I. ACHIEVEMENTS

A. STUDENTS

Wayne State University senior baseball pitcher Randy Surratt signed a free agent contract with the Chicago White Sox. He is now pitching for the Great Falls (Montana) White Sox.

Men’s hockey senior Dustin Kingston was named to the Verizon Academic All-American Second Team.

B. FACULTY AND ACADEMIC STAFF

Sandra Alford, Director of the Division of Community Education, was elected to the Board of Directors of the Michigan Association of Adult and Continuing Education (MAACE).

Sue Ellen Bell, professor, College of Nursing, published an article, "Perceptions of utilization reviewers: Nurses like us," in Journal of Nursing Care Quality.

Sandra Combs Birdiett, academic director of the Journalism Institute for Minorities, Department of Communication, College of Fine, Performing and Communication Arts, was elected president of the Rosa Parks Foundation’s Board of Trustees. She also served as a judge on the 18th annual 2003 Detroit News “Best and Brightest High School Graduates” panel.

Ann Marie Collins, professor, College of Nursing, received a "Promise of Nursing" Scholarship from the National League of Nursing to complete her doctoral program and dissertation.

Maria Ferreira, professor, College of Education, Teacher Education, served as an invited review panelist for the National Science Foundation's Math and Science Partnership competition.

Silverenia Kanoyton, College of Education, Department of Theoretical & Behavioral Foundations, was appointed to the Board of Directors of the American Red Cross Southeastern Michigan Blood Services Region and Chapter.

David Magidson, professor, Department of Theatre, and Bernard Brock, professor emeritus, Department of Communication, College of Fine, Performing and
Communication Arts are co-directors of Wayne State’s Center for Arts and Public Policy that published its annual report to the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs.

Matt Michaels, professor, Department of Music, College of Fine, Performing and Communication Arts, released two CDs of his work as a jazz pianist: *The Matt Michaels Trio* and *Matt Michaels Trio & Friends*. The albums received rave reviews from the *Detroit Free Press*.

Susan Neste, Director, Academic Success Center, was elected to the Board of Directors for the Michigan Developmental Education Consortium and was nominated to the Board of the Association on Higher Education and Disability national organization.

John Richardson, assistant professor, Department of Art and Art History, College of Fine, Performing and Communication Arts, is leading a group of Wayne State sculpture students and alumni on an art museum tour of England. Richardson also completed a sculpture of his own which will be permanently installed at one of the British museums during the July, 2003 tour.

Steven Stack, Professor, Department of Criminal Justice, received the annual Louis Dublin Award from the American Association of Suicidology.

James Thomas, professor, Department of Theatre, College of Fine, Performing and Communication Arts, directed the closing show of the 2002-03 WSU Theatre season, Chekhov’s *The Cherry Orchard*. As director, Thomas was singled out by the *Detroit Free Press* for the production being particularly well-crafted.

Dennis Tini, professor and chair, Department of Music, College of Fine, Performing and Communication Arts, served as a judge for the annual *Detroit Symphony Orchestra Young Vocalist Auditions* at Greenfield Village.


**II. EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES**

Office of Admissions: Applications and admissions to Wayne State, as of June 23, 2003, are significantly higher than in Fall of 2002. Freshmen applications are at 7,423, a 37 percent increase. Freshmen admits are already at 4,820, a 31 percent
increase from Fall, 2002. Transfer student admissions are 129 percent higher at this point; graduate student admissions are up 42 percent compared to the same time period last year.

Office of the Registrar: Through June 21, 2003, 18,366 students have registered for classes for the spring/summer term compared to 16,779 same time last year, a 9.5% increase. Through June 21, 2003, 11,761 students have registered for Fall term, all using the Web to register.

University Advising Center conducted freshman success and advising workshops as part of New Student Orientation for 2003 from April 21 through July 10th. To date there have been 20 days of workshops involving 594 incoming freshmen.

Office of the Registrar: Several significant new features and improvements in Web Services on the SCT Banner Student System were implemented in May and June. An automated e-mail to students when their classes are cancelled, their grades are changed, or a hold is placed on their record was added. The Registrar’s Office also implemented an option for students to produce a copy of their grades and transcripts, which includes their name and Student ID number. Web transcripts were also made available to faculty and advisors who are authorized to view student academic data.

Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) assisted Olivia Washington, professor, College of Nursing and Institute of Gerontology, with the Healthier Black Elders Luncheon and speech on June 4, 2003 at the African American Museum.

Academic College Enrichment Services (ACCESS): The U.S. Department of Education Upward Bound program awarded Wayne State a four-year grant for the funding cycle 2003-08 in the amount of $2.7 million in national competition. ACCESS also received funding for a four-year grant from the United States Department of Education for the Robert E. McNair Post Baccalaureate Program. The program provides supportive services to undergraduate students designed to ensure their admission into a doctoral program upon the completion of their four-year degrees.

Academic College Enrichment Services (ACCESS) coordinated the Aviation Career Education Program (ACE) on campus July 7-11, 2003. The ACE program is a cooperative effort between Wayne State, the Tuskegee Airmen, the National Black Coalition of Federal Aviation Employees, the Organization of Black Airline Pilots, and the Black Pilots of America.

The Wayne State Athletics program placed 32nd nationally among all NCAA Division Institutions in the NACDA Director’s Cup Standings (schools receive points based on their team’s performances in NCAA championships). The finish was the best in school history and was the second time in the last seven years Wayne State placed in the top one hundred.