Three faculty members to be honored for superior skills in the classroom

Three WMU faculty members will be recognized for their superior classroom skills with 1993 Alumni Teaching Excellence Awards.

Presented by the WMU Alumni Association, the awards will go to: David P. Karsten, theatre; Edward J. Mayo, marketing; and Cecil L. McIntire, biological sciences. They will be honored at WMU’s 14th annual Academic Convocation at 3 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 1, in the Dalton Center Recital Hall.

In addition to a plaque, winners will receive a $1,000 cash award and $2,000 will be added to their base salaries.

Since the Alumni Teaching Excellence Awards were established in 1966, more than 100 faculty members have been recognized with these awards. They are awarded to academic and professional excellence. Recipients are selected by an Alumni Association committee from nominations by alumni, students and departmental colleagues.

Karsten has been a WMU faculty member since 1968. He teaches courses on such topics as acting, directing, theatre history, theatre production and development of the theatre. Since 1993, he has directed some 20 independent studies with students. He also has directed numerous theatre productions at WMU, including four selected for regional competition in the American College Theatre Festival.

In nominating him for the award, Karsten’s students often cited his willingness to spend extra time with them and his drive to help them succeed. “Not only did he teach me about acting techniques and audition skills, but more importantly he strengthened my self-esteem by his unending encouragement as well as his infallible perfectionism, particularly as a director,” wrote one alumna. “He never let me settle for mediocrity, but insisted that I challenge myself not just in acting but in my outlook on life.”

In addition to his work in the theatre arena at WMU, Karsten has kept abreast of the profession through his work as an actor and director in community and summer stock productions. Most recently, he has directed a Festival. He has served as a designer and director for other several WMU productions.

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Nominations sought for service award

The Distinguished Service Award Committee is seeking nominations for the University’s 1994 Distinguished Service Award. Guidelines recently were distributed to faculty and staff members in campus mail. Materials are due at 5 p.m. Friday, March 11, to Geraldine A. Schma, distance education, who is chairperson of the committee.

The Distinguished Service Award, first given in 1980, was established to recognize nonacademic service in one or more of the following categories: service through innovative and effective programs that are academic or related to another facet of University life; service in areas and organizations that contribute to the growth and stature of the University; and service that extends the impact and presence of the University into the larger community.

Up to two awards may be made each year. When two are made, one is given to a faculty member and the other to a staff member. Each recipient receives a $1,500 honorarium and a recognition plaque.

All current, continuing full-time faculty and staff who have at least five years of service with the University are eligible. An individual may receive the award only once.

For more information, persons may contact Schma at 7-4195.

Karsten Mayo

McIntire

Landschapenhanced — As part of the landscape design for the new Student Recreation Center and renovated Read Fieldhouse, a 16-foot-diameter University seal has been installed in the circular plaza off West Michigan Avenue. Present at the installation of the bronze seal were, from left, Bob Cowell of O’Boyle, Cowell & Blalock Inc., of Kalamazoo; Evie Askim, campus planning, engineering and construction; Brian Douid of O’Boyle, Cowell & Blalock Inc.; and Bill Tye of Chemist-Tye Studio of Kalamazoo. O’Boyle, Cowell & Blalock was involved in the landscape design and Alchemist-Tye fabricated the seal, which was surrounded by white pebbled concrete. A temporary wooden structure was constructed over the seal to protect it from the elements until the concrete sets.

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SERS offers ideas for recognizing student workers

Plans are under way for the eighth annual observance of Student Employment Week at WMU from Feb. 14 through 18. In preparation for the celebration, the student employment referral service is offering employers and their supervisors some ways to recognize the significant contributions student employees make to the daily operations of the university. New this year are two award programs: "Student Employee of the Year" and "Supervisor of the Year." Supervisors can nominate their students for the first award, which is designed to recognize a student who demonstrates reliability, quality work, initiative and professionalism, and who makes a unique contribution to the work area. Students may nominate their supervisors for the second award, which is designed to recognize a supervisor who promotes education and growth in student employees. All nominees for the awards will receive certificates of recognition. The award winners and their supervisors will be invited to attend the Summer Employment Day luncheon scheduled during the week for both programs are due Friday, Jan. 21. For more information on the award programs and nomination forms, persons may call the student employment referral service at 7-2725.

The Summer Employment Day is scheduled for 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 16, in the East Ballroom of the Bernhard Center. Students will have a chance to meet with employers from throughout the county regarding internship and summer employment opportunities.

Student Employee Certificate of Appreciation also are available for supervisors to present to students during the week. Persons wanting the free certificates should complete a form available from the student employment referral service by Friday, Jan. 21.

Applications due Feb. 18 for research awards

Graduate faculty are invited to submit applications by Feb. 18 to the 1994-95 University Faculty Research Competition sponsored by the Office of the Vice President for Research. The annual competition offers research fellowship awards to full-time graduate students working in mentoring relationships with graduate faculty members at the University. The faculty mentors of the students selected as fellows also will each receive $1,000 to cover project expenses.

The fellowship programs, which began in 1991, is intended to improve the scholarly and research environment for both faculty and graduate students, to demonstrate the University’s research capabilities and to enhance the quality and character of the academic interaction between individual faculty members and graduate students.

Five fellowships will be awarded this year. Applications will be judged on the quality and significance of the proposed or continuing research, scholarship or creative work, the prospect for development of a productive mentoring relationship, the significance of the graduate student’s role in the research project; the faculty member’s research potential, interest and achievements; and the academic record of the graduate student.

Funded projects must last at least two consecutive academic semesters or sessions and be completed by the end of the spring 1995 session. Fellowship funds will be available July 1, 1994.

Applications and additional information about the competition are available from the Office of the Vice President for Research, 314 Walwood Hall, or by calling Eileen B. Evans at 7-8283. Completed applications will be accepted by that office until 5 p.m. Friday, Feb. 18. Award winners will be notified in mid-March and award presentations and the Researchers’ Luncheon will be held at 5 p.m. Monday, March 20, at the annual Researchers’ Luncheon.

Entrepreneurship is subject of Jan. 19 lecture

A look at entrepreneurship in the underground or informal economy will be provided in a talk Wednesday, Jan. 19, by Justine Portes, the John Dewey Professor of Sociology and social movements’ research at Johns Hopkins University.

The event will feature a lecture on "Paradigms of the Informal Economy: The Social Basis of Unregulated Entrepreneurship" at 8 p.m. in 3786 Westnedge Hall.

He also will lead a seminar for faculty members, graduate students, undergraduate economics majors and other interested guests at 3 p.m. in 3560 Dunbar Hall. The seminar topic is "Caribbean Urbanization During the to-Stealth Economy." Due to the nature of the seminar and limited seating, faculty members planning to attend these sessions should call 387-4100 to reserve a seat.

Portes is a leading authority on the sociology of economics and a 30th annual lecture-seminar series on "The Underground Economy." The focus of the series is on economic activity that is unreported because it is illegal or because transactions want to avoid paying taxes.

Portes has extensively studied the underground economy in both the United States and abroad. He notes that earnings of entrepreneurs in the informal economy often exceed the earnings of entrepreneurs in the formal economy. In his work, he attempts to dispel the notion that informal economic activity is associated with poverty.

In addition to writing about the informal economy, Portes has published on such topics as immigration and minorities in the United States. He has received many honors, including fellowships with the Russell Sage Foundation, the Ford Foundation, among others, and has been a visiting scholar at the National Bureau of Economic Research. He is a contributing editor to many national newspapers.

The lecture-seminar series is supported by a grant from the W. E. Upjohn Institute for Employment Research in Kalamazoo. It is directed by Susan Pozo, economics.

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Carnegie Medal winner and author of "The Promise of Paradox" and "To Know as We Are Known." He is at work on a fifth book, "The Courage to Teach." He also serves as a senior associate of the American Association for Higher Education in Washington, D.C., and as a senior advisor to the Institute for Higher Education Research and Development. He has been recognized for excellence in teaching by the Christian Century magazines and supported by major foundations, including the Danforth Foundation and the Lilly Endowment.

He received a bachelor’s degree in philosophy and sociology from Carleton College in Minnesota and, after a year at Union Seminary in New York, he earned master’s and doctoral degrees in sociology at the University of California at Berkeley. He has held a number of positions in education, religion and social change.

According to the co-founder of the Institute for Public Life in Washington, D.C., and the founding director of the Resident Program in Liberal Learning at Union College in Madison, Wis., where he now lives, he was once the dean of studies at Pendle Hill, a Quaker living-learning center near Philadelphia. The lecture is free and open to the public. A reception will follow. More information is available by calling 7-2638.

On-line Computer Competency Test available

A new on-line Computer Competency Test (CCT) that will help WMU students fulfill their computer usage requirements for graduation is now available.

The CCT undergraduate students must demonstrate minimal proficiency in computer usage in one of three ways: course, test or curriculum project. Certain students who pass the test will fulfill the requirement. Others, depending on their program of study, may need to take a course or meet proficiency standards by another means. Students should check with their academic advisors before taking the test.

The two-hour test will be offered at these times during the winter semester in 2033's University Computer Center: 9:30 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 20; 9 a.m. Feb. 18; 6:30 p.m. Monday, March 14; and 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 8.

A sample test to acquaint students with the format is available in the computer public access computer laboratories in the Bernhard Center and the University Computing Center. Taking the CCT requires familiarity with DOS (IBM or compatible), Macintosh and other software.

There is a $40 fee for the test and students may take the CCT a maximum of twice. For more information or to sign up, persons should contact the Center for Academic Support Programs in 201 Moore Hall at 7-4411.

Congressman in MLK birthday events

Upton is expected to be making opening remarks at the candle lighting ceremony in Kalamazoo Jan. 16. He also is planning to attend a brown bag luncheon at noon in the multipurpose room on the lower level of the chapel. Other events planned for the observance, as announced in last week’s News, include a lock-in from 6:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 14, to 6 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 15, in the Student Recreation Center; and a brown bag luncheon at 5 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 14, in the Woodson Student Center. The Berndt Center followed by a performance of the Bush Urgent Band at 8 p.m. in Miller Auditorium.

President Haenicke is encouraging faculty members to use some time in their classes Jan. 17 to discuss issues raised by King. He also has asked that faculty members excuse from class those students who wish to participate in special events connected with the King birthday observance and he requested that students who wish to participate be given that day. The Western Herald will be publishing a special supplement highlighting analyses and reflections on King’s life.

For more information on the events, persons may contact the Division of Minority Affairs at 7-4420.
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Research grants account for 82 percent of total

More than 3 million in grants were awarded to WMU during October and November, according to a report presented to the Board of Trustees at its Dec. 17 meeting. The $3,721,761 received included October's $1,526,118 and November's grants totaling $2,195,573. The two-month figure brings the total of grants received for the fiscal year to $8,118,129.

Grants for research accounted for 82 percent of the total awarded in November, with funding for research projects that focus on education reform topping $2.3 million. The Michigan Department of Education's Higher Education Competitive Grant made up the bulk of those funds. The award will fund the fourth year of the Center for Research on Educational Accountability and Teacher Evaluation (CREATE). The grant is part of the five-year, $3.5 million award that was announced in 1990 when the center was established. CREATE is under the leadership of Daniel L. Stebbins, Evaluation Center.

Christian R. Hirsch, mathematics and statistics, received an $84,000 Higher Education Competitive Grant awarded by the Michigan Department of Education through the Eisenhower Program to support his work on changing the way mathematics is taught in Michigan high schools. Hirsch also directs the Core-Plus Mathematics Program, a national- and international curriculum development effort funded with a five-year, $6 million grant from the National Science Foundation.

Funds will be used to assist high schools throughout the state in reshaping their mathematics pro-

grams. At WMU, the project will continue its math reform education effort with the MSSI (Michigan Statewide Systemic Initiative) center, which is offering inservice workshops to graduate and undergraduate mathematics teachers, applied science educators, and community college and university mathematics and science faculty. Poel, a graduate of Houghton High School in his hometown, is currently being posted through the Job Opportunities Program for RENT - Duplex apartment, second floor, one bedroom, living room, dining room, kitchen, full bath, two-mirror closet. New carpet throughout, Clinton Street. $530/month. Call Sheila at 7-6018.

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For rent - Upper berth, new, white, twin, two-year old, Call 343-2146.

From the medical files, Carolyn R. Neace, recycling, discusses the importance of workplace recycling on "Fokus," a five-minute interview produced by news services. "Fokus" is scheduled to air on WMTR-AM (1420).
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