Three WMU research centers that focus on economic development have received nearly $420,000 in funding for the current fiscal year from the state’s Research Excellence Fund.

In addition, a fourth WMU research unit has been awarded $22,500 through the Research Excellence Fund’s competitive, merit-based program to continue its work on an innovative metal casting technique.

This institute, the Research Excellence Fund’s Commerce and Entrepreneurship Center, was created through a 1985 act by the Michigan Legislature to support research at Michigan’s public universities that contributes to economic growth in the state. The three WMU centers that have received their sixth year of funding through REF and the amount of money awarded for the current year are: the Horticultural Economic Development Center, $132,400; the Applied Mechanics Institute, $67,600; and the Water Resources and Contaminant Hydrogeology Center, $239,958.

Besides awarding renewed funding to those three centers, the state also awarded WMU’s Center for Lost Foams a competitive grant for $22,500 to continue its research with area industry into a new metal casting technique that can produce more complex metal castings at a competitive cost.

Lost foam casting utilizes a foam pattern embedded in sand that burns away and is “lost” when filled with molten metal. After cooling, all that is left is a part with a closely controlled surface finish and no internal porosity, according to researchers.

The institute is under the direction of Mike Groper, mechanical engineering, who is the engineering development manager of the center, over industry support for the grant.

A federal, state and local cooperative program launched last fall is pairing middle school students in Cassopolis with top WMU students in an effort to interest the younger generation in a college education.

The two-year pilot program is putting more than 40 students at Sam Adams Middle School in Cassopolis in regular contact with members of the WMU Student Literacy Corps – college students who are also academic mentors and tutors.

The goal of the program, funded by a two-year $49,740 grant from the U.S. Department of Education, is to increase both the academic performance and career aspirations of the middle school students and to encourage community service among WMU students.

Each Tuesday and Thursday afternoon since the beginning of the winter semester, WMU students have traveled to Cassopolis for one-on-one meetings with their middle school mentors. The students tutor and mentor their young partners and meet with the middle school teaching staff to make sure the sessions cover the appropriate homework assignments.

Last month, Massey was also named by West Michigan Works! as a business leader with a specific focus on education.
Obituary

Harry A. Petty, retired professor and department head, died Feb. 6. He was 70. Petty joined the WMU faculty in 1965 as a grant account- ant. He had served as an acting manager of grants and contracts in 1971 and from that position in 1978.

An Army veteran of World War II, Petty served as president of the Kal- amazoo chapter of the National Association of Accountants and as chair- person of the Student Senate and the Southwestern States Employees Credit Union. He was active in St. Mary's Cath- olic Church.

Persons may make memorial contribu- tions to the Michigan Heart Association or to the St. Mary's Educational Assistance Fund.

Lewis H. Carl- son, a professor of computer science, was selected to travel to Moscow in March to take part in a joint writing and langu- age teaching pro- ject with Soviet teachers.

Carlson will join seven other writers and educators and eight Michigan high school students in a program March 22- April 5 sponsored by the Centre of Child- ren's Books and the International Initiative for Peace in Moscow and coordinated through the Huron Shores Summer Wr- iting Institute in Clio, Mich.

The American party will be joined by an English-speaking group of Soviet students and teachers over the past two summers to the Huron Shores summer program. That an- nual program is designed for college students and focuses on the development of research, writing, editing skills and the production of "Breakwall," an anthol- ogy of the students' writings.

In addition to Carlson, the group travel- ing to Moscow in March will include: educators from Delta College, the Univer- sity of Michigan, and the University of Wis- consin and the University of Wisconsin; Hur- on Shores staff members and a northern Michigan newspaper editor.

Carlson, a faculty member since 1968, directs WMU's Russian Studies pro- gram and is an internationally recognized expert on American literature. He and his wife have encompassed such top- ics as the history of mass media and studies in politics, sports, the history of religion, American and ethnic history.

He and John J. Fogarty of Ferris State University were co-authors of the 1988 book "Tales of Gold: An Oral History of the Summer Olympic Games Told by America's Gold Medal Winners," which was named the 1988 Olympic Book of the Year by the U.S. Olympic Committee.

Carlson also has written the scripts for and co-produced seven of 100 educa- tional tapes. In 1988 he wrote and pro- duced the film "Images in Black and White: "A Film on Racial Images in Popular Culture."

Zest for Life

Don't let your fitness program take a vacation during Spring Break. The Zest for Life "Aerobics" program from 12:05 to 12:50

Wednesday, Feb. 27, in 211 Bernhard

will be available. All other Zest for Life

classes will be cancelled during Spring Break.

Exchange

FOR RENT -- Two-bedroom home. Completely redecorated, all new carpet and linoleum. Large back- yard. Good neighborhood. $430/ 
month plus deposit and utilities. Call 349-2330.

FOR SALE -- 1988 Pontiac 6000. Auto, air, cloth interior, AM/FM stereo, very clean, excellent condition. $4,250. Call 381-7639.

Jobs

The listing below is currently being posted by employment services in the Department of Human Resources. Inter- ested fringe benefit eligible employees should submit a completed opportunity notice form and application or sign the appropriate bid sheet during the posting period.

Career and Job Aides positions are not required to be posted. Interested uni- versity employees may contact an em- ployment services staff member for as- sistance in securing these positions.

(R) Assistant Professor (Tenure Track), I-30, Psychology, 90/91-327, 2/19-2/25/91.

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(R) Assistant Professor (Tenure Track), I-30, Health, Physical Education and Recreation, 90/91-336, 2/19-2/25/91.

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On campus

WMU employee for 18 years. While working at WMU, she earned her degree four years ago and her master's degree this past December. Four of her seven children graduated from WMU and one went on to obtain a master's degree from the Uni- versity. All of her children are college graduates: one has a doctoral degree; one plans to enter a doctoral program; two have their master's degrees; and three are working toward their master's degrees. So Condict understands the importance of an education. In the De- partment of Communication, she's re- sponsible for putting together the class schedule, making sure the college correspondence for the graduate pro- gram, assembling undergraduate and graduate catalogs, and handling the budget. She also supervises secretarial and student help. Condict says she enjoys working at WMU. "There's always something new on the horizon, and sometimes things change, when something new comes along. There's always a new chal- lenge."
Thursday/21

Student Employment Week (thru 28) Black History Month display of pictures of historical black women achievers, outside the Space Gallery, Knauss Hall.

environmental in the state by providing sound development in the state by providing sound sources, particularly the state's ground information on the quantity, quality and ground water vulnerability of agricultural practices. Toward that end, he has conducted studies of ground water contamination sites in Kalamazoo and Calhoun counties and is currently studying the groundwater vulnerability of agricultural areas in Van Buren County.

A fourth project involves developing techniques for determining whether certain types of water wells have been adequately sealed to prevent contamination of ground water near the well. That project is under the direction of John Naegele, geology, and William A. Sauter, Institute for Water Sciences.

Women's history months

Friday/22

The history of women in education in Great fer, Kalamazoo” will be published as part of the Feb. 27 Western Herald. This is the third year for the publication, which features articles that provide a look at the impact of women in Southwest Michigan have made in leadership roles in education.

This year’s magazine includes 14 articles by area writers, which are based on oral histories, diary selections, newspapers or library research.

Sponsors of the magazine are the Women’s History and Research Network, an association of researchers from area colleges and universities and the community, and the WMU Women’s Center.

Quandt elected to office

Cider C. Quandt, chairperson of geography, has been elected vice chairperson of the board of directors of the Kalamazoo County Convention and Visitors Bureau. He will help direct the activities and programs of Quandt and the bureau, including tourism promotion and meetings and conferences development. In addition to being a member of the board of directors, Quandt has served on the Festival Sites Committee for the Arcadia Commons.

Drops due March 1

The last day to drop winter semester classes is Friday, March 1. All drops must be processed in the academic records office on the third floor of the Seibert Administration Building. Hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

TRAVELING THE WORLD -- Participants in International Night Feb. 13 were able to take a world tour in a single evening. Displays on some 80 countries and information on study, travel and employment opportunities abroad were featured in the East Ballroom of the Bernhard Center. Here, from left, Tomasz E. Witkowski, a junior from Ann Arbor, talks to two WMU students from Bang- kok, Thailand, Aniruth Mahathorn, a senior, and Chunika Chittarophas, a graduate student, who were wearing their native garb and displaying items from their country.