

# WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY WESTERN NEWS

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## Grants top \$13 million during eighth year of record growth

Grants to the University reached a record of nearly \$13.4 million at the close of the 1991-92 fiscal year, the Board of Trustees learned at its July 31 meeting.

June grants of more than \$1.7 million brought the year's total of grants awarded to the University to \$13,392,376, an increase of more than \$1 million or 9 percent over the previous year's record total of \$12,306,639. This marks the eighth consecutive year of record growth in external support for University projects.

The amount is nearly \$10 million above the total for 1984-85, the year the University began its move toward becoming a more research intensive institution. Using the 1984-85 grant total of \$3.9 million as a benchmark figure, President Haenicke challenged the faculty in 1986 to double research awards within five years. That feat was accomplished with the close of the 1987-88 fiscal year and the amount was more than tripled by the end of 1990-91.

According to Donald E. Thompson, vice president for research, the record total reflects a broad base of research activities now firmly established at the University, continued growth in several key areas for which WMU has achieved national and international recognition and the contribution of both veteran campus researchers and productive new members of the faculty.

"We are maturing into a solid graduate/research institution," Thompson says of the growth over the past eight years, "but we're not all that we're going to be. We are still

growing and developing. We've created a base of activity in certain areas that continue, year after year, to do good research and have increased activity. It's not concentrated in just one area. It's broad-based activity with our faculty displaying nationally recognized expertise. We're going to focus on supporting and maintaining that base and continuing to grow in some key areas."

Thompson says that among the areas that form the University's base are the Evaluation Center with more than \$2 million in external funding this year, the Institute for Water Sciences with more than \$400,000 in grants, mathematics education faculty who have attracted \$885,000 in funding and the Department of Paper and Printing Science and Engineering that received \$689,623 in support from industry this year. Those areas coupled with University/industry collaboration and research generated by new graduate programs are reflections of WMU's position as a graduate and research intensive institution, he says.

Such areas also reflect the close alliance between research and teaching at the University. "Our research flows from the University's academic disciplines," Thompson says. "What our professors are teaching about, they are researching about and that research assists them in their graduate and undergraduate instruction."

He predicts future funding increases will come in a few existing key areas and in some newly developing "pockets of excellence" that focus on interdisciplinary and cross-

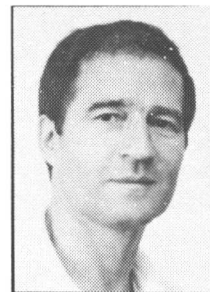
college collaboration. That growth, he says, will continue to present the University with some difficult challenges.

"If we are going to continue to grow, we will need increased development of the research infrastructure that includes policy, fiscal and physical matters," he says. "There's a certain amount of creative tension involved in that growth process."

With federal research dollars to WMU remaining about the same, much of this year's growth is attributed to projects funded by private foundations and industry. Foundation funding increased this year by 64 percent, from \$842,804 in 1990-91 to \$1,385,619 this year. Funding from such sources as private industry, industrial and education associations and local school districts increased by 41 percent from \$2,846,370 to \$4,006,580.

## Board approves honorary degree for Jurgen Schneider

The Board of Trustees July 31 approved the awarding of an honorary doctor of fine arts degree to Jurgen Schneider, former balletmaster of the American Ballet Theatre and founder of WMU's annual ballet teacher seminar and student conference in the Russian method.



Schneider

The presentation of the honorary degree will be made at the concluding workshop performance at the University's 10th annual ballet teacher seminar at 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 8, in the Dalton Center Multi-Media Room.

A native of Germany, Schneider began his ballet studies in what was East Berlin. He was a principal dancer with the ballet companies at the National Dance Theatre of Weimar and at the Berlin Comic Opera. He later studied in Moscow and trained with the Bolshoi Ballet and at the Vaganova Choreographic School in Leningrad.

Schneider helped reorganize the ballet at the Berlin Comic Opera in 1965, and he continued to dance as a principal balletmaster. At the same time, he taught graduate level classes for boys in Dresden, and he directed the first seminar in the Russian method in Leipzig, Germany.

Schneider joined the American Ballet Theatre in New York in 1974 as ballet coach and teacher; he became balletmaster two years later, a position he held until 1991. He was the private coach to Natalia Makarova and Mikhail Baryshnikov. He also performed with the American Ballet Theatre and was the balletmaster in the popular movie, "Turning Point."

He currently conducts teacher training programs and master classes in ballet around the world.

## Community sees preliminary research park plan

Planners of the University's proposed Research and Business Park have unveiled a preliminary summary plan for the project that reflects five months of community participation in the planning process.

"It's been a plan of this place and by the

people who live in this place," said planner William J. Johnson, president of William J. Johnson & Associates of Ann Arbor, of a process that began last March. He headed a team that included two local landscape architectural firms.

The plan, which calls for two zones separated by a unique "central park," was unveiled in a public input session July 29 and in a day-long "walk-in workshop" July 30. Input from the two sessions will be used to develop a final summary plan for the project.

The plan, a synthesis of three earlier scenarios, calls for the eventual development of 260 acres of the 600 acres that WMU owns at the intersection of Drake Road and Parkview Avenue in the southwest corner of the city of Kalamazoo. Part of the property is in Oshtemo Township.

The Parkview Hills Partnership, which operates the Parkview Hills neighborhood located to the east of the proposed park, endorsed the plan as "the best use of the land," said Noel Duran, managing agent.

To address traffic concerns that will exist whether the park is developed or not, the preliminary summary plan would, in its early stages, relocate part of Parkview Avenue to intersect with Drake Road to the north of the

## Trustees OK tuition increase

An increase in tuition of 7.9 percent for Michigan freshmen and sophomores over last year's tuition and fees at WMU, effective this fall, was approved July 31 by the Board of Trustees.

The board had tabled the measure at its June 26 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 will be 10 percent. The increase for non-resident juniors, seniors and graduate students will be 12.5 percent.

In other action, the board approved a revision of tuition rates for the University's Campus III Weekend College. Rather than pay a fee of \$75 for one to two credit hours or \$125 for three or more credit hours, students will pay tuition of \$35 per credit hour in addition to prevailing on-campus tuition rates.

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## Board approves faculty, staff personnel changes

The appointments of two department chairpersons were approved July 31 by the Board of Trustees.

John W. Benson was named chairperson of languages and linguistics, effective Aug. 1, 1992, and Ruth Ann Meyer was named interim chairperson of mathematics and statistics, effective July 1, 1992.

Benson, a WMU faculty member since 1974, replaces Peter W. Krawutschke, who has returned to the faculty. Meyer, who has been on the faculty since 1976, replaces Yousef Alavi, who has returned to the faculty.

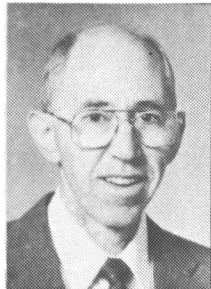
The trustees also approved the previously announced appointment of Lowell E. Crow as interim dean of the Haworth College of Business, effective Aug. 1, 1992.

In addition, the board approved these returns to the faculty: Richard G. Cooper, from chairperson to associate professor of occupational therapy, effective June 30, 1993; and Peter M. Judd, from director to professor of social work, effective Sept. 1, 1992.

The trustees granted the retirement of one faculty member and one staff member. Stephen B. Friedman, biological sciences, will retire with emeritus status Dec. 31, 1993, after 27 years of service. Geraldine Sage, building custodial and support services, re-



Meyer



Friedman

tired June 30, 1992, after 23-1/2 years of service.

The board also accepted these resignations: Leslie A. Bleil, University libraries, effective July 7, 1992; Lana J. Ford, occupational therapy, effective July 3, 1992; and Janice Jipson, education and professional development, effective Aug. 21, 1992.

## Community honors Woods

John Woods, emeritus in English, is one of three recipients this year of the Community Medal of Arts from the Arts Council of Greater Kalamazoo.

A WMU faculty member for 37 years, Woods retired this past April. Last September, he was named WMU's first poet-in-residence in the College of Arts and Sciences.

He is the author of eight books of poetry. He also has published six short collections and has written poetry for numerous anthologies and journals over the past 40 years.

## Summer enrollment declines both on and off campus

Total enrollment for the summer session that began July 6 is 7,700 students, a decrease of 435 students or 5.3 percent from last summer's total of 8,135 students. This is the smallest summer session since 1989, when enrollment was 7,311 students.

Most of the drop comes in off-campus enrollment, which is down 359 students or 14 percent from last summer for a total this session of 2,206 students, the lowest figure since 1986. On-campus enrollment is down 76 students or 1.4 percent for a total of 5,494 students.

"Teachers faced a June 30 deadline for courses to maintain certification," said Dean Geoffrey A. Smith, continuing education, in explaining the decrease in off-campus enrollment. "When that deadline passed, demand for education courses declined."

Smith also pointed to the impact of an uncertain economy and to layoffs among educators, state employees and workers in other industries, including the auto industry.

## Research park (Continued from page one)

present location. Drake Road also would be moved slightly east of its present alignment to prepare for future improvements.

"The geometry of addressing traffic issues necessarily bites into the cornfield at the northeast corner of the present intersection of Drake and Parkview," Johnson said. "You cannot do a good job of traffic design without working into that corner."

"We don't see it as a negative take from the Asylum Lake preserve because the cornfield is not a critical part of the lake's natural system," he continued. "It's an upland farm that is separate from the wetland system of Asylum Lake, which is preserved by the plan."

A neutral party is being sought to own and manage open space in the Asylum Lake preserve, according to WMU officials involved in the planning process.

A key issue faced by the planners, Johnson said, was to de-emphasize Parkview Avenue as a major east-west thoroughfare and provide for Drake Road to become a

major north-south arterial roadway.

The plan creates a band of open space within the park, a kind of "central park," that would both handle all storm water runoff and serve as a landscaped amenity. The open space would divide the park between more dense use near U.S. 131 on the west and uses "of neighborhood scale" on the east, Johnson said.

"The plan, with its unique 'central park,' continues to provide for the special buffer of enhanced wildlife habitat between the park and the neighborhoods in its vicinity," Johnson said.

Participants in the planning process have included representatives of the affected neighborhoods as well as local environmental groups, the business community, city and township planning commissions and local government agencies. Issues addressed have included open space preservation, traffic flow, storm water runoff, neighborhood quality, land use, and standards for design and construction.

## Jobs

The following list of vacancies is currently being posted through the Transfer Opportunity System by employment services in the Department of Human Resources. Interested benefits eligible employees should submit a job opportunity transfer application during the posting period.

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

(R) **Library Assistant II**, S-05, Waldo Library, 92/93-015, 8/04-8/10/92.

(R) **Supervisor, Operational Services**, Waldo Library, P-02, 92/93-016, 8/04-8/10/92.

R = Replacement

## Calendar

### Thursday, August 6

(thru Sept. 30) Exhibition, photopanel of "Sky Art, Inflatables and Environmental Sculpture," by Lou Rizzolo, art, Department of Human Resources, 1240 Seibert Administration Building, weekdays, 8 a.m.-noon and 1-5 p.m.

\*(thru 8) Ballet Teacher Seminar and Student Conference, Dalton Center, all day. Doctoral oral examination, "Multivariate Quadrature on MIMD Machines With Shared or Distributed Memory," Ignatios E. Vakalis, mathematics and statistics, commons room, sixth floor, Everett Tower, 2 p.m.

### Friday, August 7

Concluding concert, Phil Mattson Vocal Jazz Workshop, Dalton Center Recital Hall, 8 p.m.

### Wednesday, August 12

Doctoral oral examination, "A Critical Examination of the Use of Preliminary Tests in Two-Sample Tests of Location," Kimberly Tucker Perry, mathematics and statistics, commons room, sixth floor, Everett Tower, 4 p.m.

### Thursday, August 13

Meeting, Executive Board, Council of Representatives and committee chairpersons of the Administrative Professional Association, 105 Bernhard Center, 11 a.m.

### Wednesday, August 19

Training and development session for managers and supervisors, "ADA Forums," Sue Rodia, human resources, Red Rooms, Bernhard Center, 12:10-1 p.m.

Graduate College writing workshop for the preparation of doctoral dissertations, specialist projects and master's theses, Red Room A, Bernhard Center, 3-4 p.m.

### Thursday, August 20

Concert, Dodworth Saxhorn Band of Ypsilanti, outdoor area adjacent to east end of the Dalton Center, 8 p.m.

\*Admission charged

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