Berrah to focus on science in Nov. 8 faculty scholar talk

Nora Berrah, physics and the University of Michigan Distinguished Faculty Scholar, will speak to the University community Thursday, Nov. 8. "We need to look" is the topic of the Distinguished Faculty Colloquium that Berrah will present at 4 p.m. in MCL 117.

An atomic physicist who is leading an international "dream team" of scientists exploring atomic and molecular photonication, Berrah received the University's highest faculty honor last winter. The award included a plaque, a $2,000 cash award, $2,000 added to her base salary and an opportunity to address the University community through a colloquium.

Berrah, who has been on the WMU faculty since 1991, is recognized as one of the world's leading atomic physicists. She has received nearly $3 million in U.S. Department of Energy funding for her research on the structure and dynamics of atoms and molecules. More than $1 million of that funding has been for Berrah's leadership of a team of international scientists who developed a sophisticated experimental research facility at the Advanced Light Source located at Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory.

Trustees to meet tomorrow

The University's Board of Trustees will meet tomorrow at 2:30 p.m. in the Commons Board Room on the Bernhard Center.

The board's annual evaluation of President Eron S. Floyd is on the agenda as well. Questions from three of the new degree programs and a graduate certificate program. Trustees also will hear the final grant report for the 2000-01 fiscal year.

Meetings of the board's two standing committees will be held after the board meets in its full board in 204 Bernhard Center. The Academic and Student Affairs Committee will meet at 1 p.m. and the Budget and Finance Committee will meet at 1:30 p.m.

WMUK hits goal in final hours

Loyal listeners and new donors stepped up to the plate, helping WMUK-FM reach its fall fund drive goal.

The University's public radio station met the campaign goal at 5:16 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 19, about three hours before the drive was scheduled to end.

The total amount received was $220,835, topping the campaign goal of $220,000. The station halts the campaign as soon as the goal is reached.

"The phones kept ringing," says Vickie Langkam, WMUK marketing and development manager. "We did all we could to reach the goal, but they continued to pledge anyway."

Six new works have been added to the University's critically acclaimed Sculpture Tour. The new works were installed over the summer and join the tour's existing 12 pieces.

"I am excited about the new additions," says Carol Rhodes, art. "We have some really wonderful pieces and they are all very different from what we have had in many ways."

Among the new additions is a piece by Luis Jimenez, a nationally recognized artist from New Mexico. Jimenez, who teaches at the University of Texas at Houston, was an artist-in-residence at the Department of Art in March, making two large lithographs in University printing studios under the direction of Curtis Rhodes, art. Jimenez collaborated with students and master printer Michael Sims, a 1969 alumnus. His sculpture titled "Mesteno" is located near the Gilmore Theatre complex.

"It's on the same par as having a piece by Bob Stackhouse, another artist of very national stature, on the tour," Rhodes says.

Pieces by Ed Shy and Shawn Canady also have been added to the tour. The works come to WMU after being on exhibit at the Decordova Museum and Sculpture Park in Massachusetts, a well-known and highly respected venue, Rhodes says. Shy's piece "Skyscraper with Crutches" is near Walden Library, while Canady's "Dark Stance" can be seen near Miller Auditorium.

Rounding out the new pieces are Lee Collett's "Tower at 4:00 A.M. in the third floor atrium of Sangen Hall," Dora Nettella's "Oval" on the south lawn of Sangen Hall and Terry Thommes' "Incoming/Outgoing." A fall full-color catalog will be available in early January.

Sculpture Tour introduces six new works by nationally known artists

BTR lands multi-building, new tenant

A well-known Michigan engineering firm will be the first tenant of a facility that will be built by local developer and University of Michigan's Business Technology and Research Park on the Parkview Campus.

Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr & Huber Inc., an engineering, scientific and architectural firm, will be the anchor tenant in a 24,000-
square-foot building to be constructed by Pro Line Opportunity Group LLC. The engineering firm is expected to occupy about 8,500 square feet of the new building, which ultimately will be home to several other businesses in the BTR Park's focus areas of advanced engineering, information technology and the life sciences.

Pro Line will oversee the facility, which will be located along U.S. 131, were presented for review by the Kalamazoo Planning Commission at the commission's meeting Oct. 18. Once development plans are approved, site work is expected to begin immediately.

According to Pro Line principals Bob Cook of Richland, Bob Deal of Plainwell and Chris Veneklasen of Grand Rapids, WMU and city of Kalamazoo officials are working with them to identify additional tenants for the building. The building is expected to be ready for occupancy by its initial tenant in late spring 2002.

The current anchor tenant, FTC&H, with its strong civil and environmental engineering track record, is an ideal fit for the BTR Park, says Robert Miller, WMU associate vice president for community outreach. He notes that FTC&H already has played an active role in the development of the park and has completed surveying, bridge design and construction engineering inspection services there.

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"This is another wonderful example of the private sector choosing to partner with the University," Miller says. "In this case, FTC&H will work closely with the College of Engineering and Applied Sciences as it develops its new civil engineering program."

The firm also has a well-respected environmental practice, and its representatives already have met with researchers in the University's Environmental Institute to discuss the possibility of working together.

The College of Engineering and Applied Sciences also will be located at the University's Parkview Campus. The college is planning a civil engineering program and expects the first classes in the discipline to be offered in fall 2003.

"We are delighted at the prospect of having a firm of this caliber as a resident partner in the BTR," says Dean Daniel M. Litynski. "They offer an outstanding example of the range and variety of projects our engineers in this discipline take on. We look forward to having our faculty and students work with them at the Parkview Campus."

Fishing, Thompson, Carr & Huber Inc., will join a number of other firms and the College of Engineering and Applied Sciences on the University's 25-acre Parkview Campus and Business Technology and Research Park, located at the intersection of Parkview Avenue and Drake Road.

Pro Line will oversee the facility, which was designated a Michigan Smart Zone, will be home to these facilities:

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The Energy Resource Center, being built by Armstrong Services Inc. and set for completion in winter 2002.

• Richard-Allan Scientific Inc., a medical diagnostic products and instrument firm, with a 120,000-square-foot building scheduled for completion in spring 2002.
• Fluid Process Equipment Inc., an engineering firm that specializes in fluid-handling systems, with a 25,000-square-foot building scheduled for completion in fall 2002.
• A business incubator, the Southwest Michigan Innovation Center, which will be completed in fall 2002 and house several companies, including two life science firms, Ann Arbor-based Esperion Therapeutics Inc. and Chicago-based Nepthx Corp.
Freshman orientation cabaret show goes on the road to Toronto

The National Orientation Directors Association has announced that WMU's Freshman Orientation will be part of a national Etiquette Dinner business seminar from 6 to 9 p.m. today in the Fetzer Center. This year's presentation is "Etiquette Making a GREAT IMPRESSION."

Each hall, about 100 students typically attend the seminar, which provides participants with bread and butter information about proper business etiquette in social situations.

The seminar portion of the 2001 event will feature Becky Plag, West Michigan market team relations leader for Target Corp. Following the seminar, the students will sit down to a formal dinner, where they will be able to socialize, network and have a head start in learning skills while dining with employer representatives from Target and the event's nine other sponsors.

For more information, contact Anne P. Coristine, Career & Student Employment Services, at 7-2745.

Around the Campus

Astronomy prof examines our knowledge of the cosmos

Using the past to better understand the future exploration of the nature of our universe is a favorite pastime of a University of Illinois astronomy professor to WMU in November.

James B. Kaler will discuss "Spectacular Astronomy: New Results for a New Millennium" at 8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 1, in 1104 Rood Hall. Sponsored by the Department of Physics and the Astronomical Societies, the presentation is free and open to the public.

The event, which is the one-hour show is written and performed by student members of the University Honors Program at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, is free and open to the public.

The "CabShow," as its informally called, has been providing entertainment to WMU's Freshman Orientation participants since 1974. A parody of college life, the one-hour show is written and performed by student members of the University Honors Program at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, is free and open to the public.

"As far as we know, there are no other universities in the country who have a Freshman Orientation cabaret show," says Christopher W. Trentham, orientation.

The 2001 production depicts six WMU students embarking on the journey of a lifetime—college. During their performance, they explore the fun, frustration and face their anxieties and fears as they encounter new people and situations. The cabaret show is based on the Student's Freshman Orientation theme of "Making Your Screen Debut at WMU" and incorporates numerous musical references, says "The Godfather" to "Austin Powers" to "The Sound of Music." Also included are several pieces of music with cleverly written lyrics.

"Year after year, the Cab Show is the highest rated part of Freshman Orientation," says Cheryl T. Dennis, theatre. "This attests to the quality of the student performers."
The following vacancies are currently being posted through the Job Opportunity Program by the Human Resource Services Department. Interested Ben-efits-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 7-2669 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 these positions, there are openings in selected fields. A letter of application should be submitted to the appropriate dean/chairperson.

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

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(R) Utility Food Worker (FTE 1.0, 40 hours per week), FVII, Dining Center, 01/02-2695, 10/23-10/29/01

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(R) Director, 19, Student Judicial Services, 01/02-2703, 10/23-10/29/01

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Taylor touts United Way’s community impact

Arnold Taylor really took this year’s Greater Kalamazoo United Way slogan to heart. As WMU’s leasing executive to the University’s student housing, Taylor’s job is a lot like being a sales rep, he says, complete with occasional rejection. Ever the optimist, Taylor sees even a tough job as being at his most convincing.

Overall, he’s proud to be part of the ambitious community campaign, noting that among agencies in cities its size, the Greater Kalamazoo United Way raises the largest dollar amount per capita in the country.

“There’s a tremendous philanthropic spirit in Kalamazoo and on the WMU campus,” says Taylor, who will resume his campus duties in mid-November.

Taylor in the office of the president, has been working since August 12 with other volunteers to raise $9 million for the United Way.

Taylor says he was particularly touched by the group’s visit to West Michigan Community College, a local-day care center, where the loved ones involved with the University, as well as current residents. "Those are the constant priorities and organizing the class. "I’m a huge fan of juggling, but I enjoy it."

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• Tuesday, Oct. 30, Brown and Gold Room
• Thursday, Nov. 1, Room 157
• Wednesday, Nov. 7, Room 210
• Friday, Nov. 9, Room 204

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PPSO gears up for annual holiday poinsettia sale

The Professional Support Staff Organization’s annual holiday poinsettia sale is now under way.

The cost per plant is $8, with four color options available—white, red, marble and single bells. Orders may be placed through Kristie Stormski, Office of Engineering and Applied Sciences, by phone at 7-4910, or by sending an e-mail to Kristie Stormski (kws7@wmich.edu).

Orders for the plants will be taken through Friday, Nov. 9. The plants will be available for pickup from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., Friday, Nov. 30, in 211 Bernhard Center.

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Ethics center coordinates series of post-performance cancer talks around 'Wit'

Audiences attending the Kalamazoo Civic Theatre's Nov. 1-3 performances of "Wit" will be able to talk with a variety of experts about the ethical issues raised in the play during special post-performance discussions. Sponsored by the Center for the Study of Ethics in Society, the discussions will feature physicians, an nurse and an ethicist and will be moderated by Larry Bach, emeritus in philosophy. Some members of the cast also will take part in each evening's discussion. The play begins each night at 8 p.m.

in the Suzanne D. Parish Theatre, 426 S. Park St., and the discussions will begin upon the play's conclusion.

"Wit" is a Pulitzer Prize-winning drama about the final six months in the life of an English professor diagnosed with ovarian cancer who reflects on her life, career and treatment experiences. The following panelists will participate in the discussions:

• Thursday, Nov. 1, discussions will include Donald Batts, an internist specializing in infectious diseases and past medical director of research at Pharmacia Corp.; Thomas Blick, medical director of research at Pharmacia Corp. and member of the West Michigan Cancer Center's Research Ethics Committee; and Janis Manning, a registered nurse who teaches psychiatric and chronic illness nursing at WMU's School of Nursing.

• The Friday, Nov. 2, discussion will be led by Sandra Borden, communication, and Maciea Lageman, an oncologist at the West Michigan Cancer Center.

• Saturday, Nov. 3, discussions will be moderated by Patricia Hoff, a psychologist with a special interest in treating cancer patients, and Thomas S. Innis, senior scholar at the Bert H. Vlissides Center and a former professor at Harvard Medical School.

Tickets to "Wit" can be purchased through the theater's website or by calling 253-4292 or 345-3133. For more information, contact the Center for the Study of Ethics in Society at 4-3497.

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Nov. 5 is nomination deadline for WMU's annual service award

Nominations are due Monday, Nov. 5, for the University's 2001 Distinguished Service Award.

The annual award, first given in 1980, recognizes exceptional service by a University employee in one or more of the following areas: service to the University; innovative and effective programs and services for student achievement and personal development; and innovation and improvements in the use of technology within the University. The recipient is nominated by the faculty, staff and student employees. The award winner is recognized for his or her contributions to the University community.

For information about the award program or to receive information on the nomination process, contact Bert Hughey, business information systems and chairperson of the award committee, at 7-3597.