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President Floyd on Capitol Hill

WMU President Elson S. Floyd will testify in Washington, D.C., today, Sept. 19, before a joint meeting of two subcommittees of the House Education and Work Force Committee—the Subcommittee on Select Education, led by Michigan Congressman Peter Hoekstra, and the Subcommittee on 21st Century Competitiveness, led by California Congressman Howard P. “Buck” McKeon. Hoekstra invited Floyd to testify.

Floyd, who was appointed by President Bush in February to the President’s Board of Advisors on Historically Black Colleges and Universities, is scheduled to offer testimony as part of a panel of witnesses at 10 a.m. on Capitol Hill.

Floyd is expected to describe a number of WMU initiatives aimed at establishing partnerships with the nation’s Historically Black Colleges and Universities to promote research and expand learning opportunities for students.

Trustees set to meet tomorrow

Consideration of a new faculty contract and approval of a general fund operating budget for the 2002-03 fiscal year are among items on the agenda for WMU trustees to consider during their Friday, Sept. 20, meeting.

Gathering at 1 p.m. in the Connable Board Room of the Bernhard Center, trustees also will consider recommendations to approve several administrative appointments, implement two new degree programs and approve revisions to the University’s Research Misconduct Policy.

The board also will hear reports on gifts and grants received by the University during the past four months.

The meeting of the full board of trustees will be preceded by meetings of the board’s two standing committees in 204 Bernhard Center. The Budget and Finance Committee meeting is slated for 10 a.m. while the Academic and Student Affairs Committee will meet at 11 a.m.

Deans appointed to libraries, engineering

Interim position now permanent for Reish

WMU has chosen Joseph G. Reish to permanently assume the role of dean of University Libraries.



Reish

Reish has been serving as interim dean of libraries since July 2000, in addition to his responsibilities at the Carl and Winifred Lee Honors College, where he had been dean since 1993. He replaces Lance Query, who resigned in 2000. The move is effective July 1, pending approval by the WMU Board of Trustees. Reish has concluded his duties at the honors college, which is expected to launch a search for its new dean this fall.

“Dr. Reish has done an exemplary job leading the libraries these past two years, and I was delighted when he accepted my invitation to assume the position permanently,” said WMU President Elson S. Floyd. “As a scholar, faculty member and experienced dean, he understands the role libraries play in a major research institution and this made him an ideal choice for this post.”

Reish joined the WMU faculty in 1972 and continues to hold a concurrent appointment as a professor of French in the Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures. In 1983-84 and again from 1986 to 1988, he served as head of that department’s French section. He assumed the post of assistant director of the honors college in 1987 and became associate dean one year later. In 1992, he was named interim dean of the Lee Honors College and permanently assumed that post in 1993. While an administrator in the honors college, Reish saw the college through two capital campaigns, construction of a new building and its 10th anniversary celebration.

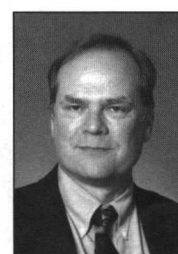
In his new deanship, Reish will oversee Waldo Library and four other units on WMU’s main campus: the visual resources and education libraries in Sangren Hall, the music and dance library in the Dorothy U. Dalton Center, and the archives and regional history collection in East Hall. The library work force includes 61 staff members, a faculty of 27 and some 200 student workers.

Reish’s major responsibilities will include completing a strategic plan for the University Libraries, which will likely include an assessment of operations and facilities. Reish also expects much of his efforts to focus on staying at the cutting edge of trends in library automation.

“The libraries are a support unit for the University as a whole,” says Reish. “We must be welcoming and accessible to both

Atkins tapped for leadership role at CEAS

Michael B. Atkins has been selected as the new dean of the College of Engineering and Applied Sciences.



Atkins

Atkins has served as chairperson of WMU’s Department of Industrial and Manufacturing Engineering since 1998, and in September 2001, he took on additional duties as the college’s assistant dean for external relations and facilities. He also has served since 1998 as chairperson of the Department of Manufacturing Engineering. He replaces Daniel M. Litynski, who was named WMU provost and vice president for academic affairs Aug. 14. Atkins’ appointment, which was effective Sept. 1, was made pending approval by the WMU Board of Trustees at its next meeting Friday, Sept. 20.

“Dr. Atkins has been involved with both planning and operations for all aspects of the college’s initiatives, and he will be able to step in without missing a beat,” says Litynski of Atkins’ selection for the position. “He will provide a seasoned and steady hand at the helm and a vision for excellence for the future as the college continues to build on its core strength of teaching and learning, increase its scholarship and research activities, and work with external partners in new and exciting ways.”

Atkins joined the WMU faculty in 1971. Prior to that, the Texas native taught at Texas A&M University and San Antonio College. In his current position, he has overseen a dramatic expansion of his department’s research and instructional capabilities. He was instrumental in establishing the college’s Computer Aided Engineering Center and negotiated a number of major partnerships with the makers of industrial computer hardware and software products widely used in the automotive, aviation and electronics industries. They include such products as the French-designed CATIA system, quality simulation software from Varatech of Holland, Mich., and design analysis software from Australia-based Moldflow Corp.

As dean, Atkins says he expects such corporate partnerships to continue to play a major role in the college’s development.

“In terms of research, the college has experienced an accelerated pattern of collaboration with industrial partners across the region, and we find ourselves becoming very involved in economic development issues,” Atkins says. “One of the things that truly excites me is the role we, as a college and a university, are forging as a resource for the entire state and region.”

In his new role, Atkins will oversee a college composed of seven departments, offering 30 degree programs to some 3,100 students.

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WMU community observes 9/11 anniversary, donations still sought for employee memorial

Flowers, flags, personal notes and mementos adorned a new campus monument the afternoon of Sept. 11, following a dedication ceremony near Goldsworth Valley Pond that allowed campus employees to honor the lives lost in the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001.

The University’s employee-sponsored Sept. 11 memorial was unveiled by President Elson S. Floyd, who also offered his reflections on the tragic events of last year. Other comments were offered by Robert Jones, mayor of Kalamazoo; Delores Walcott, University Counseling and Testing Center; and Vice Provost Alan Walker, Extended University Programs.

Floyd called the memorial an appropriate tribute and noted it was intended to “become a quiet place to come to reflect and think.”

The dedication ceremony opened and closed with a color guard from the University’s Army ROTC battalion, accompanied on bagpipes by WMU employee Gloria Culp, Registrar’s Office. The Rev. Coleen Smith Slosberg, United Campus Ministry, delivered the invocation. WMU’s Jennifer Messana, Career and Student Employment Services, sang the national anthem.

New faculty member Allison Downey sang “On the Day (September 11, 2001),” which

she wrote and recorded immediately following the tragedy as a fund-raiser for the families of victims. Downey is an assistant professor and director of theatre education.

At the conclusion of the ceremony, Toby Boyle, former president of the Administrative Professional Association and one of the effort’s organizers, invited those attending to leave personal tokens, such as flowers, poetry, prayers, drawings or other mementos.

“Visit this site often, if you can,” Boyle said. “Use it as we intended—as a place of quiet reflection and prayer.”

Members of the Employee Memorial Committee are Boyle, information technology; George Eskro, Career and Student Employment Services; Paul Hildenbrand, College of Education; Dori LaChance, Registrar’s Office; Jennifer Messana, Career and Student Employment Services; and Stephen Podewell, Lee Honors College.

The \$2,700 memorial is being paid for with contributions from WMU employee organizations and their members and through services and materials donated by area vendors and WMU’s Landscape Services. Contributing employee organizations include the Administrative Professional Association; Police Officers Association; Professional Support Staff Organization; and the WMU chapters of the American



The Sept. 11 memorial near Goldsworth Pond

Association of University Professors and the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO.

Hundreds of employees have already donated to the memorial, but the fund drive is still \$334 short of its goal. Donations may be made in cash or by check payable to the “Employee Memorial Committee.” They may be sent to Toby Boyle in the Office of Information Technology. Cash contributions should be placed in a separate envelope

prior to being placed in a campus mail envelope.

If funds are raised beyond the \$334 necessary, the Memorial Committee may initiate a second phase of fund raising to enhance the Sept. 11 memorial site.

More information about the memorial, including costs associated with specific aspects of the project, is available online at <<http://lab2.cc.wmich.edu/~boyle/memorial/index.html>>.

Renowned historian to speak

An activist historian who is pressing Congress to openly debate the potential war on Iraq will visit WMU next week to discuss civic responsibility.

Joyce Appleby, a professor emerita of the University of California-Los Angeles,



Appleby

will be here Monday and Tuesday, Sept. 23 and 24, as part of the Visiting Scholars Program, a national initiative of the Phi Beta Kappa Society.

Appleby will present a free public lecture titled "What Does It Mean to Inherit a Revolution?" at 8 p.m. Monday, Sept. 23, in 1140 Schneider Hall.

While in Kalamazoo, she will also speak to two history classes on "The Role of Curiosity in the Writing of History" and meet with students and faculty to discuss "American History and the American Public: Exploring the Meaning of Controversies Over Historical Exhibitions and Commemorations."

A prominent scholar of American and English history, Appleby uses lessons of the past to inform the public about civic responsibilities in the present. Last month, she and a colleague began circulating a petition to Congress requesting a vote on a war with Iraq.

Appleby is founder and co-director of the History News service, which distributes weekly opinion essays by historians to more than 300 newspapers. The author or co-author of five books, she is past president of the American Historical Association and the Organization of American Historians.

Appleby's visit is sponsored by the University's Phi Beta Kappa chapter and the Department of History.

Award-winning poet to visit

An award-winning and widely published poet will visit campus in October to participate in the Fall 2002 Reading Series sponsored by the Department of English's creative writing program.

Ralph Angel will give a reading at 9 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 3, in 3021 Brown Hall.

Angel is the author of the recently released collection of poems "Twice Removed," published last year by Sarabande Books, a nonprofit literary press headquartered in Louisville, Ky. Nominated for the 2001 *Los Angeles Times* Book Prize, the release has won praise for its realism and imagination.

"Angel's poems are stamped indelibly with the mark of a unique, shaping imagination, and they're fresh with news of how it feels to live right now," wrote a *Times* reviewer.

Angel is the author of two previous collections of poetry: "Neither World," published by Miami University Press, and "Anxious Latitudes," which was published in the Wesleyan University Press New Poets Series. His poems have appeared in *The New Yorker*, *The Antioch Review*, *The American Poetry Review* and many other magazines and anthologies.

Angel's other recent honors include a Pushcart Prize and awards from the Fulbright Foundation. "Neither World" received the 1995 James Laughlin Award of The Academy of American Poets.

Originally from Seattle, the author now lives in Los Angeles and serves as the Edith R. White Endowed Chair in English at the University of Redlands, where he teaches creative writing.

For more information, call 7-2572.



Angel

Getting federal grants is topic

An internationally recognized expert in grantsmanship is slated to conduct a daylong workshop Tuesday, Oct. 15.

David G. Bauer, president of David G. Bauer Associates, will present "How to Find—and Win—Federal Grants" from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Brown and Gold Room of the Bernhard Center. Sponsored by the Office of the Vice President for Research, the program is free and open to WMU faculty and staff.

The workshop will offer an insider's look at the federal grants marketplace and provide a step-by-step approach to locating grant opportunities. Topics will include developing and evaluating proposal ideas, organizing a proposal, analyzing the competition, working with program officers and understanding the review process.

To register, call 7-8216.

Columbian scholar to discuss communication in literature

Novelist and sociologist David Sánchez Juliao, whose career spans more than three decades and five continents, will discuss his work and formation as a writer at 4 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 3, in 1021 Brown Hall.

"Oral Tradition, Written Word and Communication Systems in Colombian Literature" is the subject for Sánchez Juliao's presentation, which is being sponsored by the Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures.

The Bogota, Colombia, native has written extensively about Latin American and Caribbean history, ethnicity, traditions, folklore, music and politics. In addition to lecturing in the United States, Europe, Africa and Asia, Sánchez Juliao is a former Colombian ambassador to India and Egypt, and has worked with nonprofit groups in Central America and Mexico.

His visit is part of the 2002-03 Visiting Scholars and Artists Program.

Adams, Curtis-Smith honored

Two WMU faculty members have been named recipients of awards from ASCAP—American Society of Composers, Authors & Publishers.

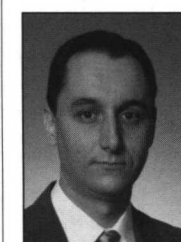
The award winners are Richard Adams and Curtis Curtis-Smith, both in the school of music.

The awards reflect ASCAP's continuing commitment to assist and encourage ASCAP composers. Awards are granted by an independent panel and are based upon the unique prestige value of each writer's catalog of original compositions, as well as recent performances in areas not surveyed by the society.

Curtis-Smith is no stranger to the awards. This marks the 24th time the WMU musician and composer has received an ASCAP award.

Franquesa recognized by Academy of Management

The Academy of Management recently chose Jaume Franquesa, management, as



Franquesa

one of the outstanding reviewers for its 2002 conference.

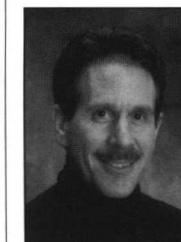
More than 850 scholars and professionals from around the world reviewed papers before the August conference, and Franquesa was

among just a handful singled out to receive the 2002 Outstanding Reviewer Award. The accolade was given by the academy's Business Policy and Strategy Division, of which Franquesa is a member.

The Academy of Management is the leading professional association of scholars dedicated to creating and disseminating knowledge about management and organizations. It aims to enhance the profession by advancing the scholarship of management and enriching the professional development of its 12,650 members, who hail from 82 countries.

Zegree named composer of the month by publisher

Stephen Zegree, music, has been named choral music composer of the



Zegree

month by Hal Leonard Corp., the world's largest music print publisher.

Featured on the Hal Leonard Online Web site are two recent Zegree choral arrangements, "New York State of Mind,"

by Billy Joel; and "Christmas Time is Here," by Vince Guaraldi, from the animated holiday special "A Charlie Brown Christmas."

Earlier this year, Zegree received critical praise for his latest book, "The Complete Guide to Teaching Vocal Jazz." Another of his arrangements, "Love Walked In," by George and Ira Gershwin, was selected as the recording of the month, in June, by Musica International, an online database of choral repertoire.

Zegree is director of WMU's award-winning vocal jazz ensemble Gold Company, which is celebrating its 25th anniversary in 2002-03.

Vaccinations against flu, meningitis available

Think you might need a shot in the arm to keep going strong this fall? The Sindecuse Health Center is ready to help.

Center staff members are gearing up to provide influenza vaccinations on campus to students, faculty, staff and emeriti as well as their eligible family members. They're also encouraging students who live in close quarters to consider getting vaccinated against meningitis.

Getting vaccinated is simple and cost effective. Members of the University can go to any of three upcoming outreach clinics or visit Sindecuse during walk-in hours: 8 to 11:30 a.m. and 1 to 4:30 p.m. Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays and 9 to 11:30 a.m. and 1 to 4:30 p.m. Thursdays.

The outreach clinics will take place from 3 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 16, on the second floor of the Student Recreation Center; 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 22, in 213 Bernhard Center; and from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 30, in the Sindecuse Health Center.

Flu shots cost \$10 and meningitis shots \$70. The cost may be charged to an individual's University account or paid in cash or by personal check. Credit cards will not be accepted.

A few callers having trouble with 269 code

Two months into Southwest Michigan's transition to the 269 area code, some callers are still having trouble getting through.

Beginning July 13, callers could use either 616 or the new code. However, a few companies with independent phone systems have not yet entered the 269 code into their logs. Callers from those areas are unable to connect using 269, but can get through with 616.

"This is a very common problem encountered during an area code change," says Garry Vander Ploeg, information technology. "In fact, that's one of the reasons they have a transition period during which you can use either code. We expect this problem to be completely solved by the time the new code becomes mandatory in February."

In the meantime, University departments should continue making the changeover on the Web, on letterhead and in publications. If an outside caller has trouble reaching you using 269, make a note of the caller's telephone number and the name of the company they work for, if applicable, and contact a customer account representative in telecommunications at 7-4663.



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Jobs

The following vacancies are currently being posted through the Job Opportunity Program by the Human Resource Services Department. Interested benefits-eligible employees should submit a job opportunity transfer application during the posting period and may contact a human resource services staff member for assistance in securing these positions.

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.

(R) **Dean** (tenure track, full year), Z2, College of Education, 02/03-3120, 9/16-9/23/02

(R) **Library Assistant, Senior** (.5 FTE, 20 hours per week), 13, University Libraries, 02/03-3121, 9/16-9/23/02

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Human resources

PHP health plan discontinued, similar IBA option now offered

All employees currently enrolled in the PHP health maintenance organization plan must select a new health insurance plan during Open Enrollment, Sept. 23 through Oct. 4, as PHP is no longer offering contracts for that coverage.

Although PHP participants may select from any of the available health plans, the University is offering a new option that is very similar to the PHP HMO. This plan, IBA Plan 1, is a "preferred provider organization," or PPO, with a network of providers. With IBA, participants are not required to select a primary care physician. In addition, services by out-of-network providers are covered at 60 percent after any deductibles have been met.

PHP participants who fail to enroll in a new health plan during Open Enrollment will be placed in the University Plan administered by Blue Cross Blue Shield. The next opportunity to change health plans will be in fall 2003. For more information, visit the Web at <www.wmich.edu/hr/benefits/health/open_enroll.htm>, send e-mail to <hr-benefits@wmich.edu> or phone 7-3630.

Open Enrollment starts soon

Open Enrollment begins Sept. 23 and continues through Oct. 4.

During Open Enrollment, employees can change to another health insurance plan; enroll themselves or their eligible dependents in health insurance if they previously declined coverage; enroll in Spouse Life or Dependent Life (for non-bargaining employees who are enrolled in Additional 1 Life, previously called "Basic" life); or enroll or re-enroll in the Medical Reimbursement or Dependent Care Flexible Spending Accounts for 2003.

Completed health and life enrollment/change forms must be submitted to the Benefits Office by 5 p.m. Friday, Oct. 4. Flexible Spending Account enrollment forms must be submitted to that office by Nov. 27 for the 2003 calendar year.

For more information, visit the Web at <www.wmich.edu/hr/benefits/health/open_enroll.htm>, send e-mail to <hr-benefits@wmich.edu> or phone 7-3630.



SHE'S A DEDICATED FOODIE
(Photo by Neil Rankin)

On Campus with Julie Sherburn Brown

When it comes to her workload at the Haworth College of Business, Julie Brown has a full plate every day. But as the marketing office associate for WMU's Food Marketing program, she wouldn't have it any other way.

"There's so much diversity in what I do," says Brown, a 1994 WMU graduate who studied psychology and sociology. "I have so much contact with the students and am constantly working with recruiters and food industry executives. It all keeps me very, very busy."

Much of her time—about eight months of the year—is spent working with Food Marketing Director Frank Gambino on the college's annual Food Marketing Conference, an event that draws upward of 500 attendees, including representatives from Kellogg, Coca-Cola and Procter & Gamble.

At the same time, Brown works with advisory board members, manages the Food Marketing Program's Web pages, serves as newsletter editor of the Food Marketing Report, and brings to campus officials from dozens of companies, including Kraft, Hershey, Wal-Mart and Meijer. She also works with the Food Marketing Association student group and members of the professional food marketing fraternity, Sigma Phi Omega.

"The students really fascinate me," says Brown, who coaches them on everything from landing internships to campus involvement. She also tutors international students.

Away from her office, she is treasurer and scholarship chairperson of the Professional Support Staff Organization, belongs to the Breakfast Optimist Club of Kalamazoo, and serves on the local Red Cross disaster action team.

She and husband Don live in Texas Township and are expecting their first child in January.

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undergraduate and graduate students as well as faculty and staff, providing them with the wide-ranging resources they need to carry out their research.

"Although I am sorry to leave the honors college, I'm excited about this venture and relish the chance to use my administrative skills in a new way to serve the University. I worked in the Georgetown University library as an undergraduate and have done intensive research in some of the best libraries in the world, including the Library of Congress and the Bibliotheque Nationale in Paris. Libraries hold a very special place in my heart."

Prior to coming to WMU, Reish taught at Butler University, the University of Wisconsin and St. Joseph's College.

Reish has been an active scholar of 18th century French literature, and has continued to teach that subject and English literature. In 1994, the French government made him a "chevalier," or knight in the Order of Academic Palms, for his work in furthering the study of French language and culture.

At WMU, Reish has worked on a variety of committees and recently served as chairperson of dean searches in the colleges of Fine Arts and Aviation. He has been active in the honors community nationally, serving as chair of the National Collegiate Honors Council's Study Abroad Committee and as a member of its Pre-College Education of the Gifted Committee. Reish also has held leadership positions with the National Conference on Undergraduate Research, the Michigan Honors Association and the Midwest Honors Association.

Savings bonds now available

Have you considered investing in U.S. Savings Bonds through payroll deduction? This savings option is offered to all WMU employees. There are two types of Bonds you can purchase through the payroll deduction plan: the newer and very popular I Bonds and the traditional EE Bonds.

Designed to protect your investment from inflation, I Bonds are purchased for face value and have two parts to their total earnings rate: a fixed interest rate and an inflation-adjusted rate, which is calculated twice a year. Your investment guarantees returns over and above the rate of inflation for up to 30 years. Both I Bonds and EE Bonds offer tax benefits.

For more information on the Web, visit <www.wmich.edu/hr/savingsbonds.htm> or <www.publicdebt.treas.gov/sav/sav.htm>. For information or to enroll, phone at 7-3620 or visit the Human Resources office in the Siebert Administration Building.

Completed enrollment cards must be returned to the Payroll Office.

Zest for Life classes revving up for fall

Zest for Life is offering a variety of programs free to faculty and staff, including a new lunchtime walking class.

The 10-week walking class kicks off at noon Tuesday, Sept. 24, at the Fountain Plaza near Miller Auditorium. For 90 minutes each week, participants will meet to record distances and learn about technique and motivation. Advance registration is encouraged and can be done by calling the Zest for Life office. Detailed information about the program will be available at the first meeting between noon and 1:30 p.m.

A host of other fall classes are available through Zest for Life, a free program for all benefits-eligible WMU employees, retirees and their spouses. Current offerings include full life fitness, tai chi, kickboxing and many other programs to enhance your health and well-being.

For details or to register for any of these programs, call 7-3543, send e-mail to <zfl@wmich.edu> or visit the Zest for Life site on the Web at <www.src.wmich.edu>.

Service

The following employees will be recognized for 40, 30, 25, 20, 15, 10 and five years of service to the University during September.

40 years—Joseph S. Ellin, philosophy.

30 years—Jack H. Roach, physical plant-maintenance services.

25 years—Patricia K. Campbell, physical plant-maintenance services; Gail Heflin-Puffer, plant-building custodial and support services; William J. Merrow, Mallinson Institute for Science Education; Richard M. Oxhandler, University counseling and testing; Patricia F. VanderMeer, University Libraries.

20 years—Lillian Y. Love, admissions and orientation.

15 years—Lester Baird, physical plant-maintenance services; Sean M. Bashaw, chemistry; John E. Campos, music; Sandra L. Custer, Sindecuse Health Center; Elaine Gaudio, foreign languages and literatures; Julie M. Leczycki, campus planning; Donna Marks, Bernhard Center; Elaine L. Phillips, University counseling and testing; Nancy P. Pyne, Bernhard Center-dining service; Terry G. Spencer, accounting.

10 years—George Fierro, aviation.

Five years—John H. Coons, University counseling and testing; Kathleen Mary Keckler, art; Colleen Lewis, internal audit; Janet G. Liebendorfer, electrical and computer engineering; Sally A. Sutkowi, Bronson School of Nursing; Debbie L. Uldriks, international student services.

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The college offers 19 undergraduate, 11 master's-level and five doctoral degree programs. More than 90 full-time faculty members and 50 staff members as well as numerous contract staff members and graduate assistants are part of the college work force.

Among Atkins' major responsibilities will be overseeing the completion of WMU's new engineering complex on its Parkview Campus. That campus is also home to the University's Business Technology and Research Park for companies in the life sciences, advanced engineering and information technology. The college is scheduled to move into its new facility in summer 2003, while its Paper Coating Pilot Plant will open on the new campus later this fall.

"The new facilities will provide some wonderful new opportunities for teaching with technology," Atkins notes. "One of our ongoing efforts this year will be to get everyone ready to use that technology to its fullest advantage so we hit the ground running next year when we are in the new building. We'll be working to create a totally different instructional environment."

Atkins has been active in research and teaching in engineering technology, with a primary emphasis on computer-aided design and manufacturing computer applications. The author or co-author of a number of monographs, articles and textbooks, he is a frequent speaker at national conferences. He is a member of the American Society for Engineering Education, the Institute of Industrial Engineers, the Society of Manufacturing Engineers and the Computer and Automated Systems Association of SME.

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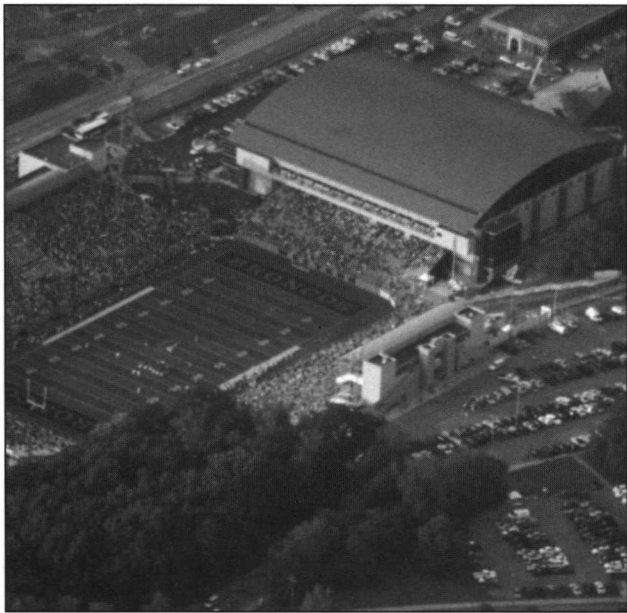
FOR SALE—1998 Ford Escort. Four-door hatchback, five-speed manual transmission. One owner, 130K miles. Runs great, some rust. \$850. Call 353-7579.

HOUSE FOR RENT—Attractive 1977 house in historic 17th- to 19th-century village in England, 20 miles from Oxford, 30 miles from London. Frequent train service to London. Most of village owned by National Trust for the Preservation of Historic Places. Two bedrooms plus study, large living room and kitchen, all completely furnished. Paved terrace and lovely garden. Call 372-8094.

FOR SALE—2000 Toyota Sienna. 33,000 miles, A/C, Power Windows, locks, steering, ABS, new tires, keyless entry, privacy glass, AM/FM cassette, CD, three-door, burgundy. \$16,000 OBO. Call 353-8724.

FOR SALE—1995 GMC Sierra 1500. 212,000 miles, A/C, 4WD, AM/FM cassette, with cap and power windows, locks and steering. \$5,500 OBO. Call 353-8724.

SEELYE CENTER UP—
The view from above
Waldo Stadium looks
a little different these
days as the Donald "J"
Seelye Athletic Center
takes its final shape.
Luxury suites in the
facility were opened
at the CommUnivCity
event Aug. 28.
(Photo by Mike Carlson)



University, community will partner for MLK observance

WMU and the Northside Ministerial Alliance will merge their observances of Martin Luther King Jr. Day, officials from both organizations announced this week.

The collaborative 2003 Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration will take place Sunday, Jan. 12, in Miller Auditorium, officials announced Tuesday at the Ministerial Alliance's annual community prayer breakfast. In past years, the Northside Ministerial Alliance and the ecumenical community held their event in Chenery Auditorium the Sunday before the MLK holiday, while the University's annual convocation took place during its MLK Week celebration. The community observance will be held eight days before the national holiday, while WMU's traditional weeklong series of events will take place Jan. 20-24.

"We look forward to kicking off the community's series of celebrations in honor of Dr. King," says Deveta Gardner, Career and Student Employment Services, and co-chairperson of WMU's Martin Luther King Jr. Committee. "The University is committed to partnering with the community in a wide variety of ways, and pooling our resources for this event will allow us to offer an extraordinarily meaningful observance. We are delighted that the members of the Northside Ministerial Alliance have committed their leadership to what promises to be an exceptional collaboration—one that we hope will exemplify Dr. King's ideals."

The theme for the celebration, believed to be the first partnership of its kind in Michigan, is "Moving the Dream into the Community: Civil Rights to Social Justice." The joint planning group is focused on ways to bridge generation gaps, spur action based on King's principles and promote social justice for all people.

"The Northside Ministerial Alliance is very pleased to partner with WMU in the celebration of the life and living legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.," says the Rev. J. Louis Felton, president of the Northside Ministerial Alliance. "We applaud Dr. Floyd and the University's vision of including the Kalamazoo community as WMU pays homage to one of the greatest Americans of the 20th century."

"The University is a leader in Western Michigan in employment, research, economic development and social consciousness. This collaborative celebration will be one of the great moments in the history of our community as we call together all faiths, all creeds, all ethnicities, all walks of life. Now is the time for all of us to overcome any differences and celebrate our commonalities."

Officials also announced that the keynote speaker for the Jan. 12 event will be Myrlie Evers-Williams, widow of civil rights martyr Medgar Evers and the first woman to serve



Evers-Williams

full time as chairperson of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. She is the author of "For Us, The Living," a book that depicts the life of her late husband and the civil rights struggle in Mississippi. Evers-Williams is also featured in the book and exhibit, "I Dream A World, Portraits of Black Women Who Changed America."

WMU's Martin Luther King Jr. Committee is dedicated to furthering social justice by engaging in meaningful education, research and service initiatives, and by coordinating events throughout the WMU and Kalamazoo communities. The Northside Ministerial Alliance, which partners with leaders from the Jewish, Muslim and other faiths to plan its MLK celebration, is an ecumenical body that strives to combat ignorance and apathy through education and grants to nonprofit organizations.

More journals now available on Internet

Upgraded access to electronic journals is available this fall through the University Libraries. The library Web site now allows faculty, staff and students to access more than 13,000 online journals. In the past, the site listed only about 2,000 electronic journals for which WMU had individually licensed subscriptions.

The new technology on the site, called the Electronic Journal Finder, can guide users to additional publications embedded within licensed databases such as Lexis-Nexis, ABI/INFORM, and Contemporary Women's Issues. Until now, it had been difficult to know which journals were incorporated into those sources. Clicking on the desired title on Electronic Journal Finder will link to that specific journal's issues in every case where it is technically possible. In other cases, the title will link to a search screen in the correct database, such as ABI/INFORM.

Electronic Journal Finder also allows users to search by journal name to find out whether a particular publication is available online.

Electronic Journal Finder is accessible on the Web at <www.wmich.edu/library/research-resources.html> (select "e-journals") or at <www.tdnet.com/wmu>. The opening screen gives valuable instructions and a link to instructions for off-campus access. The help screens provide additional detail.

Grant to fund learning study

Sitting in a lecture hall taking notes might not be most people's description of an ideal learning environment.

With that idea in mind, WMU's Department of Physician Assistant is studying whether there might be a better way. Faculty members are fine-tuning a new curriculum that incorporates a more hands-on approach to learning with the help of a federal grant.

The three-year, \$469,357 grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Health Resources and Services Administration will allow students to use real medical cases to learn about diagnosing symptoms and prescribing treatment.

It's all part of a "problem-based" learning program established three years ago with

another federal grant. New grant money will allow for further assessment of whether problem-based learning works better than the more traditional lecture-based model.

"The students use real medical cases to teach themselves the medicine they need to function as a physician assistant," says James Van Rhee, chairperson of physician assistant. "Students work in small groups of five or six students with a faculty facilitator or tutor. Each week, they work through a new case just like they would with a real patient."

The program is modeled after a similar one at Southern Illinois University. Van Rhee says that WMU is the only university to offer both problem-based and lecture-based physician assistant curricula.

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>.

SEPTEMBER 2002

9.19 Thursday

Guest artist exhibition (through Sept. 26), paintings by Jonathan Laib, Sangren Hall Gallery II, weekdays 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Student exhibition (through Sept. 20), Marci Bonham and Caleb Larsen, East Hall Galleries, weekdays 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; reception Friday, Sept. 20, 5-8 p.m.

Engineering Opportunity Day, Kohrman Hall, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Master class, violinist Philip Quint, Dalton Recital Hall, 2 p.m.

*University Theatre production, "Lackawanna Blues," Multiform Theatre, Sept. 19-21, 8 p.m.; Sept. 22, 2 p.m.

Reading by author Randall Kenan, 3021 Brown Hall, 9 p.m.

9.20 Friday

Faculty exhibition (through Oct. 9), Art Faculty Show, Dalton Center Multimedia Room, weekdays and Saturdays 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; opening reception, 5-7 p.m.

Aviation Job Fair, College of Aviation Main Hangar, W. K. Kellogg Airport, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Board of Trustees meeting, Connable Board Room, Bernhard Center, 1 p.m.

*Volleyball vs. Syracuse, Radisson Invitational Tournament, University Arena, 12:30 p.m.

Master class, Judith Saxton, trumpet, Dalton Recital Hall, 1 p.m.

Research ethics lecture, "Introduction to Research Ethics," 208 Bernhard Center, 3 p.m.

*Film (through Sept. 22), "Cherish," presented by Western Film Society, Little Theatre, Friday and Saturday, 7 and 9:30 p.m.; Sunday, 2:30 and 5 p.m.

*Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra, Miller Auditorium, prelude 7 p.m., concert 8 p.m.

*Volleyball vs. Wisconsin-Milwaukee, Radisson Invitational Tournament, University Arena, 7:30 p.m.

9.21 Saturday

*Volleyball vs. South Florida, Radisson Invitational Tournament, University Arena, 7:30 p.m.

9.22 Sunday

*Concert, Tony Bennett, Miller Auditorium, 7 p.m.

9.23 Monday

Student exhibition (through Sept. 27), Painting Group Show and Mixed Media Group Show, East Hall Galleries, weekdays 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; reception Friday, Sept. 27, 5-7 p.m.

Art slide lecture, guest artist Jonathan Laib, 2302 Sangren Hall, 7 p.m.; reception follows in Gallery II.

9.23 Monday continued

Phi Beta Kappa lecture, "What Does it Mean to Inherit a Revolution?" Joyce Appleby, UCLA professor emerita, 1140 Schneider Hall, 8 p.m.

9.24 Tuesday

*Musical (through Sept. 29), "South Pacific" starring Robert Goulet, Miller Auditorium, Sept. 24-26, 7:30 p.m.; Sept. 27, 8 p.m.; Sept. 28, 2 and 8 p.m., Sept. 29, 2 and 7 p.m.

9.25 Wednesday

Study Abroad Fair, "Experience, Change, Expand," West Ballroom, Bernhard Center, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Dalton Convocation Series, Power Play Barbershop Quartet and Bill Rashleigh, Dalton Recital Hall, 1 p.m.

9.26 Thursday

*University Theatre production (through Oct. 5), "All in the Timing," York Arena Theatre, Sept. 26-28 and Oct. 1-5, 8 p.m.; Sept. 29, 2 p.m.

9.27 Friday

Research ethics lecture, "Human Subjects Research," 157 Bernhard Center, 3 p.m.

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

*Men's hockey, Brown and Gold Scrimmage, Lawson Ice Arena, 7 p.m.

9.28 Saturday

*Football vs. Virginia Tech, "Southwest Fest," Waldo Stadium, noon.

*Volleyball vs. Kent State, University Arena, 7 p.m.

9.30 Monday

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.

OCTOBER 2002

10.2 Wednesday

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

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

Slide lecture with visiting artist Jane Marshall, 2302 Sangren Hall, 7 p.m.

10.3 Thursday

Career Day, Bernhard Center, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Research ethics lecture, "Informed Consent," 157 Bernhard Center, 11 a.m.

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

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

*Admission charged