Barrett, Haenicke names Barrett chief academic officer

Nancy S. Barrett, an experienced academic administrator with experience in both higher education and the federal government, has been named provost and vice president for academic affairs, President Haenicke has announced.

The appointment, effective Feb. 18, is subject to approval by the Board of Trustees. It includes appointment as a tenured professor in the Department of Economics.

If her appointment is approved, Barrett, 48, will become the first woman to be provost and academic vice president at WMU. She was selected for the position from among five finalists, who visited the campus between Nov. 26 and Dec. 18.

The provost and vice president for academic affairs, the University's highest ranking academic officer and is second in command to the president.

A leading expert on government fiscal policy and private-sector productivity, Barrett will succeed Donald J. Silberman, the former dean of the Samuel J. Silberman College of Business Administration at Dickinson University in Teaneck, N.J., since 1989. Before that, she had been a professor of economics and chairperson of the Department of Economics at American University in Washington, D.C.

The author of several books and numerous articles, she received her Ph.D. degree in economics from Harvard University in 1980.

In addition to her academic and scholarly work, Barrett has held a number of high-level positions in the federal government, including deputy labor secretary for policy, evaluation and research in the Carter Administration, she was responsible for development and coordination of economic and regulatory policy with the labor unions. Barrett has directed the research department's research activities.

"We had a rich field of superbly qualified candidates from which to choose," Haenicke said. "I am selecting Dean Barrett on the basis of her strong scholarly record, her extensive experience in higher education, her government and administrative skills.

"The working relationship between the president and the provost is a very close one," he continued. "I look forward to a successful association with Dr. Barrett in the years to come."

In accepting her new position, Barrett said, "Western Michigan University is poised for a major leap forward. The potential for creating some of the most innovative and exciting new programs in the country is here to be tapped, and I am delighted with the opportunity to be a part of its development."

She replaces George M. Dennison, who left WMU last summer to become president of the University of Montana. A Bruce Clarke, who was named acting provost, has been named to succeed Dennison until a permanent replacement was appointed.

The search for a permanent provost, which began last summer, was conducted by a committee headed by Haenicke. It included students, faculty members, staff members and administrators. The committee received about 115 applications for the position.

Before joining the labor department, Barrett had been deputy assistant director for fiscal operations and the General Accounting Office, where she was in charge of viewpoint analysis and policy analysis. She later worked with the Carter-Mondale transition as an adviser on economic policy and served on the senior staff of the President's Council of Economic Advisers.

Barrett has taught widely as a teacher, lecturer and researcher and has published extensively on areas of poverty and economic discrimination. She was a Fulbright Scholar at the University of Gothenburg in Sweden and at the Institute for Economic Advisers. She has visited several Latin American countries and served on the senior staff of the President's Council of Economic Advisers.

Barrett has been involved in extensive research on the Chilean economy during 1979 and 1980; residence in Ohio from 1979 to 1981; assistant dean for student life and development at Wilberforce University from 1979 to 1980; residence complex coordinator at the University of Delaware in Newark from 1970 to 1976; and human resources. She also served as plant manager of GM's Tarrytown, N.Y. plant, and as human resources. She also served as plant manager of GM's Tarrytown, N.Y.

Other winter performances by the Western Brass Quintet will include concerts at Susquehanna University in Selinsgrove, Pa., Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond and Florida State University in Tallahassee.

Barrett approved by Board of Trustees as acting vice president for student services

Theresa A. Powell, dean of students for student life and enrollment services since 1988, has been named acting vice president for student services, effective Jan. 1, 1991.

She replaces Thomas A. Powell, who Dec. 11 requested an administrative leave for the 1991 calendar year and early retirement, effective Jan. 1, 1992. The personnel action was approved by the Board of Trustees at its Dec. 21 meeting.

"This is very pleasing that Dr. Powell has accepted this important assignment," Haenicke said. "She is the obvious choice. She has gained valuable experience as our dean of students, and she is well-prepared to administer our students. She has my full confidence."

He indicated that he is assembling a committee to conduct a national search.

"I am excited about this new challenge, and I am looking forward to working closely with President Haenicke in addressing the needs of our students," Powell said. She joined the WMU administrative staff in July 1988, after serving as director of the two-year campus programs for the Ohio Board of Regents.

Powell was a key administrator with the Ohio Board of Regents in Columbus for four years. Previously, she was a graduate assistant in the Ohio State University from 1981 to 1983; dean of students at Wilberforce University in Ohio from 1979 to 1981; assistant dean for student life and development at Wilberforce from 1979 to 1980; residence complex coordinator at the University of Delaware in Newark from 1976 to 1979; and residence complex director at Christian University in Fort Worth from 1974 to 1976.

She earned her bachelor's degree in sociology and education in 1973 from the University of Pennsylvania, her master's degree in student personnel services in 1976 from Texas A&M University, and her doctoral degree in educational administration in 1983 from Ohio State University.

Powell has made several presentations at professional meetings, has accepted several committee appointments, and has written several articles and reports for the Ohio Board of Regents.

She is active in the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators and a member of its regional advisory committee. She also is a North Central Association consultant-evaluator and active in the Kalamaoo YWCA.

OPEN FOR BUSINESS -- Adrian C. 'Ed' Edwards, finance and commercial law, was among the Harwood College of Business faculty members who spent part of their holiday breaks packing boxes and moving into new quarters in the business building on West Campus. The new building is now "open for business," with classes being conducted there for the first time last Monday. All that remains from the college on East Campus is the Business Library in North Hall, which will be in that location until it joins the expanded and renovated Waldo Library this spring.

Brass quintet invited to Kennedy Center

WMU's nationally recognized Western Brass Quintet will perform at the Terrace Theatre in Washington, D.C.'s Kennedy Center at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 31, as part of the Terrace Concerts/Amherst Series.

A resident faculty ensemble of the School of Music, the Western Brass Quintet has performed extensively throughout the United States since its founding in 1966, including performances at Carnegie Hall in New York City and on National Public Radio.

Members of the quintet are trumpeter Thomas G. J. Scott and Scott W. Thornburg, hornist Roy S. Roberts of Kalamazoo. The quintet has performed extensively in Europe and the United States, including concert appearances in the Middle East under the auspices of the U.S. Department of State. Her scholarly work includes an emphasis on cultural diversity and equity of opportunity for women and minorities. She is active in a number of professional organizations, including the American Economic Association. She is the current chairperson of the Committee of Examiners in Economics of the Graduate Record Examination for the Educational Testing Service, one of the nation's two leading college preparation testing organizations. She is a member of the editorial board of the Journal for Peace and Justice Studies and serves on the fellowship selection committee of the German Marshall Fund of the United States.

In addition to her doctoral degree, Barrett earned a master's degree, also in economics, from Harvard University in 1965. She received her bachelor's degree in economics, summa cum laude, from Goucher College in 1963, where she became a member of Phi Beta Kappa.
Yancey to lead race relations institute

Brian D. Yancey has been named interim director of the University's Institute for the Study of Race and Ethnic Relations.

His appointment, effective Jan. 1, 1991, was approved Dec. 21 by the Board of Trustees.

Yancey is pleased that a talented, energetic scholar amoung our own to begin the work of the institute, said President Haenicke. "I am grateful to Brian, for I see that he takes on the intermediary directorship with such enthusiasm and on such short notice, an extraordinary bacher's and master's degrees from WMU, and received his doctoral degree in psychology at the Dec. 22 commencement. He has been awarded a Thurgood Marshall Scholarship and a Martin Luther King Jr./Cesar Chavez/Rosa Parks Fellowship.

While pursuing his education, Yancey has served in several capacities at WMU. Since June 1989, he has been program director for Self Enhancement Services, implementing an effort in the College of Arts and Sciences to retain at-risk students. He was an instructor in psychology from 1988 to 1989 and program director for an experimental psychology program from 1980 to 1983.

Expert on women's studies to speak as part of visiting scholars and artists program

Karen B. Sacks, professor of anthropology and director of the Institute for the University of California at Los Angeles, will deliver three talks at WMU Monday and Tuesday, Jan. 14-15, as part of the Visiting Scholars and Artists Program.

She will discuss "Working Class Women in Culture," "Community," and "Washington Race and Gender" in 0118 Moore Hall. Both are free and open to the public.

International expert in the field of women, work and health studies, Sacks is an associate professor in the departments of sociology, ethnic relations and women's studies. Sacks' research focuses on gender and race relations and on the political anthropological and sociological aspects of feminist theory, and technology and society studies.

On Sacks' Monday evening talk will be on what she calls "women's community cultures" -- systems of values and beliefs and social relations by which women govern much of their lives in racial and ethnic groups and racial and ethnic working class communities.

Sacks is visiting by the Department of Anthropology, the Women's Studies Program and the Women's Studies Minor Program.

The next step in the reaccreditation process will be in fall 1991, said President Haenicke, who is expected to address the Faculty Senate at 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 10, in the Fetzer Center, sponsored by President Haenicke and continued discussion on the revision of the Code of Student Life.

Student group plans "lock-in" this weekend

WMU's Intercollegiate Black Student Union is planning a "lock-in" for Saturday, Jan. 12-13, at the Gary Regional Center.

The program will begin at 5 p.m. Sat- day and end at 9 p.m. Sunday, Adj. Russell-McCloud is in charge of the event.

The event is designed to bring Afro Americans closer together. The program will include workshops, lectures, sports activities and a movie.

The鎖in will be President Haenicke, who is expected to address participants between 8 and 9 p.m. Satur- day. Patricia Russell-McCloud, assistant director of Russell-McCloud and Associates of Atlanta, will speak at 9 p.m. Saturday. A reception of Howard T. Law and Kentucky State University, president and former president of the complaints branch of the Federal Communications Commission's Mass Media Bureau. Today, she travels the country as a motivational speaker on such topics as alternatives to the war, political reform, professional institutional advancement and political strategies, women's affairs and Afro-American history and life.

For more information on the lock-in, persons may contact Oke Evans at 375-7905.
Zest for Life

Let Zest for Life help you keep your New Year's resolutions.

While interest is high for Life Fitness Room, which now has two stair climbers for aerobic conditioning, or join one of our many exercise classes. "Black Fit- ness" aerobics, "Step Into Fitness" low impact aerobics, "Ease Into Fitness" for beginners, or "Yoga Exercise," "Yoga Stretch and Tone" and "Aquatic Fitness." The hours of the Life Fitness Center are from 6 to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday, from 6 to 9 p.m. on Friday, and from 8 to 9 a.m. and 1 to 4 p.m. on Saturday. If you are interested in starting or would like to assess your current fitness level, individual consultation is available.

Construction projects on campus are moving along at a good clip and most should be completed on schedule, according to an ongoing review of the Trustees Budget and Finance Committee, said Evie Ashen, campus planning, extension and engineering, discussed ongoing construction projects at the horizon, including a new parking garage where the Physics Building once stood. The new building will house the College of Arts and Sciences and the Business Administration, which were previously housed in the Physics Building. The new building is scheduled to be completed in fall 1990.

The future of the Physical Sciences building has been a concern for many years, and the College of Arts and Sciences is exploring the feasibility of building a new facility to accommodate the expanding needs of the College. The College is exploring options such as expanding the existing building, building a new facility on the east side of campus, or locating the College in a new facility on the west side of campus. The College is also considering the possibility of developing a new facility on the north side of campus, which would be more accessible to students and faculty.

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HOLIDAY CHEER -- Faculty and staff members from across the University attended a holiday reception Dec. 21 in the Bernhard Center sponsored by President Haenicke and the Board of Trustees. From left, Trustee Winifred D. Donnell, Waldo Library; President Haenicke and the Board of Trustees. From left, Trustee Winifred D. Donnell, Waldo Library.

Lansing community service conference set

A conference on "Careers, Community Service and Civic Responsibility" sponsored by the Michigan Campus Compact is scheduled for Thursday through Saturday, Feb. 7-9, at the Radisson Hotel in Lansing.

The compact, to which WMU belongs, is an action-oriented coalition of colleges and universities whose mission is to create vehicles for volunteerism and to provide opportunities for their students. The goals of the conference include providing opportunities for students to participate in international service and expanding and strengthening collegial relationships in the service field.

The registration deadline is Monday, Jan. 14. For more information, persons may contact Julie A. Wyrwa, student volunteer services, at 7-3726.

Discussion on Mideast slated for Jan. 13

Faculty, members will be among those participating in a discussion on the situation in the Mideast at 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 13, on the lower level of Kanley Chapel.

Ralph C. Chandler, public administrator of Washtenaw County, will be the moderator of the panel discussion. The topic will be "Defining an Arab American."

Donnell, Waldo Library.

Schmidt named fellow in geology society

Christopher J. Schmidt, geology professor, recently has been elected to Fellowship in the Geological Society of America for his significant contributions to the science of geology.

A WMU faculty member since 1978, Schmidt is a nationally known authority on the structure and origin of the Rocky Mountains. He was elected for Fellowship based on his years of experience in the field and on his record of research and publication.

Schmidt has written more than 30 articles on various aspects of Rocky Mountain geology and currently is co-editing his second major work of articles on the subject.

He also is working with Ronald B. Gabelnick to speak at breakfast for alumni

Dean Faith Gabelnick, Lee Honors College, will speak at the next breakfast meeting for WMU alumni and friends Tuesday, Jan. 15.

Her topic will be "The WMU Lee Honors College: Building for Excellence."

A continental breakfast will be served at 7:30 a.m. and the meeting will begin at 8 a.m. at the new Lee Honors College Center.

The program, part of a series sponsored by WMU and its Alumni Association, will be moderated by Joseph J. Reinhart, associate dean of the Lee Honors College.

The cost of the breakfast is $4 for association members and $5 for nonmembers. Persons are encouraged to make reservations by Friday, Jan. 11, by calling the McKey Alumni Center at 7-6179.

Taking a look at the past, year by year

Few would argue that the 1990s was a decade of change for the University. The decade was marked by a number of milestones for the institution as it moved toward the future.

The 1990s began with the inauguration of President John M. Herron and the Board of Trustees. Under Herron's leadership the University joined a handful of colleges and universities now using an option development program, which allows an institution to target its strengths as well as strains for faculty, staff, financial and physical resources.

In 1990, the Board of Trustees also adopted a strategic plan for the University, The Agenda for the 1990s. The plan, which was reviewed and updated annually through 1999, provided a road map for the University's agenda for the 1990s.

One of the key issues for continued success was improving student success. The committee explored the use of the College Outcomes Management Program, administration by the Office of University Assessment, as a tool for assessing educational outcomes and impacting curricular change. The committee concluded that the COMP is a useful assessment instrument but should be reviewed systematically for its appropriateness.

Graduate education and research -- The committee examined the parallel growth of graduate programming and research productivity. It concluded that there was a strong relationship between the two, with faculty and student productivity rising as en-

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