Ehrle, Griffin recognized for superior classroom skills

Two faculty members will be recognized for their teaching skills with 1995 Alumni Teaching Excellence Awards. Presented by the WMU Alumni Association, the awards will go to Elwood B. Ehrle, biological sciences, and Robert J. Griffin, classics and Spanish. They will be honored at WMU's 16th annual Academic Convocation at 3 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 17, in the Dalton Center Recital Hall.

In addition to a plaque, the winners will receive a $2,000 cash award and $2,000 will be added to their base salaries.

Since the Alumni Teaching Excellence Awards were established in 1966, more than 100 faculty members have been recognized with them for superior teaching skills and professional expertise. Recipients are selected by an Alumni Association committee from nominations by alumni, students and departmental colleagues.

Ehrle has been a member of the biological sciences faculty at WMU since 1984. He teaches classes on such subjects as environmental biology, the biology of vascular and non-vascular plants, plant systematics, bryology, and applied and general botany.

Several of those nominating him for the award cited his infectious enthusiasm for the subject matter he teaches. "Dr. Elwood Ehrle is a true educator in every sense of the word," wrote one alumna. "He is extremely knowledgeable in the fields that he teaches. His lecture skills are such that one cannot help but become excited about the topic. In fact, his lectures border on charismatic."

One current student wrote, "Every fall, Dr. Ehrle teaches one of three advanced plant biology courses. He teaches them from 1 to 4 p.m. two days a week. No one succumbs to post-lunch slump in one of Dr. Ehrle's classes, though. His lectures are peppered with his personal experiences as a horticulturist and field botanist, his fascination with and expertise in the history of botany, and his love for the natural world."

Others who wrote letters of support mentioned the high demands he places on his students. "More than anyone, he forcefully pointed out in my mind as the most rewarding... Dr. Ehrle quite clearly presented a challenge and set a high standard of expectation that the challenge would be met. In my opinion, there is no better definition of a true teacher."

Several also wrote about Ehrle's dedication to his students. "He repeatedly went above and beyond the call of duty," wrote an alumna. "In many instances, Dr. Ehrle would spend his evenings and weekend mornings with students in the laboratory and in the field."

"He is so personable that I rarely see him in his office alone," wrote another. "There are always students there."

In addition to spending his time with students, Ehrle devotes a significant amount of hours to keeping current in his field by writing articles for professional journals. He is a frequent speaker to groups off campus on subjects related to plants. He also serves as president of the Michigan

Griffin

Distinguished alumni to be honored during Homecoming

Three WMU graduates who have gone on to successful careers in the business world have been named the winners of this year's Distinguished Alumni Awards by the WMU Alumni Association. They are: William J. Bolton, a 1968 graduate who is chairman and chief executive officer of Bruno's Inc. of Birmingham, Ala.; James W. Goss, a 1966 graduate who is a partner in the Troy, Mich., law firm of Dean & Fullkerson; and Roy S. Roberts, a 1970 graduate who is vice president of the General Motors Corp. and general manager of the GMC Truck Division in Pontiac, Mich.

Since 1963, 94 men and women have received the Distinguished Alumni Awards, the association's most prestigious honor. The 1995 recipients will be recognized at an Oct. 28 awards dinner scheduled in conjunction with Homecoming. The event will begin with a reception at 6 p.m., followed by dinner at 7 p.m. in the East Ballroom of the Bernhard Center. Persons wishing to attend should make reservations at $30 for Alumni Association members and their guests or $35 for non-members by Friday, Oct. 13, with the McKee Alumni Center at 7-8777.

Bolton

Goss

Did you know?

- WMU currently has a record 323 registered student organizations. During the 1994-95 academic year, more than 14,000 students were involved in WMU student organizations, which also was a record.
- WMU is the first university in the state to have an accredited pre-professional practice program in dietetics. This allows students who wish to gain the supervised practice experience necessary to become registered dietitians. Eighty graduate and undergraduate students are accepted into the program each year.
- The American Institute of Motion Engineers is housed in WMU's College of Engineering and Applied Sciences. The Institute provides educational and technical support services for a growing number of specialists in motion control, which is the current focus for advances being made in automation.

Ehrle

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Robert

Bolton was named to his present position with Bruno's, a leading regional food retailer, this past August. The company operates 252 supermarkets in Alabama, Georgia, Mississippi, Florida, South Carolina and Tennessee. Previously, Bolton worked for 29 years for American Stores of Salt Lake City, the second largest food and drug retailer in the country. The company is the parent firm of such subsidiaries as the Chicago-based Jewel Food Stores. Before joining Bruno's, Bolton was chief operating officer for markets at American Stores. He also served as president of Jewel for four years.

Bolton first became affiliated with Jewel in 1966, when he was a food marketing major at WMU and participated in a co-operative work arrangement through the University's Food Distribution Program. After earning his bachelor of science degree, he was promoted to assistant grocery manager and, six months later, to grocery manager of one of the Chicago area stores.

He continued working his way up the ranks, serving as a retail sales manager for the Midwest. In 1982, he was named vice president for deli and bakery merchandising. During the next nine years, he held several other executive level positions in grocery merchandising, general merchandising, marketing and real estate.

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Science publishes findings from WMU study of lake bed core on warming and cooling trends

Global warming may be a fact, says R.V. Krishnamurthy, geology. But it might have nothing to do with man-made pollutants and could be just a normal fluctuation of the earth’s temperature — something that has happened at least once before since the last ice age.

An article by Krishnamurthy in the Sept. 15 issue of the prestigious journal Science explores exactly that idea. His work was based on research by a WMU team that soundings from a core sample brought up from a Kalamazoo area lake bed that the university and the USGS gathered. The researchers compiled a history of warming and cooling trends over the past 12,000 years.

By analyzing a 1.2-foot core sample from the bottom of nearby Austin Lake, Krishnamurthy and a team of researchers concluded that the United States is in the middle of a warming trend that began about 1,000 years ago and is comparable to a warming trend that lasted several thousand years ago. Their research found that the current warming trend’s average annual temperature and precipitation levels are about the same as those from the earlier warming trend.

The findings do not, however, settle the debate over whether natural fluctuations or the influence of humans are causing the rise in earth’s temperature. Krishnamurthy notes that as the temperature rise in the past century — roughly coinciding with modern industrial advances. The real importance of his work, Krishnamurthy says, is that it offers scientists a new method for obtaining information about the planet’s past history. Presently, only 100 years or so of spotty records recorded by humans are available.

Krishnamurthy first submitted his article for consideration by Science editors last December. After several months, he was later notified that his work had made it through the journal’s tough initial screening process which is based on about 1,000 submissions. After the initial screening, his article was sent to two experts in the field for the first of a series of expert reviews that resulted in four experts seeing the revised version of the article. In June, Krishnamurthy learned that his work would indeed be printed in Science, which is published weekly by the American Academy for the Advancement of Science. Each issue is seen by more than 660,000 students, scientists, science educators and government officials around the world.

Krishnamurthy and his research team used the University’s stable isotope mass spectrometry laboratory, which Krishnamurthy set up in 1992, to analyze the core material. Krishnamurthy has been involved in such research for a number of years and was awarded a National Science Foundations grant in 1992 to continue his work.

Noting that the earlier warming trend, which occurred in the era known as the Wisconsin or Holocene Epoch, may last for another 2,000 years or longer, he says a much longer period of study must take place to determine whether the current warming trend shows signs of human activity.

Krishnamurthy hopes that by working with researchers who are examining other variables found in sediments, he will be able to refine his current work and precipitation records over the past century. At Los Alamos National Laboratory, University of California researchers are studying pollen levels over time for the past 10,000 years. New researchers at the University of California at Los Angeles are studying other elements in organic materials and could provide additional information.

Krishnamurthy’s research team included Krista A. Syrup, a social work graduate student who based her master’s thesis on the project, as well as researchers from Texas A&M University and the University of Arizona.

AIDS quilt project donates $16,000 to agencies

The Southwest Michigan AIDS Memorial Quilt Project has presented checks totaling nearly $16,000 to two local non-profit groups that provide direct services to persons affected by AIDS and HIV infection.

Project leaders gave Community AIDS Resource & Education Services (CARES) and Kalamazoo AIDS Benefit Services Inc. checks for $7,967 each. The money was raised through the display last March of the AIDS Memorial Quilt at WMU.

"This money represents the generosity of people from the Kalamazoo community, Western Michigan University and all of Southwest Michigan who visited, participated in and contributed to the display," said Christine G. Zimmer, co-chairperson of the project’s host committee.

There is no charge for admission. All regular part- and full-time, non-faculty staff are eligible. Nomination forms can be obtained from the Department of Human Resources at 7-3620. Completed forms should be submitted to Anne E. Bezerdy, human resources, before 5:00 p.m. Oct. 6.

Session set on graphic design

There is help for those without design training who find they have to produce flyers and brochures. "But I'm Not a Graphic Designer!" by Rups will explain how to develop an avoid for the most effective presentation. Rups will explain how to develop an on any computer or by hand. The techniques and rules discussed will be applied to the process of creating flyers and brochures. The techniques and rules discussed will be applied to the process of creating flyers and brochures. The techniques and rules discussed will be applied to the process of creating flyers and brochures. The techniques and rules discussed will be applied to the process of creating flyers and brochures. The techniques and rules discussed will be applied to the process of creating flyers and brochures.

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David G. Houghton, political science, discusses the feasibility of an independent budgeting for and allowing students to manage a campus center, Kalamazoo community as well as for regional performances at Alma College, Kalamazoo College, Saginaw Valley State University and Eastern Michigan.

There is no charge for admission. Although some seats have been scheduled for residence halls and for specific student groups, all shows are open to the general public. There will be an opportunity to complete schedule or more information, persons should call the Office of Health Promotion and Education at 7-3836.

Jobs

The following list of vacancies is currently being posted through the Job Opportunities Board. Each position is also sent to the Department of Human Resources. Interested-eligible employees can apply by either completing the Employee Application by hand (non-bargaining) or (bargaining) by submitting a job opportunity transfer application during the open period. People on regular and temporary employment staff members for assistance in identifying themselves as candidates for these positions. S-01 and S-02 clerical positions are not required to be posted. For persons interested in facility positions, there are positions in selected fields. A letter of application should be submitted to the appropriate dean or chairperson.

(R) Secretary III, S-06, Continuing Education-Grand Rapids Regional Center, 959-96-158, 10/3-10/995.

(R) Director, Conferences and Institutes, P-05, Continuing Education, 959-96-113, 10/3-10/995.

(R) Manager, Perkins Loans, P-05, Perkins Loans, 959-96-193, 10/3-10/995. (NM)

(R) Custodian (Shift Third, 10:30 a.m. to 7 a.m.; 7 Positions), M-2, Physical Plant, Building Custodial and Support Services, 959-108, 10/3-10/995.

(R) Secretary II, S-05, Human Resources, 959-109, 10/3-10/995.

(R) Administrative Assistant I, P-01, Educational Leadership, 959-194, 10/3-10/995.

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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(thru 13) Hispanic Heritage Month cultural exhibit, showcases, third floor, Waldo Library.

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Several other students and former students commented on the example he has set over the past quarter of a century for those entering the teaching profession. "I am deeply indebted to Dr. Griffin for being a wonderful role model for me," wrote one alumna who now teaches at a high school. "He was an enthusiastic, creative and caring educator who instilled in his students a deep desire for learning through his use of humor, innovative techniques and genuine concern for all." It is fitting that Dr. Griffin's own excellence in teaching be recognized, since he has shown hundreds of students, by word and example, the path to success in teaching," another wrote. "...his own enthusiasm for teaching and his obvious enjoyment of it, the depth of his knowledge in various fields, his unflagging support and encouragement of both current and former students, his legendary quick wit and sense of humor, his untiring pursuit of fresh materials and techniques, all have done much to supply the Spanish-teaching profession with fine, conscientious teachers.

Several of those graduates wrote letters of support for Griffin. "I am appreciative to Dr. Griffin for his efforts to keep in touch with them. A number mentioned the newsletter he produces and distributes to recent graduates, students, friends and the department. It contains articles about successful teaching tips, reviews of articles from foreign language journals and information about the Spanish program at WMU. In addition, Griffin includes tidbits about former students' jobs, marriages and travel experiences gleaned from the many personal letters he receives. Overall, Dr. Griffin has undertaken a number of activities to promote the department and its work. They include events for high school students on campus and presentations to high school assemblies off campus. Griffin's other professional activities have ranged from writing articles for scholarly journals and presenting papers at national conferences to serving as president of both the Michigan Foreign Language Association and the Michigan Classical Conference.

Tuesday, October 10

*Visiting Scholars and Artists Program lecture, "Descartes: How God Made Two Plus Four," Jonathan Bennett, professor of philosophy, Syracuse University, 12:15-1:15 p.m.; to register call 7-5162.

*Mircea Eliade Lecture on Religion, "The Hidden Dialogue in Spinoza's 'Tractatus'," J. Samuel Press, the Ruth N. Halls Professor of Religious Studies, Indiana University, Lee Honors College lounge, 7 p.m.

*Visiting Scholars and Artists Program lecture, "Prophecy, Knowledge and the Study of Religion," J. Samuel Press, the Ruth N. Halls Professor of Religious Studies, Indiana University, Lee Honors College lounge, 7 p.m.

*Open House, Office for Lesbian, Bisexual and Gay Issues, A-327 Ellsworth Hall, 1-5 p.m.

*Volleyball, WMU vs. Central Michigan University, University Arena, 7 p.m.

*Visiting Scholars and Artists Program lecture, "Education and WMU: A Discussion," Howard R. Poole, special education, and Richard A. Seitz, distance education, Tate Center Conference Room, 3:30 p.m.

*School of Music Convocation Series concert, "Student Musicale," Dalton Center Recital Hall, 2 p.m.

*Volleyball, WMU vs. University of Notre Dame, University Arena, 7 p.m.

*Two Equal Four," Joe Orton, Bronco Mall, Bernhard Center, 6:30 p.m.

*Opening reception following.

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*Admission charged

Donnelly selected for Athletic Hall of Fame

Charles G. (Bud) Donnelly, associate dean of students, is one of five people who will be inducted into WMU's Athletic Hall of Fame during a banquet Saturday, October 7, in the Fetzer Center.

Donnelly was an outstanding athlete at Western and has been inductee for 30 years. He won the 1956 Michigan state tennis championship and was a member of the state basketball team that won the state championship in 1956.

Donnelly went on to play tennis at Western and was a member of the 1961 NCAA tennis team that reached the doubles finals of the Eastern Intercollegiate championships.

In state doubles play, Donnelly won six men's open championships, 35 and

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