Two honored at commencement

Two prominent members of the University and local community were honored during commencement exercises at Miller Auditorium Dec. 16.

At left: Laurel Judd of Kalamazoo, chairperson of the WMU Board of Trustees, was congratulated on receiving her bachelor's degree in general university studies by President Haenicke. She began working on her degree here in 1966, but took time out to rear a family and pursue a career before recently resuming her studies through self-instructional courses. BELOW: Marilyn J. Schlaack, president of Kalamazoo Valley Community College, was awarded an honorary doctor of public service degree for her exemplary community service and for distinguished contributions to her profession. She was presented with a doctoral hood by President Haenicke, left, and Trustee Richard Y. St. John of Kalamazoo.

James C. Weaver has been named WMU's new director of intercollegiate athletics. The former director of athletics at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas will start here Jan. 5.

"I am delighted to be here," Weaver said at a Dec. 21 news conference announcing his appointment. "My wife and I are looking forward to being part of the University community and the community at large." The search committee was chaired by Adrian C. (Ed) Edwards, finance and commercial law, who is chairperson of the WMU Athletic Board. It identified two finalists from a national field of more than 30 candidates to replace Daniel L. Meinert, who resigned in July. Charles W. Elliott, retired executive vice president for administration and chief financial officer at the Kellogg Co., has been serving as interim athletic director. The other finalist brought to campus was Thomas M. Brennan, director of athletics at Nevada State University, Reno. At Tuesday's Dec. 15 meeting, the Board of Trustees authorized Haenicke to hire either one of the two candidates within 20 days.

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The University has purchased a rare 14th-century manuscript in an innovative arrangement with the Newberry Library of Chicago that could be a model for others interested in keeping such documents in the public domain.

The WMU Libraries and the Newberry Library have jointly acquired a Spanish liturgical manuscript that was created by a member of the Dominican order in approximately 1300.

"We regard this joint acquisition as a progressive, innovative and fiscally effective manner for ensuring scholarly access to rare materials which otherwise would certainly fall into the hands of private collectors," says Dean Lance Query, University libraries.

"One of the real challenges for scholars is to ensure that primary material remains available to them for research," he explains. "The best way is if it is held in responsible hands in university or non-profit research libraries. But when these items come to the market, the pockets of private collectors are often deeper."

Query says WMU does not have the budget necessary to acquire such rare manuscripts. But by pooling resources with an institution like the Newberry Library, it can afford to acquire such documents that fit well with its collection.

WMU houses a collection of manuscripts dating from the 12th century of the Cistercian order, which was founded in France in 1098. The new manuscript will be useful in that collection, Query says. The Cistercian listing events will be distributed across the University community and the greater Kalamazoo community as well.

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American Heritage day on MLK Day

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Dean Lance Query, University libraries, is slated to receive $475,000.

The one-time funds are expected to be used for improvements on East Campus, according to Keith A. Pretty, vice president for external affairs and general counsel.

The funds are in addition to WMU's 1995-96 state appropriation of $97.6 million — a 7.8 percent increase over last year. WMU's was the largest percentage base appropriation increase among the state's public universities.

Did you know?

- In 1994-95, WMU's College of Fine Arts presented almost 1,100 events to audiences totaling more than 200,000 people.
- During the last 10 years, WMU has experienced the biggest construction boom in its history, investing nearly $280 million in new and renovated campus structures.
- Nearly 250,000 fans last year attended events for Bronco men's and women's basketball, football, ice hockey and volleyball.
HONORING A QUARTER CENTURY OF SERVICE — Kitty M. Scheffers, human resources, pointed out some vintage photographs of 25 Year Club members during a reception preceding the annual banquet. This year's group of 58 inductees included, from second from left, Gerald L. Morehouse, logistical services-stores; Thomas C. Bailey, ombudsman; and Kai M. Chee, student affairs-university affairs. The 242 retired members, is made up of faculty and staff members who have completed 25 years of continuous service at the University.

Cash gift total up by 7 percent

The University received nearly $300,000 in current and deferred cash gifts during October and November, the Board of Trustees learned at its Dec. 15 meeting. Gifts of $319,954 in October and $288,156 in November brought the fiscal year-to-date total to $1,794,840. That figure is higher than the total for the same period of the previous fiscal year by $122,661, or 7 percent.

Among major gifts received during the period was $15,000 from Wal-Mart Stores Inc. of Bentonville, Ark. The donation will be used to support the University's Food Marketing Program and for scholarships for students in that program.

Also received was $2,500 for three anonymous gifts. One for $1,923 will support the Center for the Study of Ethics in Society and two $250 each for distinguished Visiting Lecturers. Another for $10,000 will be used for the Van Riper Speech and Hearing Scholarship, which was established as a result of gifts made during a two-day memorial celebration in May of the life of Charles G. Van Riper, the founder of the Department of Speech Pathology and Audiology. Van Riper died in September 1994.

The Chrysler Corp. made two $10,000 gifts during October. One will be used to help fund a new engineering initiative in Muskegon that is a joint venture between WMU and Muskegon Community College. The second gift was for scholarships in the departments of occupational therapy and speech pathology and audiology.

Trustees table technology fee recommendation, approve Lansing lease and MCC measure

The Board of Trustees Dec. 15 tabled a recommendation to establish a $25 off-campus technology fee until its next meeting Jan. 19 to allow time for public comment.

Tabling such a recommendation is a standard practice of the board where student fees are involved, University officials said. The recommendation, if approved, would take effect with the 1996 summer session.

WMU will be paid each semester or by session by students who enroll in off-campus courses through the Division of Continuing Education. The division could waive the fee for students whose circumstances don't permit them to access off-campus computer facilities or whose full-time enrollment status in on-campus courses already requires them to pay a computer fee.

WMU began providing access to the University's VAX computing system as way of providing computer facilities to off-campus students in 1990 to provide them the same access to services as on-campus students. As a result, off-campus students have access to computer facilities at $122,661, or 7 percent.

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C. Allen Alexander, Kalamazoo's first black surgeon, lived just long enough to see his second career bear fruit when the first part of his oral history project was published by WMU. He died Dec. 4 at age 95.

"The book is a rich treasure," M.D., "An Autobiography," the first book of a planned three-volume set, was published by the Department of History. It is the first history of the state's black surgeon, lived just long enough to see his work published. Alexander compiled detailed reports of the medical, social and cultural changes that occurred in West Michigan during the years that he had witnessed during his more than 60 years in the area.

Paul L. Maier, history, is director of the project. The editor compiled detailed notes on the Alexander project, which is expected to be published in the 20th century. During the 1960s, he taped more than 150 hours of interviews with representatives of the profession and family life, Alexander says. "I like to think that it was by sheer will power that he lived such joy," Maier says. "I like to think that it was he who created the way for people to live such a role for young people, his pioneering medical service to underserved populations in the community and his positive contributions to race relations as well as his oral history project that will be "of great value to future students of our region."

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HOLIDAY RECEPTION — Faculty and staff members were treated to a holiday reception sponsored by the Board of Trustees and President Haenicke Dec. 15 in the Bernhard Center. Lana L. Boldt, chairperson of the Board of Trustees, standing, and Robert S. Sonzogni, vice president for student affairs, welcomed the crowd.

Board action
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and a lack of adequate funding." Since the existing off-campus instruction budget is not adequate to fund the necessary improvements, she said, the Division of Continuing Education needs a new source of revenue to make improvements. Revenues will be restricted to expenses related to student and faculty use of the University's off-campus computer services and facilities.

"The technology fee will keep the cost of three-credit-hour courses competitive with that of other institutions," Barrett told trustees. "In addition, the total cost to the part-time student for a three-credit-hour course off-campus will be more in line with the cost of the same course on campus."

The fee will enable WMU to repair and replace equipment, upgrade software, and provide student laboratory and staff support.

In other action, the board approved the renewal of a five-year agreement with the Campus Calendar. You will find options for 1. This Month's Events, 2. Next Month's Events and 3. Future Events.

Thursday, January 4 (thru 24) Exhibition, "Calligraphy, Carvings and Rubbings in Chinese Art," curated by Qianshen Bai, art, Gallery II, Sangren Hall, weekdays, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. (Jan. 31 thru Feb. 8) Meditation, "Meditation," with Kathy Davis, Oberlin, Ohio, Space Gallery, Knoss Hall, Mondays thru Thursdays, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; opening reception, Thursday, Jan. 4, 4-5 p.m.-1 a.m. Mathematics and Statistics lecture, "Finite Presentation of Subgroups of Graph Groups" — an REU Experience," Leonard VanWyk, Hope College, Commons Room, sixth floor, Everet Tower, 4 p.m.

Friday, January 5

*Hockey, WMU vs. the University of Illinois at Chicago, Lawson Arena, 7 p.m.
*International Association of Jazz Educators preview concert, Great Hall and the University's Lansing Study Center, Rm. 9, p.m.

Saturday, January 6

*Men's basketball, WMU vs. Central Michigan University, University Arena, 1 p.m.
*Women's basketball, WMU vs. the U of M, Lawson Arena, 7 p.m.
*Major Credit Card Scam: "Universal Life Insurance Corporation, which in 1930 to 1900" is the second in the series and is being edited by Henry V. Davis, history, "Progress in the Practice of Medicine, 1930 to 1950" is the final volume and is being edited by Robert J. Hahn, emeritus in medicine.

"The book will be superb source material," Alexander says. "We will be widely disseminated to public and academic libraries in the state of Michigan and beyond." Alexander's contributions and importance to the social and professional life of the area was acknowledged by the University in June 1996. Alexander received an honorary doctor of public service degree during commencement ceremonies. The citation noted his importance as a role model for young people, his pioneering medical service to underserved populations in the community and his positive contributions to race relations as well as his oral history project that will be "of great value to future students of our region."

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