Committee presents recommendations on East Campus

The University should maintain the buildings and land on its East Campus, recognizing that to do so will require "many millions of dollars," the report of a study committee has recommended. The report also recommends that the University "should continue its commitment to the Vine neighborhood and consider further avenues of cooperation with other institutions to address the preservation of a significant residential neighborhood."

The committee was appointed last fall by President Haenicke in anticipation of the move of the Haworth College of Business from East Campus to its building on West Campus in the fall of 1990. He posed several questions to the committee, to which it responded in the report.

"The East Campus, on perhaps one of the best locations in the area, dominates the western skyline of Kalamazoo, a symbol of the bond between Western Michigan University and the city of Kalamazoo," said L. Michael Ahlvin, associate vice president for regional education and economic development and chairman of the study committee, in an introduction to the report.

"The buildings are large and attractive, though dated," he said in presenting the report to the Academic and Student Affairs Committee of the Board of Trustees on Sept. 15. "They are useful, both because of what they are and what they can be."

In addition to responding to questions from Haenicke, the committee also considered suggestions from others interested in the future of the East Campus and several proposals of its own.

The University's 24-acre East Campus includes historic East Hall, WMU's first building, which was occupied in 1905. Other structures include West, North and Walwood halls, the Speech, Hearing and Language Center and an upholstery shop.

A 1988 appraisal report placed the market value of the land at $341,000 or $14,000 per acre with the buildings razed. The land and buildings together were valued at about $1.5 million.

The committee did not attempt a complete inventory of the buildings nor consider financial schemes.

"But clearly many millions of dollars will be needed to make the existing East Campus buildings and land fit for the 1990s," the report said. "Therefore, the most persuasive argument for selling the property is to avoid this cost."

However, the committee recommended against any sale of the property. The committee also recommended that:

- The offices of alumni affairs and development, including those of the WMU Foundation, should be relocated to Walwood Union and a plan developed for the use of Walwood Hall.
- The University should consider relocating University Archives and the Regional History Collections to North Hall and attempt to restore the two-story reading room located in the original Olmsted building.
- The University should consider a "theme approach" to the rest of East Campus, which could be art and include art and design instruction, gallery and storage space, and exhibit areas.
- The University should consider an "administrative theme," housing several administrative units, if an art theme is not possible.
- The University should consider the restoration of the Olmsted landscape plans for the East Campus in the spirit of the original design by J.C. Olmsted, a member of the nation's leading landscape architectural firm at the time.
- "The East Campus presents both an opportunity and a challenge to preserve Western's heritage," Moskovits said. "The ultimate use of the East Campus will make long-term differences on both campuses."

Day at the races,.................

Competitions ranging from grape stomping to bed racing were among the events featured in "Kickoff Kalamazoo/Welcome Back, WMU Day," a community celebration that took place Sept. 13. Despite the cold and rainy weather, representatives of the University and the community joined in the activities, which were designed to encourage students, faculty and staff to patronize downtown businesses. ABOVE: From right, WMU representatives Joe Gagie, Coyne, vice president for student services, call for a timeout during the grape-stomp to protest some questionable tactics employed by The New Day, a newsletter for faculty and staff, and Donavan Kindle. The downtown team was using a hose to increase the amount of grape juice flowing from its barrel. All Gagie got for his trouble was a squirt from the illegal implement. AT RIGHT: A member of the Delta Sigma Phi fraternity pushes his well-outfitted driver to the finish line in the bed races on South Street.

Cole begins alumni breakfast series

Richard T. Cole, president of the Michigan Education Trust, will be the speaker at a breakfast for WMU alumni and friends on Tuesday, Sept. 26, at the Kalamazoo Center.

He will discuss the trust during the event, which is sponsored by the University's Alumni Association. All will begin at 7:30 a.m. and conclude at 8:20 a.m.

Cole, who serves as president of the MFT, is an associate professor of advertising at Michigan State University. He holds a 1969 WMU graduate and the recipient of a Distinguished Alumni Award, he also is a communications and management consultant to several state businesses, associations and organizations. Previously, he served as chief of staff and as press secretary to Gov. James J. Blanchard.

The enege for the program will be Richard Y. Yoder, a member of the WMU Board of Trustees and manager of community relations for the Upjohn Co.

Other programs scheduled for this year are:

- "The Class of 1949: How Things Have Changed?" with Stanley E. Henderson, admissions and orientation, on Tuesday, Oct. 3, at the Fetzer Center.
- "Contemporary Business Ethics" with Raymond E. Alie, management, on Tuesday, Nov. 28, at the Kalamazoo Country Club.
- "WMU and Economic Development: The Bookkeeping Role" with Richard T. Burke, vice president for regional education and economic development, on Tuesday, Jan. 23, at the Kalamazoo Center.
- "Intercollegiate Athletics' Academic Game Plan" with Jeffrey A. Stone, intercollegiate athletics, on Friday, Feb. 27, at the Fetzer Center.
- "The Positive Impact of WMU's Research Activity" with Donald E. Thompson, vice president for research, on Tuesday, March 27, at the Kalamazoo Country Club.

The cost for the continental breakfast is $5. Persons are encouraged to make reservations by calling the McKee Alumni Center at 7-6197.
**Drive named for Dennis W. Archer**

The drive in front of the Bernhard Center will now be called "Dennis W. Archer Drive." That action was approved Sept. 15 by the Board of Trustees.

The Epsilon Xi chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha proposed to the administration that the drive be named for Michigan Supreme Court Justice Dennis Archer," said Chauveeney J. Brim, vice president for development and administrative affairs. "I am pleased to support their request and recommend the Board of Trustees take this naming action," Archer is a 1965 WMU graduate and a member of that fraternity.

"Fraternity brothers are very proud of the fact that Justice Archer is one of our fraternity brothers and a distinguished WMU alumus," Brim continued. "His accomplishments and his exemplary work for our state are an inspiration for all of us, but especially for all students at WMU. The University is honored to be pleased to honor one of its most successful and prominent alumni in this fashion."

**Grants up 30 percent over last July's total**

The University received $358,501 in grants and $92,570 in gifts during the month of July, according to reports presented to the Board of Trustees at its Sept. 15 meeting.

With the close of the 1988-89 fiscal year June 30, the University recorded a record-breaking 39 million in grants received during the year. The new July grant total starts the 1989-90 fiscal year which has already shown a 30 percent higher than last July’s total.

Among notable awards received during the month was a renewal grant of $84,359 from the U.S. Department of Education to support the second year of a three-year project to generate employment opportunities for blind and visually impaired persons in the Ingham county area, called TEST CORE (Technical and Employability Skills Training for Competitive Occupational Related Employment), is a collaborative effort by WMU Department of Consumer Resources and Technology, the WMU Department of Blind Rehabilitation and Mobility, the Michigan Association of Community Living, and the University including "students who are eligible, regardless of their age, for services provided by the agency for the Blind and the Calhoun Area Vocational Center.

Also received in July was a $68,987 renewal grant from the Southwest Michigan Library Cooperative to the University libraries. It supports WMU's 

**SURPRISE VISITOR -- President Haenicke, left, surprised members of the Board of Trustees by making an appearance at the Budget and Finance Committee meeting Sept. 15.**

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Molly Wells Williams, a WMU faculty member since 1973, has been named as associate dean for research and graduate education in the College of Engineering and Applied Sciences.

Her appointment, effective Aug. 21, was approved Sept. 15 by the Board of Trustees. She replaces Robert M. Wyant, who had been serving as interim associate dean.

"Dr. Williams will have major responsibility for facilitating the research and graduate programs of the college," said Dean Leonard R. Lambersen, engineering and applied sciences. "Over the past year, the department has more than doubled its research funding in the future." Williams has been a faculty member in the Department of Mechanical Engineering.

She was a visiting professor at the University of Michigan in 1985-86 and has served as a part-time research scientist for the Upjohn Co. in Kalamazoo. She is a registered professional engineer, has been a WMU chairperson of that department and of the Michigan Department of Transportation.

"This stilt at WMU, which runs through June 30, is under the auspices of the Martin Luther King Jr./Cesar Chavez/Rosa Parks Program, an initiative of the Michigan Legislature designed to increase the supply of minority faculty members available to post-secondary education," Stokes, who is a registered professional engineer, has been a WMU faculty member since 1964. He replaces in mechanical engineering M. Jerry Kenig, who had been serving as chairperson of that department and of the Department of Aircraft and Automotive Engineering. At the meeting, the Board accepted Kenig's resignation, effective Aug. 20, to become dean of the College of Engineering at the University of New Haven in Connecticut.

The trustees also approved the appointment of James R. Sanders educational leadership, as associate director of the Evaluation Center, effective Aug. 21.

A WMU faculty member since 1973, Sanders, who has been devoting half time to his teaching duties and half time to work in the Evaluation Center. With this new appointment, he will be devoting full time to Evaluation Center projects.

In addition, the Board approved the retirement with emeritus status of Margaret M. Sanders, chairperson of the Department of English and medieval studies; and the resignation of James R. Sanders, educational leadership, as associate director of the Evaluation Center, effective Aug. 21.

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Lanscapping project under way near Bernhard Center

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Robert M. Bean, vice president for business and finance, reported on the project at the Sept. 15 Board of Trustees meeting.

The space includes a large parking lot that serves the Bronco Mall, the new retaile, Bean said. The Bernhard Center. The mall includes three restaurants, a computer store, a travel agency and a bank.

The project, which provides for extensive landscaping throughout the area and several new sidewalks, has three major centers:

• A courtyard between Bigelow and Hoekje residence halls that includes new sidewalks and two volleyball courts;

• A terraced area with timber retaining walls at the rear of the Bernhard Center with a sidewalk that leads from one of the parking lots to an area near the mall entrance;

• An enlarged walkway with outdoor benches located at the west entrance of Ellsworth Hall that leads to a new crosswalk to the Bernhard Center and additional benches for outdoor seating. This is a route used by persons going between the Bernhard Center and the University's parking lot through Ellsworth Hall.

These improvements, which will cost about $350,000, will benefit students, faculty members and visitors to the University, he continued. "This is such a good place to work," Ms. Bean said. "I just haven't found another office I would like to work in as well." She assists the director of the Counseling Center and other staff members. Her duties include scheduling appointments and interviewing clients. She enjoys her work in the counseling center, which provides personal and educational counseling for students. Weiss said that the professional counselors with whom she works have played an important role in her career.

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Chandler gets 1989 state Liberty Bell Award

Ralph C. Chandler, political science, has been selected as the recipient of the 1989 Liberty Bell Award by the State Bar of Michigan. He will be honored Friday, Sept. 22, during the State Bar's 54th annual meeting in Lansing.

The award is presented each year to a non-lawyer Michigan resident who has made a significant contribution to the betterment of the community through one of the legal process, or whose actions have furthered the understanding of our justice system and the rights of individual citizens.

The statewide honoree is selected from among those who have received the award from a local bar association. Chandler also was the recipient of this year's Kalamazoo County Bar Association's Liberty Bell Award.

Chandler has shared his expertise in Constitutional government with the community through a variety of efforts. He wrote a six-part series for the Kalamazoo Gazette to inform readers of the bicentennial of the U.S. Constitution. He wrote the script for "When Eagles Gathered," a drama presented at the University last year which documented the debate over the Constitution that led to the ratification of the Constitution. He also helped organize last fall's race relations conference sponsored by WMU and the Kalamazoo Community Foundation. He has written three books on the Constitution with U.S. District Judge Richard B. Enlow and Peter G. Renstrom, political science.

Expert on religions to speak

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