Towering generosity

University officials announced the largest single gift in University history — $5.8 million — during ceremonies Sept. 20 dedicating Stewart Tower, the clock tower that connects Waldo Library and the Computing Center. The gift came from the late Helen Stewart Frays, a WMU alumna and lifelong resident of Kalamazoo. The clock tower was named in honor of her parents, Thomas and Mary Stewart Frays. Providing remarks during the naming ceremony were Charles E. Philp, a longtime friend of Frays, President Haenicke, Trustee Emeritus James S. Brady and Richard G. Carlson, chairperson of the WMU Foundation.

Groh, Oas to be recognized for contributions with this year’s Distinguished Service Awards

Two WMU employees who together have dedicated more than 60 years to the University have been selected as recipients of this year’s Distinguished Service Awards.

John Groh, international student services, and Donna B. Oas, speech pathology and audiology, will be presented with plaques and a $1,500 honorarium at the 17th annual Academic Convocation at 3 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 22, in the Dalton Center Recital Hall. In addition, $1,000 will be added to their base salaries.

The two were chosen from campuswide nominations based on such criteria as their dedication to the University and service that extends the impact and presence of the University into the larger world.

Groh, a WMU staff member for 29 years, is being recognized for her contributions to the field of international education. After working her first four years at WMU as an admissions analyst in the Graduate College, she joined the international student services staff in 1971 as an admissions counselor. She was promoted to assistant director in 1977 and to director in 1979. While working in that office, she also completed a bachelor’s degree in communication and sociology and a master’s degree in counseling and personnel at WMU.

Groh is responsible for managing all phases of student services for WMU’s international students from recruitment to graduation. During her tenure as director, the population she serves has tripled to more than 1,700 students from some 90 countries. Letters in support of her nomination for the Distinguished Service Award came from as near as the campus and as far as Greece, Venezuela and Singapore.

“Jolene, over the years, has quietly and efficiently directed an office which responds quickly to admissions requests, effectively handles visa problems and transcript evaluations and eases the transition into the University,” wrote one colleague. “Jolene also developed an office which connects Waldo Library and the Computing Center. The clock tower was dedicated as a tribute to Frays’ parents, Thomas and Mary Stewart Frays, a lifelong resident of Kalamazoo, died in April 1994 at the age of 88. It was her express wish that the tower be named for her parents. Helen Frays joins a relatively small, but growing number of alumni and friends who have most generously supported our University with gifts of $1 million or more,” Haenicke said. “They are apparently no upward limits to the loyalty and generosity bestowed on Western Michigan University by its alumni and friends, and we are deeply gratified.”

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Enrollment trends remain positive, Wright says

The number of freshmen at WMU this fall is up by 4.4 percent, creating the University’s second-largest freshman class since 1989. Enrollment in doctoral programs also remained near record levels, surpassing those of last year’s figure, which itself had a substantial gain of 17.5 percent over the previous year. This year’s sophomore class is also larger than last year’s, by 3 percent.

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Total enrollment is 25,699 students, an increase of 182 students or 0.7 percent. Total enrollment is up by 182 students or 0.7 percent, from last year’s figure, which itself had a substantial gain of 17.5 percent over the previous year. This year’s sophomore class is also larger than last year’s, by 3 percent.

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In time, I came to see Jolene as a good friend, not just because of her quality professionalism, but because of her honest caring about my progress and well-being,” wrote a recent graduate. “I am happy to say
Students, faculty, staff, alumni and friends are invited to link up to WMU's "On-Site Admissions" but are interested in WMU may attend the event and take tours. General walking tours, as well as residence hall tours, will be conducted.

The "On-Site Admissions" will take place in the Seibernt Administration Building, where the tours will leave from the Bernhard Center. For more information, persons may contact the Office of Admissions and Orientation at 7-2000.

Paper tech meeting planned

The Paper Technology Foundation will conduct its 37th annual meeting on campus Thursday, Oct. 3. The meeting will include paper and printing pilot open houses on Friday.

Homecoming organizers invite campus community to 'get connected'

High school seniors can apply for admission to WMU and find out if they're accepted during President John Friedl's "On-Site Admissions," which will take place 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. both days on campus. More than 900 students are expected to attend the multitude of Friday activities when it takes on Central Michigan University in Waldo Stadium at 7 p.m. Friday in the Darton Center Recital Hall. The concert is free to the public.

The WMU women's volleyball team will stage the first of this year's activities when it takes on Central Michigan University at 7 p.m. Friday in the University Arena. A match-up between the University of Michigan and the University of Utah will take place at 7 p.m. Saturday in the University Arena.

The Southwest Michigan Homecoming Committee announced the following events are slated for Saturday, Oct. 5, beginning with registration for returning alumni from 9 a.m. to noon on the second floor of the Bernhard Center. Beginning at 9:30 a.m. in the same location, returning students also can enjoy the Alumni Center and the alumni center's service to help contact former classmates, roommates and friends, in addition to obtaining information about reunion activities.

President Haenicke will welcome guests at the Student Alumni Association/Students 1944 graduate who is an aviation consultant, has been a professor and director of graduate studies in the law school.

WMU band alumni will gather with former students and professors to participate in the seventh annual Battle of the Bands, to be held at 8 p.m. in Schneider Hall. Nearly 300 business and community leaders from Southwest Michigan will be watching the homecoming activities when it takes on Central Michigan University in Waldo Stadium at 7 p.m. The concert is free to the public. The University archives and regional history collections will highlight the history of homecoming and the alumni association during the concert.

Several on-campus activities are planned for the weekend, including the homecoming lip-sync contest called "That's the Spirit" which will be held in the University Arena at 9 a.m. until noon on the second floor of the Bernhard Center. The synchronized stepshow will feature the action block-buster "Mission Impossible," starring Tom Cruise, at 9:30 p.m. and again at midnight. This year's theme is "WoridWideWestern: Get Connected." Homecoming photos, memorabilia and significant historical aspects of Homecoming with a dis-
Board action final step in contract ratification

Action by the Board of Trustees at its Oct. 25 meeting is the next and final step for the contract between the University and the WMU chapter of the American Association of University Professors.

Members of the faculty union voted overwhelmingly Sept. 19 to ratify a new three-year contract. The previous contract was extended to Sept. 22 to allow time for the ratification vote.

A tentative agreement was announced Sept. 4, two days before the previous contract expired. Bargaining Negotiations Board with the University and the faculty union reached agreement on final details of the contract Sept. 13.

The contract calls for across-the-board increases in faculty salaries of 4 percent for 1996-97, 3.5 percent for 1997-98 and 3 percent for 1998-99. Increases of 5 percent in 1997-98 and 7 percent in 1998-99 are provided for Doctoral I productivity and equity increases among state universities.

These latter increases reflect the University's designation as Michigan's only public Doctoral I university by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching. Currently, a merit pool of 5 percent in each year of the contract is provided to recognize outstanding academic achievements.

The new contract provides for other changes as well. One is the addition of a position of professional specialist, which is outside of the bargaining unit and limited in number to no more than six.

Such positions, which are common at large, research-oriented universities like WKU, are provided for such employees as flight instructors and laboratory supervisors. They recognize the University's "professional growth and development of its faculty and administrative unit," according to an appendix to the contract.

Provisions requiring the use of student evaluations as part of the evaluation of faculty members were changed to prohibit the use of a single item on an evaluation to make a personnel decision and to require that faculty members receive feedback and be given instruction in teaching and in student evaluations.

Health benefits and insurance coverage were enumerated in the contract for the first time. These plans are essentially the same as those for every other employee group.

The contract calls for students to use the University calendar through 2000-01 with no increase in the number of holidays or annual leave. It was agreed that the only bonus coming would be a holiday which might allow for special programs for alumni on that day.

Several improvements were made to faculty development initiatives. The use of student feedback leave was changed to allow for 100 percent salary support for one-semester sabbatical leave with the approval of a dean or chairperson. The requirements for sabbatical leaves were strengthened.

The faculty development policy was changed to add $30,000 to that fund, of which $15,000 would be designated for faculty development for international education. An additional $95,000 was added to the Faculty Research and Creative Activities Support Fund, primarily to facilitate faculty travel.

Catalogs on line on WWW

Both the graduate and undergraduate catalog now are available through the University's World Wide Web. They are currently listed under University Information at www.wmich.edu.

"I'm delighted we're able to make these documents available on the Web," said Richard C. Wright, assistant dean for academic affairs. "They will be especially useful to on-campus readers, including academic advisors.

But they also will provide a valuable reference to prospective students, who look to our Web site for a wide range of information about the University," Wright continued. "For example, prospective graduate students actually can apply on line and prospective undergraduate students will be able to do so soon."

The catalogs, which soon also will be searchable, were brought to the Web in a joint effort of the Faculty Resource Center in University computing services and University publishing, marketing, public relations and communications.

Human resources

You still have time to register for the two TIAA-CREF financial planning workshops that will be offered on campus next week.

Workshop I-Planning Retirement Income may provide some assistance if you are interested in planning ahead for retirement. Topics will include: how much savings is enough; income options and taxes; proof of assets; retirement plans; social security; and minimum distribution.

Three sessions of Workshop I will be offered: 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 1, and 9 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 2.

Workshop II-A Mid-Career Checkup is designed to help you determine whether your income and assets are being used most effectively to help you reach your financial goals. Faculty and staff encouraged to attend. Topics will include: investment allocation; tax-saving ideas; and building retirement security.

Two sessions of Workshop II will be offered: 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 1. All sessions will take place at 242 Bernhard Center. Reservations can be made by calling Kris Karns at 1-800-842-8244. TIAA-CREF also will offer individual counseling sessions on Sept. 30, Oct. 1 and Oct. 2. Appointments can be made by calling Karns.

Jobs

The following list of vacancies is currently being posted through the Job Opportunities Program in the Department of Human Resources. Interested employees may submit job opportunity transfer applications during the posting period, and may contact employment services staff members for assistance in securing these positions.

- S-01 and S-02 clerical positions are not required to be posted. Persons interested in these positions will be contacted by faculty or staff member, or by a faculty member.

Please call the Applicant Information Service at 7-3669 for up-to-date information on the Web.

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Zest for Life

Take advantage of Zest for Life's expanded programs and hours. Lap swimming over the lunch hour now will be offered from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. In addition, the Zest for Life Fitness Room is now open Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings from 6 to 8 a.m. A new session of Aquatic Fitness will begin on Oct. 1 and will meet at Guelph Pool from 8:30 to 6:15 p.m. To register for this class, please call 7-3542.

The first Expert Express will be from noon to 2 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 2, in the Faculty Lounge of the Bernhard Center. Graduate assistant Kim Moore will present an interactive session on progress. Reinforce your health and enjoy the experience.

Massage therapy is now available at Oakland Gym. Fifteen- and 30-minute appointments are available on Monday and Wednesday evenings between 3:30 and 7 p.m. The certificated therapists performing the massages are Marcie Clark Lee and Linda Shuster of Halam Therapists. Appointments will be scheduled in person in 16 Oakland Gym during ZFL Fitness Room hours. Gift certificates also are available. For more information, call 7-3542.
Thursday, September 26
(thru 28) Hispanic Heritage Month cultural exhibit, third floor, Waldo Library.

(also 27) Exhibition, "Alma College 15th Annual statewide Print Competition," Gallery II, Sangren Hall, 10:50 a.m.-5 p.m.

Exhibit opening reception sponsored by Christine Boos, Chicago artist, Space Gallery, Knauz Hall, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

(thru 27) Exhibition, photography, Rotunda and South Galleries, East Hall, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; closing reception, Friday, Sept. 27, 6-8 p.m.

Gathering of Women," Faculty Dining Room, Bernhard Center Public Cafeteria, noon-1 p.m.

Horacio Gutiérrez, piano, Dalton Center Recital Hall, 2 p.m.


Hispanic Heritage Month panel discussion, "The Meaning of Hispanic Heritage Month," 2-4 p.m.

Reading to launch the New Issues Press Poetry Series, Lisa Fishman, David Marlatt and Aboufadel, Grand Valley State University, Commons room, sixth floor, Everett Tower, 7 p.m.

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Future Events.

Thursday, October 3
(thru 23) Exhibition, paintings by the late Sebastian Bufla, 1978 WMU graduate, showcases, Sangren Hall, weekdays, 10 a.m.-10:30 p.m.; Saturdays, 6 a.m.-10:30 p.m.; and Sundays, noon to midnight.

(thru 23) Exhibition, "Transcendence," by Gary Koepke, Koepke International, Gallery II, Sangren Hall, weekdays, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

"Enhancing Teaching with Technology" program, "Building Power Presentations in PowerPoint," Judy A. Yager, professor, business information systems, downtown conference area, University Computing Center, noon-1 p.m.; to register call 7-5450.

Gathering of Women," Faculty Dining Room, Bernhard Center Public Cafeteria, noon-1 p.m.

Meeting, Faculty Senate, Fetzer Center, 5 p.m.

Mircea Eliade Lecture on Religion, "Beauty and the Bursar: The Economic Functions of the Middle Ages," Mircea Eliade, I. II, Sangren Hall, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Resiliency in Times of Change," Fetzer Center, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.; to register call 945-2000.

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