

## Auditorium named for Mark B. Putney

Friends and former colleagues recently paid tribute to Mark B. Putney, past president of the First National Bank & Trust Company, by contributing funds to the WMU Foundation to have the small auditorium in the John E. Fetzer Business Development Center named in his honor.

"A distinguished and innovative banker, Mark Putney has fostered countless opportunities for the professional development of his staff," said President Bernhard. "His fine sense of integrity, his genuine modesty and disdain of attention, his high standard of performance for himself and others, and his quiet but firm fairness are models of management efficiency and effectiveness. His lovely wife, Marian, a WMU alumna, is an accomplished artist, and a vivacious personality with great human warmth. Together, they are treasured citizens of this entire community."

Putney joined First National in 1922, was elected its president in 1953 and was named its chairman of the board in 1969. Because he believed his bank should take its services to the farm, First National became the first financial institution in Michigan to have an agricultural representative call on farmers. Another innovation—the First National Charge Account Service—was initiated at the

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**AUDITORIUM NAMED** — Mark B. Putney (second from left), past president of the First National Bank & Trust Company, recently was honored by his friends and former colleagues who contributed funds to the WMU Foundation to have the small auditorium in the John E. Fetzer Business Development Center named in his honor. Participating in the special ceremony, from left, were: John E. Fetzer, Kalamazoo's broadcasting industry pioneer; Mrs. Marian Putney; Mrs. Ramona Bernhard; and President Bernhard.

## Vice President Wetnight announces intent to retire

Robert B. Wetnight, Western's only vice president for finance to date, has announced his intentions to retire next January after devoting more than a third of a century to the institution as a faculty member, academic department head, and chief financial officer.

"It is with mixed emotions that I notified President Bernhard this past January of my plans to retire in January of 1985," he told Western's Board of Trustees last Friday. "On the one hand, I



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look forward to not having to meet deadlines, not having to wrestle with people problems, and not having to face one successive budget crisis after another, except for my own personal budget."

In his remarks to the Board, President Bernhard said of Wetnight, "His commitment to sound and professional financial management has permeated this institution. I have found him to be a trusted and loyal colleague; his wise counsel has always been invaluable; and his integrity exemplary."

When he joined Western's faculty in 1951, Wetnight was only the second full-time instructor in accountancy. He was named to head the academic program when it was departmentalized in 1957. He was appointed to succeed C. B. MacDonald as University comptroller in 1962.

He was named the University's first vice president for finance in 1965 and he has been the only treasurer for WMU's Board of Trustees and the WMU Foundation; he also is treasurer of Western's Paper Technology Foundation.

"I have had the privilege of observing and also being a part of great growth of this outstanding institution," Wetnight said. "I have had the pleasure of working with a number of people. I have been blessed with an outstanding staff of dedicated professional people. I am confident that whoever takes my position will inherit a staff of distinction."

The growth of Western since Wetnight

joined the faculty in 1951 perhaps can best be illustrated by the fact that its General Fund budget has grown from \$2.9 million to \$77.3 million; the total number of employees has risen from 406 to 2,510; student enrollment has gone from 3,600 to a high of 21,361 in 1975 and its current 18,500; and the cost of the physical plant has gone from \$12.2 million to \$173.3 million.

"The many good people at Western is what I will probably miss the most," Wetnight said. He is especially proud of the professionalism of his staff; he pointed out that there was only one college graduate in the business office when he was named comptroller in 1962. "Now, a large number of the business office staff have advanced degrees," he observed.

He is credited with developing a complete new accounting system for the institution. One of the first new positions he created as comptroller was personnel and payroll. Budget, purchasing and many others followed as Western continued to grow.

He believes that he is the only staff member that has served on every Faculty Senate since that body was created in the 1950s. He was selected as an Outstanding Professor in the College of Business in 1959.

Wetnight received his Ph.B. and M.B.A. from the University of Toledo. He served in the U. S. Army from 1943 to 1946. He was a staff accountant with Arthur Young and Co. in Toledo from 1947 to 1951.



**ALL-SPORTS CHAMPS**—President Bernhard, left, congratulates Christine W. Hoyles, right, associate director of athletics, on Western's women athletes capturing the Jacoby Trophy, the Mid-American Conference's all-sports award for women. Points are figured on a 10-high to one-low basis in deciding the winner of the trophy, which is named in honor of Fred Jacoby, the MAC commissioner from 1971-82. Each school must count its finishes in basketball, softball, volleyball and the best three of the other six MAC women's sports. Western beat runnerup Central Michigan by 5 1/2 points with a total of 51 1/2 by winning volleyball, sharing first place in softball and tennis, winning a tournament title in softball, finishing second in cross country and track and tying for sixth in basketball. This is the second year the trophy was offered, and Western took the title away from last year's winner Miami University.

## Faculty retirees to be honored June 9

The annual Faculty Retirement Dinner, honoring this year's retiring faculty will be at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, June 9, in the Fetzer Center. Reservations are due by Wednesday, May 30, to the Faculty Senate Office.

The retirees this year are: David W. Adams, education and professional development; Donald Blasch, blind rehabilitation and mobility; Harold W. Boles, educational leadership; Earl L. Borr, education and professional development; Joan A. Boucher, music; Donald H. Bouma, sociology; William L. Burdick, finance and commercial law;

Arthur L. Christensen, education and professional development; Stanley K. Derby, physics; Roscoe A. Douglas, mechanical engineering; Robert H. Engstrom, art; John L. Feirer, industrial technology and education; June G. France, education and professional development; Joseph A. Frattallone, art; Elizabeth C. Giedeman, languages and lin-

guistics; Clarence J. Goodnight, biology;

Paul L. Griffeth, chairperson of counseling and personnel; William O. Haynes, consumer resources and technology; Imy V. Holt, biology; Charles O. Houston, social science; Don C. Iffland, chemistry; G. Stewart Johnson, mechanical engineering; Dale D. King, mechanical engineering; Neil Lamper, counseling and personnel;

Hung Peng Lee, social science; Charles E. Meyer, art; Gilbert W. Morell, history; Don W. Nantz, assistant dean, engineering and applied sciences; Frank R. Olenchak, education and professional development; Harvey Overton, humanities; Maisie Y. Pearson, English; William R. Rosegrant, English; David F. Sadler, English; Fred L. Stevens, health, physical education and recreation;

Stanley Suterko, blind rehabilitation and mobility; James Tydeman, libraries; Franklin

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## Senate council workshops set

The Faculty Senate has scheduled workshops for its councils Thursday, May 31, in the Student Center. These workshops will count as the May meetings for the councils.

The workshops will begin with a reception and organizational meeting at 2:30 p.m. in the Red Rooms. Individual council workshops will be from 3 to 5 p.m. in the following rooms of the Student Center: Budget and Finance, 215; Campus Planning, 213; Continuing Education, 205; Educational Policies, Board of Trustees Room; Graduate Studies, 204; Research Policies, 211; Student Services, 212; and Undergraduate Studies, Faculty Lounge.

## WMU to host world math conference

A total 63 speakers from 13 nations will address participants in the Fifth International Conference on the Theory and Applications of Graphs at Western Michigan University June 4 to 8.

The quadrennial event, sponsored by Western's Department of Mathematics, is expected to attract about 200 participants.

## Board approves faculty retirements

The retirements with emeritus status of two faculty members were approved last Friday by the Board of Trustees.

Those retiring are Earl L. Borr, education and professional development, and Clarence J. Goodnight, biology.

Borr, who earned bachelor's and master's degrees at WMU, began teaching at Western's Campus School in 1957 as an assistant professor. Previously, he had taught at schools in Marine City and Port Huron.

He served as WMU's assistant registrar from 1960-62, then returned to teaching in the Campus School. In 1965, he joined the teacher-education faculty and worked as a teacher-certification officer until recently. He was responsible for determining if those students recommended by WMU for various types of teacher certification met all state and institutional requirements.

Borr's retirement with the title associate professor emeritus of education and professional development is effective June 30.

Goodnight joined the Department of Biology faculty in 1965, and served as its chairperson from then until 1975. The recipient of bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees from the University of Illinois, he previously had taught there and at Brooklyn College, New Jersey State Teachers College, Purdue University, New Mexico Highlands University and Ohio State University.

The author of several textbooks on biology and zoology, Goodnight also has written more than 200 papers on technical subjects for scientific journals and encyclopedias. He has

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start of Putney's term as president; First National was only the second bank in the United States to start such a plan.

The Mark B. Putney Auditorium in Western's \$4.6-million Fetzer Center is a small lecture hall with continuous writing surfaces that seats about 65 persons.

### FACULTY RETIREMENT DINNER

C. Wangberg, education and professional development; and Morvin Wirtz, special education.

## Calendar

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Thursday/24

Doctoral oral examination and mathematics colloquium, "On the Genus of a Block Design," Joan Rahn, mathematics, mathematic commons room sixth floor Everett Tower, 4:10 p.m.

\*Seminar, financial and estate planning for women, Fetzer Center, 10 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Friday/25

Multimedia work, "Necros: An Aftermath," Multi-Media Room Dalton Center, 8 p.m.

Saturday/26

Multimedia work, "Complex Fiction," Multi-Media Room Dalton Center, 8 p.m.

**BLOOD DRIVE NEXT WEEK**—Leo J. Stevenson, right, finance and commercial law, assisted by Doris Chapman, left, a registered nurse with the American Red Cross, was among 83 persons who gave blood during the University's first faculty-staff blood drive last year. This year's faculty-staff drive, sponsored by the Office of Employee Relations and Personnel and the Kalamazoo County chapter of the American Red Cross, will be from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. next Wednesday, May 30, in the West Ballroom of the Student Center. While an appointment is not necessary, it is recommended; one can be made by calling Gloria Stafford, personnel, at 3-1650. President Bernhard has endorsed the drive as "a reflection of our commitment to this great community of ours."



Previous conferences at Western were conducted in 1968, 1972, 1976 and 1980.

Among the prominent mathematicians speaking at the conference will be Ronald L. Graham, director of the Mathematical Sciences Research Center, AT&T Bell Laboratories, Murray Hill, N.J. and a recent honorary-degree recipient; and Paul Erdos of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences.

## University to observe holiday

The University will be closed Monday in observance of Memorial Day. Emergency services will be maintained. Regular spring-summer office hours of 7:30 to 11:30 a.m. and 12:15 to 4:15 p.m. will be resumed Tuesday, May 29.

## Jobs

The listing below is currently being posted by the Personnel Department for regular full-time or part-time employees. Applicants should submit a "Job Opportunities Application" during the posting period.

S-01 and S-02 clerical positions are not required to be posted. Interested employees may register in the Personnel Office for assistance in securing these positions.

- (R) **Asst. Professor**, (2 yr. term) I-30, Mechanical Engrg., 84-202, posted 5/21-5/25/84.
- (R) **Chief Announcer**, P-03, WMUK, 84-206, posted 5/21-5/25/84.
- (R) **Secretary**, (Repost) S-06, Academic Svcs., 84-169, posted 5/23-5/30/84.
- (R) **Asst. Men's Basketball Coach**, C-04, Athletics, 84-210, posted 5/23-5/30/84.

(R) Replacement

## Service

These faculty and staff members are recognized for five, 10, 15 and 25 years of service to the University in May:

25 years — Doris J. Blackburn, residence hall custodial.

15 years — Laurel L. Fenner, undergraduate admissions; and Ellis E. Rathburn, structural shop.

10 years — Janice K. Argue, grants and contracts; Annamae Homan, residence hall custodial; Margaret E. Johnson, mathematics; Randall K. Lung, printing services; Nancy E. Lyons, dean of students office; and Howard K. McCoy, custodial.

Five years — Dale E. Croy, custodial; Clyde W. Gillette, custodial; and Nancy J. Johnson, cashiering.

## Exchange

**WANTED**—California grandparents with family in Kalamazoo desire to house-sit anytime between June 10 and August 10. Call 344-4425.

**FOR SALE**—'79 Horizon, 4-door, front wheel drive, new tires, AM-FM cassette, reliable and great on gas, Asking \$2290. Call Sue After 5 p.m., 349-4222.

## June 1 deadline announced

The deadline for applications for the Administrative Intern Program is Friday, June 1, to the Office of Faculty Development, 3-1357, or to the Office of Academic Affairs, 3-4040. Two faculty and two staff members are to be selected for the 1984-85 year.



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served as president of the American Microscopical Society.

Goodnight's retirement with the title professor emeritus of biology was effective May 1.

## Gold Co. invited for concert

Gold Company, Western's internationally recognized vocal jazz ensemble, has been invited to present a keynote concert for the national finals of the Canadian Stage Band Festival in Toronto.

## Videotape wins award

A 14-minute videotape directed by James A. Chressanthis, art, has received a silver award for experimental film at the Houston International Film Festival.

The piece, titled "NECROS—An Aftermath," recounts the Vietnam-era experience of a veteran who served as an orderly in the burn unit of Brooke Army Medical Hospital in San Antonio.

The veteran is David Plakke, a 1983 MFA graduate who was an instructor of photography here last year. The piece was edited by R. Mark Spink, media services. It will be shown at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, May 25 and 26, in the Multi-Media Room of the Dalton Center.

A sculpture of Chressanthis titled "The Well of Memory—Clytemnestra's Anticipation" has received the sculpture award at the 13th biennial Michigana Regional Art Exhibition in South Bend, Ind. An oil by Calvin Niemeyer, a graduate student in art, won the best-of-show award.

Monday/28

Memorial Day classes dismissed.

Tuesday/29

Classes resume.

\*Series, Women & Health, "Premenstrual Syndrome," 157 Student Center, 7-9 p.m. Academic Computer Center workshop (there is a prerequisite) Ninah Miller, instructor, 2213 Rood Hall noon-1:30 p.m.

Wednesday/30

Academic Computer Center workshop (there is a prerequisite) Ninah Miller, instructor, 2209 Rood Hall, noon-1:30 p.m.

Thursday/31

Academic Computer Center workshop (there is a prerequisite) Ninah Miller, instructor, 2213 Rood Hall, noon-1:30 p.m.

\*Admission charged.

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