Wewould like to convey our heartfelt appreciation for the continued support and commitment of WMU faculty, staff, and students in advancing the University’s mission. The campus-wide blood pressure screening initiative, spearheaded by Nicole Campbell and Aimee Whitaker, exemplifies the collaborative spirit and dedication to health and well-being.

The Senate report recognizes continuing education as ‘large and important component’ of WMU. Senate recommendations include: expanding offerings in Grand Rapids; offering more online courses; and enhancing partnerships with off-campus institutions. These initiatives aim to increase access and flexibility for students.

Addressing the recommendation on courses in Grand Rapids, President Haenicke explained: "WMU should involve significantly more teaching off-campus as part of our mission and teaching off-campus on an overload basis.

The Senate report also acknowledges the need for improved on-campus coverage. The recommendation to expand offerings in Grand Rapids is crucial for meeting the needs of our diverse student body.

In conclusion, we look forward to seeing the implementation of these recommendations and the positive impact they will have on the WMU community. Together, we can continue to strive for excellence in education and support the academic goals of our students.
The significant contributions student employees make to the University and to area businesses will be recognized during the annual Student Employment Week Feb. 13-17.

WMU officials estimate that 65 percent of its student body works while pursuing a college education. Averaging an average of 20 hours per week in all kinds of establishments such as restaurants, retail stores, professional offices, human service agencies and industry. Employing for WMU students last year were more than 36 million from these various areas.

The University alone currently employs some 4,000 students in 260 departments on campus and is expected to pay them on their wages two each week student pay period, according to figures compiled by the student employment referral service.

"The University is very unique in its ability to provide so many different work experiences," said Lynn C. Bryan, student employment referral service. "We can support our students with direct skills that they can apply toward their careers.

Jobs include telemarketers, recycling crew members, database designers, photographers, clerical assistants, writers and handivan drivers.

The student employment referral service's main task is to match the wide variety of students with employers. The students work with supervisors throughout the activities it has planned. Last month, the office offered Free Student Employee Certificates of Appreciation for supervisors to present during the week. To date, 30 departments have requested these certificates.

Both the Kalamazoo City Commission and the Kalamazoo County Commission are expected to approve tier Claiming Student Employment Week and recognize the value of student employees to the local economy.

Two award programs, "Student of the Year" and "Superintendent of the Year," also are being sponsored by the student employment referral service. The top five students will receive awards for the week of Student Employment Week and be recognized at future meetings of the university's governing body.

Elwood B. "Woody" Elhre, biological sciences, couldn't have picked a better nickname for his latest brush with fame. The WMU botanist recently has been branching out from his usual campus duties and enjoying statewide renown as an authority on Michigan's biggest trees.

Elhre is coordinator of Michigan's Big Tree Program, part of a national effort to identify the largest of 850 species of trees that are native or naturalized in the United States. American Foresters, a nonprofit conservation organization, runs the program and publishes a registry listing national champions in each category. A list of this state's champions is published each year in the Michigan Botanist.

Elhre has been deluged with requests for information about this state's tree champions ever since the Detroit Free Press ran an article on the program in early December. That article was picked up by the Associated Press and newspapers around the state became aware of the program. That article was picked up by the Associated Press and, as newspapers around the country began writing about new champions for the Michigan Botanist,

The big tree search has proved enticing as it has been getting more each year from two promising contenders for the title - one in Bay City and one in Charlevoix. Just how big are the trees that make it into the registry? For a big tree, a meter measured at 4.5 meters above the ground and not quite the state champion of its species which is located in the Allegan Forest. But Elhre B. "Woody" Elhre, biological sciences, estimates that at about 290 years old, this tree is one of the oldest in the stand of trees that gave the historic site its name. Elhre often uses the Oaklands Towers to give his students classes field experience in the techniques used to assess trees for the national Big Tree Registry.

Elhre has been involved in the project for about four years, initially developing an interest when he became president of the Michigan Botanical Club. Another club member Employment Day luncheon Wednesday, Feb. 15.

Steve D. "Steve" Deschauts, student employee with the WMU Career Center, said the office offered 500 certificates.

"Free Student Employment Day will be presented during the Summer Employment Day luncheon Wednesday, Feb. 15.

For the second consecutive year, WMU has formed a consortium with Kalamazoo College, Kalamazoo Valley Community College and Davenport College to promote Student Employment Week throughout the community and to recognize the partnership between area businesses and college students.

Students from those colleges, WMU and area high schools have been invited to attend Summer Employment Day from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 15, in the East Ballroom of the Bernhard Center.

Participating businesses will have representatives from the county regarding internships and summer employment opportunities.

For more information about Student Employment Week, persons may contact the student employment referral service at 7-7725. For information about Student Employment Week, persons may contact the student employment referral service at 7-7725.
Nine selected for quarterly excellence awards

Nine outstanding staff members have been chosen by the Staff Service Excellence Selection Committee to receive awards this quarter.

They are among the 20 employees nominated by their peers for Staff Service Excellence Awards in this new recognition program that was established to honor excellent service among regular and temporary staff members. It aims to recognize and reward persons, nominated by fellow employees, who exhibit caring, conscientious and innovative service beyond job expectations. Twelve staff employees have received awards in each of the two preceding quarters.

Now is the time to be thinking of that special employee who works beside you and deserves a public “thank you.” The Department of Human Resources and the selection committee, representing the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, the Administrative Professional Association, the Clerical/ Technical/Organization, the Michigan State Employees Association and the Police Officers Association, sponsors of the award, encourage all persons to nominate colleagues deserving of recognition each quarter. Nominations may be submitted at any time, but those for the next quarterly awards covering January/Feb/March will be critically invited by the Department of Human Resources about the middle of March.

The University’s most outstanding staff members may be nominated for the year-end, once-a-year awards, which consist of $1,000, an invitation to a luncheon honoring the recipients and the awardee’s picture placed in a special location reserved for this recognition. Nomination forms may be obtained by calling the Department of Human Resources at 7-3620.

Photo feature ideas sought

There is a University staff member you would like to see featured on “in campus.” Please call Ruth A. Stevens, news services, at 7-4144, at your ideas or e-mail her at ruth.stevens@wmich.edu. You can also reach her at her cell phone number, 7-2207.

Panel will follow “Miss Evers’ Boys” production

A panel discussion on ethical concerns when humans are involved in research will take place following the production of “Miss Evers’ Boys” at 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 17, in Civic Auditorium, 329 S. Park.

The program, titled “Research Ethics: A Contemporary Critique of the Tuskegee Syphilis Experiment,” will be presented by WMU’s Center for the Study of Ethics in Society. Participating will be: Shirley B. Birch, professor of philosophy and director of the ethics center; Donald Butts, clinical research manager at the Upjohn Co.; Arthur S. Mirovsky, pediatrician and clinical associate professor in Michigan State University’s College of Human Medicine; and Theodore L. Skartsiaris, director, coordinator of risk management at Borgess Medical Center.

The play by David Feldshuh is being presented by the Civic Black Theatre on weekends through Feb. 18. It is based on the free informed consent study, a 40-year project initiated in 1932 by the U.S. Public Health Service. The study had its origins in an earlier Public Health Service study aimed at treating black men with syphilis in Macon County, Ala., an area of the country with a high rate of infection.

When funds for the treatment ran out in the Depression, the Public Health Service tried to salvage at least part of the study, and the decision was made to follow the natural course of untreated syphilis in black men in Macon County. The men believed that the Public Health Service was providing them with health care and they were unaware that they were involved in a research project. The men were not treated with the penicillin when it became available in the 1940s.

Although there is some evidence that certain Public Health Service officials complained about the study earlier, the research was not stopped until 1972 when a former health supervisor investigator alerted the media. Public outrage led to Congressional hearings and to the passage of the National Research Act of 1974. The act mandated ethical review of all human research funded by the U.S. government. It calls for the review of all institutional review boards and to be based on sound ethical principles, including the free informed consent of all participants in research studies.

In addition to critiquing the Tuskegee study, the panelists will reflect on the serious ethical issues that now concern scientists when doing research on people. Bach and Gendler serve on Borgess Med- ical Center’s Institutional Review Board, while Batts and Feinberg are members of Brookman Methodist Hospital’s Human Use Committee. Batts and Bach also serve on the West Michigan Cancer Center’s Institution Review Board.

For ticket information on the production, persons should call the Civic Auditorium at 343-1313. For more information on the panel discussion, persons may call Bach at 7-5379.

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MR. FIX-IT — Barneys Stockwell spends both his days at work and his evenings at home fixing things up. During the daytime, he’s a carpenter in auxiliary maintenance services, repairing things like putting in new basement windows, cleaning repairs in Ernest Smith Burnham and Draper/Nidder residence halls. He fixes everything from windows to counters, “I like to tell people that I can fix anything.” But there’s one thing that needs repairing while he’s in a room. “I like helping out the students,” he says. “They’re paying a lot of money to go to school here and if I can make something better, they’ll be happy.” The former WMU basketball star has done just that: Stockwell worked construction for 21 years, then retired. He doesn’t enjoy his independence, but he enjoys the job here as well as the people with whom he works. When not on the job, he likes spending time with his wife and three “wonderful” children, ages 17, 15 and 12. His fix-up efforts at home are concentrated primarily on his half-mile track of cars. He works not only on repairing their motors, but also on restoring their bodies and interiors.

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 persons are requested to submit a job application after completing the appropriate bid sheet during the posting period.

S-01 and S-02 clerical positions are not requested to be posted. Interested University employees may contact an employment services staff member for assistance in securing these positions.

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.

(R) Groundsperson Laborer I (2 Positions), M-2, Physical Plant-Landscape Services, 94/95-314, 2/7-2/13/95.
(R) Custodian (Third Shift; 6 Positions), M-2, Physical Plant-Construction, 94/95-314, 2/7-2/13/95.
(R) Laboratory Aides I (2 Positions), M-2, Physical Plant-Construction, 94/95-314, 2/7-2/13/95.
(R) Construction Laborer I (2 Positions), M-2, Physical Plant-Construction, 94/95-314, 2/7-2/13/95.
(R) Groundsperson Laborer I (2 Positions), M-2, Physical Plant-Landscape Services, 94/95-314, 2/7-2/13/95.
EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES — State Farm Insurance was among the record number of 126 companies that signed up to recruit at WMU’s 17th annual Career Fair Feb. 21 in the Bernhard Center. Nearly 2,500 students, recent graduates and people from the community attended the event, which was sponsored by career services and Delta Sigma Pi. From left, James Murphy, career services, who coordinated the fair; Jill A. Johnson, a graduate student from Battle Creek; and George Valkodat, a recent graduate from Kalamazoo, all went to a presentation by Judy Ramsey, a personnel specialist at State Farm Insurance in Bloomington, Ill.

“From the feedback we got on our evaluation forms, the employers were favorably impressed with WMU students,” Murphy said.

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

Thursday, February 9

(thru 12) Kalamaazoo Film Society showing, “Blue Sky,” directed by Tony Richardson, 2104 Kalamazoo Hall, 10 a.m.-11:30 a.m.; and Feb. 12, 2:30 p.m.

(thru 12) University Theatre and School of Music production, “The Medium,” WMU Center Multi-Media Room, Feb. 10-11, 8 p.m.; and Feb. 12, 2 p.m.

Saturday, February 11

4th Annual Aids Awareness Walk, Plainwell. Meet in Gull Lake Park, Plainwell. The walk begins at 9 a.m. and will proceed to the Gull Lake Dam. For information call 9-1485.

(thru 17) Student Employment Week.

Sunday, February 12

*Performance, Ballet Theatre de Bordeaux, Miller Auditorium, 8 p.m.

*Women’s basketball, WMU vs. Miami University, University Arena, 7 p.m.

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Monday, February 13

Concert, University Concert Band, Dalton Center Recital Hall, 8 p.m.

Tuesday, February 14

*Breakfast program for alumni and friends, “Influencing Legislative Change,” Keith A. Pretty, vice president for external affairs and general counsel, Fezter Center, 7:15 a.m.; call 7-8777 for reservations.

Campuswide blood pressure screening, Schneider Hall, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Black History Month Heritage Night, Dalton Center Recital Hall, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, February 15

Graduate College writing workshop for the preparation of doctoral dissertations, master’s theses and specialist projects, Graduate College Conference Room, Seiber Administration Building, 10 a.m.

Summer Employment Day, East Ballroom, Bernhard Center, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Campuswide blood pressure screening, conference room, Campus Services Building, 10 a.m.-noon; Ellsworth Hall lobby, noon-3:30 p.m.; main floor Physical Plant, 2:30-3:30 p.m.; and second floor, Student Recreation Center, 4-8 p.m.

School of Music Convocation Series concert, Student Music Hall, 4 p.m.; refreshments, 3:45 p.m.

Office of International Affairs travel talk, “HIV/AIDS Awareness in China: Health Prevention and Everyday People,” Sylvie C. Toungour, sociologist, 3020 Friedmann Hall, 3:30 p.m.

Women’s basketball, WMU vs. Miami University, University Arena, 7 p.m.

Black History Month Heritage Night, Dalton Center Recital Hall, 7 p.m.

La Lucha lecture, “U.S. Foreign Policy and the Loss of Democracy at Home and Abroad,” Doug Helfinger, Development Group for Alternative Polices, 208 Bernhard Hall, 2 p.m.

Concert, Diamond Rio with special guest George Ducus, Miller Auditorium, 8 p.m.

Thursday, February 16

Campuswide blood pressure screening, outside 2037 Kohrman Hall, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Mathematics and statistics colloquium, “Statistics and the Environment,” Sarah L. Hession, graduate student, Commons Room, 3-5 p.m.; refreshments, 3:45 p.m.

University Film Committee showing, “An Angel at My Table” (New Zealand, 1991), 2104 Kalamazoo Hall, 7 p.m.

*Performance, Ballet Theatre de Bordeaux, Miller Auditorium, 8 p.m.

*Admission charged

Migrant
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accessible to teachers within hours of a student’s arrival at a school for instruction.

Currently, a national clearinghouse in Little Rock, Ark., tracks migrant students in 49 states. The clearinghouse has been eliminated due to a federal budget reduction. The system was established in 1995. After that, each of the states will maintain their own migrant student tracking system to handle the task. Since migrant students move frequently, individual state systems will have to be compatible in order to exchange needed information. Pena says the system being developed by WMU could serve as a prototype for other states. As the Michigan system is being gas developed, he expects to be in frequent contact with education officials in Florida and Texas, the two states from which the clearinghouse serves the majority of its migrant workers.

“We’ll be developing a prototype database that would move away from the current paper-based approach to an electronic personnel database,” Pena says. “It will facilitate the transfer of records between schools, the national clearinghouse while it still exists, and a Michigan central system that will be located at WMU.”

The current system is plagued by multiple paper records, delays in transmission of information and the inability to quickly generate reports, Pena says. The new system, which will be in place in September 1995, will eliminate these problems and save training, mailing and data entry costs.

Pena, a longtime specialist in migrant psychology, says that the clearinghouse will be developed to work with WMU’s system, which is under development for the state. The interconnection between these two population databases is critical to effectively serve the people of Southwest Michigan and faculty serving the people of Southwest Michigan on several campuses located throughout the region,” he concluded.

Health honorary cites faculty member and student group
A WMU faculty member and a student organization have been recognized by Eta Gamma Sigma national health education honorary.

Robert J. Bensley, health, physical education and recreation, was elected to a three-year term as a member of the Executive Committee at its annual meeting in Houston in October.

The Executive Committee is comprised of 10 health educators from throughout the country and is responsible for the overall direction of the organization.

In addition, the WMU chapter of Eta Gamma Sigma has won the organization’s “Excellence Award” by the American Council on Education. The honor includes a plaque and $250.

The chapter was recognized for the AIDSWarriors website at two locations on campus on Dec. 1, 1993, for World AIDS Day. The booths were co-sponsored with the Community, Resource and Education Services and the Kalamazoo County Department of Human Services Communicable Disease Office.

Founded in 1967, Eta Gamma Sigma and its more than 3,000 members nationwide work to serve the profession in tenure, promotion and merit decisions. The senate also approved recommendations that “the administration should take into account the needs of the Division of Continuing Education when authorizing faculty serving the people of Southwest Michigan on several campuses located throughout the region,” he concluded.