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Sign of spring

Landscape services staff members like Terri A. Hotrum are seeing the fruits of their labors from last fall. Crews planted 25,000 daffodil bulbs in numerous areas to put more color on campus earlier in the season. Flowers seem to be blooming everywhere this spring, including here in the Duncan Courtyard of Schneider Hall.



Battle over federal budget could result in smaller state appropriations for universities

WMU and the state's 14 other public universities could find that planned increases in state appropriations for higher education may not be as large as expected because of ongoing federal budget disputes.

That was the message from state legislators during a hearing May 8 in Lansing of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Higher Education, chaired by Rep. Donald Gilmer.

"We always can hope for the best," Gilmer told President Haenicke and Curtis J. Tompkins, president of Michigan Technological University, who appeared at the hearing together. "But in the worst case scenario, I believe that higher education would be on the table for smaller increases."

The state faces cuts of \$320 million in federal funds for Medicaid and welfare programs. It may mean that some funds appropriated by the state to higher education couldn't be spent until the governor

and Legislature later agree they could.

Gilmer said there is tentative agreement on a mechanism whereby some appropriations will not be available for spending until the federal government resolves its budget issues later this year.

"It should be clear to the higher education community that if there is going to be some pain and suffering, that all of us should share in it," Gilmer said. "That includes higher education, which has a very generous recom-

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REP. DONALD GILMER

mendation from the governor that was supported by the Senate and, I'm reasonably confident, will be supported by the House."

Gov. Engler has proposed that WMU receive a 4 percent increase in state appropriations, an increase of \$4 million to \$101.6 million. The Senate has approved an additional \$718,000 for WMU, reflecting recognition of WMU's unique status as the state's only public Carnegie Doctoral I university. The Senate addition brings WMU's increase to 4.8 percent.

Some of the state's 15 public universities are recommended for larger increases to bring their per-student appropriation to a minimum level or floor of \$4,150. WMU's 1995-96 per-student state funding is \$4,827. The increase for higher education as a whole in the governor's recommendation is 5 percent.

Haenicke told lawmakers that he, like other public university presidents, was "very grateful" for the proposed increase for higher education this year and expressed concern that appropriations might not remain at recommended levels.

"We are all alarmed by the news that appropriations might not stand at the point where they are right now," he said. "But we believe the initial attempt to provide a 5 percent increase for higher education is welcome news, and we are very grateful for that."

Haenicke said he also appreciated that WMU was invited to appear before the subcommittee with Michigan's only other public doctoral institution, Michigan Tech-

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Construction takes off on new home for aviation sciences

Construction is under way at the W.K. Kellogg Airport in Battle Creek to prepare that facility to become home next year to WMU's School of Aviation Sciences.

Remodeling work on the first two floors of the terminal at the airport has begun as well as site work to prepare the grounds for expansion of an existing hangar and a new classroom building. Construction on those two buildings is due to begin in June. When complete, WMU's School of Aviation Sciences will occupy more than 70,000 square feet of building space at the Battle Creek site.

The project is being funded by a \$6 million federal grant as well as \$5.6 million in Tax Increment Finance Authority funds from the city of Battle Creek.

Construction on the terminal began in April, according to Jan D. Myers, campus facility development. A contract for that \$1.16 million construction phase was

awarded in March to the CSM Group of Kalamazoo.

Interior demolition of the terminal's first two floors and asbestos removal was completed earlier this year to prepare for current construction that will turn the space into new offices and flight preparation areas. The Federal Aviation Administration will continue to occupy the third floor of the building and operate the terminal tower both during construction and after the project is complete.

The brick exterior of the building remains intact, Myers says, and plans call for maintaining the external integrity of the building, which has been deemed historic. A "curtain wall" system of clear or opaque glass will replace the existing glass areas of the original building, she notes, bringing the building in line with current building and energy codes that call for double-paned glass. A new roof also is slated for the structure.

When complete, WMU will occupy more than 9,500 square feet of the terminal with space devoted to administrative offices, flight plan areas, flight briefing and debriefing areas and a student lounge.

The second wave of construction will begin in June after a contract for that phase is awarded, Myers says. It will include the renovation and expansion of the existing FAA hangar and the construction of a new classroom building.

The hangar, which currently boasts 20,000 square feet of room, will get a 25,000-square-foot addition. The completed structure will include an aircraft maintenance area, six testing areas with observation rooms and four laboratories devoted to work in the areas of aircraft hydraulics, electrical systems, power plants and airframes.

The new 16,000-square-foot classroom building will include a flight simulator laboratory, a computer laboratory, a library, three classrooms and office space for faculty members. The entire facility is

scheduled for completion in mid-1997 and will be showcased late next spring when the School of Aviation Sciences plays host to the National Intercollegiate Flying Association's national championship. Classes in the new space are scheduled to begin in the fall of 1997.

Joseph H. Dunlap, director of aviation sciences, says that the work under way has triggered a real sense of excitement among students and faculty of the school. The school currently occupies just 27,000 square feet of space at the Kalamazoo-Battle Creek International Airport in Kalamazoo and has little room for expansion.

"With construction actually under way, there is a real sense of anticipation building," Dunlap says. "The faculty and students are really thrilled to see this happening."

For photographs of construction in Battle Creek, see page four.

Sky Broncos place second in national competition

The University's precision flying team, the Sky Broncos, captured both a second place finish and the designation as next year's host team at the April 30-May 4 National Intercollegiate Flying Association's championship competition in Daytona Beach, Fla.

The Sky Broncos placed second to the team from the University of North Dakota, the defending national champions. This marks the fifth consecutive year the WMU fliers have placed in the top three at the 26-team national meet. Coming in third and fourth, respectively, behind the Sky Broncos were the host team from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University and the U.S. Air Force Academy team.

The Sky Broncos also learned during the Daytona Beach award ceremony that they will act as hosts to next year's national championship. The event will take place in late April or early May at the W.K. Kellogg Airport in Battle Creek, which soon will become the home of WMU's School of Aviation Sciences. Renovation of existing

facilities is now under way and new building construction at the airport is about to begin. The project is due for completion in mid-1997.

"We are ecstatic and very, very proud of the accomplishments of our team and coach," says Joseph H. Dunlap, director of aviation sciences. "Their hard work paid off in this extremely close competition. The students compete in nine events and at the end of the eighth event, they were tied with UND for first place."

Dunlap says he's also pleased at the selection of WMU as host to next year's national event and predicts it will be a good opportunity to introduce the new facility to West Michigan and the intercollegiate flying community.

"This will give us a chance to showcase our new home," he notes. The last time the Sky Broncos acted as the host team was in 1983, the same year the team last won the national championship.

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Did you know?

■ During the 1994-95 fiscal year, a total of 365 employees took advantage of WMU's tuition discount plan. The benefit encourages employees to continue their personal education by giving them a 75 percent tuition discount at the University.

■ During the same period, 447 employees participated in the spouse/dependent tuition remission plan. Under this benefit, the University remits to employees the tuition for 50 percent of the undergraduate credit hours taken at the University by a spouse or dependent.

■ The top users of the tuition discount plan are professional/technical/administrative employees at 206 or 56 percent of the total. More faculty members — 134 or 30 percent — use the tuition remission plan than any other employee group.

CELEBRATING THE ARTS — Nearly 700 of the state's finest young artists were on campus May 9-11 for the 34th annual Michigan Youth Arts Festival. State high school students gifted in the areas of dance, drama, instrumental and vocal music, visual arts, creative writing and film/video attended educational workshops and shared their talents through public performances. Here, Andrew Speight, a faculty member from Michigan State University, led a jazz rehearsal in the Dalton Center.



Alumni to gather for Reunion Weekend in June

Members of the WMU classes of 1946, 1951 and 1956 will gather in Kalamazoo Friday and Saturday, June 7-8, for a Reunion Weekend.

A welcome back reception is scheduled for 5 to 7 p.m. Friday in Walwood Hall, the home of the McKee Alumni Center.

Saturday's activities will begin with 8:30 a.m. registration and will take place in the Bernhard Center. A breakfast program will follow at 9 a.m. featuring a presentation titled "It's a Different World" by Dick Kishpaugh, a 1948 WMU graduate.

Faculty members will share their expertise with members of the 40th, 45th and 50th reunion classes during a special session, "Let Us Entertain You!," from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Saturday. Robert J. Ricci, music, will present "The Music That Made You Dance" and playwrights Arnie Johnston, English, and his wife, Deborah Percy Johnston, will perform "A Morning of Short One-Acts."

Campus tours will be available from 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Class social hours

will begin at 5 p.m. and will include the taking of class photographs.

The weekend will conclude with a dinner program at 6 p.m. Saturday.

The cost of the Reunion Weekend is \$50 for class members and \$40 for spouses and guests. For more information, persons should call 7-8777.

Senior selected as WMU's first recipient of prestigious national award

Marc A. Humphrey, a WMU senior from Kalamazoo, has been selected as the institution's first recipient of a Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship.

Humphrey competed against some 1,200 students from across the country for the award. A total of 264 were chosen on the basis of academic merit to receive 1996-97 scholarships, which cover the cost of tuition, fees, books and room and board up to a maximum of \$7,000.

The Goldwater Scholarship is the premier undergraduate award of its type in the fields of mathematics, natural sciences and engineering. The endowed recognition program was established by Congress in 1986 to pay tribute to Sen. Barry M. Goldwater and to encourage outstanding students to pursue careers in these fields. All those selected for the award intend to obtain a doctoral degree.

Humphrey, a 1993 graduate of Kalamazoo Central High School, received a \$25,000 Medallion Scholarship to come to WMU. A member of the Lee Honors College, he is majoring in both mathematics and physics and maintains a 3.98 grade point average.

During the summer after his freshman year, he began working with Nora Berrah, physics, on research projects in the area of atomic physics. Specifically, he has assisted her in the study of high resolution photoelectron spectroscopy. He has received the Russell Seibert Travel Award and the Undergraduate Research and Creative Activities Award from the Lee Honors College to support his work.

"The Department of Physics has a wonderful model for undergraduate research and mentoring," said Dean Joseph G. Reish, Lee Honors College, who helped coordinate Humphrey's nomination for the Goldwater Scholarship. "Marc is the tip of the academic iceberg. He is the essence of what all WMU undergraduates can be with focus, application and support."

Last August, Humphrey spent 10 days at the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory in California assisting Berrah in her research. Earlier in the summer, he participated in the National Science Foundation's Research Experience for Undergraduates Program, conducting research at the University of Nebraska.

Humphrey credits his work with Berrah and faculty members at Nebraska with expanding his education and giving him an edge for the Goldwater award.

Faculty Senate approves proposals to help streamline the curriculum review process

The curriculum review process will be more streamlined as a result of changes approved May 2 by the Faculty Senate.

Proposals for major changes in programs and courses now should go simultaneously to college curriculum committees and deans. The previous process had proposals going first to committees and then to deans.

Proposal deadlines also were changed to improve flow for publication in the next catalog or catalog supplement. The deadline for proposals to college committees and deans was changed to Nov. 1 from Oct. 15, giving departments and colleges more time to review them.

The deadline for proposals to be submitted to the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee and the Graduate Curriculum Committee, the next step in the process for major changes, was changed to Dec. 1 from Dec. 15 to allow more time before the end of the semester.

In addition, the executive board of the senate will review proposals for major program changes only in exceptional circumstances instead of all such proposals.

"These changes will give more time to the departments and colleges and still provide reasonable deadlines for review at the University level," said Linda M. Delene, marketing, who headed the revision process. "They take into account that review by the college curriculum committees and the deans can and often does occur at the same time."

The senate also approved a recommendation that "when program changes involve both personnel and program shifts,

it is desirable that program shifts be considered first," according to the revised process.

"Personnel shifts are not part of the curricular process, yet they may have curricular implications since it is possible that a program shift may become necessary as a result of a personnel shift," Delene explained. "In order to preserve the curriculum review process, the inevitability of a program shift is appropriately considered prior to a personnel shift."

In addition, the revisions clarified certain curricular changes as major ones. For example, suspending or closing admission to a program is regarded as a major program change, requiring review by the University Curriculum Committee.

When changes occur in both a course title and a course description, they too are by definition to be regarded as major changes. Changes to one or the other, however, remain minor changes, requiring action only at the college level.

Changes in 500-level courses now must be submitted to both the Graduate and Undergraduate Curriculum Committees. Previous language said only that they "should" be submitted, leaving persons to interpret the direction as desirable rather than obligatory.

"The revisions, we believe, address the ambiguities and problems that have been identified since the University curriculum review process was last revised in 1994," Delene said. The current process was established in 1992 and was also revised in 1993.

The revisions are forwarded to the administration for its consideration.

Howard University honors Lacey with leadership award

Bernardine M. Lacey, director of the School of Nursing, was presented with the Legacy of Leadership Award by Howard University Hospital earlier this month in Washington, D.C.

The award recognizes special leadership contributions of distinguished individuals to their professions and community. Other 1996 honorees included the Rev. Jesse Jackson and Ben Vereen.

Lacey was honored for her "immeasurable accomplishments in her profession and for her advocacy of quality healthcare for indigent and underserved populations." Before coming to WMU in 1994 to head its new School of Nursing, Lacey was an assistant professor and director of the Homeless Project in the College of Nursing at Howard. She served on President Clinton's Task Force on Health Care Reform.

Faculty member adds enthusiastic fire to the flame as official Olympic torch bearer

A WMU faculty member will serve as an official carrier of the Olympic torch as it makes its cross-country journey from Los Angeles to Atlanta.

Paul E. Ponchillia, blind rehabilitation, will carry the torch one kilometer (five-eighths of a mile) along the Olympic torch relay route in Detroit on June 8 or June 9. Ponchillia is one of 10,000 people from the United States selected as torch bearers.

"It's the next best thing to being an athlete," Ponchillia says. "I'm kind of a 'wanna-be' athlete. I have been all of my life."

The Olympic torch, symbolizing the spirit of the games, was delivered to the United States from Athens, Greece, April 27. Relay runners are currently transporting the torch across the country to Atlanta for the start of the July 19 summer games. Since the flame, and not the torch, is passed along the relay route carriers may keep the torch they use for a \$300 fee. Ponchillia says that's something he'll likely do.

Ponchillia says torch bearers are nominated to the U.S. Olympic Committee and are chosen based on the amount of community service they have done. Ponchillia, who is blind, believes

his selection was based on the work he does each year coordinating a statewide sports education camp for visually impaired children. Ponchillia also founded the Michigan Blind Athletic Association to help blind athletes reach their potential.

"It's based on volunteerism and community service, not 'jockism,'" he says.

Ponchillia admits he's not an avid runner. He says his athletic endeavors usually involve playing goal ball, a fast-paced sport similar to soccer that uses a ball with a bell in it so visually impaired athletes can hear it. Each year, Ponchillia coordinates a Kalamazoo Invitational Goal Ball Tournament that features athletes from the United States and Canada.

Ponchillia and his family are great fans of the Olympics. It's the only time, he says, that his family actually subscribes to cable television. Ponchillia and his supporters plan to celebrate his selection as a torch carrier by chartering a bus to Detroit so they can cheer him on as he carries the flame.

"I have a friend who served as an Olympic torch carrier and he said spectators line the streets and hand you glasses of water and champagne," he says. "It's quite the celebration, I guess."

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Eight recognized for exemplary performance

Eight outstanding persons have been selected to receive Staff Service Excellence Awards for the fourth quarter of 1995-96 covering January, February and March.

The winners are among 19 employees nominated by their peers to honor excellence and performance above and beyond job requirements.

They are: Arlene K. Buchanan, physical plant-building custodial and support services; Anna Horn, residence hall life; Deborah L. Hughson, dining services; Betty L. Kirk, physical plant-building custodial and support services; Pamela G. Liberacki, admissions and orientation; Kelley Oliver, Haworth College of Business; Judith J. Stuit, health, physical education and recreation; and Alicia J. Yeagley, communi-

cation.

Four winners are from the professional/technical/administrative employee group, three are from the clerical/technical ranks and one is a member of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees.

Each will receive a Staff Service Excellence certificate and a \$50 gift certificate to the designated University facility of their choice. A total of 73 staff members have received awards since the program began in 1994.

Currently, the selection committee is accepting nominations for the annual awards component of the Staff Service Excellence Awards program. Prizes for the annual awards include \$1,000 and other recognition.

Staff service award nominations due May 30

Nominations for the 1995-96 Staff Service Excellence Annual Awards are due by Thursday, May 30. Prizes include \$1,000, a luncheon to honor the winners and other recognition.

Nominations should state how the nominee has exhibited true excellence in service, far above normal job duties and responsibilities, in the past year. The annual awards are the pinnacle of this awards program, and are reserved for the University's most outstanding staff members.

Graduate students to be honored for contributions

A total of 28 graduate students will be honored for their contributions to the scholarly and artistic productivity of the University at a reception Thursday, May 16.

The event to honor this year's Graduate Research and Creative Scholars will run from 4 to 6 p.m. in the President's Dining Room of the Bernhard Center. Preceding the reception at 2:30 p.m., selected recipients of the award will make short presentations on their research and creative ac-

tivities in 204 Bernhard Center. The University community is invited to attend.

This is the 11th year that the awards will be made by the Graduate College, the Graduate Studies Council of the Faculty Senate and the Graduate Student Advisory Committee. Departments were asked to identify outstanding students at the master's, specialist and doctoral levels who were enrolled in the University since spring 1995. Those students are designated as Department Graduate Research and Creative Scholars.

The department scholars were then evaluated by a selection committee and nine were chosen for the additional honor of University Graduate Research and Creative Scholar.

The 28 students will receive certificates of recognition. The nine students earning all-University awards will have a notation placed on their permanent transcripts and in the commencement program.

Grants available to support volunteer service programs

Michigan Campus Compact is now accepting grant applications from faculty members, administrators, students and registered campus organizations to support volunteer service programs.

MCC's 13th Venture Grant cycle opened April 26 and will close on Friday, June 7. The program offers awards of up to \$2,500 for projects designed to help campus groups develop or expand community service programs or enhance service learning opportunities. Project proposals must show that they will foster the habit of lifelong involvement in community service as well as provide innovative models that can be used at other colleges and universities.

Past Venture Grants awarded to WMU have supported such projects as a Math Homework Hotline serving community students and the compilation of a handicap access guide to Kalamazoo and the campus.

MCC is an action-oriented demonstration project that encourages voluntary community service opportunities for students and promotes education for citizenship.

For more information about the Venture Grant Program and proposal requirements, persons should contact Terri Benton-Ollie, student volunteer services, in the Lee Honors College at 7-3230.

Human resources

All supervisors of non-bargaining employees should be in the process of completing performance appraisals for the 1995-96 fiscal year. The completed forms are due in human resources by Friday, May 31.

The review process includes evaluating the employee's performance of the measures and accountabilities established earlier in the fiscal year, conducting a review with the employee and completing the appraisal form. The completed form, with all required signatures, should then be sent to the Department of Human Resources.

It is expected that documented satisfactory performance will be needed to receive a pay increase for the 1996-97 fiscal year, although that pay plan has not yet

been finalized.

Questions concerning the appraisal process can be directed to the wage and salary office at 7-3664.

Exchange

LOST — Navy leather briefcase somewhere on campus during the winter semester. It was a gift and is very special. Call Christine at 7-5890 or 345-2581.

FOR SALE — 1995 Chevrolet Lumina sedan. Excellent condition; one driver, non-smoker, 14,000 miles, three-year/36,000-mile warranty, dark green, sport wheels, cruise, anti-lock brakes, rear defogger, air. \$15,500 or best offer. Call 372-6270 or 7-3654.

On campus

MORE THAN AN EDUCATION — Gretta Clay started working at WMU to help finance her education. She ended up with both a degree and a career. Currently a foreign student admissions specialist in the Office of International Student Services, she first came to the University as a student in 1985. She worked as a student employee and then joined the academic records office staff full time in 1988. In 1990, she transferred to the Department of Telecommunications and also finished her bachelor's degree in communication. Two years later, she took her present job, which involves making sure international students



meet the requirements to be admitted to the University. She answers lots of questions, both on the phone and in writing. Once the students arrive at WMU, she helps them get adjusted to campus life. "We try to be an ear for them," she says. "International students look at us as people they can talk to." Clay enjoys working with both the international students and her colleagues. "I get to meet people from many different backgrounds from around the world," she says. "WMU is fortunate to have so many different people here." Clay spends much of her spare time studying, as she is in the process of completing a master of public administration degree. She also enjoys spending time with her family and being involved in community activities. Last year, she and several other local women formed a group called Black Ladies Achieving Change in Kalamazoo. They serve as mentors and resources for other women in the community.

WMU and AAUP bargaining teams named

Bargaining teams for the University and the WMU chapter of the American Association of University Professors have been identified and meetings have begun to negotiate a contract.

The current three-year contract between the University and the faculty union expires Sept. 6. Meetings so far have been scheduled about weekly through June 17.

Members of the University team are: David O. Lyon, director of collective bargaining and contract administration; Thomas Hustoles, an attorney with Miller, Canfield, Paddock & Stone, chief negotiator; Lance Query, dean of University li-

braries; Shirley S. Scott, chairperson of English; Carol L. Stamm, associate vice president for academic affairs; and Lewis Walker, chairperson of sociology.

Members of the AAUP team are: Lynwood H. Bartley, communication, chapter president; Charles E. Hines Jr., accountancy, chief negotiator; Galen J. Alessi, psychology, grievance officer; Ariel L. Anderson, education and professional development, contract administrator; and Robert J. Ricci, music.

Two meetings scheduled on APA-C/TO merger

The Administrative Professional Association and the Clerical/Technical Organization will hold two meetings in upcoming weeks to brief members on a possible merger between the two groups.

Information meetings are set for noon Tuesday, May 21, and Wednesday, June 5, in 157-159 Bernhard Center. Members attending will have an opportunity to ask questions and voice their concerns and opinions.

For more information about the events, persons should contact Mary J. DeRoo, University computing services and president of the C/TO, at 7-5470 or Tony E. Griffin, WMUK and president of the APA, at 7-5717.

Service

These employees are recognized for five, 10, 15, 20 and 25 years of service to the University in May:

25 years — Robert R. Lassiter, physical plant-maintenance services.

Media

Two faculty members will be guests in the coming weeks on "Focus," a five-minute interview produced by news services. "Focus" is scheduled to air on these Saturdays at 6:10 a.m. on WKPR-AM (1420) with the following speakers and topics: Catherine C. Sielke, educational leadership, on the effects of school finance reform, May 18; and Paul M. Lane, marketing, on time management, May 25. "Focus" is also used on a regular basis by WKZO-AM (590), WKMI-AM (1360) and several other radio stations around Michigan.

20 years — Marilyn V. Duke, Center for Academic Support Programs; and Jon H. Vander Meer, telecommunications.

15 years — Lila J. Gray, Office of the Vice President for Research; Judith A. Medendorp, geography; Diana L. Sherburn, human resources; and Sally A. Veeder, Evaluation Center.

10 years — Daryl E. Buczkowski, University computing services; Linda J. Doremus, Bernhard Center; Jeffery A. Johns, physical plant-maintenance services; Sandy S. Lemley, Office of Public Service; Jo E. Morrisson, campus facility development; and Teresa J. Oakes, continuing education.

Five years — Kathi Fuller, College of Health and Human Services; Arlen R. Gullickson, Evaluation Center; Candace E. List, printing services; and Charlotte Persinger, accounts payable.

Graduate admissions site on WWW earns accolades from national professional group

WMU has earned an award for its efforts to provide information to prospective graduate students on the World Wide Web.

The University was selected from among 100 nominations to receive the 1996 National Association of Graduate Admissions Professionals Award for Promotional Excellence on the World Wide Web. A committee of association members and students chose the institution based on the design, content and user friendliness of its Web pages.

The award, which carries with it a \$1,000 cash prize and framed certificate, was presented at the NAGAP's annual meeting in San Francisco last month. The NAGAP is an organization of more than 700 members working in the graduate admissions and recruitment environment.

Information targeted at prospective graduate students has been available through WMU's Web site since last fall. The World Wide Web is a universe of information accessible through the Internet. Documents on the Web use both text and graphics as well as links that allow users to go easily to other documents or parts of the same document by simply clicking a mouse.

"We know we're getting a number of

hits because we're getting a lot of e-mail from students who have accessed it," said Kenneth F. Schaefer, admissions and orientation. He worked on the project with Paula J. Boodt, admissions and orientation, and Bruce L. Paananen, University computing services. Last summer, the three worked together on taking information already available in paper form and converting it into electronic form.

The graduate admissions information is available through WMU's home page at: <http://www.wmich.edu>. It can be reached either by clicking on Graduate Programs or Admissions.

Information available covers such topics as: an overview of WMU; programs and degrees; an enrollment profile; research opportunities; the Kalamazoo community; housing; child care, health care and insurance; career services and the Graduate Student Advisory Committee; recreation; and costs and financial aid.

Also available is an on-line form for those who wish to apply for graduate admission. The University has received more than 100 applications via the on-line form since it's been on the Web.

WMU is in the process of developing more Web pages containing information for prospective undergraduate students. Some text-based information on various academic programs already is available, as well as material on campus tours and answers to questions frequently asked by transfer students. Work is under way to put the entire 11,000-word text and photographs from the "viewbook" sent to prospective undergraduate students on the Web, along with an on-line application.

Jazz studies program noted again in Down Beat awards

The jazz studies program in the School of Music once again has earned multiple honors in the annual Down Beat magazine student "DB" awards.

The results, announced in the May issue of the magazine, named WMU students five times. Since 1993, WMU students and ensembles have received 28 awards, more than any other college or university during that time period.

This year's winners include saxophonists John Wojciechowski, a recent WMU graduate from Sterling Heights, and Shawn M. Wallace, a sophomore from Eaton Rapids, who each won an award for outstanding performance.

The others are: a quartet composed of Wallace, pianist Duncan W. McMillan, a senior from Grosse Pointe, bassist Shawn B. Sommer, a senior from Stevens Point, Wis., and drummer Quincy Davis, a freshman from Grand Rapids, for outstanding jazz combo; Gold Company, directed by Stephen L. Zegree, music, for outstanding vocal jazz ensemble; and Aleece B. Landis, a senior from Traverse City, for outstanding live studio recording.

Calendar

The master calendar maintained by news services for use in Western News is available through Gopher on the VMScluster. Currently, there are three calendars available: May events; June events; and future events, which run from July through December. To view the calendars, type Gopher at the system prompt. At the next menu, choose 2. Western Michigan University, then choose 5. Campus Calendar. You will find options for 1. This Month's Events, 2. Next Month's Events and 3. Future Events.

Thursday, May 16

Doctoral oral examination, "A Qualitative Study of Friendships and Student-Faculty Relationships: Experiences and Perspectives of Korean International Students Studying in the United States," Jinsook Kim, counselor education and counseling psychology, 3210 Sangren Hall, 1 p.m.

Reception for Graduate Research and Creative Scholars, President's Dining Room, Bernhard Center, 4-6 p.m.; short presentations by selected recipients, 204 Bernhard Center, 2:30 p.m.

Mathematics and statistics colloquium, "A Jacobi-like Method for the Algebraic Riccati Equation," Heike Fabbender, the University of Bremen, Commons Room, sixth floor, Everett Tower, 4:10 p.m.; refreshments, 3:50 p.m.

Friday, May 17

Doctoral oral examination, "Comparison of Selection-based vs. Topography-based Verbal Behavior," William Potter, psychology, 208 North Hall, 10 a.m.

Monday, May 20

Doctoral oral examination, "Culture Specific HIV/STD Prevention Programming for Lesbian and Bisexual Women," Kathleen M. Morrow, psychology 302 North Hall, 9 a.m.

Tuesday, May 21

Informational meeting on possible merger between the Administrative Professional Association and the Clerical/Technical Organization, 157-159 Bernhard Center, noon.

Monday, May 27

Memorial Day, no classes.

Wednesday, May 29

Mathematics and statistics colloquium, "My Favorite Induction Proof," Brian Alspach, Simon Fraser University, Commons Room, sixth floor, Everett Tower, 4:10 p.m.; refreshments, 3:50 p.m.

*Admission charged



NEW HOME FOR AVIATION

— The first phase of construction at the W.K. Kellogg Airport in Battle Creek has begun with the renovation of the terminal. The first two floors of that building plus an expanded hangar and new classroom building will become the home of WMU's School of Aviation Sciences next year. The Federal Aviation Administration will continue to occupy the third floor of the terminal and operate the tower during and after construction. The project will provide more than 70,000 square feet for the school, which currently occupies just 27,000 square feet at the Kalamazoo-Battle Creek International Airport in Kalamazoo.

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Sky Bronco coach Mark A. Serbenski says the 14-member team's overall consistency as well as outstanding performances by individual team members led to this year's success.

"We came in just nine points behind the winning team," he notes. "That's extremely close in this kind of national competition. Winning the championship basically came down to the results of one of the four flight events, the message drop, which requires a pilot to drop an item onto a target. That one is sometimes just a matter of luck and which way the wind is blowing."

Matthew A. Colles, a senior from Charlotte, was third in the competition's top pilot standings after placing second and third in flight events and seventh in one of

the ground events. Rachel E. Nave, a junior from Kentwood, was named top female pilot in the nation and placed eighth overall in the top pilot standings. She turned in fourth and 10th place performances in flight events and fifth in a ground event.

"Both Rachel and Matt remain eligible for competition next year," Serbenski notes. "Everyone who did really well for us will be coming back for the team next year."

Nearly 80 college teams from around the country compete at regional events each fall to earn a berth at the spring national meet. The Sky Broncos, who have not missed qualifying for the national event in more than 25 years, are hosts to this October's NIFA Region III competition as

well as the spring national event.

In both regional and national competitions, teams compete in four flight events: short field landings, power-off landings, navigation and the message drop. Competition ground events include aircraft recognition, computer accuracy and pre-flight checks to find mechanical flaws rigged by examiners. A simulated navigation event and a simulated flight, or ground trainer, event also are part of the competition.

WMU's School of Aviation Sciences offers the state's only public four-year bachelor's degree program in aviation, with about 550 students pursuing one of four aviation degree options.

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nological University, which is ranked as a Doctoral II university in the national listing of higher education institutions by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching.

Research and master's level institutions appeared before the subcommittee earlier.

"I hope that this in some way reflects a conviction on the part of some legislators, at least, that there is special recognition to be given in our system of higher education for particular tiers that are distinctly different," the president said.

"We have observed that two funding floors have been set, one for research institutions and one for master's level institutions, but not a middle floor for doctoral institutions," he continued. "As I have for several years, I would argue very strongly today that such a middle floor be considered."

In each of the past two years, WMU's state appropriation has been increased to reflect its Doctoral I designation. Two years ago, WMU received the second highest percentage increase and last year it received the highest percentage increase among the state's 15 public universities.

Such increases help WMU address a variety of underfunding issues, including faculty and staff salaries, Haenicke said.

"One of the conditions of having very good undergraduate education, very good research and very good faculty and staff is that you have to be competitive and pay salaries that people rightfully expect," he told subcommittee members.

"Our faculty salaries, in particular, are not where they should be," he continued, noting that assistant professors rank eighth, associate professors seventh and full professors sixth among the state's 15 public universities. "We try hard to address this issue every year, and we try to do it without hitting our students with unreasonable tuition increases."

WMU increased tuition for this year by just 2.6 percent, the lowest percentage of any public university in Michigan. It has kept increases at or below 5 percent for the past three years. Room and board rates were frozen for all students last fall and for all returning students this fall.

The measure now must go to the full House Appropriations Committee and on to the floor of the House. A conference committee will resolve differences between the previously passed Senate version and the House version. Final legislative action is expected by the end of June.

Retirement reception set for Orlofsky and Vredevelt

A retirement reception honoring Fred C. Orlofsky and Jack Vredevelt is scheduled for 4 to 6 p.m. Monday, June 3, at the Oaklands. Orlofsky is retiring after 30 years as men's gymnastics coach, but will continue to teach in the Department of Health, Physical Education and Recreation. Vredevelt is retiring after 23 years as men's tennis coach. The University community is invited to attend.