Battle Creek business leader and philanthropist donates largest individual gift in WMU history

Beulah I. Kendall, a prominent Battle Creek business leader and philanthropist, recently has provided direct and indirect support to WMU valued in excess of $2 million, making her the largest individual in the University's history. She contributed approximately $1.6 million to the University to support a series of endowed scholarships and more than $400,000 to the Cereal City Development Facilities Complex.

University files suit over prevailing wage issue

The University filed suit in the Kalamazoo County Circuit Court June 24 seeking a declaratory judgment in an effort to clarify a legal controversy over whether or not it must pay prevailing wages for the construction of its $50 million Student Recreation Facilities Complex.

The University has maintained that, because the project is not being financed by any state funds, the Michigan Prevailing Wage Act is not applicable to the project.

On June 23, Michigan Attorney General Frank J. Kelley issued an opinion that the prevailing wage issue must pay prevailing wages for the construction of its $50 million Student Recreation Facilities Complex.

The university issued a brief statement that day reiterating its strong belief that the law does not apply to this project and that attorney general opinions may be binding in view of existing case law, the constitution and previous opinions and interpretations by state departments and the attorney general himself.

Trustees table tuition increase

An increase in tuition of 7.9 percent for Michigan freshmen and sophomores over last year's tuition and fees at the University, effective this fall, was tabled June 26 by the Board of Trustees until its July 31 meeting to allow time for public comment.

The increase for Michigan juniors and seniors, for non-resident freshmen and sophomores and for Michigan graduate students would be 10 percent.

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Haenicke to form office to assist in long-range planning

President Haenicke has announced that he intends to form an Office of Strategic Planning and Institutional Research to assist in charting a course for the University beyond the year 2000.

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HONORARY DEGREE — Congressman Howard Wolpe, second from left, received an honorary doctor of public service degree from the University during commencement exercises June 27. Flanking him before the ceremonies were, from left, President Haenicke, George A. Franklin, chairperson of the Board of Trustees, and James S. Brady, vice chairperson of the Board. Wolpe, a WMU faculty member from 1967 to 1972, was recognized for his role in supporting the University on many issues during his time in public service. Because his seat was eliminated by redistricting, he will not run for re-election this year.
President Haenicke visited Germany and Austria on a 10-day trip this month to strengthen and expand faculty and student exchanges in institutions of higher education in those countries. He also planned to call upon German businesses who have operations in West Michigan. He planned to visit the Erwin Behr Bmbh & Co. in Wendlingen, near Tubingen, a furniture company. Behr opened a plant in 1989 in Alpine Township, near Grand Rapids. Haenicke volunteered to call upon Behr for the Right Place program, a division of the Grand Rapids Area Chamber of Commerce.

Eversole, the equipment will be heavily used for the department's work in medical pathology, toxicology and molecular biology. According to facility manager Robert Powell, vice president for student affairs, the university's various international efforts.

Open house set for new lab
An open house to demonstrate the capabilities of WMU's new light and electron imaging facilities is scheduled for 1 to 3 p.m. Tuesday, July 14, in 1090 McCracken Hall. The Biological Imaging Center, the newest addition to the Department of Biological Sciences, consists of three new microscopes, an image analysis computer system and cable hookup to the department's scanning electron microscope.

Adams twice served as a visiting professor at universities in the Far East: in 1985-86 at Xibei University in the People's Republic of China; and in 1989 at Sookmyung Women's University in South Korea.

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