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President Haenicke lay the groundwork for future construction in his address to the Board of Trustees on January 30, 1997. He laid out a vision for the future of WMU, including plans for new buildings and renovations.

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The presentation was well-received by the Board of Trustees, and they approved plans for several projects, including the renovation of Wood Hall and the construction of a new science research facility.

Haenicke's presentation was a strong call to action for the university community, encouraging them to support the improvements needed to maintain the campus and support the university's mission.

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NEW TRUSTEE — Dan Pero of Ada, left, a 1973 WMU graduate who is president of Pero Inc., was sworn in as the University’s newest trustee in ceremonies preceding the Jan. 24 board meeting. Administering the oath of office was Michigan Chief Justice Mary D. Mander. "This appointment means a lot to me," Pero said. "I welcome the opportunity to join the Board of Trustees at its Jan. 24 meeting.

The $14 million, the Board of Trustees learned at its Jan. 24 meeting, represents the amount of current and deferred cash gifts received in the first half of the 1996-97 fiscal year to $6,869,612. This figure is $2,771,484 higher than the amount received during the same six-month period last fiscal year.

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Faculty, student and staff patrons of the University libraries will have access to a whole new world of information through the Western Michigan University (WMU) Libraries FirstSearch Service. The libraries will be participating in a statewide trial of all OCLC/FirstSearch service programs, including FirstSearch, which runs through April 30. The trial is being conducted to determine the feasibility of individual OCLC/FirstSearch programs and full-text article access with the intent of pursuing consortia pricing that would benefit all Michigan libraries. Beth Betina S. Meyer, University libraries.

The OCLC FirstSearch service, introduced by WMU, is one of the fastest growing library online information systems in the world and the most-used online service in the United States. It provides seamless access to bibliographic, abstract and full-text information, the ability to electronically transmit an interlibrary loan request or to order documents directly from a vendor, and, for many of the databases, the location of the holding institution and the number of copies available. WMU, which has subscribed to FirstSearch since 1993, has seen increasing use of the service. In the most recent year, databases added to the FirstSearch service each year has enabled the libraries to provide remote access for eligible users for databases formerly available only to one user at a time in the library.

Topics covered by FirstSearch are: arts and humanities; business and economics; conferences and proceedings; consumer affairs; education; engineering and technology; general and reference; general science; life sciences; medicine; newspapers; news and current events; public affairs and law; and social sciences.

As part of the trial, additional databases Management development programs offered at Fetzer

Professional/technical/administrative employees will have a chance to update their skills at half the cost during a series of programs this winter at the Fetzer Center.

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The University will recognize the growth of both women's basketball in Kalama youth. She received her bachelor's degree in 1977 and her master's degree in 1996, both from WMU's Department of Health, Physical Education and Recreation. During her 16 years, she played on the Bronco women's gymnastics team. In addition to providing leadership skills in her job at Hillside, Lipsey runs her own gymnastics club. She is a rated gymnastics official and officiates at both the high school and college level.

Lipsey has been chosen by a WMU faculty committee to receive a recognition award for her leadership in sports activities. She will be presented with a plaque during the reception, to which all women faculty members at WMU have been invited. Others interested in attending may contact the Department of Health, Physical Education and Recreation at 7-2688.

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Even though national surveys indicate more than 80 percent of American parents favor some type of moral education in the schools, a vast majority of these adults don’t agree on what that education should include.


In the 170-page text, Pritchard argues that moral education shouldn’t involve indoctrinating particular values, but rather cultivating reflective thinking and reasoning.

“Reasonableness has to do with socialthinkers,” he explains, “and thinkers who do this well are moral philosophers and psychologists.

In his book, Pritchard examines numerous national conferences on ethics, Pritchard was also a co-founder of the University of the National Science Foundation to develop a text and computer software regarding ethical reasoning.

He is currently working on a project to produce and publish a textbook that will provide practical support for science teachers who wish to incorporate topics in ethics and values in their classrooms. The project is funded by a $55,000 grant from the National Science Foundation.

Pritchard says it’s essential for adults to make sure they cannot understand the points of view of other people and take them into account.

In fact, realizing the potential of young children is at the heart of Pritchard’s book. Through numerous examples, he shows his own considered a leading scholar in the field of professional ethics, moral psychology and philosophy.

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“With the NSF funding, we educators have an opportunity to introduce this work into their existing curriculums. For instance, a history class studying the Civil War might take some time to discuss slavery, while a science class might talk about the importance of the judiciary, or accurately recording data.

“We have the National Science Foundation and the National Institutes of Health saying we need to teach research ethics to graduate students, but it doesn’t have to wait until then. In fact, why should it?”

We have the NSF funding to incorporate ethics into the system, and we are making sure that the teachers demonstrate the procedures used.

Certification standards were then broadened to include acceptance of persons with disabilities as mobility teachers.

Panel will explore University’s role in solving social problems

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For All News

The master calendar maintained by the Office of Marketing, Public Relations and Communications is available on the Western News is available through Gopher on the WMU network.

Currently, there are three calendars available: February events; and future events, which run from March through December. To view the calendars, type Gopher at the prompt. At the next prompt, choose 2. We then choose Campus Calendar. You will find options for 1. This Month’s Events. 2. Next Month’s Events and 3. Future Events. The calendars also are available through WMU’s home page on the Web, as well as under University Information.

Thursday, January 30

President Haenicke’s open office hours, 3060 Seibert Administration Building, 9-30 a.m.

Exhibition, ceramic and mixed media sculpture by Katherine Ross, Chesterfield, Ind., artist, Space Gallery, Knauss Hall, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

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Up on Politics — Congressman Fred Upton was on campus Jan. 24 to make an announcement and to spend some time with WMU students. Speaking at the beginning of the Board of Trustees meeting, he announced that he had been named to the House Committee on Education and the Workforce as well as the second education and training subcommittee. “I’m very proud to serve on that subcommittee and I look forward to working with you and other outstanding institutions,” Upton said. “I am proud of this fact that this board puts into effect.

An important issue on the horizon, he said, is the pending reauthorization this year of the Higher Education Act, which includes most student loan and aid programs.

Upton spent his lunch hour in the Bernhard Center’s Bronco Mall, conversing with students on a variety of topics. He met with, from left, Anthony Tall, who holds bachelor’s and master’s degrees from WMU; Alya N. Forrest, a junior from Grand Rapids; and Jeffrey Sirowitz, a junior from West Bloomfield.

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Workshop, “Racism: Confronting the Walls that Divide,” Kunley Chapel Social Room, noon-1 p.m.

Workshop, “Healing Racism,” 2204 Sangren Hall, 2-4:30 p.m.

Hockey, WMU vs. Michigan State University, Lawson Arena, 7 p.m.

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