President and provost name new faculty and doctoral positions

President Haenicke has allocated $3,291,000 in new funds, which are already being used to fill positions in existing departments and to allocate $100,000 to help improve the situation of graduate assistants.

Eisenberg and Smith seek to lead senate

Robert C. Eisenberg, biological sciences, and Carol Payne Smith, education and professional development, are seeking the position of president of the Faculty Senate. Eisenberg has long histories of service to the University.

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Nursing school gets $300,000 award to incorporate holistic health

Kalamazoo’s John E. Fetzer Institute has awarded $300,000 to WMU’s School of Nursing to assure that new nurses have a firm grounding in holistic health care practices, relationship-based care and the link between mind and body.

The three-year award will provide funds for consultants and new faculty as well as workshops on how to incorporate holistic health care concepts into the school’s curriculum. It also will be used to convene interdisciplinary groups charged with helping nursing students and other health care providers learn to interact and work together. Literature that will support such curricular changes will be obtained with Fetzer funds, and WMU also will develop additional teaching materials such as interactive videos.

The president and provost hope that the project and curriculum development for the nursing school is the culmination of linkages between the University and the community, Lacey says. Such connections will provide feedback on what the community needs from its health care professionals. The linkages also will be used to set up community sites for students to obtain practical experience with the agencies and offices with which they will work as professionals. Lacey says nursing students will work with schools, elder care agencies, home health care agencies and other agencies that offer holistic health care.

"We are very serious about this kind of feedback and relationship," Lacey says. "There is an old saying that it takes an entire village to raise a child. The same is true of health care, but we’ve lost that village—that sense of community—and we need to get it back. Our students should leave with that sense of village as part of their practice."

David J. Sluyter, program director of the Fetzer Institute, says the goal of the institute’s program in educating health professionals is not only to include the most reliable and up-to-date holistic health practices, but also to stress the value of the healing relationship that is manifest between the nurse or other health practitioner and the patient.

"It extends beyond them to relationships with other professionals who are active in a case and in the community from which the patient comes," Sluyter says. "We hope new health professionals will become experts at forming relationships at these levels—with patients, professions and the community. We believe that real healing takes place in these relationships."

For Lacey, the Fetzer award is a key piece in the effort to develop a new curriculum that already is attracting the attention of the nursing profession nationally. She was named director of the school in 1994, shortly before it opened. With so few new nursing schools starting up and established programs unable to change quickly to meet new societal needs, Lacey says, the WMU school enjoys a unique chance to make an impact.

"I see this as a real opportunity to give movement and direction to nursing education," Lacey says. "We are uniquely poised to reflect community in the health care professions. We’ll be combining empirical data and qualitative practice to look at the ‘dailiness’ of nursing—to look at the many things we do in nursing that we haven’t placed value on."

Lacey says the importance of establishing relationships with clients and making them feel comfortable about sharing information cannot be underestimated. She notes that building good, trusting relationships with clients can often mean getting more complete medical and lifestyle information that allows nurses to provide the kind of care that will make a real difference in people’s lives.

"I think relationships are the essence of nursing," Lacey says.

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The largest crowd in history is expected for WMU's Medallion Scholarship Celebration Day. Nearly 1,200 of the brightest students will attend, and $8,000 and $4,800 awards. Each student is valued at more than $7 million to attend WMU, based on courses, testscores and performance in the on-campus scholarship recipients and representatives of the Lee Honors College. In addition, students will take a WMU look at, and learn from, some of the most successful, powerful, and diverse, $57 million in four-year scholarships have been awarded.

The free talk is part of the Department of Economics' regulation of the telecommunications industry. The author of six books, he has provided expert testimony with the Federal Trade Commission and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The author of the books and 70 articles for leading economists, he has provided expert testimony in matters regarding regulatory and antitrust policy in the telecommunications industry. The Department of Economics co-sponsors the conference with the W.E. Upjohn Institute for Employment Research in Kalamazoo.
Consumers gift will support research laboratory

A $40,000 gift from the Consumers Power Foundation of Jackson will boost WMU's research capabilities in the areas of geophysical and environmental cleanup of contaminated underground sites.

The gift, which will be made over a period of five years through our matching gift program and a sponsorship of Summer Study, will fund an instructional site characterization laboratory. The funding will help support a laboratory that will house state-of-the-art geophysical equipment and personnel, including international, geological and archaeological examiners of underground areas.

"We greatly appreciate the continued support of the company, particularly at a time when we are beginning a major effort to improve the understanding of our nation's sites and increase support for our science teaching and research programs," says President Hallock. "This geophysical research is areas of vital importance to the state and ones in which we are already making a major contribution."

The Science Research Pavilion is one of the buildings that will constitute the University's new Science Quadrangle. Work began on that project in fall 1995 and is slated for completion in 1998. The laboratory will be designed to house

Student employees recognized during week

The significant contributions student employees make to the University and to area businesses will be recognized during the 10th annual Student Employment Week, Feb. 12-16.

Some 65 percent of WMU's student body works for the University or area businesses. These students work an average of 20 hours per week in all kinds of establishments, including educational, professional offices, human service agencies and industry.

This year, the university employs nearly 4,100 students in 260 departments on campus. An average of $511,000 is spent on their wages during each two-week student pay period, according to figures compiled by the student employment referral office.

One of the techniques used by WMU's employment referral service is to advertise on the radio and in the Daily Westerner.
CONSERVING ENERGY — Energy conservation measures put in place by the WMU's physical plant have resulted in a rebate of $70,000 from the Consumers Power Co. The company administers a non-residential electric incentives program called "Reduce the Use." It offers a rebate for a portion of the actual use. An institutional size office building, such as the one on campus, is eligible.

The University replaced incandescent lighting with fluorescent lighting in the lobbies of Miller Auditorium and in the audible power amplifiers. The University is also in the process of replacing all other lighting in the campus with fluorescent bulbs. The University has also implemented an energy conservation program called "Reduce the Use." It offers a rebate for a portion of the actual use. An institutional size office building, such as the one on campus, is eligible.

Future Events.

Chicano History Week potluck dinner and showing of the movie, "Zoot Suit," A-221 Ellsworth Hall, 6 p.m.

*University computing services workshops, 2033 University Computing Center: "Word 5.1 for Macintosh - Working with Equations," 3-5 p.m.; for registration information, call 7-5161.

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