I. ACHIEVEMENTS

A. STUDENTS

Kimberly Curtis, a marketing major at the School of Business Administration and an amateur filmmaker, took her latest film, “Secrets of Fenville,” to the Sundance Film Festival in January. About 75 professionals from the film industry viewed the film during the festival and responded very positively.

Dia Mossa, of Windsor, graduated with a master’s in Industrial Engineering last year. But the project he led his senior year to study border traffic from Windsor at the Ambassador Bridge turned out to be the first with hard data to support the long-standing contention that the U.S. Customs and brokerage process needs to be overhauled. Mossa’s study, utilizing powerful computer simulation models, caught the interest of Windsor community leaders who are using the data to bolster support for their proposals.

Deborah Wesner, College of Nursing student, received the McNeil Scholarship Award through the National Association of Pediatric Nurse Associates and Practitioners, and the Henry Ford Hospital School of Nursing Alumni Association Scholarship Award.

The men’s swimming and diving team completed their 2003-04 GLIAC schedule by going a perfect 4-0. The defending conference champions will look to repeat their team championship at the 2004 GLIAC Swimming and Diving Championship, February 18-21 in Hillsdale, Michigan.

The Warriors softball team is ranked 8th in the nation in the USA Today/National Fastpitch Coaches Association (NFCA) Division II preseason poll. The Warriors are coming off a season in which they won 39 games and finished ninth in the nation.

Wayne State University Department of Athletics is ranked 24th in the nation in the latest Director's Cup standings. The rankings are emblematic of overall athletic excellence.

B. FACULTY AND ACADEMIC STAFF

Holly Feen, College of Education, was selected to review the undergraduate art therapy program, with an emphasis upon service learning, at Marywood College, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.
Ron Day, University Libraries, gave a paper at a workshop on spatiality and spatial technologies at Napier University in Edinburgh, Scotland.


Karen Aroian, College of Nursing, was appointed assistant editor/columnist for the "Cultural Diversity" column of the Journal of Professional Nursing. It is a two year term beginning with the March-April issue, 2004.

Nancy T. Artinian, College of Nursing, was appointed to the Editorial Board of the Heart & Lung Journal of Acute and Critical Care Nursing.

Carolyn J. Herrington, College of Nursing, presented a poster at the Midwest Nursing Research Society Annual Conference Feb 27 - Mar 1, 2004, representing Wayne State University, College of Nursing: "Salivary Cortisol and Pain in Preterm Newborns: a Pilot Study".


Stephanie Schim, College of Nursing, was selected as an End-of-Life Nursing Education Consortium (ELNEC) Award winner by the American Association of Colleges of Nursing in recognition of outstanding accomplishments.

B. Black and A. Weisz, School of Social Work, presented two posters at the Eighth Annual Conference of Society for Social Work and Research, New Orleans, LA.

Sheryl Pimlott-Kubiak, School of Social Work, presented a paper at the Eighth Annual Conference of Society for Social Work and Research, New Orleans, LA.

Julie Thompson Klein, Professor of Interdisciplinary Studies, was the Invited Discussant at a major national forum on Facilitating Interdisciplinary Research in early 2004 at the Convocation on Facilitating Interdisciplinary Research, sponsored by the Keck Foundation and the National Academies of Science in Washington, D.C.

II. EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

University enrollment growth continues at a rapid pace. Winter enrollment is at its highest level in 10 years. Applications for Fall 2004 remain strong.

The Freshman Seminar program began this winter, with an initial offering of 7 courses and approximately 110 students enrolled.
The first of the graduate program enhancements of $250,000 in permanent funding were awarded to Anatomy and Cell Biology, Chemistry, Electrical and Computer Engineering, and Political Science.

The Skillman Center for Children, College of Urban, Labor and Metropolitan Affairs, has had more than 11,000 hits within the last 18 months on their website.

The College of Nursing received the American Association of Colleges of Nursing 10 year accreditation through their Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) for our undergraduate and graduate nursing programs.

Jim Anderson, College of Engineering alumnus, returned to campus January 26, 2004 to join the College in announcing his generous gift for a new Engineering Ventures program. His $500,000 endowed fund will support a unique program he has helped design to provide engineering students the leadership and entrepreneurial skills necessary for the formation of successful new ventures.

The Michigan Small Tech Association announced it will hold its conference at the College of Engineering March 16 where participants will tour the Smart Sensors and Integrated Microsystems lab.