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Top students selected for \$25,000 Medallion Scholarships

Eighteen students successfully competed against the best of the 1995 high school graduating class and each has been awarded a prestigious Medallion Scholarship to begin their college studies at WMU this fall.

The scholarships, each valued at \$25,000 over four years, are among the largest merit-based awards in American public higher education. Recipients were selected following a competition in which only this year's top applicants for admission to WMU were invited to participate. The 18 Medallion winners, who have a collective grade point average of 4.0 and an average American College Test score of 30, competed against more than 1,000 talented applicants from 12 states for the award.

Each award bears the name of the scholarship donor or the name of the individuals in whose honor the scholarship was established.

The recipients, their high schools, their intended programs of study and the names of the scholarships are:

- Michele L. Bradford of Elmhurst, Ill., York Community High School, mathematics/secondary education, the Merze Tate Endowed Medallion Scholarship.
- Elizabeth A. Bright of Bloomfield Hills, Andover High School, English/secondary education, the William McKinley and Cornelia Robinson Education Medallion Scholarship.
- Peter S. Buczkowski of Sterling Heights, Henry Ford II High School, mathematics/physics, the Douglas and Winifred Fraser Medallion Scholarship.
- Michael J. Caskey of Lawton, Interlochen Arts Academy, jazz studies, the Irving S. Gilmore Foundation Medallion Scholarship.
- Jason A. Danely of Canton, Plymouth Canton High School, University curriculum, the Stanley E. and Diane D. Henderson Medallion Scholarship.
- Michael I. Daniels of Kalamazoo, Hackett Catholic Central High School, University curriculum, the L. Michael Moskovis Medallion Scholarship.
- Jenny L. Giles of Clyde, Port Huron

High School, pre-medicine, the John Dykema Medallion Scholarship.

• James D. Griffioen of Kalamazoo, Kalamazoo Central High School, University curriculum, the Edward and Ruth Heinig Medallion Scholarship.

• William K. Henagan of Adrian, Adrian High School, physics, the Geneva J. Williams Medallion Scholarship.

• Holly L. Holmes of Stevens Point, Wis., Stevens Point Area Senior High School, music performance, the Audrey Davidson Medallion Scholarship.

• Erin L. Johnson of Grand Rapids, Grand Rapids Union High School, political science, the James S. Brady Medallion Scholarship.

• Jonathan J. Napper of Warren, Fitzgerald High School, music education, the Irving S. Gilmore Foundation Medallion Scholarship.

• Elizabeth A. Palmateer of Clare, Clare High School, University curriculum, the Mildred Johnson Medallion Scholarship.

• Lisa C. Plonka of Utica, Utica High School, economics, the Harold and Beulah McKee Endowed Medallion Scholarship.

• Kathy A. Sharp of Wilmington, Ill., Reed-Custer High School, physician as-

sistant, the Dean R. Tyndall Medallion Scholarship.

• Joy D. Staton of Lansing, Lansing Eastern High School, engineering management, the Roy Roberts Medallion Scholarship.

• Jason D. Toman of Reed City, Reed City High School, University curriculum, the Phillip Watterson Medallion Scholarship.

• Robert J. Vance III of Clarkston, Clarkston High School, music education, the Guido and Elizabeth Binda Medallion Scholarship IV.

The winners were selected based on their participation in the 11th annual Medallion Scholarship Competition this past winter on campus. It included written testing and group problem solving activities for students and information sessions for their parents.

To be invited to compete, students had to be admitted to WMU by Jan. 10 with at least a 3.7 grade point average in high school, or at least a 3.5 GPA and an American College Test score of at least 30. This year's competition included 325 students with perfect 4.0 GPAs and 161 students with ACT scores of 30 or higher.

Education, government, industry representatives here June 2-3 for international trade conference

Business, trade and cultural experts from more than 50 colleges and universities and nine nations will be among those gathering at WMU June 2-3 for a conference on North American trade with Asian and Pacific countries.

The second "Facing East/Facing West Conference: North America's Relations with Asian/Pacific Countries" will take place at the Fetzer Center all day Friday and Saturday. The multicultural and multidisciplinary event will focus on the business, social, legal, economic and political facets of international trade and will include participation by government and industry representatives.

"Asian trade issues are very much alive as we've seen recently with the trade dispute between the U.S. and Japan," says Roger Y.W. Tang, accountancy, holder of the Upjohn Chair of Business Administration and conference co-chairperson. "That dispute has the potential for a full-blown trade war if not resolved. Other areas in the region such as China and emerging markets like Vietnam have great investment potential that has not been fully explored."

Setting the tone for the exploration of such issues will be talks by two keynote speakers with international business acumen. "Amway Corporation and the Asian Pacific Region" will be the topic of a luncheon keynote address by Neil Kraay, senior manager for new market development at the Amway Corp. of Ada, on Friday. "Facing Up to Facing East/Facing West" will be the Saturday luncheon address by Timothy Light, a WMU faculty member in comparative religion and special assistant to the president for international affairs.

The conference will feature 18 concurrent sessions, each focusing on a specific theme such as "Emerging Stock Markets," "Investment Issues" or "Communication and Translation Issues." Each session will include the delivery of three or four papers on the featured topic, with a total of more than 60 papers presented over the course of the conference.

Organizing the conference with Tang is Zahir A. Quraeshi, marketing. Faculty members from WMU and 10 other uni-

versities served on the program committee.

The event is the second WMU-sponsored conference to focus on Asian trade issues. The first took place in 1990. Hawthorn College of Business faculty also have organized three conferences on trade relations with Canada and Mexico and a

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2,900 freshmen expected for summer orientation sessions

Some 2,900 freshmen will be building a foundation when they attend nine three-day orientation sessions on campus between June 14 and July 21.

The orientation program is designed to prepare students for their transition from high school to college. This year's theme, "Building Your Future—Hand in Hand," focuses on encouraging freshmen to lay the foundation for their college experience at WMU.

During each of the sessions, students are divided into small groups led by current WMU students who serve as orientation leaders and mentors. The participants tour and live on campus, take placement tests, meet with academic advisers, register for fall semester classes, finalize housing and financial aid arrangements and get involved in student development and social activities.

The freshmen also attend small group sessions to discuss concerns about such issues as diversity, sexual assault prevention, alcohol awareness, campus safety and becoming acquainted on campus.

"Freshmen who are involved in and out of the classroom are more likely to be successful at the University," said Donna L. StJohn, orientation. "Therefore, we concentrate on all aspects of college life in orientation to help them feel comfortable here."

More than 2,000 parents also are expected to attend throughout the summer. Their orientation sessions, which take place on the first or second day of each freshman session, include campus tours and meetings with various University officials on such topics as career planning, financial aid, housing and academics.

In addition, 700 transfer students are expected to attend one-day orientation sessions, called the "Transfer Transition Program," in late July and late August.

Did you know?

■ From 1918, when the State Board of Education first authorized teacher training institutions to formulate curricula leading to the bachelor's degree, through 1994, WMU awarded 169,279 degrees. Of them, 129,354 were bachelor's degrees, 38,281 were master's degrees, 480 were specialist's degrees and 1,164 were doctoral degrees.

■ Enrollment at the University increased 27 percent in the 10 years between 1984-85 and 1994-95, from 20,233 students to 25,673 students. During that period, the number of ethnic minorities increased by 79 percent, from 1,334 students to 2,383 students.

■ WMU's programs are accredited or licensed by no fewer than 24 national agencies and the state of Michigan. The University is accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools. Agencies range from the Computing Sciences Accreditation Board to the Professional Services Board of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association.



Look out below!

William A. Sauck, Institute for Water Sciences, left, demonstrates how radar can be turned earthward and used to analyze subsurface geologic features. Sauck's demonstration in a parking lot near Rood Hall was part of a May 19 open house organized by the Department of Geology and the Institute for Water Sciences to showcase environmental and groundwater protection capabilities and technological advances.

Classes of '45, '50 and '55 gather for Reunion Weekend

Members of the WMU classes of 1945, 1950 and 1955 will gather in Kalamazoo Friday and Saturday, June 9-10, for a Reunion Weekend.

A welcome back reception is scheduled for 5 to 7 p.m. Friday in Walwood Union, 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 "Remembering Western" by Thomas E. Coyne, a 1955 WMU graduate and vice president emeritus for student services.

WMU 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 11:15 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 will perform "A Morning of Short One-Acts."

Campus tours will be available from 11:30 a.m. to 1 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 speaker will be Keith A. Pretty, a 1973 WMU graduate who is the University's vice president for external affairs and general counsel. He will present "Western Michigan University Today."

Traditionally, the Alumni Association acknowledges WMU alumni who have graduated 50 or more years ago as Golden Associates. This recognition will be bestowed on the class of 1945 during an induction ceremony at the close of the program.

The cost of the Reunion Weekend is \$40 for class members and \$35 for spouses and guests. For more information, persons should call the McKee Alumni Center at 7-8777.

WMU faculty and students to join with others in observing first local medical research day

WMU faculty and students will join with personnel from Kalamazoo's other academic, medical and corporate research facilities to present the first Kalamazoo Community Medical Research Day Wednesday, June 7.

Five faculty members and eight students are among area researchers who will present their work in the event set for 2:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Radisson Plaza Hotel. Research presentations, poster exhibits and a guest speaker are part of the day's activities.

William J. Winslade, a nationally known medical ethicist and legal scholar, will deliver the address. His talk, "The Newly Dead, the Nearly Dead and the Living Dead: Societal Ambivalence Toward Death and Dying," will focus on resolving societal differences surrounding decisions about death and dying.

Winslade is a professor of preventative medicine, psychiatry and behavioral sciences and the James Wade Rockwell Professor of Philosophy and Medicine at the University of Texas' Institute for the Medical Humanities. He also is the Cullen Professor of Law at the University of Houston's Health, Law and Policy Institute. He has



LABOR-MANAGEMENT RECOGNITION — WMU and the Michigan State Employees Association (MSEA) have received one of two special awards from the Kalamazoo Area Labor-Management Committee for achievement in collective bargaining. The committee cited the union, which represents non-supervisory power plant employees, and WMU for their two-year agreement. They reached it before a Sept. 21 deadline, saving a \$21 million state appropriation to modernize the plant. Proudly holding a plaque are, from left, MSEA bargaining team members David S. Prentice and Franklin G. McKenzie, power plant; and Clarence L. (Scotty) Mark, an MSEA chief steward; and WMU bargaining team members Doreen A. Brinson, human resources; George H. Jarvis, power plant manager; and Philip S. Roekle, transportation services, whose responsibilities include physical plant collective bargaining.

Kiracofe selected as president of organization

Norman M. Kiracofe, Counseling Center, has been elected president of the International Association of Counseling Services Inc.

His one-year term as president follows a two-year term as vice president of the association and chairperson of the Board of Accreditation for University and College Counseling Centers. He also previously served as an accreditation site visitor and as chairperson of the revision committee for the current version of the Standards of Accreditation for College and University Counseling Centers.

The IACS is a professional association that accredits university and college counseling centers; community, junior and technical college counseling centers; and public and private counseling agencies throughout the United States and Canada.

Petro elected to board

John W. Petro, mathematics and statistics, has been elected to the Board of Governors of the Mathematical Association of America. He will represent the organization's Michigan Section.

Petro's three-year term as one of 28 members of the association's governing body will begin July 1. The board of the Washington, D.C.-based organization meets twice annually, once in conjunction with the MAA's annual national meeting.

A WMU faculty member since 1961, Petro has been active in the MAA since 1963, serving in various offices of the association's Michigan Section, including a term in 1988-89 as its chairperson. He currently is serving as editor of the Michigan Section MAA newsletter.

Judiciary process concluded for 13 students

The judiciary process regarding the 13 students who were identified and charged with violations of the Student Code for their participation in the obstruction and disruption of a University class on Feb. 22, 1995, is concluded.

Ten students with scheduled hearings pending before the Office of Student Judicial Affairs have admitted their violation of the Student Code and appropriate sanctions have been determined. These students agreed that information about the disposition of their cases could be discussed with their legal counsel and disclosed.

"The student judiciary process has taken its course and is concluded with respect to this incident," said President Haenicke. "Due process has been served."

The sanctions consist of giving the students official written censures plus the condition that further violations occurring from now through the end of the winter 1996 semester or graduation, whichever comes first, may result in more severe disciplinary action. However, this condition does not waive the students' right to have a student judicial hearing for any further violations.

However, if the students have no other violations between now and the end of winter semester in 1996 or graduation, whichever comes first, these official written censures will be expunged from the students' records in Student Judicial Affairs.

In addition, the students shall become involved in community youth activities

SHC lab earns accreditation

The Sindecuse Health Center laboratory has been accredited by the Commission on Office Laboratory Accreditation (COLA), the federally approved agency for such recognition.

"COLA gives accreditation only to laboratories that apply rigid standards of quality in day-to-day operations," said Terry L. Baxter, who directs the health center. "Our laboratory has earned COLA accreditation as a result of long-term commitment to provide quality service to its patients."

The accreditation recognizes continued accuracy in the performance of proficiency testing. The laboratory also must pass a rigorous on-site survey. COLA accredits laboratories throughout the United States and its territories.

COLA is approved by the federal government and is sponsored by the American Academy of Family Physicians, the American Society of Internal Medicine, the American Medical Association and the College of American Pathologists.

Merling Trio releases CD of works by C. Curtis-Smith

The Merling Trio, a resident faculty ensemble in the School of Music, has released its debut compact disc of the works of C. Curtis-Smith, a faculty member in the school.

Titled "The Merling Trio Performs Works by C. Curtis-Smith," the CD was released by Albany Records, a prestigious label in the field of classical and contemporary music.

The trio worked on this recording with recording engineer and producer Gregory K. Squires of Squires Productions in New York City. Squires also was the producer of the Grammy Award-winning, "Chant," CD that recently has topped classical music charts.

The CD contains "Sweetgrass Trio" and the "Second Piano Trio," which the group commissioned and premiered in Carnegie Hall in 1993. It also features trio violinist Renata Artman Knific performing the "Fantasy Pieces" for violin and piano, with Curtis-Smith playing the piano part. The fourth selection on the disc is the "Sextet for Piano and Winds" with the Stuttgart Wind Ensemble performing with the internationally known conductor, Dennis Russell Davies.

Other members of the trio are pianist Susan Wiersma Uchimura and cellist Bruce Uchimura.

The CD is available locally at KCD and Flipside Records.

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Reception planned for Pelc

A retirement reception honoring Ronald J. Pelc, registrar's office, is scheduled for 2:30 to 5 p.m. Wednesday, June 7, in the President's Dining Room of the Bernhard Center. The University community is invited to attend.

Grants top \$13 million so far this fiscal year

More than \$1.1 million in external funding for WMU research and sponsored projects was received during March, according to a report presented to the Board of Trustees at its April 21 meeting.

The March grant total of \$1,117,738 brought the total of grants received during the current fiscal year to \$13,253,375. Grants for research led the way, totaling \$916,355 during the month.

The largest grant received was a \$400,000 award made by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's Lewis Research Center in Cleveland to Daniel J. Dorney, mechanical and aeronautical engineering. The new award will provide Dorney with research time on NASA's Cray C90 supercomputer, which is housed at the Ames Research Center in Mountain View, Calif. He is working on a collaborative research project with those two NASA centers, Pratt & Whitney and the United Technologies Research Center. The researchers will perform time-dependent, three-dimensional flow simulations on the computer to improve the performance of advanced turbine and compressor designs, which are part of a jet engine.

A \$73,105 award from the Durametallic Corp. of Kalamazoo will support a second year of research by the Center for Advanced Tribology, which was launched last year with the help of a previous grant from Durametallic. The award will fund research undertaken in the center's Tribology Laboratory by Philip J. Guichelaar, mechanical and aeronautical engineering, and Molly W. Williams, associate dean for research and graduate studies in the College of Engineering and Applied Sciences. Their work will focus on improving the performance, reliability and product life of mechanical face seals as well as improving the energy efficiency and environmental safety of the products, which are used extensively in the chemical industry, refineries and industrial pumps.

Petersons wins 'outstanding educator' award

Maija Petersons, consumer resources and technology, has been named a recipient of the Outstanding Dietetics Educator Award from the American Dietetic Association.

Petersons was one of 35 educators selected nationwide to receive the honor, which was presented for the first time at the annual regional meeting of the Dietetic Educators of Practitioners April 1 in Sioux Falls, S.D. The organization, which is affiliated with the American Dietetic Association, is composed of teachers who specialize in dietetics instruction.

The purpose of the award is to recognize the teaching, mentoring and leadership activities of faculty and preceptors in dietetics education programs accredited and approved by the American Dietetic Association. Award winners must be members of the American Dietetic Association and demonstrate leadership in national, state or district dietetic association activities. Award criteria also included community service, honors received, scientific and professional presentations, and articles published.

Petersons was nominated by a colleague from Michigan State University and supported by letters from three WMU students. She received particular recognition for developing a dietetics internship program at the University four years ago. Under the program, eight students who

Two grants awarded to WMU in March by the U.S. Department of Education will fund graduate level programs in the Department of Speech Pathology and Audiology and in the Department of Health, Physical Education and Recreation. An award for \$99,391 will support the second year of a program designed to prepare graduate level speech-language pathologists who have specialized competencies in connecting the needs of students with their families and cultural backgrounds and with the communications expectations of their schools and the workplace. The program is directed by Nickola W. Nelson and Michael J. Clark, both speech pathology and audiology.

A \$96,295 grant to Billye A. Cheatum, health, physical education and recreation, will continue support for a graduate degree program that prepares students to meet Michigan's requirements for approval as teachers of physical education for children who are disabled. The grant also allows the students to complete a nine-hour emphasis in programs for infants, toddlers and preschoolers who were exposed to drugs in the womb.

Also noted in the report to the board was an award for \$61,503 from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to Alan D. Poling, psychology. He will use the funds for research he is conducting on finding ways to determine tolerance to the effects of cocaine and morphine.

In a related action, the board approved a new Investigator Significant Financial Disclosures Policy for Sponsored Projects that was developed to meet federal funding guidelines due to take effect this summer. The policy sets forth general policies and procedures regarding the possibility of significant financial conflict of interest in relationship to research and sponsored projects. The policy will apply to all externally sponsored projects, regardless of funding source.

receive degrees in dietetics each year are sent through a series of rotations at food service facilities in area hospitals and clinics to receive hands-on experience in clinical nutrition, community nutrition and food service management.

Petersons also was cited for activities that included serving as president of the Southwest Michigan District Dietetic Association. She also served as treasurer of the Michigan Dietetic Association and chaired the association's bylaws, policies and procedures committee.

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 benefits-eligible employees can apply for any of these positions (bargaining or non-bargaining) by submitting a job opportunity transfer application during the posting period, or may contact an employment services staff member for assistance in identifying themselves as candidates for these openings.

S-01 and S-02 clerical positions are not required to be posted. 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) **Assistant Project Director** (Term Ends 11/30/97), P-03 (Tentative), Social Work, 94/95-247, 5/30-6/5/95.

(R) **Director, Business and Operations**, P-05, Intercollegiate Athletics, 94/95-422, 5/30-6/5/95.

(R) **Secretary Administrative II**, S-08, Industrial Engineering, 94/95-426, 5/30-6/5/95.

(R) **Clerk IV**, S-05, Admissions, 94/95-427, 5/30-6/5/95.

(R) **Secretary I**, S-04, Admissions, 94/95-428, 5/30-6/5/95.

(R) **Academic Auditor I**, S-04, Admissions, 94/95-429, 5/30-6/5/95.

(N) **Associate Director**, X-07, Student Financial Aid and Scholarships, 94/95-

On campus

KEEPING IT CLEAN — With her last name, you might expect to find this employee working in dining services. But for the last 17 years, Carolyn Kitchen has worked as a carpet cleaner in building custodial and support services. She joined that team after a year on the grounds crew and has been busy ever since shampooing carpeting and cleaning upholstery and partitions. The University employs eight carpet cleaners, who work in teams of two to keep the miles of carpeting at the University in good shape. They rotate throughout the campus so that they usually hit each building once a year, unless there's a high priority cleaning job somewhere. Kitchen and her partner spend summers working in the residence halls. Last week, they were busy cleaning carpeting in the hallways, lounges and cafeteria of Ackley-Shilling halls so they would be ready in time for freshman orientation. "Sometimes we'll come in and an area will be so dirty," Kitchen says. "We'll come and clean it and it looks a lot better. I like being able to leave an area looking better than we found it. We get a lot of compliments on how nice a job we do." When not at work, Kitchen enjoys working out with weights and spending time with her three children and two grandchildren.



Human resources

Last call for performance reviews

If you are a supervisor of non-bargaining employees and have not turned in 1994-95 performance reviews for those you supervise, please send them to the Department of Human Resources now. The final deadline was May 26.

The compensation office is ready to calculate performance pool groups. No pool group performance levels can be calculated until the reviews for all staff members in each pool are received, and no pay increases can be determined until this procedure has been accomplished.

Persons with questions may call 7-3664.

Still time to nominate for awards

You still have time to nominate that truly exceptional co-worker for recognition as one of the University's most outstanding staff employees!

Nominations for the four \$1,000 Year-

End Staff Service Excellence Awards will be received until Friday, June 2. All full- and part-time regular AFSCME, clerical/technical, executive officials, MSEA, police officers and professional/technical/administrative employees are eligible for this most prestigious award. If you know someone who always gives more than his or her job requires, shows a commitment to excellence, in keeping with our University's mission statement, and exhibits concern for students, community and colleagues, the awards committee wants to know about this special person.

For nominating forms or other information, refer to the article in the May 18 Western News or call the Department of Human Resources at 7-3664.

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: Peter G. Renstrom, political science, on whether the federal government is abusing its power, June 3; and Peter Kobrak, public affairs and administration, on crimes of hate, June 10.

Zest for Life

It's not too late to take advantage of Zest for Life's fitness programs during spring session to help meet your exercise goals for good health and well-being.

Total Fitness-Aerobics and Aqua Fitness-Water Exercise classes are scheduled at various times through the week of June 12. The classes start again for summer session the week of June 26.

Zest for Life is also offering a new lunch-hour walking program spring and summer for employees of all ages and fitness levels. Walking for Fitness is a fun, low-impact class designed to improve aerobic fitness and overall health. Walkers meet in the lobby of Oakland Gym at 12:15 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Remember that Zest for Life rewards employees through an incentive program for regular exercise participation. For more information on Zest for Life's programs or to join Walking for Fitness, call Katie at 7-3262.

Exchange

FOR SALE — 1987 Toyota Tercel wagon. 2w/4w-drive, 5-speed stick, air, cruise, am/fm stereo cassette, new tires, immaculate. Call (616) 965-8337.

FOR SALE — 1992 Olds Silhouette minivan. Loaded, 51,000 miles. Asking \$14,000. Call 344-4248.

FOR SALE — 1990 Geo Storm. Black, five-speed, air conditioning, cassette, new muffler, 65,000 miles, excellent condition. \$5,750. Call 343-0906.

WANTED — Home to sit and care for while our new home is being built. Call John Disbro, campus arborist, at 7-8557 days or 342-4502 evenings.

WMU researchers on educational reform selected to evaluate NSF project in Vermont

Two WMU mathematics and science specialists, already part of a statewide Michigan education reform initiative, have been selected to play the same role for the state of Vermont.

The Vermont Institute for Science, Math and Technology in Randolph Junction, Vt., has awarded \$65,000 for the first year of a four-year project to Zoe A. Barley and Mark Jenness, both educational leadership. They are part of WMU's Science and Mathematics Program Improvement project in the Center for Research on At-Risk Students.

Barley and Jenness will provide evaluation for the Vermont Statewide Systemic Initiative in Mathematics and Science, a project funded by the National Science Foundation and designed to transform the way science and mathematics are taught in grades K-12. The Vermont initiative is one of 26 statewide programs funded for five-year periods by the NSF.

Barley and Jenness also have been program evaluators since 1993 for the Michigan Statewide Systemic Initiative, which was funded at the same time as the Vermont effort. Their work in Michigan and recommendations by the NSF resulted in an invitation from the Vermont institute to submit a proposal in a nationwide search last year for a new evaluation team. Barley and Jenness competed successfully against some of the nation's leading evaluation teams to win the Vermont job.

"I think working on the Michigan project really gave us an edge," Barley says. "The philosophy and approach we were using in Michigan was exactly what the Vermont team was looking for."

That philosophy and approach calls for the involvement of the evaluators in the decision-making process as the project develops. The approach contrasts sharply with other methods that call for evaluation only after a project is completed.

"These reforms are very evolutionary," Barley says. "We know ultimately that we want reform to lead to better learning, but along the way, we're constantly revising and deciding which strategies work best to accomplish that. Some strategies are discarded and some are revised and kept. Mark and I are there to provide the information and technical assistance needed for making those decisions."

For Barley and Jenness, their new role also means adapting their philosophy and approach to work with the intensely local nature of the Vermont educational system. The total number of teachers and students in Vermont is about the same as found in the Detroit Public Schools. Detroit is just one of 30 focus districts in the massive Michigan project.

"One of the reasons we were interested in doing the Vermont evaluation," Jenness

says, "is because it provides us with an opportunity to study school reform in two very different settings."

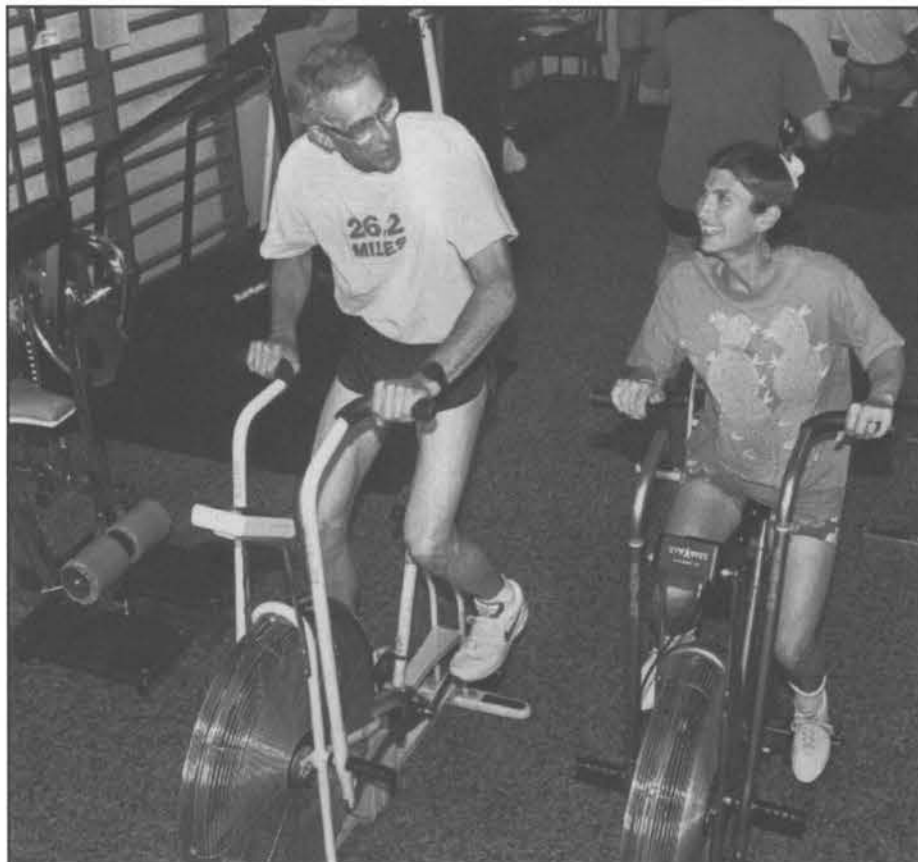
Besides the substantial size differences between the two state school systems, a number of other major differences exist. Although per capita income is lower in Vermont, fewer children (11.5 percent) live in poverty than do in Michigan (18.2 percent). Average per pupil expenditure on education is higher in Vermont and the percentage of students who are part of racial or ethnic minority groups is much lower — 3 percent in Vermont compared to 22 percent in Michigan.

"Vermont also has few statewide mandates for schools and de-emphasizes standardized tests to compare one district's results with another," Barley says. "They have no equivalent to our MEAP (Michigan Educational Assessment Program) tests."

In Vermont, "local control," Barley says, often means a single-school, school district with its own board of education. Local control also means an absence of statewide control over curriculum and of statewide mandates such as Michigan's new rules requiring suspension for students who bring weapons to schools.

"To accomplish change in that kind of setting, you have to win people over. The climate for reform in Vermont is a very intimate one," Barley notes.

Barley and Jenness will travel to Vermont three or four times a year and will report on both the Michigan and Vermont projects in Washington, D.C., at NSF headquarters.



HEALTH AND FITNESS DAY — Franklin K. Wolf, industrial engineering, and Laurel Eppstein, National Council for Air and Stream Improvement, were among those who participated in events celebrating National Employee Health and Fitness Day May 17. The two competed in a triathlon in the Zest for Life Room of Oakland Gymnasium, trying to accumulate as much distance as possible in 10-minute stints on an exercise bicycle, a rowing machine and a stair stepper. Wolf placed first in the men's division and Eppstein place second in the women's division after Anita L. Tums, College of Education. Other events during the day included free usage by faculty and staff of the Student Recreation Center, a two-mile "Healthy You" walk during the noon hour and informational displays and blood pressure screening in the Bernhard Center. Activities were coordinated by Zest for Life in University recreation programs and facilities.

Grant funds study of services available in rural areas

is the director of the project and Wagenfeld is the co-principal investigator.

"Virtually nothing is known about mental health in these areas," Wagenfeld says. "Gathering information is going to be a formidable task because there is virtually no published information about the topic. In many areas I will use a 'snowball approach' by contacting one person who may be able to refer me to others who are doing something in this area or who know someone else who is."

Wagenfeld says the counties being targeted for study exist overwhelmingly in the West in such states as Alaska, Colorado, New Mexico, North and South Dakota and Wyoming. But some also can be found in such locations as Michigan's Keweenaw Peninsula and areas within New York's Adirondack Mountain region.

"These are the most remote of rural areas," Wagenfeld notes, "but even in such sparsely populated regions, some kind of support system or non-traditional medicine is employed to deal with the mental health problems."

"The latest research clearly shows there are essentially no differences between rural and urban areas when it comes to the prevalence of mental disorders," he says. "People do have mental health problems in rural areas. If you are 200 miles from a health center, some other support system must be put together to deal with the problem."

East/West conference

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number of import/export workshops for business persons in the region.

"We've established a good reputation with our trade conferences," Tang says, noting that the cultural, legal and social issues addressed by the conferences are as important as the traditional business topics when it comes to international trade. "They're all tied together. You have to take a multidisciplinary approach."

The conference is supported by a grant from the U.S. Department of Education and by contributions from the First of America Bank Corp. and the Upjohn Co. of Kalamazoo as well as WMU's Haworth College of Business, Office of the Provost and Office of International Affairs and Michigan State University's Center for International Business Education and Research.

Wagenfeld says the first year of the project will be spent gathering information and "synthesizing the knowledge" about mental health care delivery in frontier counties. The second year will be devoted to disseminating that knowledge and the third year will focus on examining the particular mental health care delivery services in a few selected counties.

One of the things that Wagenfeld and his colleagues will be examining is how the nation's changing health care delivery system is impacting rural mental health.

"In rural areas, the distinction between health care and mental health care is academic," he says. "The health care providers are the primary mental health care providers as well. Now that health care is changing and moving in the direction of private managed care, we need to look at what is happening in rural areas where the public health system operates alone and there is little penetration by the private sector."

Wagenfeld has been working in the area of rural mental health for more than 20 years and is co-author of the book "Mental Health and Rural America: 1980-1993," which was recently published by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Public Health Service. Other co-authors of the work include J. Dennis Murray, professor of psychology at Mansfield University; Dennis J. Mohatt, president of the National Association for Rural Mental Health; and Jeanne C. DeBruyn, a doctoral student and research associate in WMU's Department of Sociology. DeBruyn also will be deeply involved in the new research project, according to Wagenfeld.

A WMU faculty member since 1966, Wagenfeld was named the 1990 Distinguished Faculty Scholar for his research, writing and scholarship in such areas as rural mental health, health and mental health care delivery systems and psychosocial aspects of chronic disease.

Senate to meet tonight

The Faculty Senate will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday, June 1, in the Fetzer Center. The proposed agenda includes an informational item concerning a report of the Graduate Studies Council on academic program review. Action items include recommendations of the ad hoc Committee on the Directory of Classes and the Martin Luther King Jr. Day Committee.

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: June events; July events; and future events, which run from August through March. 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's Events, 2. Next Month's Events and 3. Future Events.

Thursday, June 1

Meeting, Faculty Senate, Fetzer Center, 7 p.m.

Friday, June 2

*(and 3) Facing East/Facing West Conference, "North America's Relations with Asian/Pacific Countries," Fetzer Center, all day.

Saturday, June 3

West Michigan Beijing Network lecture, "Women's Lives in China," Faculty Dining Room, Bernhard Center, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Wednesday, June 7

Doctoral oral examination, "College Physics Students' Conceptual Understanding of Area and Volume, and Relationships Between These Concepts and Students' Understanding of Physics Concepts," Jiang Yu, science education, 303 Moore Hall, 10 a.m. Retirement reception honoring Ronald J. Pelc, registrar's office, President's Dining Room, Bernhard Center, 2:30-5 p.m.

Friday, June 9

*(and 10) Reunion Weekend, classes of 1945, 1950 and 1955, Walwood Union and Bernhard Center, Friday evening and all day Saturday.

Wednesday, June 14

Writing workshop for the preparation of doctoral dissertations, specialist projects and master's theses, Graduate College Conference Room, Seibert Administration Building, 10-11:30 a.m.; call 7-3569 to register.

*Admission charged