The Board of Directors and the staff of the WMU Alumni Association wish you a joyous holiday season and all of the best in the coming year.

Stipend for Association’s Legacy Award Doubled
At the fall meeting, the WMU Alumni Association Board of Directors unanimously approved an increase in the Legacy Award amount. Beginning in 2007, award recipients will now receive a potential $4,000–$1,000 per year. Wanting the current recipients to also benefit from the increase, the Association Board approved a motion to make the increase retroactive.

Kirk Hoffman, WMU Alumni Association president, informed many of the current recipients and their parents of the increase at a luncheon held on Oct 28 in conjunction with the University’s Family Festival weekend.

The Legacy Award Program was initiated in 1991, with the presentation of one award. In the past 15 years, more than $140,000 has been awarded to 123 recipients.

Catching Up With Legacy Scholars
Stacy Averill, a senior majoring in marketing with a concentration in advertising and promotion, is involved with WMU’s Ad Club and is a student employee in the University Relations office. To Stacy, being a Bronco means being “part of a great community that strives for its members to gain knowledge, grow intellectually and make a difference.” After graduation, her plan is to

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Merit-based Scholarship for Out-of-state Students Announced

Beginning in the fall of 2007, non-Michigan residents applying to Western Michigan University will have the opportunity to qualify for a Presidential Scholarship, potentially valued at $32,000 over four years.

To be eligible for this award, nonresident students must enroll full time in WMU’s undergraduate program as first-time college students, beginning with the fall semester of 2007. Applicants must have a minimum cumulative high school grade point average of 3.5 on a 4.0 scale and a minimum ACT score of 25 or SAT score of 1130. The Presidential Scholarship will be awarded on a rolling basis to the first 100 students who qualify.

According to John Beacon, vice provost for enrollment management, the introduction of this award is intended to make it possible for academically qualified nonresidents to attend WMU at approximately the same tuition rate as students from Michigan.

Recipients of the Presidential Scholarship will receive $8,000 per year, and the award is renewable for up to a maximum of four consecutive years (eight semesters), or the point at which an undergraduate degree is earned—whichever occurs first. To maintain eligibility for the award, recipients must enroll in and complete 30 credits each academic year and maintain a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.0. Additionally, recipients must maintain their nonresident status.

Beacon hopes this award will bring a more diverse mix of students to the University from across the country to enhance the cultural and social experience of all enrolled students.

There is no separate application process for the Presidential Scholarship. Eligible students will be identified via their applications to WMU. To apply online, visit www.wmich.edu/admissions.

If you know of a high school senior who may be interested in applying to WMU, please fill out the “Identify Future Broncos” form on page 3.

Multiple Bowl Possibilities for Mid-American Conference

This year, there are multiple bowl opportunities for Mid-American Conference football teams who are bowl eligible. The possibilities include:

- **10th Annual Motor City Bowl:**
  MAC vs. Big 10
  Ford Field, Detroit, MI
  December 26, 2006, 7:30 p.m. EST

- **8th Annual GMAC Bowl:**
  MAC or WAC vs. Conference USA
  Ladd Stadium, Mobile, AL
  January 7, 2007, 7 p.m. CST (8 p.m. EST)

- **International Bowl:**
  MAC vs. Big East
  Rogers Centre, Toronto, Canada
  January 6, 2007, noon EST

Please visit www.wmich.edu/gobroncos for the latest details!
Alumnus Receives Medal Long After Retirement

After a delay of 20 years due to misplaced paperwork, retired Army reservist Herbert W. Kenz, B.A. ’52, was finally awarded his Meritorious Service Medal. Kenz was to receive the medal in the early 1980s for long and distinguished service to the 401st Medical Company of the U.S. Army Reserve, which he served from 1946 to 1988.

Kenz said that he had given up hope of receiving the medal long ago, but Kris Kenz, his daughter and an employee of WMU’s College of Fine Arts, did not. She wrote state Rep. Fred Upton a letter asking for his help. Upon learning that he was to receive the Meritorious Service Medal, Herb said, “I was so tickled pink, I didn’t know what to do!”

Western Michigan University’s Army ROTC agreed to make the occasion even more special by presenting the medal to Kenz during an alumni Homecoming ceremony. Kenz, a life member of the WMU Alumni Association, was among the first cadets in WMU’s ROTC program when it began more than 50 years ago.

Herbert W. Kenz is honored with the Meritorious Service Medal during a WMU ROTC ceremony.

Help Identify Future Broncos!

Do you know a high school student who would thrive at your alma mater? Help to shape Western Michigan University’s student body by returning this card, and we will send the prospective Bronco information about our great University. Please mail this card to:

WMU Alumni Association • 1903 West Michigan Ave • Kalamazoo, MI 49008-5404

PROSPECTIVE BRONCO’S NAME

ADDRESS

CITY

STATE

ZIP

TELEPHONE

E-MAIL

HIGH SCHOOL

YEAR OF GRADUATION

MAJOR INTEREST

YOUR NAME

HOW DO YOU KNOW THIS STUDENT?

 Forty Western Michigan University alumni, pictured above, were in attendance to celebrate the marriage of WMU Alumni Association members Erin (Czelada) Sudrovech, B.A. ’01, M.A. ’04, and Michael Sudrovech, B.S. ’97, on July 28 in Lake Orion, MI. In true Bronco style, the bride and groom made their grand entrance at the reception to the WMU Fight Song. Congratulations and best wishes, Erin and Mike!

Photo taken by Mike Cramp of Days Remembered Photography.

Alumni and students from the education program at WMU gathered in October as part of the WMU Alumni Association’s Alumni Dinner Series program.
Alumni Volunteers Make a Difference!
The WMU Alumni Association is looking for more volunteers for the Alumni Admissions Ambassador Program. Ambassadors will be provided with the names and addresses of students who have been admitted to WMU. Upon receipt of that information, alumni volunteers will send congratulatory postcards, which the Association will provide, to these students along with a short message encouraging them to enroll at WMU. If interested, please visit www.wmich.edu/alumni/aaa.html or call 269-387-8777 to sign up.

Bronco Biodiesel to Fuel Kalamazoo Buses
Breathing cleaner air, using more efficient public transit and seeing their tax dollars stretched further are all benefits Kalamazoo residents may experience as city buses begin using a Western Michigan University fuel product generated from an unexpected source of biodiesel—waste grease from restaurants.

The city of Kalamazoo has announced that it will begin piloting the use of Bronco Biodiesel in Metro Transit buses in early 2007. The renewable fuel project will use the waste grease of Kalamazoo to power the buses and is being spearheaded by Steve Bertman, associate professor of chemistry; Sarah Hill, assistant professor of anthropology; and John Miller, associate professor of chemistry.

This initiative could make Kalamazoo the first community in the continental United States to use trap grease as a fuel source and could establish a model for alternative energy use and university and community cooperation that other cities can emulate.

Biodiesel is a proven renewable fuel and can be made from any fat or oil. It burns more completely than petroleum diesel, emits fewer noxious by-products and significantly lowers greenhouse gas production. Its superior lubricity can reduce engine maintenance costs, and it is safer to use and transport.

“We’re using a simple, low-tech process to make a biodiesel product that meets all the quality standards that exist for such fuels,” says Miller. “We think using biodiesel widely is inevitable, and this is the kind of effort that will serve as a national model. We’re delighted with the support the city is showing.”

Congratulations to Two Past Presidents of the Association Board
Two past presidents of the WMU Alumni Association Board of Directors have been named to presidencies at well-known Michigan entities.

In September, Jeanne Carlson, B.B.A. ’68, was named president and CEO of Blue Care Network. She had previously been serving as BCN’s chief operating officer since May 2002. Carlson served on the WMU Alumni Association Board of Directors from 1995 to 2001 and as its president from 2000 to 2001.

Keith Pretty, B.S. ’73, became president and CEO of Northwood University in October. Pretty had been the president of Walsh College since 1999. Prior to his position at Walsh, he was vice president for external affairs and general counsel at WMU as well as president and CEO of the Western Michigan University Foundation. A member of the Association board from 1982 to 1988, Pretty served as its president from 1985 to 1986. Both Carlson and Pretty are life members of the WMU Alumni Association and maintain close ties with their alma mater.
Membership Dues Matter!

At their fall meeting, the WMU Alumni Association Board of Directors accepted the 2005-06 summaries of income and expenses as presented by Association Treasurer Richard Bailey, M.B.A. ’85. A breakdown of the year’s operating income and expenses is shown below.

As noted, the WMU Alumni Association’s dues paying members provided one half of the Association’s income. Interest income and endowment earning comprised another 35 percent. The Association has two endowments; one comprised primarily of life membership payments transferred annually to the endowment, and a second endowment comprised of royalty income from the Association’s affinity partnerships.

Andrew J. Corts, a junior business management major, is a member of WMU’s chapter of the National Honor Society and plans to study abroad in Europe. “I came to WMU without knowing more than three people within a hundred miles and, despite this fact, instantly felt welcome here on campus,” said Andrew. He feels that all of the expectations that he had for his experience at WMU have been far surpassed. After graduation, Andrew hopes that his entrepreneurial spirit will lead him to eventually open and manage his own business.

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change the way people look at advertising, Stacy is honored to have been chosen as a Legacy Scholar, and would like to thank the members of WMU Alumni Association for their support.

Jacob Della Pia, a junior majoring in business management and minor in military science, has been involved with the WMU Army ROTC Ranger Challenge Team, the Western Ranger Organization, and the Army ROTC Color Guard Team. Being a Bronco gives Jacob a great sense of pride. He comes from a long line of Broncos and hopes that his family continues to choose Western. “I would like the WMU Alumni Association members to know what a great opportunity it is to be a Legacy Award recipient,” said Jacob. “The scholarship motivates scholars to excel and is also a wonderful opportunity to meet new people.”

Ginalise Bissi, a junior, is ambitiously pursuing a double major in Spanish and secondary education with a concentration in family and consumer sciences. Currently studying in Burgos, Spain, Ginalise has been involved in OUTSpoken, the Student Alumni Association and Safe on Campus. While at WMU, Ginalise feels that she has grown both educationally and personally. One of her favorite Bronco experiences has been attending football games, because she loves the atmosphere and the music from the marching band. After graduation, Ginalise hopes to land a teaching job so that she can “help every single student gain something” in her classes.

Legacy Scholarship Award Applications Due Feb 26, 2007

Don’t miss the deadline for the 2007 Legacy Scholarship Award! A minimum of 10 scholarships will be awarded, each equaling $1,000 for the first year with the potential of an additional $1,000 per year for a maximum of three subsequent years. To be eligible, students must be enrolling at WMU for the first time and have a parent, grandparent or sibling who is a member of the WMU Alumni Association. The awards are sponsored by the WMU Alumni Association through the support of its dues-paying members.

For complete information on award criteria and to submit an application, please visit the “Awards” section of the Association’s Web site at www.wmich.edu/alumni or contact the WMU Alumni Association by phone at 269-387-8777, fax to 269-387-8770 or e-mail at alumni@wmich.edu.

In September, Ron Burkhardt, B.B.A. ’70 pictured at right, returned to campus for the first time in almost 30 years. During his visit, Burkhardt, a member of the WMU Alumni Association, spoke as a guest lecturer at the Haworth College of Business.

Bronco Point of Pride: WMU Cited in Two National “Best” Listings

Western Michigan University has once again been recognized in two national college rankings: U.S. News & World Report’s list of the nation’s top 100 public universities and Princeton Review’s best Midwestern colleges list.

For the eighth consecutive year, WMU was included on U.S. News & World Report’s list of the nation’s top 100 public universities. This list is based on criteria including academic reputation, retention and graduation rates, student/faculty ratios, class size, faculty resources, and student test scores. WMU is one of only four public universities in Michigan to receive this honor.

WMU appeared on the Princeton Review list for the second year in a row. Selection is based on information provided by institutions as well as independently gathered student opinion.
**December 06**

Dec. 9  Women’s basketball vs. Indiana-Purdue-Indianapolis, University Arena, 2 p.m.
Dec. 10  Western Wind Quintet, Dalton Center Recital Hall, 2 p.m.
Dec. 11  Chicago Alumni Gathering, Zapata, 6 p.m.
Dec. 12  Board of Trustees meeting, 157 Bernhard Center, 9 a.m.
Dec. 16  Commencement, Miller Auditorium, 9 a.m., noon, 3 p.m.
Dec. 17  Brass Celebration of Christmas, Dalton Center Recital Hall, 3 p.m.
Dec. 18  Men’s basketball vs. Illinois State, University Arena, 2 p.m.
Jan.  2  University closed
Dec. 22  Women’s basketball vs. Chicago State, University Arena, 7 p.m.
Dec. 23  Women’s basketball vs. Maryland-Eastern Shore, University Arena, 2 p.m.
Dec. 24  Women’s basketball vs. Culver Stockton, University Arena, 7 p.m.
Jan.  9  Men’s basketball vs. Ball State, University Arena, 7 p.m.

**January 07**

Jan. 10  Women’s basketball vs. Eastern Michigan, University Arena, 7 p.m.
Jan. 12  Hockey vs. Miami, Lawson Arena, 7:30 p.m.
Jan. 13  Hockey vs. Miami, Lawson Arena, 7:30 p.m.
Jan. 15  Martin Luther King Jr. Day, WMU offices closed, www.wmich.edu/mrk
Jan. 16  Women’s basketball vs. Central Michigan, University Arena, 7 p.m.
Jan. 16-21  “One Man Star Wars Trilogy”, Shaw Theatre, 7:30 p.m.
Jan. 17  Bronco Women’s basketball vs. Toledo, University Arena, 7 p.m.
Jan. 19  Hockey vs. Notre Dame, Lawson Arena, 7:30 p.m.
Jan. 20  Men’s basketball vs. Eastern Michigan, University Arena, 2 p.m.
    Horn Day, Dalton Center Recital Hall, 6 p.m.
    Kalamazoo Symphony, Classical Jazz with percussionist Tim Fronek, Miller Auditorium, prelude 7 p.m., concert 8 p.m.
    Hockey vs. Notre Dame, Lawson Arena, 7:30 p.m.
Jan. 21  DaKun Zhang, double bass, Young Concert Artist Series, Dalton Center Recital Hall, 3 p.m.
Jan. 23  Hockey vs. Ferris State, Lawson Arena, 7:30 p.m.
Jan. 24  Women’s basketball vs. Bowling Green, University Arena, 7 p.m.

Jan. 26  Hockey vs. Alabama-Huntsville, Lawson Arena, 7:30 p.m.
Jan. 27  Women’s basketball vs. Akron, University Arena, 2 p.m.
Jan. 28  Hockey vs. Alabama-Huntsville, Lawson Arena, 7:30 p.m.
Jan. 28–30  “Cinderella”, Moscow Festival Ballet, Miller Auditorium, 3 p.m.
Jan. 30  Men’s basketball vs. Buffalo, University Arena, 7 p.m.

**February 07**

Feb.  1  University Jazz Orchestra and Jazz Lab Band, Dalton Center Recital Hall, 8:15 p.m.
Feb.  2  Hockey vs. Michigan, Lawson Arena, 7:30 p.m.
Feb.  3  Hubbard Street Dance Chicago, Miller Auditorium, 8 p.m.
Feb.  4  University Symphony Orchestra, Miller Auditorium, 7 p.m.
Feb.  6–9  Merling Trio, California, www.merlingtiro.com
Feb.  6  Women’s basketball vs. Ohio, University Arena, 7 p.m.
Feb.  8  Apollo’s Fire, Elliott Distinguished Visiting Artist Series, Dalton Center Recital Hall, 8:15 p.m.
Feb.  9  Hockey vs. Alaska Fairbanks, Lawson Arena, 7:30 p.m.
Feb. 10  The Gold Company Show, Miller Auditorium, 2 and 8 p.m.
Feb. 11  Women’s basketball vs. Kent State, University Arena, 2 p.m.
Feb. 13-15  “Hairspray”, Miller Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.
Feb. 14  Women’s basketball vs. Central Michigan, University Arena, 7 p.m.
Feb. 16  Hockey vs. Michigan State, Lawson Arena, 7:30 p.m.
Feb. 17  Women’s basketball vs. Ball State, University Arena, time TBA.
Feb. 18  University Symphony Band, Miller Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.
Feb. 18  Concerto Competition Finals, Dalton Center Recital Hall, 5:30 p.m.
Feb. 18  University Concert Band, Miller Auditorium, 8:15 p.m.
Feb. 19  Kalamazoo Symphony, “Roméo and Juliet” with violinist Glenn Dickey, Miller Auditorium, prelude 7 p.m., concert 8 p.m.
Feb. 20  University Choirs, Dalton Center Recital Hall, 7:30 p.m.
Feb. 23  Women’s basketball vs. Northern Illinois, University Arena, 2 p.m.
Feb. 24  Kalamazoo Symphony, “Les Misérables”, Miller Auditorium, 8 p.m.
Feb. 25  Women’s basketball vs. Northern Illinois, University Arena, 2 p.m.
Feb. 28  Phoenix Alumni Gathering, 5:30 p.m.

**March 07**

Mar.  1  Men’s basketball vs. Northern Illinois, University Arena, 7 p.m.
Mar. 11  Dora Seres, flute, Young Concert Artist Series, Dalton Center Recital Hall, 3 p.m.
Mar. 15  Southwest Michigan Vocal Festival, Miller Auditorium, 7 p.m.
Mar. 16–18  “Chicago”, Miller Auditorium, 8 p.m.
Mar. 17–18  Merling Trio, Nebraska, www.merlingtiro.com
Mar. 17  Western Invitational Jazz Festival, Dalton Center Recital Hall, 7:30 p.m.
Mar. 18  Lori Sims (WMU piano faculty), piano recital, Weill Hall, New York City, 2 p.m.
Mar. 23  Kalamazoo Symphony, “Shadowcatcher” with the American Brass Quintet, Miller Auditorium, prelude 7 p.m., concert 8 p.m.
Mar. 24  Invitational Vocal Jazz Festival, Dalton Center Recital Hall, 8 p.m.
Mar. 25  Chamber Music of Eric Ewazen, Dalton Center Recital Hall, 3 p.m.
Mar. 29  Conference on Wind and Percussion Music, Miller Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.
Mar. 30  Kathy Griffin, Miller Auditorium, 8 p.m.

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For complete schedule of Bronco men’s and women’s athletics, visit www.wmich.edu/athletics or call 269-387-3120 to have a schedule faxed or mailed.

**2007 Homecoming Date Announced**

Mark your calendars for Oct 20, 2007. We look forward to welcoming alumni back home to Western Michigan University!

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