Haenicke issues statement on racial, ethnic harmony

Haenicke's statement on racial, ethnic harmony was issued on August 29, 1986. It addressed the importance of creating a campus environment that is free from discrimination and prejudice. The statement emphasized the need for diversity and inclusiveness in all aspects of university life.

Western Michigan University is firmly committed to the principles of racial equality and nondiscrimination. On its campus, students, faculty and staff are expected to demonstrate these values in their daily interactions. The University administration encourages departments and committees to employ ad hoc committees whenever possible, but needs committees where appropriate, but need not be permanent members. Ex-officio members should be reviewed to ensure that the skills and experiences they bring to the committee are appropriate. The report concludes that the committee's recommendations were designed to enhance the intellectual and personal dimensions of campus life, and to promote intellectual harmony.

Baccalaureate-level writing requirement implemented

Western Michigan University is initiating a new requirement for its students designed to enhance their communication skills, particularly in their major field of study before they graduate. The college-level writing course, which is now required of all students, is meant to ensure a level of competency adequate for success in college work. It is designed to improve and enhance the writing skills of WMU graduates, said Susan B. Hannah, assistant vice president for academic affairs.

In 1982, WMU implemented an Intellectual Skills Development Program, which included the requirement that students demonstrate proficiency in writing courses at the college level. The new requirement builds on the former one, taking into account the possibility of transferring credits.

The report states that the elimination of non-functioning committees and reduction in size of retained committees increases the importance of committee service for those committees that remain. Committee service should be rewarded and the principles of shared governance should be reaffirmed by the University administration, it recommends.

Haenicke's statement was an important step in addressing the issues of racial harmony on campus. It demonstrated the University's commitment to creating an inclusive environment where all students feel valued and respected.
Center provides base for former institution residents

The final 12 Kalamazoo County residents living in institutions for the severely retarded will come home this fall to a seven-year-old program designed to integrate them into community life.

Western's Center for Developmentally Disabled Adults will welcome the 12 into one of its three existing day programs. Their addition will bring the total number of severely and profoundly retarded adults served by the center to more than 100, according to David J. Sluyter, who has directed the center since its establishment in 1981.

The 12 adults will join 92 others in a program aimed at "making them as productive as possible in a community setting." The center's "least restrictive environment" is designed to "prepare them to live in the least restrictive environment possible." Asenbauer Friend

The "least restrictive environment" offered by facilities like the CDDA, Sluyter says, pays dividends when it comes to affecting the development and particularly the behavior of adults who have spent years in an institutional setting.

"A lot of behavior problems are generated by isolation," Sluyter says. "We've had some real success stories with people once they're out of that environment."

Student interns and volunteers are regular visitors at the CDDA. WMU offers students in occupational therapy, speech pathology and audiology, psychology, education and other programs of mobility have developed their skills at the center as part of their academic training. Twelve to 24 students are employed at the center on a regular basis.

"We also serve as a location for field research," Sluyter says, noting that several master's degree theses and doctoral degree dissertations have been generated by the arrangement.

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Two faculty members in the Department of Geology have been awarded a $90,000 grant from the National Science Foundation to support their research on geologic changes that occurred during the formation of the Rocky Mountains.

Ronald B. Chase and Christopher P. Schmidt were awarded the grant to fund their research on "Mechanical Behavior of Basement Rocks in Rocky Mountain Folded Folks." They are supporting two summers of field research by the pair and three graduate students in Montana, Wyoming and Colorado and New Mexico.

In addition to Alvarado's speech, several department members will participate in the observance theme. "An opening ceremony at noon Thursday, Sept. 15, in 3760 Knauss Hall. The movie stars Edward James Olmos of "Miami Vice" and Lou Diamond Phillips of "La Bamba." A cultural display in the main lobby of WMU's Waldo Library throughout the week will feature photos and pictures of works by Hispanic artists. The events at Western are being coordinated by the Office of Minority Student Services. All activities, except the movie, are free and open to the public.

German scholar to speak on resistance to Hitler

"The German Resistance to Hitler" will be the topic of a lecture at 8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 15, in 3750 Knauss Hall. The author of the book on that topic, he recently was appointed a professor of history at the University of Michigan. The book, "The German Resistance to Hitler," chronicles the history of the movement under the aegis of an academic exchange agreement linking WMU and the University of Kiel, Germany.

The author or editor of 18 books on the subject of his studies, Steimberg is a major authority on that topic. He recently was appointed to the chair of German Studies at the University of Michigan. He is the first German Federal Republic as director of a presidium, an academic and exhibits in Berlin on the German Resistance to Hitler will be the topic of a lecture at 8 p.m.

The audience is invited to participate in a discussion of the events and their effects on the present and future. The lecture is sponsored by the Office of Student Life and the Department of History.

Benns wins national award

Max E. Benns, consumer resources and technology, is one of 15 educators nationwide recognized for excellence in teaching agronomy.

Benns received the Teacher Fellow Award at a conference of the National Association of Colleges and Teachers of Agriculture.

The award recognizes excellence in post-secondary instruction in agriculture. Criteria for selection include evidence of dedication and leadership in the classroom; availability to students; active contract and use of current, innovative and effective teaching methods; use of current subject material; use of research results and active participation in departmental and institutional activities at the state, regional and national level.

Benns has taught at Western since 1964 and received the WMU Alumni Excellence in Teaching Award in 1987. In addition to teaching agronomy, soil science, animal industry and other agriculture courses, he is part owner and manager of a 515-acre farm.
Three earn Distinguished Alumni Awards on employee compensation and benefits. Comprehensive examinations required to obtain a doctoral degree in 1969 from the head of a center. Detroit Tigers and campus. The event will begin with a Tigers; and Lawrence W. Lezotte, president-general manager of the Detroit WMU Alumni Babcock was developed to provide state-of-the-art earned the American Compensation served as a faculty member for 18 years state office, an t WMU Alumni Relations at 7-6179. It was the largest cabinet department in the state. Also he served as director of the Department of Labor, the Office of Services to the Aging and the Office of Development. And Development has had leadership roles in a number of state, regional, national and international leaders and advisory councils on drug abuse, criminal justice, juvenile justice, social research and employee training. Lezotte, a 1956 WMU graduate, is responsible for all major league operations for the Detroit Tigers. While a student at Bronson, he was a golf coach for four seasons (1952 to 1955). During his junior and senior years, he was named to the all-league team and in 1955 he was named to the All-American team as well. In his final season at a Bronco, he set records for number of hits, runs and runs batted in. Those records were not broken for 20 years, which was a record when he was inducted into Western's Athletic Hall of Fame.

Lajoie spent 10 years as a minor league standout, and in 1968 joined the Tigers as a scouting coordinator of scouting, director of player procurement and vice president/baseball. He was named general manager in 1983 - a year before the Tigers moved to their current stadium. Lajoie is a nationally-recognized leader in the effective school movements, having earned bachelor's and master's degrees from WMU in 1963 and 1965, respectively. He went on to obtain his doctoral degree in 1969 from Michigan State University, where he served as a student assistant for 17 years before leaving in 1987 to devote all his energies to the National Center for Educational Research and Development.

The non-profit corporation is dedicated to the continued improvement of educational services. It has been authorized by its Board of Trustees to offer a new master's degree in industrial engineering, beginning this fall. The Board gave its approval Friday, July 29. In addition, the Board began review of a new doctor of philosophy or Olympic committee book by Carlson. The U.S. Olympic Committee has honored the work of a WMU faculty member by naming him author of the 1988 Olympic Book of the Year. The book, co-written by Lewis H. Carlson, humanities, was named for the honor at the annual meeting of the United States Olympic Committee past summer at Pennsylvania State University. Following the national meeting, a copy of the book was taken to Olympia, Greece, by U.S. delegates to the annual meeting of the International Olympic Academy. The book has been placed in the library of the academy and will be available to researchers and scholars from around the globe who come to Olympia to work and study.

Tales of Gold: An Oral History of the Chicago Bears (1920-1972) and America's Gold Medal Winners was published November by Contemporary Book, Inc. of Chicago. The book recounts the memories of 58 members of the Olympic team beginning with an account of the 1912 games.

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New manager of Miller Auditorium named

Richard D. Snyder, current president of the International Society for Performing Arts Administrators, has been named the new manager of Miller Auditorium.

His appointment, effective Aug. 8, was approved July 29 by the Board of Trustees.

Snyder coordinated talent for seven stages performing 12 hours each day as the production stage manager for the 1986 Harforst Statue of Liberty World Festival in New York City. From 1971-83, he was director of the Iowa State Center, a position he has held since 1986. He has been a faculty member in the Department of Communication since 1974, who resigned June 30 to become business administration and enrollment services at Dartmouth College.

In other action, the Board approved the appointment of Terri Weese as assistant director for systems development in data processing, effective July 1, who will oversee the implementation of new administrative systems development projects, has worked in data processing at Western for a year and a half.

In addition, the Board approved these leaves of absence without pay: for Matthews, engineering and applied sciences, effective Aug. 22, to return to the faculty.

Resolution to protect academic freedom

The Board of Trustees July 29 approved a resolution on "Off campus Union Positions" designed to protect the academic freedom of the faculty, students and staff by "refraining from the pursuit of excellence in the discovery and dissemination of knowledge," the resolution said. It concluded the Board "has the responsibility to assure such an environment in order to enable the University to fulfill its assigned mission."