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Fall enrollment nears 30,000

An increase in the number of graduate students helped push the University's fall enrollment total to an all-time record of 29,732, up 2.8 percent over the previous record set last year at 28,931.

The number of full-time graduate students increased to 3,168, up 6 percent over last year's figures, while the number of part-time graduate students was up 4.8 percent to 2,921. The largest increase came in the number of doctoral students, which increased to 623 from last fall's figure of 542, an increase of nearly 15 percent.

"The growth in our graduate enrollment, especially the 15 percent increase in the number of doctoral students, reflects the increasing national prominence of our graduate college and the growth in our graduate programming," said WMU President Elson S. Floyd. "It is a reflection of the strategic changes that we have made and the reputation that we are gaining across the nation."

Undergraduate enrollment reached 23,643, an increase of 2.1 percent over the fall 2001 figure of 23,156. Of this total, 4,543 were beginning freshmen, a decline of 2.7 percent when compared with last fall's figure of 4,669. This past spring, the University established a waiting list for freshmen for the first time in its history to keep the freshman class at an optimum size. The previous three years, the University closed admission to the freshman class in the spring for the same reason.

Parkview Campus to see first engineering opening Oct. 11

The Paper Coating Pilot Plant, the first element of the University's new engineering complex on the Parkview Campus, will open during a Friday, Oct. 11, ceremony.

University President Elson S. Floyd will join Kalamazoo Mayor Robert Jones and college and paper industry professionals for the celebration set for 11 a.m. inside the pilot plant. A brief ceremony will be followed by a public open house that will feature building tours, student poster presentations and vendor trade exhibits designed to showcase companies whose products are part of the new facility. The plant will remain open until 2:30 p.m.

The Paper Coating Pilot Plant, located just east of the new home of the College of Engineering and Applied Sciences, houses a modern, high-speed paper coater that will be the only such equipment in North America that is not affiliated with a private company. The plant will offer industry clients a place to conduct research and also will provide hands-on learning experiences for WMU students as well as research opportunities for both faculty and students.

World Food Day event shown

The annual World Food Day teleconferences will be broadcast live on EduCABLE channel 49 Wednesday, Oct. 16, from noon to 3 p.m.

The teleconference will emanate from George Washington University, with PBS political correspondent Ray Suarez acting as host to guest Michael Lipton, an internationally known authority on rural poverty in developing countries.

NIH grant to boost HHS research capacity

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, National Institutes of Health, has approved a \$1.2 million grant to help pay for several research laboratories as part of a new building for the College of Health and Human Services.

The grant, announced during the Sept. 20 Board of Trustees

meeting, will house all of the college's academic programs in one central location at a projected total cost of \$48.2 million. The state has agreed to pay 75 percent of the project's cost, while the University is raising its 25 percent share of matching funds.

The peer-reviewed grant award recognized the University and college's commitment to research and carrying out the college's academic mission in the health sciences. "The faculty is committed to excellence in research, training future generations of biomedical and allied health scholars, and providing a scientifically competent biomedical work force to serve the health care and rehabilitation needs of Kalamazoo, Mich., and the rural areas of Southwest Michigan," the award summary states.

The grant will be used to complete the building's fourth floor, which will house research initiatives and research training in sensory, motor and communication sciences. Research will be aimed at improving the quality of life and increasing equitable access to healthy futures for area residents, including those with disabilities. The labs will replace

the college's existing, inadequate research spaces and greatly enhance scholarly interaction, productivity and collaboration.

The majority of the research will be conducted by faculty primarily in speech pathology and audiology and blindness and low vision studies. The award summary recognized that the "need for new facilities is well justified. The current space available for faculty members is highly inadequate and lack of sound-proof structures causes significant hindrance in the ongoing research projects."

The \$1.2 million grant will pay 25 percent of the laboratories' total \$4.8 million projected cost and play a significant role in helping the University secure its share of the building funding.

"This takes us a step closer to our new building," Pisaneschi says. "We're making every effort to assure our dream comes true, and with the outstanding support we've received from President Floyd and our faculty, staff, alumni and friends, we realize that our momentum is unstoppable."



Artist's depiction of new HHS building

meeting, recognizes the University's growing national reputation as a leading research institution. NIH grant proposal reviewers cited WMU's "strong institutional commitment, benefits to investigators with a substantial number of public health service-sponsored research projects, and an environment conducive to current and future integrated and collaborative research activities," as well as detailed construction plans for the building.

Competition for these types of grants is keen, and approval of the funding proposal is further evidence of the caliber of work going on at WMU.

"This grant is really recognition of the excellent research being done by faculty in the college," says Janet Pisaneschi, college dean. "An award of this magnitude, received over such extraordinary national competitors is gratifying, to be sure."

The grant will allow the college to complete research laboratories and office space totaling nearly 20,000 square feet in the college's new building on Oakland Drive. The 195,000-square-

Illinois-based engineering firm NASCO is newest BTR Park partner

An advanced engineering firm that specializes in consulting, training and sales for the products of an internationally known virtual manufacturing software company will be the newest resident partner at the University's Business Technology and Research Park.

NASCO Technologies Corp., which is based in Gurnee, Ill., will open a West Michigan office at the WMU park, where the firm also will operate a certified PTC Training Center. NASCO, which does engineering consulting and training in the fields of rapid prototyping, design optimization and virtual manufacturing, markets and provides service for products from PTC, the world's largest producer of computer-aided design software used for product development.

NASCO's new Kalamazoo office will employ a minimum of five employees and will be located in the Pro Line Tech Building, which was completed earlier this year. The multi-tenant facility already is home to the engineering firm Fishbeck Thompson, Carr & Huber Inc. NASCO's commitment to the BTR Park brings to 11 the number of firms that will reside in the new park. All are involved in one of the park's three focus areas—advanced engineering, life sciences or information technology.

NASCO President Victor Nassar, a former PTC employee, launched the firm

in 1999 with a focus on training, consulting and providing service to PTC customers. The firm now employs 14 people. In November 2001, he added PTC sales to his company's mission.

Dean Michael Atkins, College of Engineering and Applied Sciences, says

NASCO's consulting and training initiatives dovetail perfectly with work being done in the college's engineering graphics program as well as with the design optimization focus of several engineering disciplines.

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United Way goal will 'give community a lift'

The University's annual fund-raising drive for the Greater Kalamazoo United Way got under way Oct. 1, as campus volunteers launched a drive to "Give Our Community a Lift" by raising \$235,000 for area human service agencies.

The WMU goal is a 6.5 percent increase over last year's campaign total of \$220,596. WMU is the area's fourth largest contributor to the communitywide effort, for which a 2002 campaign goal of \$9.47 million has been set.

For the next four weeks, campus walls, display cases and mailboxes will be filled with promotional materials encouraging the WMU community to participate in the campaign. Approximately 120 campus fund-raisers will act as hosts to departmental campaign meetings to help campus community members determine how they want to participate.

The University campaign will run through Oct. 31, and the campus victory

celebration is scheduled for Nov. 1, according to campus campaign co-chairpersons Dawn Vander Ploeg, auxiliary services, and Charles DeVries, legislative af-



From left: area resident Sonny Evans, staff member Neil Simon of university relations and student Mike Cassesa practice the campaign theme by "giving a lift" to WMU campaign co-chairperson Dawn Vander Ploeg at the United Way campus kickoff Oct. 1. (Photo by Neil Rankin)

fairs. For more information about the campaign, contact Vander Ploeg at 7-3360 or DeVries at 7-3606.

Ethics talk launches fall series

Are a liberal's values a result of what the majority views as "good"?

Using political theorist John Rawls' idea of "the burden of judgment" as a guide, Bruce Brower will discuss the question surrounding how the attitudes of a liberal might be conceived as a result of what society deems as honorable, in regard to religion, economics and culture.

Brower, an associate professor of philosophy at Tulane University begins the Center for the Study of Ethics in Society Lecture Series at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 10, with his presentation, "Skepticism and the Grounds of Liberty," in 204 Bernhard Center.

His presentation is the first of five presentations in the center's fall lecture series.

Toyota exec to speak as part of Haworth Japan business series

"The Americanization of Toyota" will be the topic when the head of the Toyota Technical Center, U.S.A., speaks at WMU later this month.

Bruce Brownlee, general manager for corporate planning and external affairs at the Toyota Technical Center, U.S.A., will talk at 4 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 15, in 2000 Schneider. An informal reception will follow his presentation, which is part of the University's Japanese Business Speaker Series. Brownlee's talk is free and open to the public.

Brownlee has been with the Toyota Technical Center for almost a decade. Since 1999, he has managed the TTC's corporate and strategic planning activities as well as overseeing its external affairs activities.

For more information about these or any other campus events, visit the WMU News Website at <www.wmich.edu/wmu/news>.

Hindu consciousness is topic

Indian philosopher Sangeetha Menon will discuss the concept of consciousness in Hindu thought when she gives a presentation at WMU Monday, Oct. 7.

Menon will discuss "Self Exploration and Consciousness in Classic Hindu Thought" beginning at 7 p.m. in 2302 Sangren. Her talk, which is free and open to the public, is sponsored by the Department of Comparative Religion.

An acclaimed expert on Hindu philosophy, Menon will examine a cross-section of Indian thinking on the concept of consciousness, including the importance of self-exploration.

Famed Australian novelist to read from his work Oct. 16

Australia's most celebrated living writer visits campus Oct. 16 to present a reading as part of the Fall 2002 Reading Series sponsored by the Department of English's creative writing program.

Peter Carey will read from his works at 9 p.m. in 2302 Sangren.

Carey is only the second writer in history to twice be awarded the United Kingdom's Booker Prize, winning in 1988 for "Oscar and Lucinda" and in 2001 for his most recent novel, "True History of the Kelly Gang."

Ceramic artist to present work

One of the world's foremost contemporary ceramic artists is coming to campus Oct. 8-12.

Jun Kaneko, who regularly exhibits his work in high-profile galleries around the nation, will present a ceramic workshop from 9 a.m. to noon and 1:15 to 5 p.m. Oct. 8-12 in the Knollwood Art Annex. An exhibit of his ceramics continues through Oct. 27 at the Kalamazoo Institute of Arts, where he will present a slide lecture at a reception at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 9.

Talk slated for Oct. 11 to mark National Coming Out Day

The undergraduate student group OUTspoken will celebrate National Coming Out Day Friday, Oct. 11, by sponsoring a free public talk by the author of "Heather Has Two Mommies," which is believed to be the first children's book to portray lesbian families in a positive way.

Writer Leslea Newman will present "Poetry=Life: An AIDS Reading" at 7 p.m. Oct. 11, in Rooms 105 through 107 Bernhard Center.

Newman wrote the award-winning short story "A Letter to Harvey Milk," which was made into a film and adapted for the stage. She has produced more than 40 books, including several works for children as well as adult books that deal with lesbian identity and Jewish identity themes.

Role of memorials in public history to be explored

"Reflections on Sept. 11 and Oklahoma City" will be the topic Thursday, Oct. 10, when an expert on how history is conveyed in the public arena visits campus.

From the emotionally charged issue of how best to remember the victims of the Oklahoma City bombing to the question of what to do about the World Trade Center site, Americans continue to grapple with issues of historic interpretation and memorialization of tragic events, according to Edward T. Linenthal, professor of religion and American culture at the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh and a 1969 WMU graduate with a degree in religious studies.

The tragedies at both sites provide the framework for the lecture given by Linenthal at 7 p.m. in the Fetzer Center's Putney Lecture Hall.

The event is sponsored by the Department of Comparative Religion.

Ramona Bernhard honored for support of the arts at WMU

Ramona Bernhard, wife of President Emeritus John T. Bernhard, was honored as Volunteer of the Year at the



President Floyd and Ramona Bernhard

annual meeting of the WMU Foundation Sept. 27.

A longtime supporter of the arts on campus and in Kalamazoo, Ramona Bernhard's most recent honor recognized her contributions as a member of the College of Fine Arts Development Advisory Committee the past two years. She was instrumental in creating a series of "salons"—receptions based on an 18th century European tradition, which were hosted in private homes and featured performances and works of art by fine arts students and faculty members.

"I really don't feel that I've done all that much," said Bernhard in accepting the award, "because there is still so much to be done for the arts."

Among their many past contributions, John and Ramona Bernhard served as co-chairpersons of the University's \$6 million campaign for the Gilmore Theatre Complex and were early supporters of Gold Company and the Plaza Arts Circle. In 1993, John and Ramona Bernhard were recognized for their tireless efforts, when they were named the first recipients of the Theodore C. Cooper Distinguished Volunteer Award by the Arts Council of Greater Kalamazoo.

Homecoming week Oct. 6-13 promises to be blast

There will be a little something for everyone Oct. 6 through Oct. 13 when WMU celebrates Homecoming 2002, "A Blast from the Past: WMU Through the Decades."

Among the many activities open to the public will be a 5K and 1K run/walk; the wild and wacky Friday Festival; and a variety of shows, concerts and athletic competitions.

In addition, WMU's student-run radio station WIDR-FM 89.1 will be adding to the nostalgic atmosphere of this year's festivities by commemorating its 50th anniversary. WIDR, which helped launch the careers of such media heavyweights as ac-

tor/comedian Tim Allen and international news correspondent James Hickey, will broadcast historical highlights of its evolution, feature former staffers on air and present a decade-by-decade musical review during a dinner Saturday, Oct. 12.

Earlier that day, members of the WIDR Alumni Society, one of the WMU Alumni Association's constituent organizations, will gather with hundreds of other alumni at the association's third annual Homecoming PepFest from 1 to 3 p.m. in the tent village at Hyames Field.

The free PepFest (buying a meal ticket is optional) is a perfect place for alumni and friends to gather, socialize and fire up for the Homecoming football game against the University of Central Florida, the newest football team to join the Mid-American Conference.

Those attending the large pre-game party will be able reminisce with alumni from their eras, visit with representatives from several of WMU's academic colleges, check out the alumni association's constituent societies, and listen to live music while enjoying fabulous food. If the weather cooperates, they also will be treated to a special display of vintage cars from the Gilmore Classic Car Club Museum.

Other Bronco fans will fire up for the 3:30 p.m. football game by gathering in the corporate area of the Hyames Field tent village. Tents as well as game tickets are still available.

The WMU Alumni Association will kick off its celebration of Homecoming week-end on Friday, Oct. 11, with a dinner honoring the winners of its Distinguished Alumni Awards at 6:30 p.m. in the West Ballroom of the Bernhard Center.

Also on Friday, students will be participating in a variety of zany contests during the traditional Friday Festival, which will feature the soap box derby at noon in front

of the Seibert Administration Building, Fritter Fest at 2 p.m. on the Promenade Plaza near Wood Hall and the Western Olympics at 3:30 p.m. near Goldsworth Valley Pond. The day's activities will end with entertainment and a student pep rally near the pond.

For more homecoming information or to confirm event times, visit the homecoming Web site at <www.wmich.edu/homecoming> or check the events calendar on the WMU news Web site at <www.wmich.edu/wmu/news/events>.

Campus Classic begins Saturday homecoming

The annual Homecoming Campus Classic race/walk event is the first event of the day Saturday, Oct. 12, with on-site registration beginning at 8 a.m. in the Bernhard Center.

The 1K Kids' Run and Fun Walk start at 8:30 a.m., followed by the 5K race/walk at 9:15 a.m.

The event, which is expected to draw as many as 1,800 participants this year, attracts students, faculty and staff, alumni, community members and a number of other West Michigan runners.

"The Campus Classic has become one of the most popular homecoming events on campus," says Matt Kurz, associate vice president for university relations.

Now in its fourth year, the certified race course begins in front of the Bernhard Center and stretches 3.1 miles across the WMU campus. Runners, walkers and event volunteers are invited to an awards ceremony, brunch and door prize drawings following the event. Registration information for runners and volunteers is available at <www.wmich.edu/race>.

Emerita Rider honored for lifetime achievement by peers

Barbara Rider, professor emerita of occupational therapy, has won the 2002 Lindy Boggs award.

The award is a national honor bestowed annually by the American Occupational Therapy Association. It recognizes the winner's lifetime achievement in effecting political change in matters important to occupational therapy.

Rider, who was chairperson of WMU's Department of Occupational Therapy from 1976 to 1985, has served on the Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners, the Family Independence Agency Board, the Kalamazoo County Human Services Board and the Kalamazoo County Mental Health Board. She continues to practice occupational therapy after 47 years in the field.

"Barbara Rider was instrumental in bringing public awareness to issues regarding accessibility for individuals with physical impairments in Kalamazoo area businesses including Western Michigan University," says Cindee Peterson, department chairperson.

One example of Rider's political savvy came when she undertook her "packaging project," after she noticed that airline peanut bags were difficult for elderly and disabled people to open. Her study received national attention and helped to reform packaging standards.

Since her retirement from WMU in 1991, Rider has continued to publish, consult and work in nursing homes and home health care.

"Barbara is a visionary and national and international advocate for the profession of occupational therapy and the WMU Department of Occupational Therapy," Peterson says.



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Employees may call the Applicant Information Service at 7-3669 to hear the weekly Job Opportunity Program postings, seven days a week, 24 hours a day from a Touch Tone phone.

Grade 10 clerical positions are not required to be posted. For persons interested in faculty positions, there are openings in selected fields. A letter of application should be submitted to the appropriate dean or chairperson.

Please call the Applicant Information Service for up-to-date information on the Job Opportunity Program and vacancies available to external applicants.

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Libraries

Ever wish you had a librarian sitting next to you at home while you're in the throes of research? How about when you're looking up information online at the library and you need some help, but you're hesitant to leave your terminal lest someone snatch it away?

WMU librarians are now available live online to answer all manner of questions from cyber patrons. A pilot project called "Ask a Librarian" will run through the fall and spring semesters of the 2002-03 academic year. Through a program similar to AOL's Instant Messenger, librarians began last week communicating directly with students, faculty, staff and community members.

The real-time reference service, which can be accessed online at <www.wmich.edu/library>, is designed to help patrons by providing factual information, details about services and collections, and technical help using library research tools. For example, a cyber librarian can guide a user through a database search to find articles or statistics on a particular topic. The software allows

the librarian and patron to explore the Web and search databases together, while communicating by chat. When the session is finished, the user can opt to print or receive via e-mail a transcript of the conversation, including links to any Web sites visited.

For those whose questions can't be quickly answered, the librarian will follow-up with an e-mail or phone call.

"We've had e-mail reference for some time, which meant people could e-mail us questions and we'd respond within a day or two," says reference librarian Donna Ring, who is coordinating the project. "Obviously, the real-time format is much more convenient for our patrons. Plus, everyone who has been trained on the system so far has found it quite enjoyable."

Seven WMU librarians are currently staffing two "Ask a Librarian" shifts, from 4 to 7 p.m. on Tuesdays and from noon to 3 p.m. on Wednesdays. Although there are no current plans for 24-hour-a-day service, Ring does expect the hours to be expanded later this semester.

On Campus with Cynthia Jackson-Ekeledo



TOP-NOTCH SERVICE IS HER PRESCRIPTION FOR CAMPUS HEALTH.

(Photo by Neil Rankin)

When Cynthia Jackson-Ekeledo, Sindecuse Health Center, answers the phone, callers listen—carefully.

"In many cases, the appointment desk is their first point of contact with the health center," says Jackson-Ekeledo. "If I'm not giving them the service that they want or need, that sets the tone for the rest of their experience. I work hard to treat people the way I want to be treated."

For 22 years, the Kalamazoo native has worked at Sindecuse, setting up appointments, answering questions, offering a welcoming word or a comforting smile.

"The phone starts ringing at 7:30 a.m. and goes on past 5," says Jackson-Ekeledo, who admits that the phone is the last thing she wants to hear when she gets home.

Throughout the day, she fields calls about meningitis, flu shots, lab results, vaccinations, psychological testing, patient records and other matters. At the same time, students who walk up to the appointment window require her undivided attention, too.

"It's a challenge, but I enjoy keeping up," she says. "And being the mother of twin 18 year olds and a 12 year old, you learn to handle things."

In addition to answering questions, Jackson-Ekeledo often finds herself dispensing patience.

"One of the benefits of working here is meeting people from all over the world," she explains. "You learn a lot about culture and religion and how that might impact someone's health care experience. Over time, you learn about people's needs and their sensitivities."

One of her most memorable international experiences came more than two decades ago when she met Iroham Ekeledo, a WMU student whom she'd seen only once in Sindecuse, but who eventually would become her husband.

Now, 20 years and three children later, Jackson-Ekeledo likes to spend her free time traveling and "just being with the kids," she says.

Human resources

Open Enrollment, alternate plan choice forms due Oct. 4

Open Enrollment in health and life plans continues through 5 p.m. tomorrow, Oct. 4.

During Open Enrollment, employees can change to another health insurance plan or enroll themselves or their eligible dependents in health insurance if they previously declined coverage.

Open enrollment also is a time non-bargaining employees who are enrolled in Additional 1 Life may enroll in Spouse Life or Dependent Life and employees can enroll or re-enroll in the Medical Reimbursement or Dependent Care Flexible Spending Accounts for 2003.

The deadline for PHP HMO participants to select another health plan also is Oct. 4.

All employees who are currently enrolled in the PHP HMO plan must select another health plan, as that plan is being discontinued. PHP participants who fail to enroll in a new health plan during Open Enrollment will be placed in the University Plan, which is administered by Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan.

Human Resources is offering online resources, forms and information for open enrollment. Employees can find the Open Enrollment Web site at <www.wmich.edu/hr/benefits/health/open_enroll.htm>. Faculty and staff also may contact the Benefits Office for information by e-mail

at <hr-benefits@wmich.edu> or by phone at 7-3630.

All completed health and life enrollment/change forms must be submitted by 5 p.m. Friday, Oct. 4. Flexible Spending Account enrollment forms must be submitted by Nov. 27, 2002, for the 2003 calendar year. All forms should be returned to the Benefits Office, 1310 Seibert.

Drive to enroll in savings bonds plan continues through Oct. 4

If you are still thinking about enrolling in the University's payroll deduction plan for U.S. Savings Bonds, it's not too late—the drive continues through Friday, Oct. 4.

If you haven't considered enrolling before, you may want to check out the new I Bonds being offered. I Bonds are gaining popularity because they protect your savings from inflation. I Bonds have two parts to their total earnings rate: a fixed interest rate and an inflation-adjusted rate, which is calculated twice a year. You are guaranteed returns over and above the rate of inflation for up to 30 years. Of course, the traditional EE Bonds are also available and both offer attractive tax benefits.

To find more information on the Web, visit: <www.publicdebt.treas.gov/sav/sav.htm> or <www.wmich.edu/hr/savingsbonds.htm>. You can also contact Human Resources for brochures and enrollment forms by phone at 7-3620 or in person at 1300 Seibert.

Rec Center adjusts hours for football

The Student Recreation Center will be closed during home football games, but will offer alternate hours for users.

Homecoming Saturday, Oct. 12, when the Broncos play host to Central Florida beginning at 3:30 p.m., the center will be open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. During all other home football games, the center will be open 5 to 9 p.m.

Small phone books available

Small Ameritech telephone books are now available for distribution to members of the campus community.

The books may be picked up at the telecommunications office on the first floor of the University Computing Center or at the Information Desk in the Seibert Administration Building. Both locations are open during regular business hours, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Lunch & Learn event focuses on conflict

Learning to identify your own conflict resolution style and use it effectively to resolve problems will be one of the topics covered in a special Tuesday, Oct. 15, Lunch & Learn session for campus employees.

Dale Anderson, the new coordinator of the Campus Employee Dispute Resolution Service, will lead the discussion beginning at noon in 159 Bernhard Center. Anderson, who joined the staff last summer, will discuss different conflict resolution styles as well as give employees tips on how his office can help with conflict resolution.

Volunteers needed for East Campus cleanup

Phase III of an ongoing project to clean up Prospect Hill on WMU's historic East Campus will kick off at 8 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 19.

The project is being spearheaded by the Hilltoppers, which was formed to work with the University's administrators and Landscape Services to improve and maintain Prospect Hill.

The third phase will now focus attention on the slope behind North Hall, WMU's first library building. Volunteers will be needed to work on the hillside, serve refreshments and staff the first-aid station.

Those planning to participate in cleanup work should wear boots, work gloves and protective eyewear. Volunteers will not be required to cut brush or bring any tools.

To register for the Oct. 19 event or obtain more information, visit the Web at <www.wmich.edu/hilltoppers> or call 7-3456.

Workshop will cover dissertation writing

All doctoral students and graduate faculty are invited to attend a workshop on "Practical Strategies for Writing the Dissertation and Developing Career Potential" from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. Friday, Oct. 18, in the Fetzer Center's Putney Lecture Hall.

Conducting the workshop will be Gary Olson, director of rhetoric and composition at the University of South Florida. Olson will provide information on career development and publication as well as address issues concerning procrastination, perfectionism and time management.

To reserve a space, call the Graduate College at 7-8212.

WMU announces 2002 Distinguished Alumni Award winners

Three internationally recognized graduates have been selected to receive 2002 Distinguished Alumni Awards from the WMU Alumni Association.

The honorees are A. John Daniel of Durban, South Africa; Huey D. Johnson of Mill Valley, Calif.; and James J. Leisenring of London.

The trio will be recognized during the Distinguished Alumni Awards Dinner at 6:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 11, in the West Ballroom of the Bernhard Center. Reservations may be made by calling the Alumni Association at 7-8777.

The Distinguished Alumni Awards, initiated in 1963, are the association's most prestigious honor. Counting this year's recipients, only 116 men and women have received one of these awards.

Daniel is director of research for the Human Sciences Research Council, South

Africa's national social sciences research facility. Prior to this appointment in 2001,



Daniel



Johnson



Leisenring

he served for eight years at the University of Durban-Westville in South Africa, first as professor and then chairperson of political science. He received a master of arts degree from WMU in 1970.

Johnson is the founder and president of the San Francisco-based Resource Renewal Institute. The institute was incorporated in 1985 and helps advance sustainable

development nationwide as well as worldwide. In 2001, the United Nations Environment Programme presented him with the Sasakawa Environment Prize for 40 years of outstanding global contributions to the management and protection of the environment. He received a bachelor of arts degree from WMU in 1956.

Leisenring is a full-time member of the International Accounting Standards Board, a privately-funded organization committed to developing a single set of global accounting standards. He joined the IASB in 2001 after more than a decade with the U.S. Financial Accounting Standards Board, America's designated private-sector organization for establishing standards of financial accounting and reporting. He received a master of

business administration degree from WMU in 1964 and was a member of the University's accountancy faculty from 1964 to 1969.

A more complete story on the three award winners is available online at <www.wmich.edu/wmu/news.>

Two DA recipients to address campus groups

Leisenring is Keystone speaker

One of the world's most influential accounting figures will discuss the global state of his profession when he gives a presentation on campus Friday, Oct. 11.

James J. Leisenring, a member of the International Accounting Standards Board, will present "Today's Accounting Profession in an International Context" as part of the Keystone Community Bank Breakfast Series. The free Haworth College of Business program, which includes a continental breakfast, will begin at 7:30 a.m. in 2150 Schneider. Reservations are required and can be made by calling 7-5050.

Johnson to give public address

Internationally recognized environmentalist Huey Johnson will speak on "Green Plans: Green Prints for Sustainability," at 8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 10, in 1301 Wood Hall, with a reception to follow.

Johnson was the recipient of the United Nations 2001 Sasakawa Environment Prize, a prestigious award considered by many as the world's highest environmental award. He founded the Resource Renewal Institute, which focuses on development and implementation of "Green Plans," or practical strategies for translating environmental sustainability into action and policy plans. Green Plans are currently used in New Zealand, Holland, and Denmark, and have begun to be implemented in the U.S., including Oregon, Minnesota and New Jersey.

"His strategy for promoting conservation, preservation and restoration on a global scale is helping to reshape the way we think about environmental problems, stewardship and ecological responsibilities," says Harold Glasser, environmental studies. "The message he sends is that the ecological dilemmas before us are fundamentally solvable."

Vass to be honored

The Holistic Health Care Program will hold its 20th anniversary dinner Tuesday, Oct. 15, at the Birches, 3082 S. Ninth St.

The event will include a retirement ceremony for Molly Vass-Lehman, who came to WMU in 1985 to direct the Holistic Health Care Program.

The evening also will include a talk titled "What's Love Got to Do with It?" by anthropologist and author Angeles Arrien. In addition, poet Mark Nepo will share several of his poems.

For more information or to make reservations, call 7-3556.

NASCO

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"Improving a design and making it easier to manufacture is what engineering is all about, and NASCO's work is a natural fit across the board, but it has particularly strong ties to our industrial and mechanical engineering programs," Atkins says.

Atkins notes that PTC software already is in use in WMU's engineering program and the college's work in developing software tutorial and instructional materials for students' use of that software will likely lead to collaboration with NASCO to refine and validate those materials and make them available to NASCO's client companies.

NASCO's new Kalamazoo office will be managed by Eric Boersma, a WMU alumnus.

Calendar

The master calendar maintained by the Office of University Relations for use in Western News is available through WMU's home page on the World Wide Web. Select WMU News and then look for Events. You can also link directly to the calendar at <www.wmich.edu/wmu/news/events>.

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10.3 Thursday

Visiting artist exhibition (through Oct. 30), books by Robbin Ami Silverberg, Sangren Hall Gallery II, weekdays 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Visiting artist exhibition (through Oct. 30), prints and books by Jane Marshall, Knauss Hall Space Gallery, weekdays 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Student exhibition (through Oct. 4), Black Lace Group and Multimedia Group Show, East Hall Galleries, weekdays 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; reception Friday, Oct. 4, 5-7 p.m.

Art faculty exhibition (through Oct. 9), Dalton Center Multimedia Room, weekdays and Saturdays 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Career Day, sponsored by Alpha Kappa Psi, Bernhard Center, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. For information, call 7-2135.

Research ethics lecture, "Informed Consent," 157 Bernhard Center, 11 a.m. For information, call 7-4397.

Computer science colloquium, "The Persistence of the Load Balancing Problem," 3301 Friedmann Hall, 4 p.m.

Visiting scholar lecture, "Oral Tradition, Written Word and Communication Systems in Colombian Literature," David Sanchez Juliao, 1021 Brown Hall, 4 p.m.

Faculty Senate meeting, Fetzer Center, 5 p.m.

*University Theatre production (through Oct. 5), "All in the Timing," York Arena Theatre, 8 p.m.

Poetry reading, Ralph Angel, 3021 Brown Hall, 9 p.m.

10.4 Friday

Career Day on-campus interviews, sponsored by Career and Student Employment Services, Bernhard Center and Ellsworth Hall, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Women's soccer vs. Kent State, WMU Soccer Complex, 4 p.m.

10.5 Saturday

*Men's hockey vs. Waterloo (exhibition), Lawson Ice Arena, 7 p.m.

10.6 Sunday

Homecoming week, through Oct. 13. For complete list of events and special reunions, visit the Homecoming Web site <www.wmich.edu/homecoming>.

Women's soccer vs. Akron, WMU Soccer Complex, noon.

Jazz concert, Gold Company, sponsored by Student Entertainment Team, Bronco Mall Center Stage, Bernhard Center, 6:30 p.m.

10.7 Monday

Student exhibition (through Oct. 11), paintings by Vicki VanAmeijden and Painting Group Show, East Hall Galleries, weekdays 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; reception, Friday, Oct. 11, 5-7 p.m.

Lecture, "Self Exploration and Consciousness in Classic Hindu Thought," Sangeetha Menon, 2302 Sangren Hall, 7 p.m.

10.8 Tuesday

Visiting artist workshop (through Oct. 12), ceramics with Jun Kaneko, Knollwood Art Annex, 9 a.m.-noon and 1:15-5 p.m.

*Hypnotist Tom DeLuca, sponsored by Campus Activities Board, Bernhard Center Ballroom, 9 p.m.

10.9 Wednesday

Health and Human Services Fair, exploring undergraduate majors leading to careers in social work, nursing, occupational therapy and other fields, 105 Bernhard, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

*Dalton Concert Series, Orchid Ensemble, Dalton Center Recital Hall, 8:15 p.m.

10.10 Thursday

Guest artist recital, violinist Marianna Vasilyeva, 1116 Dalton Center, 3 p.m.

10.10 Thursday continued

Ethics lecture, "Skepticism and the Ground of Liberty," Bruce Brower Tulane University, 204 Bernhard Center, 7:30 p.m.

*University Theatre production, "Kiss of the Spider Woman," Shaw Theatre, Oct. 10-12 and 17-19, 8 p.m.; Oct. 13, 2 p.m.

*Concert, University Jazz Orchestra directed by Scott Cowan, Dalton Center Recital Hall, 8:15 p.m.

*Comedy show, Tiny Glover, sponsored by Campus Activities Board, Bernhard Center Ballroom, 9 p.m.

10.11 Friday - WMU Homecoming

Building opening and vendor trade show, Paper Coating Pilot Plant, Parkview Campus, 11 a.m.

Homecoming Friday Festival, annual student homecoming events featuring: WMU Soap Box Derby, in front of Bernhard Student Center, noon; Fritter Fest, Promenade Plaza near Wood Hall, 2 p.m.; Western Olympics, Goldsworth Valley, 3:30 p.m.; and entertainment and pep rally, Goldsworth Valley, 6 p.m.

Cross country, Bronco Invitational, varsity men's and women's teams, Pine View Golf Club, Three Rivers, Mich.

*Film (through Oct. 13), "The Fast Runner," Little Theatre: Friday, 7 and 10:15 p.m.; Saturday, 8 p.m.; Sunday, 2:30 and 5:45 p.m.

*Distinguished Alumni Awards Dinner, sponsored by WMU Alumni Association, West Ballroom, Bernhard Center, reception 6:30 p.m., dinner 7:15 p.m. Reservations required. Call 7-8777.

*Volleyball vs. Eastern Michigan, University Arena, 7 p.m.

Reading, National Coming Out Day, "Poetry=Life: An AIDS Reading," Leslea Newman, 105 Bernhard Center, 7 p.m.

10.12 Saturday - WMU Homecoming

*Campus Classic 5K run/walk, registration in Bernhard Center, registration opens 8 a.m.

*Homecoming PepFest, sponsored by WMU Alumni Association, Hyames Field, 1-3 p.m. Advanced registration encouraged. Admission free, fee for meal.

*Football vs. Central Florida, Waldo Stadium, 3:30 p.m.

*Volleyball vs. Akron, University Arena, 7 p.m.

*Men's hockey vs. Bowling Green, Lawson Ice Arena, 7 p.m.

10.13 Sunday

University Choral Showcase, concert featuring 170 voices from University Chorale, Women's Chorus, and Collegiate Singers, Dalton Center Recital Hall, 1:30 and 5 p.m.

Concert, University Symphony Orchestra conducted by Bruce Uchimura, Miller Auditorium, 3 p.m.

10.14 Monday - Columbus Day

Student exhibition (through Oct. 18), photography by Billie Cavallaro and Kathryn Schregardus, East Hall Galleries, weekdays 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; reception Friday, Oct. 18, 6-9 p.m.

10.16 Wednesday

Dalton Convocation Series, "Student Musicales," selected outstanding student performances, Dalton Center Recital Hall, 1 p.m.

Vaccination clinic, flu/meningitis vaccinations for students, faculty, staff, emeriti and retirees, sponsored by Sindecuse Health Center, second floor, Student Recreation Center, 3-8 p.m.

Slide lecture with visiting artist Robbin Ami Silverberg, 2302 Sangren Hall, 7 p.m.; reception follows in Gallery II.

10.17 Thursday

Etiquette dinner, sponsored by Career and Student Employment Services, Fetzer Center, 6 p.m. To register, call 7-2745.

*Admission charged