consulting firm that offers a range of direct assistance services to organizations in both the public and private sectors. It has assisted in such tasks as helping the city of Milwaukee select a new school superintendent.

In addition to her consulting responsibilities, McKenzie is involved in a number of efforts to enhance minority educational opportunities, including serving as a member of the national advisory council for Project 3000 by 2000. That project is an effort by the Association of American Medical Colleges to boost minority participation in health care careers.

McKenzie's background also includes a position as deputy assistant secretary in the U.S. Department of Education's Office of School Improvement. In that position, she oversaw 15 federal education programs and initiatives and supervised a staff of 100 employees and a yearly budget of \$67 million.

For more information about McKenzie's visit, persons should contact Todman at 7-8370.

## On campus



**NOT JUST A NUMBER** — Patti VanWalbeck's job may involve a lot of number crunching, but it's the people contact she enjoys most. The director of accounting services, VanWalbeck and her staff are responsible for maintaining the general ledger for the University and producing monthly and annual reports, customer billings and collections, and accounts payable disbursements. Accounting services departments that perform these services include the general accounting office as well as customer account services, accounts payable and plant accounting. "We're here to help people and departments with their accounting needs for the entire University," she says. The staff has a "customer oriented" approach, she says, and works to implement programs that help financial processes run smoothly and provide

timely information, such as the General Ledger Operating Web (GLOW), an online Web application. "I like the variety in my job and the contact with students and employees," she says. VanWalbeck came to WMU in 1994 as director of internal audit from Plante & Moran, where she had worked for five years and had become familiar with the University as an external auditor. She was named to her present position in 1995. A certified public accountant, VanWalbeck earned her bachelor of business administration degree from Nazareth College. She and her husband have an eight-month-old daughter, and enjoy their home on a nearby lake and summer water sports. (Photo by Neil Rankin)

## Program helps injured employees return to work sooner

A two-year-old program offered through the Sindecuse Health Center is helping WMU employees injured on the job return to work more quickly.

The Early Return-to-Work Program was initiated in July 1996 as a workers' compensation initiative especially for employees who could not immediately return to regular duties because of work-related injuries.

"Previously, workers did not return to work after they were injured until they were fully recovered," says Carol J. Ashley, coordinator of the program. "Now, we work with them to provide a smooth and timely transition from disability status to gainful employment. In many cases, we're able to find them temporary work assignments within their capabilities."

management and global navigation. Rantz plans to include part of the video in an interactive learning project for the World Wide Web.

The program uses WMU faculty, staff and students as its actors.

The project is funded in part through a grant from the Michigan Space Grant Consortium. It was one of nearly 3,000 entries from 47 states and five other countries. Entries were judged by a panel of professionals in film, video and television.

## Exchange

**FOR RENT** — Beautiful two-bedroom apartment with lots of historic charm. Covered parking, dishwasher, hardwood floors. \$675/month (includes heat). Call 7-8432.

**WANTED TO RENT** — One-bedroom furnished apartment for senior lady, July 11 to Aug. 8, 1998. Must have arrangements made by June 12. Call 7-5283 or 381-2270.

**FOR SALE** — Panasonic microwave/convection oven with accessories, \$100 or best offer; Hamilton Beach food processor with attachments, \$10; women's 12-speed bike with lights, rack, \$20; rocking chair, needs refinishing, \$5. Call 7-8806.

**FOR SALE** — Black leather sofa/chair set; full-size bed and metal bed with art deco detail; all-glass entertainment center (great for lots of cds); and lots more too. Call for details, 383-1637.

**FOR SALE** — Four-bedroom ranch home. Master bath, large family room, air conditioning, softener. Four years old. Parchment schools, 4658 Silverleaf. \$112,000 or best offer. Call George at 344-1549 evenings.

The upshot, Ashley says, is frequently a more rapid recovery from work-related injuries. The injury's impact on the employee is minimized and costs associated with workers' compensation are reduced, she says.

Ashley becomes involved with employees as soon as they seek medical treatment for a work-related injury. She works with employees, their supervisors and physicians to determine the kind of work the employees can do — either in their current department with some modifications or on a temporary assignment in a different area.

"The modifications can be as simple as making minor alterations to a workstation setup for someone who uses a computer," she says. "Demonstrating proper body positioning also can reduce the chances of a lengthy recovery or injury aggravation."

Ashley says most employees come through her program as a result of strains and repetitive action injuries of the back, arms, shoulders and wrists. In addition to helping the employees return to work, she also provides personal disability counsel-

ing to those who need it.

During the program's first year, time lost from work due to job injuries was reduced by 36 percent. Nearly 41 percent of the 345 employees who reported on-the-job injuries from July 1996 through June 1997 returned to work through the program with some type of special accommodations for their physical restriction. From July 1997 to date, the total of returning workers with restrictions has increased to 49 percent.

"More evaluation is needed to determine the extent of the program's success, but preliminary results indicate WMU is on the right track," Ashley says. "Ongoing program assessment is expected to provide additional documentation regarding cost savings and program benefits, both to the University and its employees. As faculty and staff become more aware of the Early Return-to-Work Program, its increasing utilization and success look very promising."

For more information, contact Ashley at 7-3281.

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

(R) **Assistant Professor** (Term Ends 8/9/99; Academic Year), I-30, English, 97/98-406, 5/19-5/26/98.

(R) **Assistant Professor** (Tenure Track; Academic Year), I-30, Business Information Systems, 97/98-407, 5/19-5/26/98.

(R) **Assistant Professor** (Term Ends 8/9/99; Academic Year), I-30, English, 97/98-408, 5/19-5/26/98.

(R) **Secretary Administrative I**, S-07, Anthropology, 97/98-411, 5/19-5/26/98.

(R) **Financial Clerk II**, S-04, Customer Account Services, 97/98-412, 5/19-5/26/98.

(R) **Secretary II** (.69 FTE; Academic Year), S-05, Dining Services, 97/98-413, 5/19-5/26/98.

(R) **Clerk III**, S-04, Registrar's Office, 97/98-414, 5/19-5/26/98.

(R) **Lead Registration Clerk**, S-08, Registrar's Office, 97/98-415, 5/19-5/26/98.

(R) **Secretary II** (Term Ends 12/31/99), S-05, Research and Sponsored Programs, 97/98-419, 5/19-5/26/98.

(R) **Public Safety Systems Specialist**, X-04, Public Safety, 97/98-424, 5/19-5/26/98.

(R) **Library Assistant V** (.50 FTE; 20 Hours/Week), S-06, University Libraries, 97/98-427, 5/19-5/26/98.

(N) **Director, Major Gifts**, P-06, External Affairs/Development, 97/98-428, 5/19-5/26/98.

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.

(N) New  
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## Obituary

Eulalia S. Toms, emerita in teacher education, died May 2 in Lawton. She was 90.

Toms taught home economics at WMU from 1947 to 1970. She was a member of the American Home Economics Association and the Michigan Education Association. She also was active in the First Presbyterian Church of Paw Paw, to which memorial contributions may be made.

### Telephone service to be interrupted

The Department of Telecommunications will be updating the switch software that serves the East Campus between midnight and 6 a.m. Saturday, May 30.

There will be interruptions in service during this time that will cause telephones to lose their programming for forwarding to voice mail boxes and speed dial settings. Telephones will need to be reprogrammed with the desired forwarding and speed dial numbers.

Persons with questions about the upgrade should contact telecommunications at 7-4663 or their account representative.



## Association names Hancox Outstanding New Teacher

Melissa K. Hancox, communication, has been selected as the 1998 Outstanding New Teacher by the Central States Communication Association.

Awarded to recipients in their first five years of teaching, the prize recognizes those who distinguish themselves early in their careers as classroom teachers.

A five-person panel of faculty members representing the organization evaluated Hancox based upon a portfolio that contained her teaching philosophy, course syllabi, samples of instructional methods, evaluation data and letters of recommendation from students and colleagues.

A WMU faculty member since this past September, Hancox teaches undergraduate and graduate courses in organizational communication.

The Central States Communication Association, with 1,500 members, is the largest of the regional groups of the National Communication Association.

## Bosco elected chairperson of networking consortium

James J. Bosco, College of Education, has been elected to a one-year term as chairperson of the Consortium for School Networking.

The consortium is a national nonprofit organization formed to advocate for the use of telecommunications in K-12 classrooms to improve learning. Members represent school district and state entities, nonprofit organizations, companies and individuals supporting this vision.

The consortium has played a leading role in the creation of the E-Rate, which provides substantially discounted telecommunication services, Internet access and internal connections for school and libraries.

Bosco has been a member of the organization's board of directors since 1996. At WMU, he directs the Office of Educational Technology and the Southwestern Michigan Interconnect for Learning Experiences. His work focuses on school reform and technology, and he has directed several technology training projects for pre-service and in-service teachers and other support personnel.

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place for this kind of critical review."

WMU joins 14 other public and private nursing programs in the state of Michigan and some 1,500 across the nation that also are accredited.

"Dr. Lacey and the faculty are to be congratulated for this extraordinary success so early in the school's development," says Dean Janet I. Pisaneschi, health and human services. "We're also very grateful to our many community partners and local donors for assisting us to realize such an expeditious and auspicious beginning for this educational venture and important addition to the University health and human service offerings."

The accreditation followed a three-step process including a self-study of the program, a site visit by an evaluation team, and a review of the self-study and the evaluator's report by a panel of experts from the accrediting agency.

The nursing school was measured



## Making medieval music

Altamar, an early music ensemble from Bloomington, Ind., was one of several groups that performed during the 33rd International Congress on Medieval Studies May 7-10 on campus. Their concert featured the use of one-of-a-kind replicas of medieval Celtic instruments. Pictured during a rehearsal are (from left): Jann Cosart on bowed strings; David Stettelman on percussion; Angela Mariani on harp; and Chris Smith on plucked strings. The congress, the world's largest conference on the Middle Ages, attracted nearly 2,700 scholars from 50 states and more than 25 countries. (Photo by Neil Rankin)

## Grundler Prize goes to authors of books on art and ale

A book on a 15th century Italian artist and another on medieval women brewers in England earned two scholars a share of a major international prize for medieval studies offered by WMU.

The 1998 Otto Grundler Prize was awarded to Diane Cole Ahl, professor of art at Lafayette College in Easton, Penn., and to Judith M. Bennett, the Francis Stuart Chapin Jr. Professor of History at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. The two will share the \$2,500 prize awarded during the 33rd International Congress on Medieval Studies May 7-10 at WMU.

The prize, the largest in the field of medieval studies, is named for the former director of WMU's Medieval Institute, which each year acts as host to the world's largest gathering of medieval scholars. Nearly 2,700 persons from 50 states and more than 25 nations attended this year's event.

Art historian Ahl was selected for the prize for her 1996 book, "Benozzo Gozzoli," published by Yale University Press. The book is the first comprehensive study this century of the work of the Italian artist who is known for his illustrations of 15th century life in Florence. During his 60-year career, Gozzoli worked for popes and Medici princes as well as villagers and parish priests. He is best known for such works as the fresco, "Journey of the Magi," which is part of Florence's Palazzo Medici.

The book, which Grundler Prize judges called "a definitive study," contains more than 300 photographs and includes new information brought to light by recent cleaning of Gozzoli's frescos. It also delves into Gozzoli's working procedures and techniques and examines how sacred art was created, commissioned and experienced during the Renaissance.

Bennett was selected for her 1996 book, "Ale, Beer, and Brewsters in England: Women's Work in a Changing World, 1300-1600." The book, published by Oxford University Press, focuses on how women, who brewed almost all of medieval England's ale, disappeared from the trade by 1600 as men took over the increasingly lucrative profession.

The book, which has attracted attention in the British and American press, is the result of Bennett's in-depth research into ancient court and manorial records in England to trace why women disappeared from the brewing trade they once dominated. It is a book that "was crying to be written," according to one judge on the Grundler Prize selection committee.

The volumes by Ahl and Bennett were among some two dozen books and monographs nominated for this year's prize, according to Paul E. Szarmach, Medieval Institute. The level of competition, he says, made it extremely difficult for the judging committee to arrive at a final four and

impossible to narrow the selection to a single winner.

"That two different books in two very different fields were selected to share the prize this year is a function of the level of the competition and of the committee's commitment to select a book that could have wide appeal and still satisfy the demands and scrutiny of specialists in a given field," Szarmach says.

The Grundler Prize was established by President Haenicke to honor Grundler for his distinguished service to the University and his life-long dedication to the international community of medievalists. It was first announced when Grundler retired in 1995 after serving 34 years as a WMU faculty member and 19 years as director of both the Medieval Institute and the annual congress.

The prize is intended to recognize a book or monograph on a medieval subject judged by the selection committee to be an outstanding contribution to the field. Authors from any country are eligible for the prize. Books of any language may be submitted during the year after the book's publication date for a prize given the following spring.

## Student wins award for excellence in tutoring

Apryl Clay, a WMU graduate student, has won the first Outstanding Tutor Award from the Michigan Tutorial Association.

Clay, a supplemental instruction leader in the WMU Academic Skills Center, was chosen from a field of seven candidates based upon her contributions to student tutoring, her community involvement and her stature as an exemplary role model to other tutors and WMU students at large.

Clay will receive \$200 and a plaque recognizing the honor. Both will be presented at the MTA 1998 Fall Conference at Muskegon Community College.

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members drawn from the faculty, staff, students, athletics department and community. The committee is conducting the self-study according to standards adopted by the NCAA in 1993.

The certification process examines each institution's financial integrity, rules compliance and commitment to equity in its athletics programs. WMU, along with all 307 NCAA Division I schools, is participating in the project. WMU was part of the NCAA's two-year certification pilot program that began in 1990.

Following the self-study, a team of representatives of other Division I institutions and conferences will conduct an external review. This is expected to occur in December 1998, with a report to be issued early in 1999. Recertification takes place every 10 years.

"While academic accreditation has long been common for colleges and universities, this NCAA program is the first to focus solely on certification of athletics programs," Lyddon said. "Each year, about 60 Division I institutions take part in this process."

Persons who have questions may call Lyddon at 7-4422 or e-mail her at <jan.lyddon@wmich.edu>.

## Calendar

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### Thursday, May 21

Meeting, Administrative Professional Association, 157 Bernhard Center, noon.

### Monday, May 25

Memorial Day holiday.

### Thursday, May 28

Institute for Leadership Transformation lecture, "Reinventing Leadership," Floretta Dukes McKenzie, former superintendent of the Washington, D.C., public school system, Campus Cinema, Oakland Recital Hall, 10 a.m.

### Wednesday, June 3

Meeting, Professional Support Staff Organization, 157-158 Bernhard Center, noon-1 p.m.

Public hearing for National Collegiate Athletic Association certification, Faculty Lounge, Bernhard Center, 1-3 p.m.

Lacey says the accreditation will not only enhance the school's standing among the professional community, but it will also allow WMU students and the school to be eligible for federal funding opportunities that were out of reach without it. She says it also serves as an important recruiting tool when attracting new faculty and students. Nursing professionals who wish to attend graduate school in nursing must graduate from an accredited program.

The National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission is an independent subsidiary of National League of Nursing. It is the leading accrediting body for all types of nursing education programs — baccalaureate, master's, associate's, diploma and licensed practical nursing—within the United States. Its review panel includes doctors, nurses, nursing educators and community members.

The WMU School of Nursing offers bachelor's degrees for beginning nurses and for registered nurses who already have nursing diplomas or associate's degrees in nursing. A four-year pre-licensure track is available to beginning students seeking a bachelor's degree and eligibility to sit for the registered nurse licensing exam. A two-year registered nurse track is available for those with nursing diplomas or associate's degrees seeking a bachelor's degree in nursing.

The WMU program currently enrolls nearly 225 students. The school employs five full-time faculty and 10 clinical supervisors who specialize in areas of nursing such as pediatrics and community health nursing.

The first class of graduates from the registered nurse track earned their bachelor's degrees in 1996, while the first class of pre-licensure students will graduate in 1999.