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Fall enrollment sets records for freshmen, total student body

Enrollment at the University rose by 1 percent this fall to an all-time high of 28,931 students, a number that includes the University's largest-ever freshman class.

The number of beginning freshmen on campus rose by 2.7 percent, with this year's beginning freshman class totaling 4,669, an increase of 126 members over last year's record class of 4,543. Total undergraduate enrollment is up this year by nearly 2 percent, and the total number of undergraduate student credit hours increased by 3.6 percent.

This fall marks the fourth consecutive year the University has attracted record numbers for its class of beginning freshmen. For the past three years, WMU has closed admission to its fall freshman class in May, in order to manage the size of its entering class.

"We've determined that an incoming freshman class of about 4,500 is optimal for this institution, and we carefully monitored the admissions process last spring to try and keep the class in that range," says Provost Fredrick J. Dobney. "While it's difficult to predict the exact size of the class until the fall semester begins, we once again exceeded our expectations with regard to our goal this year. WMU continues to be extremely popular among prospective students and while that's a great problem to have, we need to monitor our class sizes continually to ensure we maintain the quality of our educational offerings."

Dobney says the University's increasing emphasis on graduate education also is reflected in this fall's enrollment numbers. While overall graduate enrollment is down by about 2 percent, that decrease is the result of far fewer numbers of students taking graduate-level classes on a part-time basis. However, the actual number of full-time graduate students enrolled at WMU increased by 16 percent, from 2,572 last fall to 2,990 this year.

State superintendent to visit

The College of Education Alumni Society and Phi Delta Kappa, an international professional educators association, will welcome Thomas D. Watkins, Jr., Michigan's public instruction superintendent, at 5:30 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 23, at the Fetzer Center.

The annual dinner is aimed at parents, teachers, school administrators and other stakeholders in public education. Watkins' address is titled "From Where I Sit: Direction of Public Education in the Next 10 Years."

Watkins, who considers himself a strong advocate for quality, public education, served in former Gov. Jim Blanchard's administration as deputy chief of staff and as director of the Michigan Department of Mental Health. Most recently he worked as president and CEO of the Economic Council of Palm Beach County, Fla. This past spring, Watkins was named superintendent by Michigan's State Board of Education.

In addition to having dinner, participants will have an opportunity to talk with Watkins about the future of public education. Reservations are \$20 per person and must be made by Oct. 18 by calling 7-8775.

'Wild West' Homecoming events on tap

This weekend will be packed with concerts, competitions and camaraderie as the University celebrates its 2001 Homecoming. Billed as "Wild Wild Western," this year's festivities promise to start a stampede of alumni and community members to campus for excitement and entertainment.



Among the many activities open to the public are two rock concerts, 5K and 1K runs and walks, the student-oriented Friday Festival, and a variety of artistic performances and athletic contests, including the Homecoming football game at 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 13.

PepFest welcomes alumni

Many WMU alumni will gear up for Saturday's gridiron contest with Bowling Green State University by attending the second Homecoming PepFest from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the tent village at Hyames Field. All those planning to attend are encouraged to register in advance with alumni relations staff.

Returning alumni will have a chance to reconnect with their alma mater at free PepFest tailgate parties sponsored by the colleges of Arts and Sciences, Aviation, Engineering and Applied Sciences, and Health and Human Services, as well as the alumni societies of the College of Education and Haworth College of Business. Alumni and their families and guests also may purchase a ticket for a breakfast provided by the Alumni Association.

Meanwhile, other Bronco fans will fire up for the game by gathering in the corporate area of the Hyames Field tent village. Other athletic events taking place during Homecoming are hockey contests on Friday and Saturday evenings and a women's soccer game on Friday.

Arts activities abound

Meanwhile, fine arts buffs will be treated to several shows, including the University Theatre production of "A Chorus Line" at 8 p.m. today through Saturday, in Shaw Theatre and a concert by Mandy Patinkin at 7:30 p.m. tonight in Miller Auditorium.

When Friday Festival rolls around tomorrow afternoon, the action on campus will be almost nonstop. During the festival, students participate in a variety of wild and wacky events, starting with the soap box derby from noon to 2 p.m. in front of the Siebert Administration Building. Two other festival events open to public viewing, the Fritter Fest at 2 p.m. and Western Olympics at

3:30 p.m., will take place by Goldsworth Valley Pond.

Distinguished alumni feted

Also on Friday, the previously announced winners of this year's Distinguished Alumni Awards will be recognized for their professional accomplishments by the WMU Alumni Association during a dinner at 6:30 p.m. in the West Ballroom of the Bernhard Center.

This year's award recipients are James E. Bultman, president of Hope College; Duane R. Dunham, chairman, president and chief executive officer of the Bethlehem Steel Corp.; and noted writer Howard A. Norman.

RockFest rolls over two days

Friday's events will end with an explosion of music at 8 p.m. in Miller Auditorium when the Campus Activities Board and Miller Auditorium present the first day of RockFest. The Friday concert will feature Sister Hazel and Blessid Union of Souls. The opening act will be Blue Dahlia, the winner of WMU's battle of the bands, which took place Oct. 8.

Day two of RockFest picks up at 8 p.m. Saturday in University Arena and is being sponsored by the Office of University Relations, WKFR 103.3 FM and WRKR 107.7 FM. It will feature actor/comedian David Spade and two nationally known groups, 3 Doors Down and Verve Pipe.

Third Campus Classic on tap

Homecoming Saturday will begin with another huge event, the third Homecoming Campus Classic, which is expected to attract more than 1,500 participants. The classic's 1K kid's fun run and 1K fun walk will start at 8:30 a.m., while the 5K run and 5K fun walk will begin at 9:15 a.m. Runners and walkers will take off from the Bernhard Center and follow courses that showcase the WMU campus. Refreshments will be available for participants, volunteers and spectators during the event, which will culminate in an awards ceremony and a free brunch for participants and volunteers.

This year's major Homecoming activities will conclude Sunday, Oct. 14, with the Homecoming Choral Showcase at 2 and 4 p.m. in the Dalton Center Recital Hall. The free concert is being sponsored by the School of Music and will feature the University Chorale, Women's Chorus and Collegiate Singers.

For more information about WMU's 2001 Homecoming or to confirm event times, visit the Homecoming Web site at www.wmich.edu/homecoming.

WMU helps NYC community college recover from Sept. 11 attack

WMU is one of several colleges and universities around the country that responded to an appeal for help from Borough of Manhattan Community College, which was extensively damaged by the Sept. 11 attacks on the World Trade Center.



On Oct. 1, WMU sent a tractor trailer loaded with used classroom furniture for use in temporary classrooms, which BMCC is setting up in trailers and rented office spaces. Included in the shipment, which was scheduled to arrive in New York City Oct. 4, were about 200 desks and chairs and several dozen computer workstations.

BMCC enrolls some 17,000 students in degree programs and an additional 8,000 in continuing education programs.

The main BMCC building is situated on 4.28 acres in lower Manhattan, approximately three blocks from the World Trade Center. The main building is seven stories tall and covers four city blocks.

Immediately following the terrorist attacks, the main BMCC building was used as a triage center and staging area for rescue teams. It was later used as a morgue. College officials hoped to reoccupy the main

building sometime this week.

In 1993, BMCC received the largest donation ever made to a community college, Fiterman Hall, a seven-story building located adjacent to the World Trade Center. Fiterman Hall recently underwent a \$62 million renovation. It housed much of the college's newest equipment and technical facilities.

When Tower 7 of the World Trade Center collapsed, it destroyed one corner of Fiterman Hall and extensively damaged the remainder of the building. According to one college official, the building and all it housed, including 60 classrooms and a business incubator, will probably be a total loss.

BMCC and City University of New York officials used the Internet to send an appeal for classroom furniture and

equipment. One of those e-mail appeals was received by Evie Asken, director of campus planning, who took the request to President Elson S. Floyd. Richard Piper, director of logistical services, and several other WMU staff members worked with Asken to arrange for the transfer of the classroom furniture.



NYC-BOUND—Campus workers loaded used classroom furniture on a New York City-bound truck late last month to help Borough of Manhattan Community College get classes under way again in the wake of terrorist attacks against its neighbor, the World Trade Center. (Photo by Thom Myers)

Campus attacks cardiac arrest, deploys new lifesaving equipment

Heart attacks strike every 29 seconds in America, claiming up to 600 lives per day. Now, with new lifesaving equipment being deployed around campus, the University is ready to strike back.

Having 13 new automatic external defibrillators—called AEDs—readily available in several public venues and placed in

hours coverage that can be used within an early enough time period to actually save a life, as opposed to waiting for an ambulance 5 to 15 minutes after they're called," she says. "And that doesn't include the delay, usually up to four minutes, before the call actually goes out."

In the past, the campus has had access to one AED in Sincuse, but only during working hours. That meant that for a good portion of the time, the AED was not available, Cowles says.

The effort to bring multiple AEDs to campus has been under way since last fall when student Donna Barry began researching the issue as part of her graduate nursing studies. Barry's findings suggested that an AED initiative would be feasible and practical. The University's Health Management Committee agreed and pushed for approval.

The program, which cost about \$50,000, represents a major step forward in cardiac protection for faculty, staff, students and campus visitors.

Coronary heart disease kills more than 459,000 people each year in the United States, with more than half suffering sudden, fatal heart attacks. The American Heart Association estimates that someone suffers a coronary event every 29 seconds and every minute, a victim dies from one. Of these victims, 95 percent never reach a hospital.

Increased availability of AEDs can help change those grim statistics, Sincuse Health Center's Bryan Stauffer recently told local radio listeners on WKZO. "This is quickly becoming a standard of care in communities and in public facilities across the country," he said.

Use of an AED within four to eight minutes of an attack can lead to survival in 20 percent to 49 percent of cases, Stauffer explained. Chances of survival are reduced by 7 percent to 10 percent with each minute that passes. Few attempts at resuscitation succeed after 10 minutes.

Once the exclusive province of emergency medical personnel, AEDs are becoming commonplace in airplanes, malls, stadiums, public buildings, health clubs, universities and other gathering places.

In addition to being credited with saving lives, the machines are compact, easy to use and essentially foolproof. The AED, which consists of two shock pads attached to a battery-powered computer, will deliver a jolt to the victim's heart only if it can determine if a heart attack is taking place.

The Kalamazoo County Medical Control Authority is training designated WMU staff to use the machines. Each department with access to one of the AEDs is responsible for refresher training, ensuring consistency in procedures and keeping trained individuals comfortable with using the device. Sincuse Health Center staff is providing coordination and medical oversight.



WMU Public Safety Officer Scott Coy says the new defibrillators will help officers better respond to heart attack victims on campus. (Photo by Gail Towns)

each of the campus public safety patrol vehicles puts the University in a position to help cardiac arrest victims improve their chances of survival.

Also designated for placement at Miller Auditorium, Lawson Ice Arena, the West Hills Athletic Club, Read Fieldhouse and the Student Recreation Center, the lightweight lifesavers can make a life or death difference, says Sally Cowles, Sincuse Health Center.

"This is the first time we'll have after-

Committee seeks Distinguished Faculty Scholar nominations

The selection committee for the Distinguished Faculty Scholar Awards is seeking nominations for this year's honors.

The deadline for nominations is Jan. 11. Up to three awards are made each year with the announcement of those awards made at the annual convocation ceremony. Each winner will receive a \$2,000 honorarium, which becomes part of the recipient's base salary; a plaque; and an opportunity to present a lecture, exhibition or performance for the University community.

All current, continuing board-appointed individuals with faculty rank are eligible for the Distinguished Faculty Scholar Awards, including part-time as well as full-time faculty members. Nominees must have at least seven academic years of service to WMU prior to nomination and no individual may receive the award more than once.

The awards are based on outstanding professional achievements, and nominees' accomplishments may be artistic, historical, literary, philosophical, scientific or technical. Wide recognition beyond WMU is essential. Nominations are considered based on a body of achievement by the nominee, with a substantial part of those achievements made during the nominee's time as a WMU faculty member.

Guidelines and nomination forms have been distributed on campus. For more information about the process, contact Ernst A. Breisach, emeritus in history and chair of the selection committee, at 7-4590 or by e-mail to <ernst.breisach@wmich.edu>.

Candidates sought for fall Staff Service Excellence Awards

Nominations are now being accepted for the fall 2001 semiannual Staff Service Excellence Awards.

WMU community members should submit nominations of non-faculty staff members who perform in true service excellence and far exceed normal job expectations. Winners are selected by their peers—representatives of these participating employee groups: the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, Local 1668; the Administrative Professional Association; Michigan State Employees Association; Police Officers Association; and Professional Support Staff Organization.

Up to 12 staff members may be selected to win a semiannual award with a \$100 prize. The winners of the 2001-02 semiannual awards will be the only employees eligible to win an annual award—with a \$1,000 prize—in spring 2002. Now, it is more important than ever to nominate outstanding University employees. Tell the rest of the University community about those fine coworkers who often go unnoticed and help publicly recognize their excellence.

All semiannual nominations will be considered solely on the basis of the nomination content. Nominations should include specific examples of service excellence. Nominations may be submitted through Friday, Oct. 26, to Kitty Scheffers, human resources, by memo or e-mail sent to <kitty.scheffers@wmich.edu>, or by using a nomination form that can be obtained from human resources at 7-3620. Winners will be announced in November.

Ramirez feted for life's work

Miguel A. Ramirez, multicultural affairs, has been honored with a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Michigan Legislative Hispanic Caucus.

He was one of seven Michigan residents honored Oct. 3 in Lansing



Ramirez

during the 2001 Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration at the Capitol.

"These individuals have provided exemplary service to their communities and represent some of Michigan's most

dedicated and hard-working individuals in the Hispanic community," noted State Sen. Valde Garcia in describing the award recipients.

Ramirez was honored for his more than 20 years of service to the community through his "unwavering support" of economic, educational and cultural outreach opportunities that have helped establish a positive image for Hispanics in West Michigan.

Journalism professor honored for excellence in reporting

Sue Ellen Christian, communication, recently received the Golden Bell Award for Excellence in Mental Health Reporting from the Mental Health Association in Illinois.

Recipients of this annual award must exhibit a high caliber of reporting ability, as determined by professionals in the mental health industry who provide the nominations. Christian, formerly a staff writer for the *Chicago Tribune*, was nominated for her story "Hope for Depression Patients, 2 Experimental Therapies Show Promise in Severe Cases," which ran in the Oct. 15, 2000, edition of the *Tribune*. The article documented research on new treatments for depression, including an implanted nerve stimulator as part of a clinical trial.

This is the second time Christian has been honored with the Golden Bell Award. In 1997, she received the award for an article about the effect of releasing institutionalized patients into the community.

Christian teaches journalism and is a freelance writer. Her reporting specialties include public health and medicine, and she continues to contribute to the *Chicago Tribune*.

Oct. 17 open house set for prospective graduate students

For many people, going to graduate school is as big a life decision as buying a house or moving to a faraway city.

To help make the decision easier for prospective students, the Graduate College is sponsoring a Graduate Program Open House from 4 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 17, in the North Ballroom of the Bernhard Center.

Participants will have a chance to investigate their financial aid options, learn about the many internship opportunities available, and talk with representatives from more than 90 of WMU's graduate programs as well as staff members from a variety of offices who can offer information on careers, counseling, teacher-administrator certification, and research and sponsored programs.

While at the open house, participants will be able to attend two workshops, "Financing a Graduate Education" from 4:15 to 5:15 p.m. and "How Your Graduate Degree Can Maximize Your Potential Earning Capability" from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Registration is required for the workshops, which will be conducted in 205 Bernhard Center.

For more open house information, contact Nancy Greer-Williams by phone at 7-8209 or by e-mail at <nancy.greer-williams@wmich.edu>.



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Second e-commerce meeting is set for Nov. 1

For the second consecutive year, members of the campus and Southwest Michigan business communities will have access to some of the nation's top e-commerce executives at a conference sponsored by the Haworth College of Business.

"E-Business: Surviving and Thriving in the Internet Economy" will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 1, at the Fetzer Center. The daylong event is targeted at business managers, nonprofit administrators, information technology professionals and others interested in online or offline e-commerce. Speakers include industry leaders from such powerhouses as Dell Computer, Microsoft, Covisint, BP Amoco and Nextel, along with a number of other Internet experts from around Southwest Michigan and the nation.

"We received an excellent response from the community after our e-commerce conference last year," says Roberta Schultz, marketing, who is serving as co-chairperson of the conference along with Betty Parker, marketing. "We have an excellent lineup of speakers from e-commerce hub

cities around the nation, including Seattle, Tampa, Detroit and Chicago. We'll discuss how business can get involved in the Internet economy and make the most of the opportunities available. And with such a great assembly of e-commerce experts, we'll be making some predictions for the next phase of electronic business."

Dean James W. Schmotter, Haworth College of Business, says, "Despite the dot-com crash of the last year, e-commerce is not dead. As a matter of fact, new applications and business opportunities surface daily. E-commerce is an increasingly important part of our curriculum at the Haworth College of Business, and we're delighted that our partners from the world of business practice can be here to share their expertise."

The cost to attend the conference is \$95, which includes breakfast, lunch and all conference materials. Reservations are required by Friday, Oct. 26, and can be made by contacting Schultz by phone at 7-0940 or via e-mail at <roberta.schultz@wmich.edu>.

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) **Assistant Professor** (tenure track, academic year), I30, Accountancy, 01/02-2655, 10/9-10/15/01

(N) **Assistant Professor** (tenure track, academic year), I30, Communication, 01/02-2656, 10/9-10/15/01

(N) **Assistant Professor**, (tenure track, academic year), I30, History, 01/02-2657, 10/9-10/15/01

(R) **Finance Assistant**, 12, West Hills Athletic Club, 01/02-2658, 10/9-10/15/01

(R) **Clerk**, 10, Student Financial Aid, 01/02-2659, 10/9-10/15/01

(R) **Skills Training Specialist I** (term ends 6/30/02), 10, Center for Disability Services, 01/02-2660, 10/9-10/15/01

(R) **Custodian**, M1/M2, Physical Plant-Building Custodial and Support Services, 01/02-2661, 10/9-10/15/01

(R) **Custodian**, M1/M2, Physical Plant-Building Custodial and Support Services, 01/02-2662, 10/9-10/15/01

(R) **Custodian**, M1/M2, Physical Plant-Building Custodial and Support Services, 01/02-2663, 10/9-10/15/01

(R) **Custodian**, M1/M2, Physical Plant-Building Custodial and Support Services, 01/02-2664, 10/9-10/15/01

(R) **Custodian**, M1/M2, Physical Plant-Building Custodial and Support Services, 01/02-2665, 10/9-10/15/01

(R) **Custodian**, M1/M2, Physical Plant-Building Custodial and Support Services, 01/02-2666, 10/9-10/15/01

(R) **Custodian**, M1/M2, Physical Plant-Building Custodial and Support Services, 01/02-2667, 10/9-10/15/01

(R) **Custodian**, M1/M2, Physical Plant-Building Custodial and Support Services, 01/02-2668, 10/9-10/15/01

(R) **Academic Auditor**, 12, Registrar's Office, 01/02-2669, 10/9-10/15/01

(R) **Groundskeeper**, M2, Physical Plant-Landscape Services, 01/02-2670, 10/9-10/15/01

(N) **Research Assistant**, 14, The Evaluation Center, 01/02-2672, 10/9-10/15/01

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R = Replacement

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FOR SALE—Two Tori Amos tickets, Oct. 17 Grand Rapids concert, orchestra row J, seats 37 and 38, \$85 or best offer. Call 344-2512.

FOR SALE—Panasonic microcassette tape recorder, like new, includes three blank tapes, was \$60, now \$35. Men's black leather jacket, casual style, large, very good condition, \$75. Call 342-8362.

FOR SALE—'93 Suzuki Sidekick LX, 4 x 4, \$2,300 or best offer. Call 7-3278, days, or 345-2935, evenings.



"WILD THINGS" ARE PART OF THE TERRITORY

(Photo by Neil Rankin)

On Campus with Kathryn Mohney

Kathryn Mohney, coordinator of The Children's Place Day Care Center, is happy to work "where the wild things are."

"It's different everyday, and it definitely doesn't get boring," says Mohney as several small children around her play with blocks and Blue's Clues in front a life-size mural from the 1963 children's classic. "This is where our student teachers get to understand how children work, and how to work with them better."

With 19 years of child care experience, Mohney knows how children work. Prior to joining WMU in 1996, she worked at private-sector centers in Michigan, Indiana and Ohio. In her role at The Children's Place she does everything from overseeing lesson plans for preschoolers year-round to creating plays and craft projects for big kids who come during the summer. She also keeps parents informed about their children's progress, manages interns and coordinates enrollment.

On average, the center serves about 51 youngsters during the traditional school year while summer loads swell to more than 100. Typically, about half are the children of WMU faculty and staff, and half belong to WMU students who are juggling parenthood, full class loads and, in most cases, a job.

Mohney oversees a 13-member staff, including several early education and elementary education majors doing pre-internships. "This is a very popular place to work because of the hands-on experience that it offers," she says. "You can't just teach classroom management in a classroom. You have to get out there and experience a 2-year-old telling you 'No!' to understand what it's like and how to respond."

The Children's Place offers more than a much-needed service to parents, she says. "While the little ones are learning, we're learning from them. And it's a blast to watch the college students bloom as they see the little children 'click.'"

For Mohney, having a "blast" typically begins at 6:30 a.m., when the first preschoolers begin to arrive. It doesn't end until 2:30 p.m., when she leaves work and heads home to her family.

She and husband Tom have little time for hobbies.

"My 11-year-old is my hobby right now," says the proud mom of a daughter named Cassie. "My daughter is taking horseback riding. She's taking tap lessons. She's in the 4-H Club and she's very active in church. We don't sit still too long."

Service

The following employees are recognized for 30, 25, 20, 15, 10 and five years of service to the University during October.

30 years—Richard A. Soule, physical plant-maintenance services.

25 years—Marian L. Rosser, family and consumer sciences; Caroline L. Smith, physical plant plant-building maintenance services; Thomas J. Sopjes, physical plant-maintenance services; and Baiba Z. Stepe, auxiliary enterprises.

20 years—Stephanie Boris, University libraries; Virginia Bowlby, admissions and orientation; Patricia A. Harvey, payroll; David S. Prentice, Power Plant; Thomas W. Sauber physical plant-landscape services; Richard K. Schaper, human resources; and Kimberly L. Smith, admissions and orientation.

15 years—Melanie L. Chapin, physical plant-building custodial and support services; Lauretta R. Eisenbach, anthropology; Dorothy L. Kaczmarek, Bernhard Center dining service; Edward Kluk, information technology; Leonard J. Peirce, information technology; Mark T. Robinson, Valley #2 dining service; Jan Selesky, mechanical and aeronautical engineering; Kay Shearer, Institute for Science Education; Terri Ann Stoken, physical plant-landscape services; Maralita S. Thomas, College of Arts and Sciences; Gracie VanderKamp, Valley #3 dining service; Chad Wheeler, physical plant-building custodial and support services; Sandra K. Williams, Valley #3 dining service; Patricia

M. Willis, Davis dining service; and Linda J. Young-Woolf, physical plant-landscape services.

10 years—Susan L. Wade, physical plant-building custodial and support services; Sally A. Waldron, Valley #3 dining service; Christine J. Wesseling, physical plant-building custodial and support services; and Derrick Williams, Valley #2 dining service.

Five years—Amy Sue Bennett, Registrar's Office; Jodi Houseman, physical plant-building custodial and support services; Kay Lewis, catering; Chad Stec, Division of Student Affairs; Anne M. Wagner, WMU Bookstore; and Laurie J. Wolfe, human resources.

The Sept. 27 edition of *Western News* included a service anniversary listing for William C. Morris, accountancy. Due to a data processing error, his department was incorrectly listed. Morris marked his 40th year of service to the University in September.

Human resources

Parenting teenagers is topic for Oct. 18 Lunch & Learn session

A Thursday, Oct. 18, Lunch & Learn session will examine the challenging topic of how to be a parent to teenagers at noon in 157 Bernhard Center.

The session, presented by the Employee Assistance Program, will feature Paul Mailloux, a counselor and social worker with Parkview Psychological Services, who will share ideas designed to help parents through the challenging teen years. Parents, yet-to-be parents, grandparents and others who have regular contact with teenagers will benefit from this session.

Those attending are welcome to bring lunch.

Great Sexpectations sets production tour

The 11th performance season of the University's heralded Great Sexpectations Touring Theatre Company will get under way Monday, Oct. 15, as the student group launches a 2001 tour that will include numerous stops on the WMU campus as well as performances at a number of other Michigan campuses.

Albion and Kalamazoo colleges, Kalamazoo Valley Community College and Oakland University will be included on the troupe's tour schedule as the group takes its interactive message on the road. The troupe's performances are designed to help young adults reduce their risk of unwanted, regretted sexual experiences and high-risk alcohol use.

It's a message that has garnered invitations for the troupe to perform for the American College Health Association and travel to campuses and conferences throughout the Midwest. In addition, Great Sexpectations' scripts have been purchased for use at Stanford University and the universities of Alabama and Arizona.

Walker Institute holds series on current race and ethnic issues

Exploring a variety of race and ethnic issues as well as learning about the research efforts of WMU faculty in these areas are the goals of a brown bag lunch workshop series being offered by the Lewis Walker Institute for Race and Ethnic Relations.

Two of the series' four workshops have been conducted. Arthur Helweg, anthropology, discussed ethnicity in Michigan, based on a series of books he is co-editing on that topic, and JoNina Abron, communication, discussed her recent visit to Durban, South Africa, to attend the U.N. World Conference Against Racism.

Two workshops in the series remain. Both are at noon in 301A Ellsworth Hall.

• Ronald Davis, history, will address "The New Global Historiography: Its Approach to Traditional Race and Ethnic Paradigm in the Social Sciences" Monday, Oct. 22.

• Shoshana Ringel, social work, and Jennifer Wiebold, blind rehabilitation, will discuss the "Culture and Disability Competence Project" Monday, Nov. 19.

dents, says Christine G. Zimmer, health promotion and education.

"It allows students to draw inspiration from seeing others like themselves change their lives and their relationships for the better," Zimmer says. "It serves as a trigger for discussions about real feelings, healthy versus unhealthy relationships, protective skills and supportive campus resources."

Great Sexpectations is the result of a shared partnership between Sindecuse Health Center's Office of Health Promotion and Education, the Department of Theatre, and eight other departments within the University that provide academic credit for student artist/educators selected for leadership training as a member of the touring theatre company. Francis P. Bilancio, Sindecuse Health Center, and Zimmer lead the effort.

On the WMU campus, the troupe will perform for a variety of academic courses in health and well-being, as well as for audiences in residence halls and before athletic and social organizations. Faculty and staff are encouraged to attend a performance. For information regarding show times and locations, call 7-3263.

Prospect hillside to get its first landscaping facelift in a decade

It has been 10 years since its last facelift, but a group of volunteers will give the University's Prospect Hill the equivalent of a good shave on Saturday, Oct. 27.

The Hilltoppers, a volunteer group consisting of WMU staff, faculty and students and some community members, will undertake the task of removing more than a decade's worth of shrubbery, "volunteer"

trees and overgrowth from the hill, which overlooks the Vine Street neighborhood and downtown Kalamazoo.

WMU staffers Greg Moorehead, alumni relations; Mary Lou Brooks, blind rehabilitation; and Kevin Vichcales, the Graduate College are initiating the cleanup effort and have organized a team of University and community volunteers.

The group is working in cooperation with Landscape Services, which will cut brush on the top 25 feet of the hill in the days preceding the volunteer cleanup. Approximately 100 volunteers are expected to then remove the cut material from "stairway to stairway," which is approximately 500 feet across.

"Prospect Hill is an important reminder

of the interdependence of the University and community and we want to restore the view of WMU's East Hall and its portico for the surrounding neighborhood and the community," says Moorehead. "Because of its physical and historical significance, the hillside's appearance is very important and symbolic."

The Hilltoppers, which adopted their name from the nickname Western athletes had in the University's early years, have been working since this summer to recruit volunteers and secure donations of materials including gloves, food and beverages. Among the sponsors signed on so far is Cosmos Cucina, a Vine neighborhood eatery that will provide the volunteers with beverages.

In preparation for the cleanup effort, employees of Landscape Services, including two arborists, surveyed the hillside and determined what trees and shrubs should be removed. Dead trees and those up to three inches in diameter will be taken out, while healthy larger trees and those that may be of unusual or desirable species will be kept. According to Tim Holysz, manager for Landscape Services, the majority of the material to be removed is brush, including volunteer and weed trees and wild vines. He says that this kind of massive cleanup of the hillside was last conducted about a decade ago and that having a volunteer corps to remove the cut debris will make the effort go much more quickly.

President Elson S. Floyd is expected to be among the volunteers working during the cleanup. Those volunteering are asked to wear long-sleeve shirts, long pants, work boots with good treads, work gloves and eye protection. Organizers warn that volunteers will be working on the hillside, which has a steep incline.

Interested volunteers can register online at the Hilltoppers Web site at <www.wmich.edu/hilltoppers>.

For more information, persons can call Moorehead at 7-8775, Brooks at 7-3456 or Vichcales at 7-8208, or visit the Hilltoppers Web site.

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 Calendar of Events. You can also link directly to the calendar at <www.wmich.edu/wmu/news/events>.

OCTOBER

10.11 Thursday Homecoming Week (through Oct. 14)

For more information on Homecoming events, see story on page 1. A complete list of events is available on the Homecoming Web site at <www.wmich.edu/homecoming>.

Exhibition (through Oct. 12), "Peruvians and Their Culture," paintings by Lucinda Stickney, Michael Dugger, Shannon Jones and Dillon Jones, Rotunda and South galleries, East Hall, weekdays, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; reception, Friday, Oct. 12, 5-7 p.m.

Exhibition (through Oct. 31), Photography by Barbara Jo Revelle, Gainesville, Fla., Sangren Hall Gallery II, weekdays, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Ethics lecture, "Research Ethics," Brian Schrag, executive secretary of the Association for Practical Ethics at Indiana University, Putney Lecture Hall, Fetzer Center, 1:30 p.m.

Mathematics colloquium, "A Graph Associated with the Character Degrees of a Group," M. Lewis, Kent State University, Alavi Commons, Everett Tower, 4:10 p.m.; refreshments served at 3:50 p.m.

National Coming Out Day talk, "Legal Issues Affecting the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Community," Jay Kaplan, Michigan American Civil Liberties Union attorney, 208 Bernhard Center, 6:30 p.m.

*Concert, Mandy Patinkin, Miller Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.

*Concert, Cantus, all-male vocal ensemble from St. Olaf College, Dalton Center Recital Hall, 8 p.m.

*University Theatre production (through Oct. 13), "A Chorus Line," Shaw Theatre, 8 p.m.

Reading, author Lewis Nordan, University of Pennsylvania, 2304 Sangren Hall, 8:30 p.m.

10.12 Friday

Women's soccer vs. Northern Illinois, WMU Soccer Complex, 1 p.m.

Lecture, "Surface Process Studies at Yucca Mountain, Nevada: History of the Potential Site for the High-Level Radioactive Waste Repository," Charles Harrington, project leader for the Yucca Mountain Project at Los Alamos National Laboratory, 1118 Rood Hall, 3 p.m.

Lecture, "Publishing A Mystery Today and Publishing: A Mystery Today," Dr. Albert A. Bell, sponsored by Friends of the University Libraries, Meader Room Waldo Library, 4:30 p.m.

*Hockey vs. Alaska-Fairbanks, Lawson Ice Arena, 7 p.m.

*Film showing (through Oct. 14), Kalamazoo Film Society, "Sexy Beast," The Little Theatre; Friday and Saturday, 7 and 9:30 p.m.; Sunday, 2:30 and 5 p.m.

*Concert, Sister Hazel and Blessid Union of Souls, sponsored by Campus Activities Board, Miller Auditorium, 8 p.m.

10.13 Saturday

*Campus Classic 5K run and walk, and 1K walk and fun run, 8:30 a.m.

*Football vs. Bowling Green, Waldo Stadium, 1 p.m.

*Hockey vs. Alaska-Fairbanks, Lawson Ice Arena, 7 p.m.

*Concert, RockFest Homecoming concert featuring 3 Doors Down, Verve Pipe and television star David Spade, University Arena, 8 p.m.

10.14 Sunday

Concert, Homecoming Choral Showcase, University Chorale, Collegiate Singers and Women's Chorus, Dalton Center Recital Hall, 2 and 4 p.m.

10.15 Monday

Exhibition (through Oct. 19), paintings by Yong-Kac Cho, Sookmyung Women's University, Seoul, South Korea, sponsored by the Office of International Affairs, Rotunda Gallery, East Hall, weekdays, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; reception, Oct. 19, 5-7 p.m.

Safe on Campus orientation session, volunteer support group for gay, lesbian and bisexual students, 157 Bernhard Center, 10 a.m. To register or for more information, contact Wanda Viento at 7-2123 or <wanda.viento@wmich.edu>.

Workshop, "Mental Health: Thinking Clearly-Living Well," 2502 Sangren Hall, 5:15-7:15 p.m. For information, contact the Office of Health Promotion at 7-3263.

*Concert, The Danilo Perez Ensemble, 1998 Gilmore Festival artist, jazz and Latin rhythms, Dalton Center Recital Hall, 8 p.m.

10.17 Wednesday

Dalton Convocation Series, Student Musicale, selected outstanding student performances from area recitals, Dalton Center Recital Hall, 1 p.m.

10.17 Wednesday continued

Open house for prospective graduate students, Bernhard Center North Ballroom, 4-7 p.m.

Concert, University Jazz Lab Band, directed by Scott Cowan, Dalton Center Recital Hall, 8 p.m.

Reading, poet Richard Jackson, University of Tennessee, 2302 Sangren Hall, 8:30 p.m.

10.18 Thursday

Exhibition (through Oct. 25), "Dawn to Dawn: Spring, Summer, Fall, Winter," handmade paper by Eve Reid, art, Dalton Center Multi-Media Room, weekdays, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; reception Friday, Oct. 19, 4-7 p.m.

Master class, Nokuthula Ngwenyama, viola, guest soloist with the Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra, Dalton Center Recital Hall, 2 p.m.

Mathematics colloquium, "Nonlinear Control, Noholonomic Mechanics and Variational Principles," A. Bloch, University of Michigan, Alavi Commons, Everett Tower, 4:10 p.m.; refreshments served at 3:50 p.m.

10.19 Friday

Master class, Fred Hersch, piano/jazz, Grammy-nominated recording artist, Dalton Center Recital Hall, 1 p.m.

Men's soccer vs. Northwestern, WMU Soccer Complex, 3 p.m.

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

*Hockey vs. Michigan, Lawson Ice Arena, 7 p.m.

10.20 Saturday

Community Family Day workshop for children ages 7-14, handmade paper with Eve Reid, art, and art education students, 1103 Sangren Hall, 1 p.m.

Concert, OCTubaFest, WMU Tuba/Euphonium Ensemble, professor Andrew Miller and guest artist Mark Fabulich, Dalton Center Recital Hall, 1 and 4 p.m.

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

10.21 Sunday

Concert, University Symphonic Band, conducted by Robert Spradling, faculty soloist Andrew Miller, Miller Auditorium, 3 p.m.

Concert, Doc Brown, fusion of funk, rock and jazz, sponsored by Student Entertainment Team, Bronco Mall Center Stage, 6:30 p.m.

10.22 Monday

Exhibition (through Oct. 26), "Americanization of Puerto Rico," photography by Bethany Wolbert, Rotunda Gallery; and "Photo Essay on Tecumseh, Michigan" by Allison Manwaring, South Gallery, East Hall, weekdays, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; reception, Friday, Oct. 26, 5-7 p.m.

Brown Bag Workshop, Lewis Walker Institute for Race and Ethnic Relations, "The New Global Historiography: Its Approach to Traditional Race and Ethnic Paradigm in the Social Sciences" Ronald Davis, history, 301A Ellsworth Hall, noon.

Workshop, "Emotional Health: Anger, Love, Depression, and Other Puzzles," 2502 Sangren Hall, 5:15-7:15 p.m. For information, contact the Office of Health Promotion, 7-3263.

10.23 Tuesday

Concert, University Concert Band, conducted by John Lychner, Miller Auditorium, 8 p.m.

10.24 Wednesday

Africa Week celebration, exhibition of African art, fashion, music, photography, WMU African Student Association, Bernhard Center West Ballroom, noon-5 p.m.

Dalton Convocation Series, Gary Hammond, piano, Dalton Center Recital Hall, 1 p.m.

Economics lecture, Werner Sichel Lecture-Seminar Series, (rescheduled from Sept. 12) "Common Value Auctions and the Winner's Curse: Lessons from the Economics Laboratory," John H. Kagel, Ohio State University, 3508 Knauss Hall, 3 p.m.

*Concert (also Oct. 25), Tap Dogs, Miller Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.

Guest artist recital, Gary Hammond, piano, with WMU music faculty members, Dalton Center Recital Hall, 8 p.m.

10.25 Thursday

Mathematics colloquium, "Temperature-Dependent Vibrations of Bi-Layer Microbeams," D. Ross, Rochester Institute of Technology, Alavi Commons, Everett Tower, 4:10 p.m.; refreshments served at 3:50 p.m.

*Admission charged

Alumni expert to discuss Yucca Mountain project

A WMU alumnus who now works with the Yucca Mountain Project at Los Alamos National Laboratory will talk about that project's proposed high-level radioactive waste repository when he returns to campus tomorrow.

Charles D. Harrington, project leader for science and program management for the Yucca Mountain Project, will speak about "Surface Process Studies at Yucca Mountain, Nevada: Quaternary History of the Potential Site for the High-Level Radioactive Waste Repository" at 3 p.m. Friday, Oct. 12, in 1118 Rood Hall. His talk is free and open to the public.

Yucca Mountain is the proposed site in Nevada where high-level radioactive waste from all commercial nuclear reactors in the United States will be taken for permanent disposal deep underground. Study of the characteristics and viability of this site has been a massive scientific undertaking for the past several decades.

Harrington, who earned a bachelor's degree from WMU in 1966, is coming back to his alma mater to accept an Alumni Achievement Award from the College of Arts and Sciences.

On staff at the Los Alamos National Laboratory since 1983, Harrington has been a consultant for various agencies and held academic positions at North Carolina and Murray state universities. A fellow of the Geological Society of America, he is the author or co-author of more than 30 articles, most of which are related to the Yucca Mountain region.

For more information about Harrington's talk, contact the Department of Geosciences at 7-5485.