



THREE DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI CHOSEN

A judge, a writer and a retired industrialist will receive Distinguished Alumni Awards during the University's summer commencement exercises at 6 p.m. Friday, August 19, in Waldo Stadium.

Acting Kalamazoo Circuit Court Judge Marjorie L. Luna, Floyd S. Miller, journalist and author from Block Island, Rhode Island, and Philip N. Watterson of Ada, retired president and general manager of the Angle Steel Corporation in Plainwell and WMU Trustee Emeritus, will get WMU's highest alumni awards from Robert Denison, Alumni Association president. Luna has served as Acting Circuit Court Judge in Kalamazoo and neighboring counties since her retirement in 1975 as Judge of the Ninth District Court in Kalamazoo. Over 20 years of private law practice in Kalamazoo preceded her appointment by Gov. William G. Milliken in 1970 as District Court Judge, which established her as the first woman judge in a state or municipal court in Kalamazoo County.

Luna's formal education at WMU was through extension courses. After one year of study, she passed an examination that gave her the equivalent of two years of college credit, and she then enrolled in extension courses from Blackstone College of Law in Chicago. She completed the educational requirements that enabled her to pass the bar examinations for the State of Michigan within only six years after beginning study.

Watterson, who retired in 1965 from the Angle Steel Corporation, was appointed in 1964 as a member of the original WMU Board of Trustees, and served on the Board through 1974.

He received a bachelor of business administration degree from Western in 1932, and began his career as a teacher in Ada, and later was named superintendent of schools in Marne. He was employed by General Motors as an accountant and engineer from 1936-50 before joining Angle Steel where he became secretary/treasurer, then president and general manager. Watterson received the first Distinguished Service Award presented by the WMU Board of Trustees in 1976.

Miller, a staff writer for "Reader's Digest" for the past 18 years, began his association with WMU in 1921, in the third grade of the training school of the then Western State Normal School. He continued through the elementary grades into high school and enrolled here with the class of '35. After leaving Western, he was employed in a wide variety of jobs in New York City before joining the U.S. Merchant Marine during World War II. He has written over 200 fiction and non-fiction stories, and 13 books of biography and fiction. In 1962, the National Education Association named "Steinmetz" as "Book of the Year."

In 1974 the Society of Professional Journalists presented him with the Sigma Delta Chi award for "Distinguished service to journalism and the American people," based on his article, "Bus Crash."

STEAM LINE INSTALLATION WILL CAUSE SHUT-DOWNS

Shut-downs of the heating, air conditioning and domestic hot water systems in several University buildings will be effective Sunday, Aug. 21, through either Friday, Aug. 26, or Saturday, Aug. 27, according to Philip Hartman, mechanical engineer in the physical plant.

The shut-downs are necessitated by the interruption of steam service to allow the underground installation of a new steam connecting line in the Michigan Ave. Mall on campus, Hartman explained.

The following buildings will be without heat or hot water during the steam line installation period, and the buildings identified by asterisks will also be without air conditioning: *Brown Hall; Distributive Education Building; *Dunbar Hall; *Everett Hall; *Friedmann Hall; Goldsworth Valley Dormitories 1, 2 and 3; *I&ET Building; Kanley Chapel; *Knauss Hall; Wood Hall; Maybee Music Hall; *Miller Auditorium; Recreation Building; *Rood Hall; *Shaw Theater; *Sprau Tower; Stadium Drive Apts. I--no heat, but the hot water will be operational; Stadium Drive Apts. II--no hot water for laundry purposes, but the heating system will be operational; *Student Services Building; *University Health Center and *Waldo Library.

The steam line installation will also cause shut-downs of the steam baths at the Recreation Building, the autoclaves at Wood Hall, and the stills at Rood Hall.

HIRING "FREEZE" WILL CONTINUE

The "hiring freeze" which was implemented in August, 1975 upon all position vacancies at the University continues to be effective, according to WMU President John T. Bernhard.

In a memorandum to vice presidents, deans, department heads and unit supervisors, Bernhard noted that although the "freeze" may occasionally cause some temporary strain and inconvenience, the 1977-78 general fund budget passed by the WMU Board of Trustees in June contemplates its continuation, and "we must go in this direction to ensure the financial stability of the University."

The reaffirmed policy includes a "freeze" on the authorization of new positions funded by the general fund, with exceptions granted only with the approval of the president.

Also, while the "freeze" of four weeks on replacement of personnel budgeted by the general fund has been in effect, it is now automatic, and the Office of Budgets and Financial Planning has been directed to reduce this year's unit budgets accordingly.

Bernhard said that the excess unassigned funds arising from vacancies in authorized faculty positions which occur during the fiscal year will be recovered after the cost of necessary authorizations for part-time faculty and/or overload payment requirements have been met.

The 1977-78 general fund budget is based upon expected turnover savings of \$693,000 resulting from the continued "hiring freeze."

ANNOUNCE CHANGE IN W. MICHIGAN TRAFFIC SIGNS

A change in traffic signs at the intersection of W. Michigan Ave. and N. Hays Drive will hopefully alleviate the confusion there, according to Capt. John H. Cease of the University's Police Department.

Traffic in both westbound lanes of W. Michigan Ave. must now come to a complete stop. N. Hays traffic is also required to stop, thus the vehicle at the intersection first will have the right of way.

The previous sign read, "STOP when turning right only" and created some confusion Cease noted. Problems arose when traffic on N. Hays could only see the back of the W. Michigan Ave. sign and assumed both lanes were required to stop.

ocured at the corner, it did present a potential hazard to both pedestrians and autos.

The change in signs is part of a \$44,100 federal funding allotment through the Michigan Department of State Highways and Transportation. WMU is the second university in the nation to receive money for this purpose. The project is scheduled for completion by Aug. 29.

ERICKSON NAMED DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN

Dr. Robert L. Erickson, professor, speech pathology and audiology department here, has been named department chairman, pending approval of the WMU Board of Trustees at their next regular meeting in September. His appointment, announced by Dr. William A. Burian, dean of the College of Health and Human Services, is effective August 20. He succeeds Dr. Frank B. Robinson, who is returning to full-time teaching.

NEW POLICY STARTED BY UNIVERSITY PLACEMENT SERVICES

Under a new policy adopted by the University Placement Services, each candidate is entitled to one personal copy of his/her placement credentials without charge. Additional copies will be billed at \$1 per set. Credentials sent at the direct request of an employer, or those provided campus recruiters, will be reproduced at no cost to the candidate or employer.

Due to legal restrictions, student teaching evaluations and letters of recommendation filed prior to Jan. 1, 1975, are classified as "Confidential" and are not subject to reproduction for candidates.

FACULTY SENATE HAS NEW OFFICE LOCATION

The Faculty Senate office is now in A-225 Ellsworth Hall on North Dormitory Road. Parking for faculty and staff is available at the rear of the building and in the adjacent parking structure. The Senate's telephone number remains the same--383-4968.

ANNOUNCE USC HOURS BETWEEN SEMESTERS

During the semester break starting Saturday, Aug. 20, through Sunday, Aug. 28, these Univ. Student Center hours will be followed:

Saturday, August 20

Building.....CLOSED

Sunday, August 21

Building & Counter.....11 a.m.-2 p.m.
Public Cafeteria.....11:30 a.m.-2 p.m.

Monday, August 22

Building & Counter.....7:15 a.m.-5 p.m.
Public Cafeteria
Coffee & Rolls.....9 a.m.-10:45 a.m.
Lunch.....11:15 a.m.-1 p.m.
Bookstore.....7:30 a.m.-4:15 p.m.
Styling Shop.....8:30 a.m.-4:15 p.m.
All Other Areas.....CLOSED

Tuesday, August 23 - Saturday, August 27

Building & Counter.....7:15 a.m.-6:30 p.m.
Public Cafeteria
Continental Breakfast.....8:30 a.m.-10:45 a.m.
Lunch.....11:15 a.m.-1 p.m.
Dinner.....5 p.m.-6:15 p.m.
Styling Shop (Closed Sat.).....8:30 a.m.-4:15 p.m.
Bookstore (Special Hours Sat.).....7:30 a.m.-4:15 p.m.
All Other Areas.....CLOSED

Sunday, August 28

Building & Counter.....10 a.m.-10 p.m.
Public Cafeteria
Dinner.....11:30 a.m.-2 p.m.
Dinner.....4:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m.
Games Area.....3 p.m.-10 p.m.
Bookstore.....11 a.m.-5 p.m.
Snack Bar...
Grill.....6 p.m.-10 p.m.
Vending.....10 a.m.-10 p.m.

Bookstore Special Hours

Sat., Aug. 27 & Sun., Aug. 28..11 a.m.-5 p.m.
Mon., Aug. 29 - Thur., Sept. 1..7:45 a.m.-8 p.m.
Fri., Sept. 2.....7:45 a.m.-4:45 p.m.
Sat., Sept. 3.....10 a.m.-3 p.m.
Sun., Sept. 4 & Mon., Sept. 5...CLOSED
Tues., Sept. 6 - Thurs., Sept. 8..7:45 a.m.-8 p.m.

COMPUTER CENTER WILL CLOSE TEMPORARILY

The DECsystem-10 computer at the University's Computer Center will be down for "hardware upgrading" from 1 a.m. Aug. 18 to 8:30 a.m. Sept. 1, according to Jack R. Meagher, director. All public disk files will be saved on magnetic tape during that period. New tape drives will be installed that read tapes in 800 BPI or 1600 BPI only. Users with tapes written at 200 or 556 BPI should convert them to 800 BPI before the new drives are installed. For additional information, call George Kohrman, assistant director of operations--383-0095.

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY CLASS RETURNS

Approximately 30 members of the class of 1927, along with their spouses, will return to the WMU campus Thursday and Friday, Aug. 18-19, for their "Golden Anniversary" Reunion. Festivities begin at 3 p.m. Thursday with registration and an informal get-together in Harrison Hall.

JOB OPENINGS

The listings below are currently being posted by the University Personnel Office for regular full-time or part-time University employees. Applicants should submit a Job Opportunity Program application during the posting period.

Secretary Senior, HF, #77-361, Biomedical Science, posted 8/15 - 8/19

Assistant to Director/Student Advisor, E-10, #77-410, Environmental Studies, posted 8/15 - 8/19

HA - HD clerical positions are not required to be posted. Interested University employees may register in the Personnel Office for assistance in securing these positions.

NOTE TO USERS OF TELEPHONE DIAL LOCKS

The University Police request that staff and faculty members secure telephone dial locks on the number four (4) on all WMU phones to permit the dialing of the Emergency Line on campus--123. It is necessary that persons in buildings during non-business hours are allowed to dial this number at all times. If an emergency situation--fire, theft, etc.--should arise, a locked phone would be of no value.

HEALTH CENTER HOURS LISTED

The University Health Center's hours during the semester break, Monday through Friday, Aug. 22-26, will be 7:30 a.m.-4:15 p.m. A nurse will be on duty; a physician will be available, and the pharmacy will be open from 2-4 p.m. daily.

Starting Monday, Aug. 29, the Health Center will resume regular hours--7:45 a.m.-4:45 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 9-11 a.m. Saturday.

PHYSICIANS' ASSISTANTS GET NEW DIRECTOR

The new director of the University's physicians' assistants (P.A.) program is Dr. N. Peter Johnson, who for the past five years was associate director of a similar program at Howard University, Washington, D.C. His appointment is subject to confirmation by the University's Board of Trustees at its next meeting in September.

Johnson received his B.S. and M.S. from Western Illinois University where he was a teaching assistant. He was also a research assistant at Purdue and from 1969-72 was a research associate at the University of Connecticut's biobehavioral science department. In 1972-73, he was a post-doctoral fellow in Howard's department of medicine.

Johnson succeeds Dr. Mary E. Hawthorne, who was P.A. program director here for nearly two years until leaving last February to take a position as chief, Allied Health Division, Veterans Administration, Washington, D.C. Dr. George G. Mallinson, dean emeritus of Western's Graduate College and currently a distinguished professor of science education here, served as interim director.

TWENTY-ONE COMPLETE TRAINING

Twenty-one University students have completed training as physicians' assistants (PA's) and were presented certificates at a ceremony held recently. The graduates are now eligible to work under the supervision of a licensed physician-employer, and to perform certain functions as part of a health care team. Each PA receives a bachelor of science in medicine degree after completing 160 hours of academic credit and rigorous on-the-job training in hospitals and clinics.

Dr. Kenneth B. Haas of the Upjohn Company, adjunct clinical professor in the University's PA program made the presentations. The award for the highest scholastic record in the class went to Leon VanderLaan, Caledonia while the honor for highest clinical excellence was given to Donald Gabbert, Walla Walla, Wash.

NEW DIRECTOR FOR BAND ANNOUNCED

"We will strive for a high degree of showmanship along with excellent musicianship this fall," according to Michael Williamson, new WMU marching band director. He has had considerable experience in corps style marching band shows, which he believes will continue to grow in both high school and college marching bands.

Williamson, a trombonist, has played in musical groups backing such celebrities as Dionne Warwick, Engelbert Humperdinck, Sergio Franchi and Clark Terry. Also named as administrative assistant in WMU's music department, he will teach a course on marching band techniques, which he noted will deal primarily with how to administer and direct marching bands.

WMU football crowds will get their first look at the 1977 Bronco Marching Band under Williamson's direction on Saturday, Sept. 17, when Western hosts the University of Texas-Arlington in Waldo Stadium.

RESEARCH BOAT HAS WMU PERSONNEL

A new research vessel, "The WMU Jubilee" has been plying the waters of Austin Lake, Portage, in a lake reclamation project of the Austin Lake Improvement Association (ALIA), which continues until late September. The 24-foot modified pontoon boat is being used as a platform to take more than 100 core samples from the lake bottom in the project which is financed by a \$16,000 grant to ALIA from the Kalamazoo Foundation. The association wants to determine the feasibility of proposed selective dredging of certain basins in the lake to improve its usability for shoreline residents and the public, and to investigate selling the recovered bottom muck commercially as a soil conditioner to help pay for the dredging.

Manning the research boat are four WMU graduate students in geology and earth science: William R. French, David T. White and William T. Williams, all of Kalamazoo, and Thomas Silverman of White Plains, N.Y. Core sampling is directed by Dr. W. Thomas Straw, geology professor, and Dr. Jack S. Wood, biology professor.

FORUMS TO MEET V.P. CANDIDATES PLANNED

University-wide public forums to allow members of the WMU community to meet the final candidates for the position of Vice President for Academic Affairs have been scheduled for Sept. 6 and 7.

The names of the candidates, the times and locations of the forums will be announced by the Advisory Selection Committee at a later date.

'TIS THE LAST NEWS OF SUMMER

This marks the final edition of the spring-summer Western News. The first fall semester issue of the tabloid newspaper format will be distributed on Thursday, Sept. 1. The deadline for all copy is Monday, Aug. 29.