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Board approves appointments of new department chairpersons

The appointments of two department chairpersons and a director of planned giving were approved July 25 by the Board of Trustees.

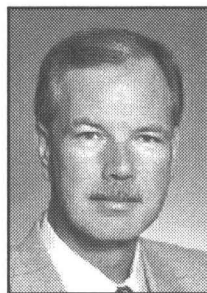
Hideko N. Abe was selected as chairperson of the new Department of Asian and Middle Eastern Languages while Joseph R. Morris was named chairperson of the Department of Counselor Education and Counseling Psychology. Kenneth J. DeVries was appointed director of planned giving in the development office.

Abe has been an assistant professor of East Asian studies at Vanderbilt University since 1995. She also has taught at colleges and universities in Maine, California, Arizona and Colorado as well as at schools in Japan. The author of several articles for professional journals on such topics as Japanese women's speech, she has made numerous presentations at conferences throughout the United States and Japan.

Abe's appointment, effective Aug. 11,



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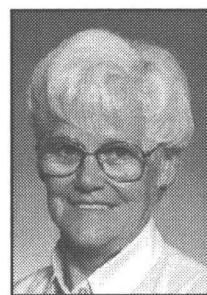


Gordon

1997, includes a tenure track position as an assistant professor of Asian and Middle Eastern languages. The new department was approved by the Board of Trustees in April.

Morris, a WMU faculty member since 1984, has served as interim chairperson of the Department of Counselor Education and Counseling Psychology for the past two years. His new appointment is effective July 1, 1997.

DeVries served as director of planned giving at WMU from 1989 until 1996,



Love



Morris

when he resigned to become assistant vice president for major and planned giving at Georgia State University. His return to his WMU position was effective July 28, 1997.

In other action, the board approved the retirement with emeritus status of Robert L. Erickson, speech pathology and audiology, effective Dec. 31, 1997. He has been a WMU faculty member since 1963 and served as department chairperson from 1977 to 1990.

The board also granted the retirements of these staff members, along with their years of service: Freida M. Amos, social work, 24 years; Shirley Gordon, physical plant-building custodial and support services, 11 years; and Bonnie J. Love, physical plant-building custodial and support services, 19 years. All were effective July 31, 1997.

In addition, the board accepted the resignations of these faculty members: Janet S. Dynak, education and professional development; and Connie D. Ruhl-Smith, educational leadership. Both are effective Aug. 20, 1997.

Event planned for new maritime studies center

State officials, patrons of the arts, Michigan historians and maritime enthusiasts will gather on the waterfront at South Haven's Michigan Maritime Museum Thursday, Aug. 21, to celebrate the establishment of the new Great Lakes Center for Maritime Studies.

Against a backdrop of boats moving along the Black River access to Lake Michigan, those attending the 5 p.m. outdoor reception will hear from: State Rep. Robert Brackenridge of St. Joseph; Timothy Light, WMU provost and vice president for academic affairs; Kenneth R. Pott, curator of the Michigan Maritime Museum; and Michael J. Chiarappa, a WMU faculty member in history. Speakers will brief the crowd on the center's goals and unveil a new graphics package developed for the center.

A crowd of 75 to 100 persons is expected and they will include representatives from Michigan's State Historic Pres-

ervation Office in Lansing, WMU and the museum, as well as art and museum patrons and maritime enthusiasts from around West Michigan.

The Great Lakes Center for Maritime Studies is a joint effort by the Michigan Maritime Museum and WMU. Announced earlier this year, the center is intended to join the resources of both institutions to focus research on Great Lakes maritime issues ranging from commercial fishing history to Great Lakes culture, geology and tourism. The center, the only one of its kind in the Great Lakes region, will offer programs to the public designed to expand awareness of Great Lakes lore and maritime history. It also will serve as a field training site for students in such disciplines as public history and archaeology. The new center's steering committee plans to model programming and research after similar college/maritime museum partnerships that have been successful on the East Coast.

Giving remains strong as 1996-97 donations top \$10 million

Gifts to the University edged past the \$10 million mark to finish the 1996-97 fiscal year ending June 30 at \$10,464,793, the Board of Trustees learned at its July 25 meeting.

Current cash gifts of \$8,428,056 and deferred cash gifts of \$787,565 amounted to \$9,215,621, making last year the second best on record for cash gifts to the University in a single fiscal year.

An additional \$1,249,172 in non-cash gifts pushed the total for all gifts received to nearly \$10.5 million, down from the previous year's record-breaking \$12.4 million in total gifts but still one of the highest tallies for overall giving in University history.

"Giving continues to remain strong," said Keith A. Pretty, vice president for external affairs and general counsel. "The

1996-97 total shows once again that people believe in this University and its leadership and want to invest in its future.

"I'm gratified that the public has given more than \$86 million in gifts to the University during the past 10 years," he continued. "This level of sustained support makes a critical difference in our ability to maintain superior programs, facilities and services and to achieve even higher levels of excellence."

Pretty noted that this year's gifts have touched the University across the board, enriching the sciences, the arts, scholarships, athletics and many other areas.

"Equally important," he said, "the gifts have contributed dramatically to WMU enhancing its academic reputation and growing in national stature."

Pretty's report to the board also in-

cluded June gift figures. Current and deferred cash gifts for the final month of the fiscal year totaled \$325,096 and included two major gifts.

The Rollin M. Gerstacker Foundation of Midland made a \$50,000 contribution to the Science Campaign Equipment Fund. The fund supports the acquisition of scientific and research equipment in conjunction with the University's ongoing \$45.3 million upgrade of its science facilities.

The upgrade is one of WMU's most important building projects of the last decade and will result in the University having some of the finest facilities for science education and research in the Midwest. The two-phase project will be completed in 1999.

Also noted in the June gifts was a \$20,000 contribution from the Pharmacia & Upjohn Foundation of Kalamazoo to the Annual Fund for Western.

Activities planned for CommUniverCity Night

Before most of the students return to campus, residents of the local community will help jump start the school year by participating in the fourth annual "CommUniverCity Night" activities in connection with the Thursday, Aug. 28, opening home football game against Temple University.

As in past years, the event will feature private pregame tailgate parties and a half-time fireworks show. A Corporate Village with 50 tents will be set up on Hyames Field for the tailgate parties that will begin at 5 p.m. and are expected to attract more than 8,000 people. Entertainment will be provided by the Kathy Ford Band.

New this year will be an additional tailgate party for area high school and community college students and their fami-

lies sponsored by the Office of Admissions and Orientation. It will begin at 5 p.m. at Kanley Track. Participants will receive half-price game tickets and free food and also will be entertained by Packaged Bliss, a WMU student band. In addition, WMU's 1995 and 1997 Sunseeker solar cars and 1997 "Mini-Baja" vehicle will be at the track.

Some 10,000 of the fans at the 7:30 p.m. game in Waldo Stadium will receive free gold "rally rags" that they can use to show their spirit and cheer on the Broncos. For more information on CommUniverCity Night, persons should contact Irene L. Bracken, intercollegiate athletics, at 7-3062.

Thomas earns accolades

Lindsey A. Thomas, dance, won the Gold Award in the Leo Award Competition for jazz dance choreographers at the sixth Jazz Dance World Congress earlier this month in Wiesbaden, Germany.

She won the first-place award for her dance, "Hey Pachuco!," which was performed at the international competition by six WMU students and faculty members. As a result of being selected for the award, the group also was invited to present the dance at the closing gala concert of the congress. All of the other performers on the program represented professional jazz dance companies.

In addition to competing at the congress, the WMU participants also had the opportunity to attend master classes with internationally acclaimed jazz dance teachers and performances by professional jazz dance companies from around the world.

Next News published Sept. 4

This is the last issue of Western News for the summer session. The first issue of the fall semester will be published Thursday, Sept. 4. The deadline is noon Tuesday, Sept. 2.

Fall festivities begin with 17th annual Bronco Bash

A bigger and better than ever Bronco Bash '97 is set for 3 to 10:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 2, in the Fountain Plaza near Miller Auditorium.

More than 15,000 students and campus community members are expected to attend the 17th annual event, which is designed to welcome students back to campus as well as introduce new students to campus and community resources. With nearly 300 booths available, students will be able to peruse the wares of area merchants and get information about University departments and student organizations. This year's Bronco Bash also will incorporate WMU's annual Volunteer Opportunities Fair, which seeks to match student volunteers with area nonprofit agencies.

Novelty entertainment activities at the bash will include the popular Orbitron, gladiators and bungee run. A festival atmosphere will prevail as students sample cotton candy and elephant ears while they enjoy the entertainment. Three area radio stations will be broadcasting live from the bash and those attending also will hear performances by several popular area bands. For more information, persons may contact Todd T. Hufford, student life, at 7-2118.

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A WORLD OF DIFFERENCE

Nontraditional, graduate students to be welcomed

Graduate and nontraditional students — those over age 25 — will have a chance to become better acquainted with the University during an event Wednesday, Aug. 27. The annual fall reception for nontraditional and graduate students is scheduled for 3 to 7 p.m. in the North Ballroom of the Bernhard Center.

Representatives from about 40 University offices and academic departments will be on hand to meet with students and review some of the services that are available to assist them. This year, the reception is being combined with a resource fair formerly held for teaching assistants.

Students also will have a chance to take care of such business as securing a new student identification card and purchasing a parking permit. Child care will be provided on site and refreshments will be served.

For more information, persons may contact the Graduate College at 7-3570.

West Michigan Avenue back to four lanes

West Michigan Avenue in front of the Bernhard Center will reopen to four lanes of traffic beginning Monday, Aug. 18.

The temporary employee parking spaces set up in two lanes of the street this summer will be eliminated to make way for the additional traffic that occurs with the start of the fall semester, according to Capt. Wesley R. Carpenter, public safety.

He added that construction work on

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.

(N) **Clinical Supervisor** (20 Hours/Week; Term Ends 4/25/98; Renewable), D-01, Nursing, 97/98-036, 8/12-8/18/97.

(R) **Secretary II**, S-05, Geology, 97/98-066, 8/12-8/18/97.

(R) **Computer Resource Analyst I** (Second Shift; Hourly), X-02, University Com-

Human resources

The Sindecuse Health Center and Unified Clinics are offering new services for employees covered under the University's health-medical plan (Unicare).

Eligible employees can have annual screening exams done at the Sindecuse Health Center. The exam includes a medical history; blood pressure and weight measurement; and physical exam of head, neck, heart, lungs, chest, abdomen and extremities. Women will receive a breast and pelvic exam with Pap smear; men will receive a prostate exam and, if indicated, a PSA (test for prostate cancer).

All the physicians and physician assistants at Sindecuse are board certified and you may request the clinician of your choice. The University will cover 25 percent of the \$55 charge, and provide 100 percent coverage for a Pap smear or PSA.

The University also is providing 100 percent coverage for the following services at Sindecuse for eligible employees: office visits (deductible waived); laboratory tests and

Parking Structure I begun this summer will continue this fall, but portions of the ramp will remain open for vehicles.

In addition, a new stop sign will be installed at the pedestrian crosswalk between the Bernhard Center and the Seibert Administration Building. The current sign requires vehicles to stop when pedestrians are near or in the crosswalk. Now, vehicles will have to stop at the crosswalk at all times.

puting Services, 97/98-067, 8/12-8/18/97.

(R) **Secretary III**, S-06, University Computing Services, 97/98-068, 8/12-8/18/97.

(R) **Computer Resource Analyst II**, X-03, University Computing Services, 97/98-069, 8/12-8/18/97.

(R) **Secretary I**, S-04, Accountancy, 97/98-070, 8/12-8/18/97.

(R) **Clerk III**, S-04, Student Financial Aid and Scholarships, 97/98-071, 8/12-8/18/97.

(R) **Building Service Person**, M-4, Building Custodial and Support Services, 97/98-072, 8/12-8/18/97.

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

(R) Replacement

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X-rays; physical therapy services with a referral from your personal physician or a Sindecuse clinician; Sports Medicine Clinic consultations; medical supplies under \$30 provided through Sindecuse or Sports Medicine Clinic; and generic drugs (\$2 co-pay for trade name products). The no-cost generic drug program has been expanded to include additional drugs, including the pneumonia vaccine for high-risk individuals if administered at Sindecuse.

Other discounts are offered for mammograms and medical supplies over \$30. Any charges incurred at the Sindecuse Health Center can be paid at the time of service or placed on the employee's University account. For appointments or more information, call the Sindecuse Health Center at 7-3277; physical therapy at 7-3248; or pharmacy at 7-3301.

Optometry services are offered by Kalamazoo Optometry at the Unified Clinics for employees with University Plan (Unicare) coverage. The vision package includes: waived deductible; free vision exams; \$150 coverage toward frames; and 90 percent coverage for eyeglass lenses and contact lenses.

Other services, not normally done as part of an optical exam (such as specialized tests), may be covered at 90 percent. Optical options (tinting, etc.) are not covered. Call Kalamazoo Optometry at 382-6755 for appointments or information.

Exchange

FOR SALE — Nordic Track, excellent shape. \$475. Call 7-5108.

FOR SALE — Five-piece dinette set; excellent condition; black and gray; \$175. Call 383-2441 after 5 p.m.

Media

Several faculty and staff members will be guests in the coming weeks on "Focus," a five-minute interview produced by the Office of Marketing, Public Relations and Communications. "Focus" is scheduled to air on these Saturdays at 6:10 a.m. on WKPR-AM (1420) with the following speakers and topics: Jody A. Brylinsky, health, physical education and recreation, on the effects of participating in sports, Aug. 16; James R. Dean, dining services, on trends in college food service, Aug. 23; and Lynne C. McCauley, Center for Academic Support Programs, on college retention programs, Aug. 30. "Focus" is also used on a regular basis by WKZO-AM (590), WGVU-FM (88.5) and several other radio stations around Michigan.

Service

These faculty and staff members are recognized for five, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30 and 35 years of service to the University in August:

35 years — Louise S. Forsleff, community health services.

30 years — Kenneth D. Bartholomew, dining services; Phillip P. Caruso, economics; Dennis E. Darling, paper and printing science and engineering; Robert C. Eisenberg, biological sciences; Gyula Ficsor, biological sciences; Jolene V. Jackson, international student services; Howard E. Hartness, physical plant-building custodial and support services; R. Dean Kaul, physics; Richard R. MacDonald, sociology; John L. Michael, psychology; Eldor C. Quandt, chairperson of geography; Karen Seelig, speech pathology and audiology; Robert E. Shamu, chairperson of physics; Visho B.L. Sharma, science studies; Gerald L. Sievers, mathematics and statistics; Thomas Sill, communication; Janet E. Stillwell, associate dean of fine arts; Michael R. Stoline, mathematics and statistics; William Welke, accountancy; and Lawrence Ziring, political science.

25 years — Francis L. Gross Jr., comparative religion; Arthur W. Helweg, anthropology; Maria Jonaitis, Martin Luther King Jr. Program; Stephen G. Jones, music; Shirley A. Lukens, occupational therapy; Dean Joseph G. Reish, Lee Honors College; Nancy H. Steinhaus, family and consumer sciences; Michael D. Swords,

science studies; Herman U. Teichert, foreign languages and literatures; and Charles C. Warfield, educational leadership.

20 years — Halbert E. Bates, Martin Luther King Jr. Program; Donald F. Cooney, social work; Griselda Daniel, Graduate College; Linda M. Delene, marketing; Leonard C. Ginsberg, associate dean of arts and sciences; Richard B. Hathaway, mechanical and aeronautical engineering; Dean Elise B. Jorgens, arts and sciences; Mark C. Kerstetter, computer science; Mushtaq Luqmani, marketing; Dalia Motzkin, computer science; Trudy L. Palm, physical plant-building custodial and support services; Maija Petersons, family and consumer sciences; Marsha H. Santow, University libraries; Kenneth F. Schaefer, admissions and orientation; and Theodore L. Skartsiaris, dining services.

15 years — Vicki M. Carter, University libraries; Elise deDoncker, computer science; Marilyn S. Kritzman, residence hall facilities; Elizabeth W. Kuhle, intercollegiate athletics; Joanne Marshall, registrar's office; Edward J. Mayo, marketing; Michele C. McLaughlin, English; S. Hossein Mousavinezhad, electrical and computer engineering; Nina Nelson, dance; Susan Pozo, economics; Margaret L. Springer, logistical services; and Christina L. Thomas, customer account services.

10 years — DeWayne Anderson, education and professional development; Terry L. Baxter, Sindecuse Health Center; Jeanne

L. Bloemsma, health, physical education and recreation; David A. Burnie, finance and commercial law; Robert F. D'Amelio, intercollegiate athletics; James R. Daniels, theatre; Karol L. Evans, business information systems; Raghvendra R. Gejji, electrical and computer engineering; William C. Gross, health, physical education and recreation; Philip J. Guichelaar, mechanical and aeronautical engineering; Margaret J. Hamilton, music; Diana Hernandez, King/Chavez/Parks Program; Patricia M. Holton, public safety; Katherine Joslin, English; William S. Kern, economics; Renata Knific, music; Thomas Knific, music; David E. Little, music; David M. Lyth, industrial and manufacturing engineering; Sheryl L. Nickel, residence hall life; Roman J. Rabiej, construction engineering, materials engineering and industrial design; Chrysa K. Richards, student life; Lucian Rosu, history; Robert C. Scherzer, physics; Rebecca S. Solomon, international student services; Katheleen K. Springsteen, College of Education; Ardis J. Syndergaard, Medieval Institute; Bruce J. Uchimura, music; Carol A. VanAuken-Haight, finance and commercial law; and Allen Zagarell, anthropology.

Five years — Sanjay L. Ahire, management; Linda W. Baird, accountancy; Karen R. Blaisure, counselor education and counseling psychology; Alan I. Blankley, accountancy; Allen Carey-Webb, English; David Code, music; Sylvia Culp, philosophy; David J. Flanagan, management; Debra L. Hazel, occupational therapy; Rebecca Janson, business information systems; Keith Jones, art; Mari King, Center for Developmentally Disabled Adults; Timothy R. Koberna, intercollegiate athletics; Jil C. Larson, English; Carolyn V. Lewis, political science; Timothy Light, provost and vice president for academic affairs; Mary A. Loewe, English; Angela M. Mahnke, College of Fine Arts; Claudio D. Milman, management; Michael Nassaney, anthropology; Craig A. Peterson, finance and commercial law; Richard E. Plank, marketing; G. Thomas Ray, education and professional development; Thomas M. Richardson, mathematics and statistics; Ajay A. Samant, finance and commercial law; Martine Sauret, foreign languages and literatures; Dale L. Shannon, communication; Jennifer V. Snell, Center for Developmentally Disabled Adults; Zoann K. Snyder-Joy, sociology; Donna M. Talbot, counselor education and counseling psychology; Hung-Lian Tang, business information systems; and Paul D. Thistle, economics.

Calendar

The master calendar maintained by the Office of Marketing, Public Relations and Communications for use in Western News is available through WMU's home page on the World Wide Web. Select University Information and then look for the Calendar of Events under the News and Events heading. You can also link directly to the calendar at this URL: <http://www.wmich.edu/wmu/news/calendar1.html>.

Wednesday, August 27

Reception for graduate and nontraditional students, North Ballroom, Bernhard Center, 3-7 p.m.

Thursday, August 28

*Football, WMU vs. Temple University (CommUniverCity Night), Waldo Stadium, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, August 29

*(and 30) Women's volleyball, WMU Early Bird Tournament, Western Michigan, Bowling Green State, Valparaiso and Marquette universities, University Arena.

Monday, September 1

Labor Day holiday, offices closed.

Tuesday, September 2

(thru 5) Exhibition, MFA degree candidates, Rotunda and South Galleries, East Hall, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; reception, Friday, Sept. 5, 5-7 p.m.

Bronco Bash, Fountain Plaza, 3-10:30 p.m.

Wednesday, September 3

Fall semester classes begin.

*Women's volleyball, WMU vs. Northwestern University, University Arena.

Thursday, September 4

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

***Admission charged**