Plans move ahead as architect selected for science facility

The architectural firm of Holabird & Root of Chicago has been selected to design the $38 million science facility in a process that included a unique design competition among seven firms.

The selection was approved Sept. 17 by the Board of Trustees. The Bureau of Facilities Planning and Budget will negotiate a contract with the firm. Funding for the project was approved by the Legislature and Gov. John Engler earlier this year.

The names of two other firms also are to be submitted to the state as alternates in the event negotiations with Holabird & Root are unsuccessful. They are Burt Hill Kosar Rittelmann Architects of Butler, Pa., and Putney Associates of Boston.

An ad hoc committee of faculty members and administrators unanimously endorsed Holabird & Root after two days of presentations by the six nationally recognized architectural firms: Ang and Ang, and Planning begun about a year ago, which resulted in a program statement from which the architects worked.

The committee was headed by Dean Douglas P. Ferraro, arts and sciences. Its work was reviewed by the Campus Planning Council of the Faculty of the Senate.

The project includes the complete refurbishing of Wood Hall, including new mechanical services and a new facade, and a 108,000-square-foot addition to Wood Hall. If ground is broken by January 1995, construction could be completed by fall 1996.

"The preferred location for the addition at this time is at the west edge of the campus, pending the determination of cost," said President Hazen. "The addition would bridge the pedestrian mall and connect Wood Hall and Everett Tower, creating a striking new entrance to the campus and making a significant statement about WMU's commitment to the sciences."

"Wood Hall and the new addition will house the teaching and research activities of the departments of biological sciences, chemistry, geography, geology and the Institute for Water Sciences. The departments of computer science, mathematics and physics will occupy Rood Hall."

The selection process involved a design competition that began with 19 firms. Of them, six firms were selected and each given $15,000 and six weeks to prepare several design solutions, including drawings and models. Each firm also was required to submit technical and cost proposals.

"It was very close," said Evie Asken, campus planning, engineering and extension. "All six firms put in a magnificent effort. It was a great experience for the University and the architects all said they truly enjoyed doing it."

The WMU selection process is expected to be part of an article on architect selection in the November issue of Architectural Record, a national publication in the field, she said.

"The advantage of the competition is that we could look at many possible design solutions," Asken said. "It also was an opportunity for us to be part of an article on architect selection being run in architectural publications."

NEW SCIENCE FACILITY - Here is an architect's model of the preferred site for the new $38 million science facility. The project includes a complete refurbishing of Wood Hall, at right, including new mechanical services and a new facade. There also would be a 108,000-square-foot addition bridging the pedestrian mall, at bottom, that would connect Wood Hall to Everett Tower, at left.

Enrollment of beginning freshmen is stable despite 3 percent drop in pool

Despite the decreasing number of seniors graduating from high schools in Michigan and the number of freshmen at WMU this fall has remained steady.

That fact was part of an enrollment report recently released by the University. On-campus enrollment this fall is 23,299 students, a decrease of 633 students or 2.6 percent from last year's total of 23,932.

Off-campus enrollment this fall is 3,112, a decrease of 336 students or 7.1 percent from last year's total of 3,350. Campus III enrollment for Phase I is 144 students, up 27 students or 23.1 percent from last year.

These figures combined put total University enrollment at 26,555, a 3.1 percent decrease from last year's total of 27,599.

While the pool of high school seniors decreased by nearly 3 percent this year, the number of beginning freshmen on campus is 2,792 — a decrease of less than 1 percent from last year's total of 2,819.

We're very pleased that we've been able to maintain this level in the face of declining numbers and increasing competition for high school seniors," said Stanley E. Henderson, enrollment management and admissions. "It's also important to note that we have not lowered our admissions standards to do so. In fact, 32.1 percent of the Class of 1997 is in the top 10 percent of his high school graduating class, 53 percent is in the top 25 percent and 90 percent is in the top 50 percent.

"While especially significant is that one-third of our incoming freshman class has a grade point average of 3.5 or better on a scale of 4.0," Henderson said. "Our freshman class profile is virtually indistinguishable from that of our major competitor, Michigan State University."

WMU enters new league of competition

In addition to the competition heating up for the smaller numbers of high school seniors, Henderson said his office has encountered a change in competitors over the past few years.

About eight years ago, research indicated that Central Michigan University was WMU's biggest competitor, with Michigan State University running second. Now, MSU is the biggest competitor, with the University of Michigan running second and CMU third.

"Students have a perception that WMU offers a high quality education and they feel very comfortable on our campus," Henderson said. "Our reputation has changed positively in the last few years to the point that many high ability students are considering us, along with Michigan State and the University of Michigan. Those are the kinds of students we're getting."

He credits research, along with some other programs aimed at fine-tuning recruitment, for WMU's success.

"This summer, we commissioned a study designed to tell us about the students who were admitted to WMU but didn't come," he said. "We also interview focus groups of new students on campus to get some sense of what we do that works — what students like and don't like."

New this year is an advisory board Henderson's office has asked the Western Student Association to name. Representatives from the student government group will provide input on recruitment programs and literature.

Henderson noted that the total on-campus enrollment is slightly higher than projections made this summer indicating a 2.7 percent decrease. In addition to the smaller pool of available students, he attributes the decrease to the graduation of the larger classes that entered WMU in the late 1980s and to tougher economic times.

Last year, there were 6,469 seniors and 5,257 juniors on campus compared to 4,313 sophomores and 3,809 freshmen this year. There are, 6,532 seniors and 5,010 juniors, compared to 4,034 sophomores and 3,695 freshmen.

Economy impacts enrollment

Henderson said the economy clearly has had an impact on students. "Our research shows that finances are the second biggest reason why students choose a school (program is the first)," he said. "When economic times are tough, some students decide not to pursue a higher education or they consider other alternatives, such as going to school part-time or attending a school closer to home."

Henderson said research indicated that location is the third biggest reason on which students base their college decision. "That ties in with finances," Henderson said, "because we're finding that more students are choosing to attend colleges closer to home so they can spend less money on things such as housing."

International enrollment increases

While more students in the state may be staying close to home, more students from other countries are choosing to leave home and attend WMU. This fall, there are 1,623 students from other countries enrolled on campus, an increase of 2 percent from last year's figure of 1,593.

"We're pleased that the number of international students is higher than last year because of the emphasis at the University on internationalization," he said.

Henderson also noted another possible source of more students in the future with WMU's doctoral programs. Credit hour production by doctoral students has increased by 6 percent — from 1,581 in 1992 to 1,675 in 1993.

"We have added eight PhD programs in the last three years and, by fall 1994, we will have a total of 19 doctoral programs," he said. "We're going to see enrollments increasing at the graduate level with these programs coming on line."

Tough economic times is the primary reason international students choose WMU, according to Dean James A. Visser, continuing education.

"We are feeling the pinch of a lagged economy, especially in our general University studies undergraduate programs, in the service courses we provide the school systems and in the decline in tuition reimbursement support from employers of nontraditional students," he said.

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Groundbreaking is Sept. 24 for theatre complex addition

Construction contracts totaling $4.7 million for the educational wing addition to the University Theatre Complex were awarded Sept. 24.

As a result of that action, the University administration has announced that ground will be broken at 2 p.m., Friday, Sept. 24. The project is a part of the University's successfully-completed capital "Campaign for Excellence" that was conducted by the WMU Foundation. The University Theatre Complex presently includes Laura V. Shaw Theatre and Zack L. York Arena Theatre.

The construction contract of $4,732,000 was awarded to the Kalamazoo company of Kallward-Bergersen. The project architect is Tower, Pickston, Titan Associates Inc., Kalamazoo. Construction is expected to be completed by August 1994.

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Several appointments were approved as part of personnel actions taken by the Board of Trustees at its Sept. 17 meeting. Susan K. Meyers was named chairman and associate professor in the Department of Occupational Therapy, effective Nov. 1, 1993. She currently is an associate professor and director of the Program in Occupational Therapy at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. Meyers has worked in both medical and academic settings. She earned her bachelor′s degree in dietetics from the University of Wisconsin at St. Louis, her master of business administration degree from the University of Missouri at St. Louis and her doctoral degree in higher education administration from Indiana University. She will replace WG Cooper, who has returned to the faculty.

Until Meyers comes on board, Mary Ann Bush, a faculty member since 1987, will serve as interim chairman of the department. Her appointment, effective Aug. 16, 1993, to May 31, 1993, also was approved by the board.

In addition, the trustees approved the appointments of Robert L. Nickel, residence hall director, effective Aug. 29, 1993. He has been serving as acting director of that office since 1991. A WMU staff member since 1987, Nickel previously has been a residence hall director, assistant manager of residence hall facilities and assistant director of residence hall life, effective Aug. 29, 1993. He has been serving as acting director of that office since 1991. A WMU staff member since 1987, Nickel previously has been a residence hall director, assistant manager of residence hall facilities and assistant director of residence hall life. He earned his bachelor′s degree in health education from the University of Wisconsin at La Crosse and her master′s degree in guidance and counseling from the University of Wisconsin at Stout. She replaced Sally V. Pippin, who has retired.

The appointment of one other interim department chairperson was approved by the board. Robert A. Werthien, social work, has been named interim chairperson of the Department of Physician Assistant, effective Aug. 30, 1993, to June 30, 1994. He replaces

### New policy applies to trustees, executive officials

The Board of Trustees Sept. 17 approved a conflict of interest policy for the members of the governing board and executive officials of the institution.

The policy is patterned along similar policies at the University of Michigan, other universities and as proposed by the national Association of Governing Boards. The policy is to be "interpreted and applied in a manner consistent with the best interests of the University;" it is in addition to any obligations of the trustees and the executive officials "shall all at times" with the fiduciary responsibilities to the University and shall exercise particular care that no detriment to the University results from conflicts between their interests and those of the University.

It further states that if any trustee or executive official have a conflict of interest, he/she "shall promptly and fully disclose the conflict to the secretary of the Board of Trustees.

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A three-year collective bargaining agreement with the American Association of University Professors was ratified Sept. 17 by the Board of Trustees.

The contract provides for 3 percent salary adjustments for each year, based on 1.6 percent across-the-board this fall and 0.4 percent merit adjustment this fall; 1.0 percent across-the-board adjustment, effective Jan. 1, 1994, and 0.6 percent merit adjustment and 0.6 percent merit adjustment in the second year; and 3.0 across-the-board adjustment in the third year. The salary adjustment, at its sole discretion, may implement the second and third year adjustments as indicated above or a 1.8 percent across-the-board in the second year and the 2.4 and 0.6 split in the third year.

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More than $2 million in grants were awarded during the month of July. According to a report presented to the Board of Trustees at its July 18 meeting, the faculty applied for funding of the 1993-94 fiscal year, according to a report presented to the Board of Trustees at its July 18 meeting. The project, funded by the National Science Foundation to fund the second year of the Cross-Phase Mathematics Project, will be a five-year, $6 million project aimed at determining the direction of Christian H. Ricks, mathematics and statistics, and Arthur F. Coxford Jr., of the University of Michigan. The project goal is to develop, field test, evaluate and, in cooperation with a publisher, disseminate a complete curriculum. The five-year, $6 million project will be the first of its kind. In the 1993-94 fiscal nil, $1,681,231 brought the total of grants received during the period to $2,077,114. Of the two-month total, $1,756,350 or nearly 85 percent of the grants received in July.

The largest single grant received during the period was a $1,138,649 award from the National Science Foundation to the Curriculum for the New Era, a project run by director of Christian H. Ricks, mathematics and statistics, and Arthur F. Coxford Jr., of the University of Michigan. The project goal is to develop, field test, evaluate and, in cooperation with a publisher, disseminate a complete curriculum. The five-year, $6 million project will be the first of its kind. In the 1993-94 fiscal nil, $1,681,231 brought the total of grants received during the period to $2,077,114. Of the two-month total, $1,756,350 or nearly 85 percent of the grants received in July.

A grant for $200,000 will fund William W. Wieren's chairperson of blind rehabilitation, will be used for the first year of a three-year effort to train people to work with the nation's elderly blind population by integrating a specialization in gerontology with the orientation and employment curricula. The project is the first of its kind in the country.

A new $74,462 research grant was awarded to David A. Guth, blind rehabilitation, John W. Gesink, electrical engineering, and Christine M. Bahr, special education. The grant will fund the development of a device that will provide the way blind children learn to perfect such locomotor skills as walking in a straight line or making 90-degree turns. The design, designed to be worn as a belt, will provide audio feedback for children as they perfect such skills.

The U.S. Department of Education also awarded a $138,025 grant to WMU's Center for Academic Support Programs. The center will fund the ninth year of the University's Special Services Program that provides comprehensive academic and personal counseling for students who are low income, head- cappled or the first generation of their fami- lies to attend college.

Robert G. Ruben, served as chief news and publications photo- toographer and as editor of the Paper Technol- ogy News. He was a member and co-chair- person of the American Chemical Society's Paper and Printing Science and Engineering Committee.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society.

The following list of vacan- cies is cur- rently being posted through the Job Oppor- tunity Program by employment services in the Department of Human Resources. Interested employ- ees should submit a job opportunity transfer application or sign the appropriate bid sheet during the posting period.

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Program Manager (Repost) - P-O5, Student Affairs, 9394/977, 921/973/973.

Following is a list of available jobs. Please call the Applicant Information Service at 736-0069 for more information.

College Bowl helpers needed

The Office of Student Life is recruiting faculty and staff members to serve as judges and moderators for the upcoming College Bowl, to be held from 7 to 10 p.m. Monday through Wednesday, Nov. 8-10, in the Bernhard Center. On-line applications for the judges are available at the Office of Student Life's web site. Applications are due by 5 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 31. To request an on-line application, call 734-257 or stop by 2240 Union Service.

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Thursday, September 23 (thru Oct. 14) Exhibition, "Wind Dance," watercolors and photo panels of air installation by Linda Talbot Rizzolo, Kalanamoz artist, Department of Human Resources, 1240 Seibert Administration Building, weekdays, 8:00 a.m.-noon and 1:00-5:00 p.m.

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Department of Economics lecture-seminar series on "The Underground Economy," Edgar L. Feige, professor of economics, University of Wisconsin at Madison: seminar, "What-if analysis in cold blood: legal implications of the issues," 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

LeCroy "Man of La Mancha," Oct. 16; "Lost in the Dark," Oct. 23 (both at 8 p.m.), and "The Secret Garden," Oct. 30 (also at 3 p.m.), at the Kalamazoo State Theater, 3211 Sangren Hall, 8 p.m..

Bido, "The New Workplace: Opening the Doors," 3211 Sangren Hall, 10:00 a.m.-noon.

College of Engineering and Applied Sciences seminar, "Motion Control Architecture for the 21st Century," Peter C. DiGiulio, president, American Institute of Motion Engineers, 3014 Kohrman Hall, 4 p.m.

University film series, "Night on Earth" (USA/France/Italy/Finland, 1992), directed by Jim Jarmusch, 10:00 a.m., Department of English reading by poet Robert Vasquez, King/Chavez/Parks Visiting Professor, 3321 Brown Hall, 8:30 p.m.; reception following on the 10th floor of Speakman Tower.

Friday, September 24

Hispanic Heritage Month lecture by Blenda Cardenas Ramirez, director, Southeast Center for Values, Achievement and Community in Education, Southwest Texas State University, Texas Ballroom, Bernhard Center, 10:30 a.m.

Meeting, Faculty Senate's ad hoc Committee to Revise General Education, 10:15 Trifine Hall, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Groundbreaking for educational wing addition to University Theatre Complex, near Shaw Theatre, 2 p.m.

Psychology colloquium, "Jurassic Park, Heredity, Environment and Interbehavioralism," Paul T. Moutonpy, psychology, 3760 Knauss Hall, 4 p.m.

Volleyball, WMU vs. Miami University, Waldo Stadium, 4 p.m.

Football, WMU vs. Bowling Green State University, Waldo Stadium, 1 p.m.

Wednesday, September 29

Dinner theatre package offered for Miller events

Several performances offered at Miller Auditorium this year now have a dinner package option. The auditorium and the Fetzer Center are teaming up to present "The WMU Dinner Theatre Experience.""The first opportunity is for "Jesus Christ Superstar" on Saturday, Oct. 2. Theaters will enjoy the Friday night dinner show, followed by Saturday's matinee performance. McMains are buffet dinner, buffet dinner at the Fetzer Center, featured dinner speaker (a member of the cast and/or crew of the show), parking at Parking Structure II near Miller and Zone I seating for the show. Tickets for the "Jesus Christ Superstar" performance are $18.50. A Valuation Envelope can be purchased to cover the entire event, which would include: 1. show and the meal served. Discounts are available for groups of 20 or more. those who already have show tickets and wish to buy into a dinner package may do so.

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