

Institute obtains valuable index

The WMU Medieval Institute has obtained the "Index Thomisticus," a recently released 56-volume research tool devoted to the study of the works of St. Thomas Aquinas. The Medieval Institute's copy of the index is the only one currently found in the United States.

More than 60,000 pages in length, the index concentrates on the exact meanings of the words employed by St. Thomas. The work is considered an essential aid to the accurate study of medieval Latin and philosophy.

The Medieval Institute purchased the index directly from its editor, Father Roberto Busa, a Jesuit priest and professor of philosophy at Aloisianum College, Gallarate, Italy. It is valued at \$10,000.

In assessing the value of the index to scholars of theology, philosophy and literature, Otto Grundler, director of the Medieval Institute, said, "Its value is unimaginable at this point. I haven't yet had a chance to explore the extraordinary range of this research tool."

The index was first displayed in North America last month at the 19th Annual International Congress on Medieval Studies, held at WMU and sponsored by the Medieval Institute. It will be cataloged within WMU's main library system and will be housed in the library of Western's Institute of Cistercian Studies.

Fr. Busa spent more than 30 years compiling the index. His work is considered



VALUABLE VOLUMES—Otto Grundler, left, director of the Medieval Institute, discusses the pictured 56-volume "Index Thomisticus" with, from left, Clare R. Goldfarb, associate dean of the College of Arts and Sciences; Hans Engelke, associate director of libraries; and Beatrice H. Beech, Institute of Cistercian Studies Librarian. More than 60,000 pages in length, the recently released index is devoted to the study of the works of St. Thomas Aquinas.

the first major research project in the humanities disciplines to have been aided by the use of a computer.

Written entirely in Latin, the index is divided into three sections. One section is a

catalog of every word appearing in the works of St. Thomas. Another section cross references the context in which the words appear, while the third section is a newly-edited version of the saint's complete works.

Collective bargaining teams to meet

Members of the collective-bargaining teams of the administration and the WMU chapter of the AAUP are scheduled to meet Monday to continue discussions to establish "ground rules" for contract negotiations.

The teams met for the first time this Monday. The current three-year contract between the University and the union expires Wednesday, Sept. 5. Classes for the fall semester begin Wednesday, Aug. 29.

Adams elected to school board

Trustee Fred W. Adams of Grosse Pointe has been elected to the school board there. Adams has been a member of the Board of Trustees since it was established in 1964, making him the only charter member still on the Board.

Board to meet Friday

The next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees will be at 9:30 a.m. Friday, June 15, in the Board room of the Student Center.

Tentative agenda items include academic and non-academic personnel reports, the monthly gifts-and-grants report, 1984-85 meeting dates for the Board and a recommendation concerning the School of Library and Information Science.

Other items include recommendations on a revised 1983-84 operating budget and on the student-health fee and resolutions concerning the continuation of the 1983-84 budget into 1984-85 and on building maintenance and repair projects.

The meeting is open to the public.

Western News schedule set

In keeping with its policy of publishing only while classes are in session, *Western News* will not be published during the session break on Thursday, June 21. *Western News* will resume publication during summer session on an every-other-week basis due to budget constraints.

Publication dates for summer session are: June 28, July 12, July 26 and Aug. 9. The deadline for submitting copy is noon on the Tuesday immediately preceding each publication date.

Spokespersons for both teams expressed hope that an agreement could be reached before classes begin.

Members of the administration team include Robert M. Beam, budgets and financial planning; Robert H. Luscombe, fine arts; L. Michael Moskovis, academic affairs; John E. Nangle, institutional research; chief negotiator Dinah J. Rank, collective bargaining and contract administration; and William Welke, accountancy. Susan B. Hannah, academic affairs, is an alternate for Moskovis.

Members of the AAUP team include Lynwood H. Bartley, humanities; Robert L. Betz, counseling and personnel; chapter president Mary A. Cain, educational leadership; Phillip P. Caruso, economics; Linda M. Delene, marketing; chief negotiator Don R. Lick, mathematics; and George S. Miller, education and professional development.

Donors yield 99 pints in blood drive

A total of 109 persons participated in the second annual faculty-staff blood drive May 30, yielding 99 pints of blood or just one pint short of the 100-pint goal of the drive.

Two-gallon donors in this drive included Mitchell P. Beare, student center; Carol Payne Smith, faculty development; and Margaret Walker, biomedical sciences. Dorothy T. Soteriou, physicians' assistants, was a one-gallon donor. Twenty persons became first-time donors.

"This is yet another example of the community mindedness that is characteristic of our faculty and staff," said President Bernhard. "Once more, Western has come through when asked to help."

The drive was sponsored by the Office of Employee Relations and Personnel in cooperation with the Kalamazoo County chapter of the American Red Cross. The drive, conducted in the Student Center, was coordinated by Robert J. Buwalda, manager of staff training and development in personnel.



RIBBON-CUTTING CEREMONY—Merze Tate, second from left, participated in a ribbon-cutting ceremony June 6 for a graduate-research center named in her honor in the College of Education. With her are, from left, Amla Salleh, a graduate student in counseling and personnel; President Bernhard; Barbara Trickey, graduate student in educational leadership; and Alfred L. Edwards, chairperson of the Board of Trustees. The Merze Tate Center for Research Information Processing, 3210 Sangren Hall, was made possible by a gift of \$150,000 by Tate to Western through the "Partners in Progress" capital campaign. Tate, a 1927 graduate, is an author and historian who retired in 1977 from Howard University. James L. Bosco, education and professional development, is director of the center. Dedication followed in the Education Library, where Tate declared she made the gift "because Western made a difference to me."

Pollard reception to be June 26

The Office of Student Financial Aid and Scholarships will host a reception for Alba Pollard, financial aid counselor, from 2 - 4 p.m. Tuesday, June 26 in the President's Dining Room of the Student Center.

"Polly" has worked for Western for 11 years and will retire June 29. She received her master's in education degree from Loyola College in Baltimore, Md., and her specialist in educational leadership degree from WMU in 1973. Her employment has spanned 42 years in the field of education as a teacher and administrator.

She has served as a financial aid counselor with primary responsibility for the Martin Luther King Jr. program.

Open house for Nelson set

Faculty and staff members are invited to attend an open house honoring Evelyn "Evie" Nelson on the occasion of her retirement after 19 years of service at Western from 2 to 4 p.m. Wednesday, June 27, in the Faculty Lounge of the Student Center. Nelson has worked in the Brown and Gold Room of the Student Center.



AWARD WINNER—Hammermill Papers Group, a division of Hammermill Paper Co., has presented WMU with an Award of Merit for the "1983 Game of Existence," the freshman orientation handbook. Only 15 such awards are presented nationwide each quarter of the year. Accepting the award on behalf of WMU from Bruce A. Kelsey, third from left, a regional sales representative for Hammermill, were, from left, Randall K. Lung, manager of printing services, Jani Mohr, art, representing the design center, and Thomas J. Carr, assistant vice president and director of auxiliary enterprises. Judging for the award was based on: concept and design; art; photography; typography; creative use of Hammermill papers; and quality of printing.

Faculty participate in convention

James L. Ulmer, paper science and engineering, recently concluded his one-year term as president of the Michigan Industrial Education Society (MIES) by presenting a pair of awards at the organization's annual convention in Traverse City.



ULMER

Ulmer singled out John L. Feirer, professor emeriti and former chairperson of the Department of Industrial Technology and Education, and the late Laurence G. Cutler, an advisor and instructor of Ulmer's at Pittsburg (Kan.) State University, for MIES Presidential Awards. The awards are given in recognition of the honorees' contributions to the career development of the MIES president.

Convention participants included Frederick Z. Sitkins, engineering technology, who led a

session on robotics education; and student project judges Arvon D. Byle, paper science and engineering; and Gilbert R. Hutchings, Michael B. Atkins, Gregory Lozeau, Dennis E. Darling and Peter J. Strazdas, all engineering technology.

Ulmer will serve as the 1985 MIES convention chair. The theme for the event, which is scheduled for May 2-4, 1985 in Traverse City, will be "Innovations, Implementation - Reflections."

Strazdas and Wallace F. Fillingham, engineering technology, join Ulmer in holding significant MIES posts for the coming year. Strazdas will complete a three-year term as MIES historian, while Fillingham will serve the second year of a three-year term as MIES representative to the American Industrial Arts Association.

The MIES is comprised of more than 700 industrial and vocational education teachers across the state. Western boasts the largest industrial technology and education program in Michigan. More than one-third of the state's industrial education teachers are WMU graduates.

Inflatable Light Workshop to perform

The Inflatable Light Workshop, facilitated by Lou Rizzolo, art, has developed a performance which will integrate sound, lights, laser, dance slides and scientific knowledge and will be presented at 7 p.m. Thursday and Friday, June 14 and 15, and at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday, June 16, in the Multi-Media Room of the Dalton Center.

Titled "The Open Mind: Persona Centra Luminare," the presentation is an artistic/scientific collaborative effort integrating the talents of the scientific backgrounds of several persons. The multi-media performance will depict the inner workings of the human brain.

The Upjohn Co. has provided funding to the workshop and has been supportive in its efforts to integrate art and science as a Community Arts Project. Admission is \$2 for evening performances and \$1 for the day performance.

Extra time required for MPSERS retirement processing

Michigan Public School Employees Retirement System (MPSERS) has informed the Staff Benefits Office that, due to reduced staffing levels, it is experiencing delays in processing the first-time checks for retirees. The problem is especially severe during the summer months when school system retirements are heaviest.

MPSERS is asking that members who are not retiring this year delay counseling visits until after mid-August. However, anyone retiring during the current calendar year is encouraged to process their retirement records well before their retirement date. Early processing may save a delay in receiving the first check. Members visiting MPSERS should call first for an appointment. The number in Lansing is (517) 373-0650.

Calendar

JUNE

Thursday/14

*thru 15 course "Topics in Science Education: Demonstrations and Techniques for Teachers," Rood Hall, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

*and 15 "The Open Mind: Persona Centra Luminare," facilitated by Lou Rizzolo, art, Multi-Media Room Dalton Center, 7 p.m.

Friday/15

Board of Trustees meeting, Boardroom Student Center, 9:30 a.m.

*thru 22 Ballet Seminar, guest artist Jurgen Schneider, American Ballet Theatre; Janina Ciunovas, Australian Ballet Company and School of Melbourne, Dalton Center.

Saturday/16

**The Open Mind: Persona Centra Luminare," facilitated by Lou Rizzolo, art, Multi-Media

Room Dalton Center, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.

*University Theatre Lab Production, "Pigeons," York Arena Theatre, 8 p.m.

Sunday/17

*University Theatre Lab Production, "Pigeons," York Arena Theatre, 2 p.m.

*thru 22 "Summer Scholars and Artists in Residence" program.

Monday/18

Alberta Brown Public Lecture "Is There a Special Library in Your Future?" Janet Rigney, librarian, Council on Foreign Relations, N.Y., 2059 Waldo Library, 9:30 a.m.

*thru 22, course "Topics in Science Education: Demonstrations and Techniques for Teachers," Rood Hall, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Sunday/ 24

*thru 29 "Summer Scholars and Artists in Residence" program.

*Admission charged.

Obituary

Georgiann K. Burge, who taught English here between 1948 and 1965, died recently in Kalamazoo. She was 89. She earned a bachelor's degree at North Texas State University and a master's degree at the University of Michigan. Contributions may be made to the Lofton Burge Memorial Fund at Western.

Anton group to meet June 26

The next meeting of the Anton Group will be from 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday, June 26, at Connie Weaver's home, 6912 Angling Road. The discussion will center on Bateson's, "What Every Schoolboy Knows," and Basseches, "Dialectical Thinking and Young Adult Socio-Cognitive Development." Persons may call the Office of Faculty Development, 3-1357, for a copy of these articles.

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