University awards honorary degree to Nelson R. Mandela

In commencement exercises June 25, the University awarded an honorary doctor of humanity degree, in absentia, to Nelson R. Mandela, former president of the African National Congress, for his humanitarian contributions and self-sacrifice for the advancement of human rights everywhere.

President Haenicke made the recommendation to award the degree at the June 24 Board of Trustees meeting. The Board approved the resolution with six trustees voting yes and Trustee Maury E. Reed of Kalamazoo voting no. Trustee Richard Y. St. John of Kalamazoo was absent from the meeting.

Mandela has been imprisoned in his South African homeland since 1962; he was convicted for sabotage and conspiracy and was sentenced to prison for life.

Haenicke's resolution to honor Mandela identified him as "the leading opponent of the apartheid system of racial segregation in his homeland" and indicated that he "has become an international symbol of human rights." The resolution also said, "Mandela, with the love and understanding of his family, has steadfastly We have honored humanitarian values of others above his own personal freedom."

"His (Mandela's) personal struggle has raised the fundamental concern for individual freedom," the resolution stated. Mandela's "unwavering attempts" have earned him such special recognition as the Nebraska Award for International Understanding from the Indian government; Austria's Bruno Kreisky Prize for Human Rights; and Honorary Citizenship of Rome.

A faculty/student group proposed the honorary degree for Mandela several months ago. It was referred to the University's Honorary Degree Committee. After studying it, the committee returned the proposal with an opinion that it "is not recommended for the administration.

Library receives rare books

Waldo Library has received a collection of rare books from the estate of Barbara Waldo Brown. Brown, the daughter of WMU's first president Dwight B. Waldo, is a 1931 graduate of the University. She died this past December.

The library, named for her father, has received about 200 books, including one of the United Nations' original 250 sets of documents that have been added to the the library's Special Collections.

As part of its Special Collections, the library's official reCieves...
OLDEST TO EARN MASTER'S DEGREE - Alfaretta H. Corner of Grand Rapids, center, became the oldest person to earn a master's degree from WMU when she received her bachelor of fine arts degree from Western in 1984. Her interest persisted and family and friends encouraged her to continue her studies. Asked how it felt to complete her degree, Corner said, "It's quite a thrill, but I don't feel I've gone far enough because there's so much more to learn." In fact, she plans to continue to take classes.

WESTOPS to move into office space downtown

Western's Office of Public Service (WESTOPS) will soon have a new home in downtown Kalamazoo.

The WMU Board of Trustees June 24 approved a letter of understanding for office space for the unit in the newly-renovated Columbia Plaza building at 350 E. Michigan Ave.

WESTOPS, a technical assistance unit for the community and region, currently is located in Moore Hall on campus. However, there is not enough space for the unit in that building and the location is not readily accessible to the public, according to Richard T. Burke, vice president for regional education and economic development.

Seminar on substance abuse set

"Substance Abuse" is the title of a seminar for faculty and staff scheduled for noon Wednesday, July 6, in the Red Rooms of the Bernhard Student Center.

Sponsored by the Employee Assistance Program, the seminar will focus on the prevalence of substances in the community and their impact, as well as the disease concept of dependency and what help is available.

Calendar

June

Thursday/X
(thru July 29) Exhibits, "Art in Food," photo-
graphs by Ruth and Libor Slechta, 1240 Selbert Administration Building, weekdays, 8 a.m.-noon and 1-5 p.m.

Friday/1
Meeting, Executive Board of the Administrative

office space downtown

The new location will make WESTOPS more visible and accessible to the general public, business and industry, and also will provide the University with a downtown presence, Burke said. The move is expected to take place this fall.

Appointments (Continued from page one)

nounced appointments: Robert H. Poel as director of the Center for Science Education, effective Jan. 1; and Theresa A. Powell as dean of students, effective July 1.

The Board also accepted several resignations, including: Nicholas E. Hubalik, health, physical education and recreation, effective April 23, to move to the western United States; Peter Kobrak, director of the Center for Public Administration Programs, effective June 30, to return to teaching; Thomas F. Ryan, chairperson of education and professional development, effective June 30, to become dean of the College of Education at Illinois State University; and Melvin N. Strawn, chairperson of art, effective July 31, to move to Colorado.

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to complete a revision of a book; and Christopher J. Schmidt, geology, to conduct research funded by the National Science Foundation.

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Media

Two faculty and staff members will be guests during the coming weeks on "Focus," a five-minute radio interview produced by the Department of Public Information. "Focus" is scheduled to air at 6:10 a.m. on these Saturdays on WKPR-AM (1420) and at 9:35 a.m. and 11:35 a.m. on those Sundays on WMU-FM (91.1). With the following speakers and topics: Jack C. Plato, emeritus in political science, on the Saudis; William Smith, president of the American Association and Retired Faculty, and James M. Constance S. Weaver, English, on the "whole language" approach to learning language skills, July 9-10.

AFSCME contract talks begin

Contract talks began June 15 between negotiators for the University and Local 1668, Michigan Council 25, of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees.

The current three-year contract expires Aug. 12. Local 1668 represents about 460 food service, custodial, grounds, skilled trades and miscellaneous service and maintenance workers at WMU.

Chief negotiators on the two sides are Local 1668 President William Farmer, physical plant, and Dinah Rank, collective bargaining and contract administration. They indicated that both parties have mutually agreed to use the same problem-solving approach to bargaining that resulted in an early settlement last summer between the University and its faculty union, the American Association of University Professors. Among the areas of concern that the parties expect to discuss are wages, training programs, and employee input into workplace questions.

Two win welcome button contest

A design by two staff members will be printed on buttons and distributed across campus.

John C. Hopplel, Operations Control Center, and Karen L. Troutman, catering, came up with the winning design for the welcome button contest sponsored by the University Retention Committee. Each will receive a $50 savings bond.

The buttons will feature a yellow and orange background with a brown Bronco over WMU letters.

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Exchange

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Jobs

The listing below is currently being posted by the University employment office. Interested regular full-time or part-time employees should submit a job opportunities application during the posting period.