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WMU included among top 100 public universities for third year

WMU has once again been placed among the nation's top-100 public universities by U.S. News & World Report.

The 2002 listing of U.S. colleges and universities, which appeared in the magazine's online edition Sept. 6, lists WMU as one of the top 100 public institutions among 249 "national universities-doctoral." This is the third consecutive year WMU has placed in the top 100 and the 12th consecutive year it has been included in the magazine's national university grouping.

The rankings are based on more than a dozen criteria, including academic reputation; retention and graduation rates; student/faculty ratios; class size; faculty resources; and student test scores and high school class rank.

WMU trustees cancel meeting

The WMU Board of Trustees meeting scheduled for tomorrow, Friday, Sept. 14, has been canceled. Trustees expect to meet again at the next regularly scheduled board meeting on Friday, Oct. 26.

Artifacts sought for centennial

Officials have issued a call for members of the University community to help locate WMU artifacts in preparation for its 2003 centennial celebration.

Ed and Ruth Heinig, co-chairpersons of the Centennial Celebration Committee, have asked that "pieces of furniture, artwork, trophies, uniforms" and other items connected to the history of the institution be made available to their group. The artifacts will be considered for use in public displays that will be located around the campus in conjunction with the celebration.

"As we approach our centennial celebration, it is important that we bring the history of this wonderful institution to life in many different ways," says Ruth Heinig. "To that end, we are asking that anyone who is in possession of significant University artifacts or memorabilia to please inform our committee."

Anyone who knows the location of such items is asked to contact the Heinigs by phone at 7-8449 or via e-mail at <heinig@wmich.edu>.

Mission statement alternatives to be discussed at two forums

Members of the campus community are invited to comment on proposed versions of a WMU mission statement at two sessions early next month.

The forums, slated for 4 p.m. Monday, Oct. 1, and Tuesday, Oct. 2, will be held in the Faculty Lounge of the Bernhard Center. Members of the campus community who wish to comment on the alternatives should attend one of the public sessions or submit written remarks by Oct. 15 to Vice Provost Linda Delene, committee chairperson, or any other committee member.

A committee comprised of 30 members from across the campus has been working since March to develop a revised mission statement for the University. Two alternatives were unveiled last month and printed in full in the Aug. 30 issue of *Western News*. Copies of the committee's full report are available at the reserve desk at Waldo Library.

University to play role in education reform

WMU is one of six universities nationwide that will participate in a five-year, multimillion-dollar effort to increase the ranks of physics teachers in America's elementary and secondary schools.

The University will take part in the Physics Teacher Coalition, dubbed PhysTEC, an initiative of the American Physical Society, American Association of Physics Teachers and American Institute of Physics that has received \$5.76 million in funding from the National Science Foundation. PhysTEC aims to increase the number of physics educators at the elementary and secondary school levels by improving the science preparation and teaching skills these teachers receive as students and by focusing on retention of physics educators.

WMU's efforts with the PhysTEC initiative will concentrate on improving preparation of middle and high school physics teachers. The University's Institute for Science Education, Department of Physics and College of Education will collaborate to revamp introductory college physics courses and develop a model for use by other institutions of higher education.

According to Robert Poel, Center for Science Education, recruitment and retention of elementary and secondary physics teachers is a critical need in the nation's schools.

"There are two reasons why college students don't choose to become physics teachers. One is that the introductory college course in physics often causes them to leave the program early," Poel explains. "Also, physics teachers make lower pay than their peers in industry and the student-parent culture they encounter can be discouraging."

The modifications being considered by WMU for the introductory college physics courses include using inquiry-based strategies and interactive technologies as well as integrating hands-on

approaches to teaching and learning.

WMU's program also will feature a Teacher-in-Residence component, in which an area high school teacher will join the PhysTEC program on a yearly basis to provide "a reality check of what we are doing," says Poel.

Frederick Stein, director of education and outreach for the American Physical Society, says the PhysTEC initiative will produce science teachers who are "committed to student-centered, inquiry-based, hands-on approaches to teaching from the moment they hit the classroom."

According to Poel, WMU was chosen to participate based on its strong history as a "primary teacher training institution" and the Center for Science Education's experience with AAPT developing a course model for preparing future elementary educators to teach the physical sciences. The other institutions

chosen to participate in the program are Ball State and Oregon State universities, the University of Arizona, the University of Arkansas, and Xavier University of Louisiana.

"We'll be building off of work we've already done on the elementary level," Poel says of WMU's PhysTEC efforts. "We will be extending what we learned in developing that but also focusing on retention efforts by developing ways to help support future teachers while they are still students and during their first and second years of teaching."

Other WMU faculty members who will be working on the PhysTEC initiative are Marcia Fettes, teaching, learning and leadership; Associate Dean William Coburn, College of Education; and Department of Physics faculty members Alvin Rosenthal, Clement Burns, Lisa Paulius, Paul V. Pancella, Nora Berrah and Chairperson John Tanis.

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Meijer chief to visit campus for Haworth College of Business talk

Hank Meijer, co-chairman of Meijer Inc., will speak on campus Thursday, Sept. 20, as part of the Haworth College of Business Distinguished Speaker Series.



Meijer

Beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the Brown Auditorium of Schneider Hall, Meijer will discuss the future of his company in an address titled "Meijer: The Road Ahead."

Meijer left a career in journalism in 1979 to join his family's company as assistant advertising director. Today, as co-chairman, he oversees Meijer's more than 140 self-service, combination supermarket and discount department stores in five Midwestern states.

Meijer, who earned a bachelor's degree in journalism from the University of Michigan, is the author of "Thrifty Years," a biography of his grandfather, Hendrik Meijer, which chronicles the founding and growth of the company. He has also written articles about Michigan Sen. Arthur Vandenburg which have been published in the *Michigan Historical Review* and the "Encyclopedia of the United States Congress."

In addition to his current corporate responsibilities, Meijer has served as honorary co-chairman of capital campaigns for the Grand Rapids Public Library and the Urban Institute of Contemporary Arts; president of the Family Service Association of Kent County; vice president of the Grand Rapids Area Council for the Hu-

manities; and a director of Fifth Third Bancorp and the Gerald R. Ford Museum Foundation.

The Distinguished Speaker Series, now in its sixth year, brings business, education and government leaders to campus to discuss a variety of topics of interest to the University and Southwest Michigan. Business and community leaders, as well as

WMU faculty, staff and students, attend the events. Dr. Christopher M. Korth, WMU professor of finance and commercial law, is founder and chairman of the series.

To attend the free event, which is open to WMU faculty and staff members but not the public, contact Kristen Rose at 7-5052 before 5 p.m. Friday, Sept. 14.



CAMPUS MOURNS NATIONAL TRAGEDY—

Flags on the WMU campus and around the world flew at half-staff Tuesday following unprecedented terrorist attacks on the nation. The University closed at noon Sept. 11 out of respect for the national crisis. Counselors were available at several locations on campus, and vigils and prayer services were held at the University and throughout Southwest Michigan. (Photo by Thom Myers)



The President Comments

Elson S. Floyd

Editor's note: As the nation mourned this week's attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, members of the campus community rallied together for support, comfort and prayer. The comments below are from remarks made by President Floyd at a Tuesday night vigil in Kanley Chapel.

The events of Tuesday, Sept. 11, were absolutely horrific for our nation and have touched all of us in deeply personal ways. The magnitude of the loss, especially the human loss and the emotional toll it will take, is difficult to measure—or even comprehend. But we know our lives will never be quite the same, and that becomes the most difficult issue to reconcile.

It is precisely at these moments, as our resilience is most taxed, that our sense of compassion for the human condi-

tion must permeate our every thought and guide our every action. In all that we do, we must epitomize our institutional and community values of civility, openness and compassion. We must celebrate our diversity and not become callous and premature in our judgment of others. We must seek to understand what has happened at the same time we employ a spirit of unabashed love and respect for others.

WMU was closed for half a day to allow time for reflection with family and friends; classmates, co-workers and colleagues; and significant others whose time in this space with us is too precious to measure. The University opened again yesterday, saddened by the events of Tuesday, but with the resolve that we must continue with our work and activities.

While we know our lives may never be the same, we must continue. We muse persevere, and we must ensure that the lives of all we touch are blessed with a sense respect, care and human dignity. Our renewed commitment to this mission can, in some small way, help us deal with today's tragedy and move forward, even at this time when the goal of building a better world might seem a remote possibility.

Workshop to focus on Earth-friendly ways to find oil in old places

High gas prices have driven the need to find new sources of oil, but the search is sometimes stymied by controversies over the environmental impact of drilling in such environmentally sensitive places as the Alaskan wilderness.

Two geoscientists, however, say that new techniques can find petroleum resources in old places with minimal environmental impact. They will present a workshop on these innovative methods at WMU Wednesday, Sept. 26.

The workshop, titled "Improving Recovery from Old Fields Using Geochemical and High Resolution Seismic Techniques," will be held from 8:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Fetzer Center. Dietmar Schumacher, director of geochemistry at Geo-Microbial Technologies, and John Clark, vice president of Bay Geophysical Associates Inc., will talk about how using chemical/microbial analysis of soil and seismic imaging can locate petroleum reserves that remain in long-abandoned or marginally producing oil fields.

The workshop is presented in conjunction with the annual meeting of the Eastern Section of the American Association of Petroleum Geologists (see story below). Sponsored by the Petroleum Technology Transfer Council's Michigan Center based at WMU's Michigan Basin Core Research Laboratory, the workshop is expected to attract representatives from the Michigan

oil and gas industry, service companies and governmental agencies.

Because of the inefficiency of traditional drilling and production techniques, many oil fields that are now abandoned or marginally in use still have ample reserves of petroleum and natural gas. In Michigan, it is estimated that nearly one-half to two-

techniques are cheaper, more productive and noninvasive."

The cost to attend the workshop, which is open to the public, is \$75 and includes lunch. The cost increases to \$95 for those registering after Sept. 18. Attendees who bring a guest who has never attended a PTTC workshop will both receive a dis-

Petroleum geologists to congregate on WMU campus

The Eastern Section of the American Association of Petroleum Geologists will hold its 30th annual meeting Sept. 22-26 at WMU's Fetzer Center.

The conference, titled "Resource Management in the 21st Century," will focus on the complex goal of developing and managing energy and other natural resources in an efficient, economical and environmentally responsible manner. Conference sessions will examine how demand for abundant, low-cost energy can be met while maintaining high standards of environmental quality through the use of new technology.

William B. Harrison and David A. Barnes, both geosciences, are co-chairpersons of the annual meeting. In addition to two full days featuring more than 40 presentations on various geological issues, the meeting involves three major workshops: "Exploration for Carbonate Stratigraphic Reservoirs," "Improving Recovery from Old Fields" and a K-12 workshop titled "Rocks in Your Head."

Two field trips that are part of the conference will take place Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 22 and 23. Those field trips will focus on "Landforms and Sediments of the Lake Michigan Lobe, Southwestern Michigan" and "Structures of the Kentland Dome and Silurian Reefs of the Chicago Area."

Founded in 1917, the American Association of Petroleum Geologists is the world's largest professional geological society. For more information on the Eastern Section of AAPG and this annual meeting and conference, contact Harrison at 7-5488. For registration information, call the WMU Conferences and Seminars office at 7-4174.

thirds of petroleum and natural gas originally in the state's oil fields is still present.

Schumacher and Clark will present case histories to illustrate how new techniques are allowing oil producers to find more product and do so with little environmental impact.

"The techniques that Schumacher and Clark will discuss are surface techniques for finding oil," explains William Harrison III, director of the Michigan Basin Core Research Laboratory. "Through soil analyses and high-definition seismic surveys, oil producers are able to more accurately hone in on the best places to drill a well. These

counted rate of \$60 per person, if they register together before Sept. 18.

The PTTC, which is partially funded by the U.S. Department of Energy, has been run by WMU's Michigan Basin Core Research Laboratory since 1998. The laboratory, part of the Department of Geosciences, houses more than 35,000 feet of core samples from wells across Michigan and is an invaluable repository of information on the state's oil and gas resources.

For more information about the workshop, contact Harrison at the Michigan Basin Core Research Laboratory at 7-8633 or by e-mail at <harrison@wmich.edu>.

Business, economic, education leaders gather

WMU played host Aug. 30 to the Michigan Economic Development Corporation's Innovations Roundtable.

Made up of representatives from business, education and government, the roundtable group has been meeting regularly at locations around the state to discuss technological innovations being researched on university campuses.

"These meetings encourage collabora-

tion between universities and businesses," says Chairperson Hossein Mousavinezhad, electrical and computer engineering, who represented the University at the meeting along with Dean Daniel M. Litynski, College of Engineering and Applied Science, and Vice President Don Thompson, research. "The roundtables are an offshoot of the larger innovation forums the MEDC sponsored several years ago."

Korth discusses euro in Passau

Christopher M. Korth, finance and commercial law, spent six weeks in Germany this summer at the University of



Korth

Passau. As WMU's candidate for the WMU-Passau faculty-exchange program, he worked with students and faculty; delivered three presentations on "An American View of the Euro;" and appeared in the local media. While overseas, he also visited the Frankfurt and Amsterdam stock exchanges to study the impact of the euro, the new European currency, as well as the mergers taking place among Europe's 37 stock exchanges.

University team to participate in diabetes fund-raising walk

A WMU staff member hopes to rally a host of Broncos for America's Walk for Diabetes Saturday, Oct. 6.

Bruce Paananen, information technology, will be the University's team

captain for the annual fund-raising walk, which begins at 9 a.m. at the Portage Cel-

ery Flats. More than 1,000 area residents are expected to walk the four-mile course, raising \$100,000 for research to find a cure for diabetes.

"Diabetes is a devastating disease that has reached almost epidemic proportions," says Paananen, who is one of 16 million Americans who suffer from the disease. "It's crucial that we help fund the effort to cure diabetes, and, until a cure is found, educate people about how to prevent it and minimize the damage it causes. And the event inspires a lot of camaraderie and community spirit; it's really quite fun."

Paananen is aiming for a team of at least 10 people, but he dreams of assembling dozens of Bronco walkers—enough to win the award for the event's largest team. In either case, he's looking for faculty, staff and student participants. For more information or to join the team, contact Paananen at 7-5454.

Colella joins Conferences and Seminars staff as coordinator

Conferences and Seminars at WMU recently appointed Cathy Colella of Kalamazoo as a program coordinator. Colella had been interim executive director of the Art Center of Battle Creek, which she joined in 1999 as associate director.

In her new position, she will develop, manage and market noncredit programs, conferences and workshops. Her responsibilities for each assignment will include budget management, supervision of logistical and administrative details, and production and dissemination of promotional materials.

Since 1989, Colella has worked as a development associate, human resources specialist and administrative assistant with a number of Michigan organizations.

WMU's Conferences and Seminars unit provides a wide range of noncredit educational programming, including conferences, customized training for business and industry, courses to meet continuing professional education requirements, and certificate as well as professional development programs. A part of the Division of Continuing Education, it also provides complete conference management services for local, state and national events sponsored by on- or off-campus clients.



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

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

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

(R) **Research Assistant** (term ends 9/30/02), 14, College of Arts & Sciences, 01/02-2610, 9/11-9/17/01

(R) **Assistant Professor** (tenure track, academic year), I30, finance and commercial law, 01/02-2622, 9/11-9/17/01

(R) **Assistant/Associate/Full Professor** (tenure track, academic year), I30/I20/I10, mechanical and aeronautical engineering, 01/02-2623, 9/11-9/17/01

(N) **Nutrition Services Coordinator** (FTE .50, 20 hours/week), 16, Sincuse Health Center, 01/02-2625, 9/11-9/17/01

(R) **Office Associate**, 13, residence life, 01/02-2626, 9/11-9/17/01

(R) **Office Associate**, 13, College of Education, 01/02-2627, 9/11-9/17/01

(R) **Office Assistant**, 11, School of Music, 01/02-2628, 9/11-9/17/01

(R) **Medical Office Assistant**, 11, Sincuse Health Center, 01/02-2629, 9/11-9/17/01

(R) **Instructor/Assistant Professor** (term ends 8/04/03), I40/I30, School of Public Affairs and Administration, 01/02-2630, 9/11-9/17/01

(N) **Assistant Professor** (tenure track, academic year), I30, sociology, 01/02-2631, 9/11-9/17/01

(N) **Assistant Professor** (tenure track, academic year), I30, sociology, 01/02-2632, 9/11-9/17/01

(R) **Assistant Professor** (tenure track, academic year), I30, Psychology, 01/02-2633, 9/11-9/17/01

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Human resources

Savings bond drive gears up

WMU's annual Savings Bond drive begins Sept. 17 and continues through Oct. 5.

The University is offering the very popular I Bonds again this year through payroll deduction, in addition to the traditional EE Bonds. I Bonds are designed to protect investments 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 based on the Consumer Price Index for Urban Consumers. Returns over and above the rate of inflation are guaranteed for up to 30 years. Both I Bonds and EE Bonds offer attractive tax benefits as well.

Buying U.S. Savings Bonds through payroll deduction helps our government and helps you to save, even if you can only set aside a small amount each pay period. For more information, faculty and staff members are asked to review the brochures and enrollment cards they will receive by mail soon. And the user-friendly U.S. Savings Bonds Web site is filled with helpful information; visit it at <www.savingsbonds.gov>.



A FAN PROMOTES HER FAVORITE STATION
(Photo by Neil Rankin)

On Campus with Vickie Langkam

When describing what she loves about her job, Vickie Langkam conjures up "The A-Team."

"Do you remember the George Peppard character?" she laughs, recalling the '80s television sensation. "At the end of every show, he'd smoke his cigar and say, 'I love it when a plan comes together.'"

"Well, I don't smoke cigars, but it's a great analogy. I really enjoy working on a complex project and then watching the pieces all fall into place."

Since joining WMUK last year as the station's first marketing and development staff member, Langkam has managed a multitude of those multifaceted projects. She oversees the station's community outreach efforts, including biennial on-air fundraising; a recently launched capital campaign to upgrade aging audio equipment; celebrations related to WMUK's 50th anniversary; listener relations; and publication of a revamped newsletter. Langkam has undertaken all this in addition to her work to initiate and build the station's underwriting program, which she recently handed off to another new staff member.

"I was attracted to this job because, as a WMUK listener, I already knew the station had a quality product for me to market," she notes. "WMUK is an important asset in this community. I was impressed by [Station Manager] Floyd Pientka's vision, and I've really enjoyed helping to communicate the ideals that drive the station."

Before joining the University, Langkam owned a consulting firm that assisted nonprofit organizations with fund development. Prior to that two-year stint, she worked on the opposite side of the fundraising equation—as executive director of the Pharmacia & Upjohn Foundation.

In addition to her current responsibilities at the station, Langkam is also an active community volunteer. She serves on five boards of directors, including the Kalamazoo Rotary and the Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra League. Golf is her first love, followed by tennis, bike riding and wine—Langkam coordinates a gourmet dinner and wine club, a regional chapter of the Tasters' Guild.

Although it seems they'd hardly have time, Langkam and her husband are also world travelers, trotting the globe in search of prime golfing. Married six years ago in Edinburgh, Scotland, the couple has also hit the links in Italy, Spain and France, and visited nearly every island in the Caribbean.

Human resources continued

Benefits Fair showcases options

All benefits-eligible University employees are invited to attend 2001 Benefits Fair from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 25, in the Bernhard Center North Ballroom. The fair, sponsored by the Human Resources Benefits Office, gives employees an opportunity to learn more about their wide variety of benefits. Representatives from many on- and off-campus organizations and benefit providers will be at the fair, ready to share information and answer questions. This year, for the first time, presentations will be made on a variety of benefits-related topics in nearby rooms during fair hours. Employees attending the fair will be able to enter a door prize drawing and refreshments will be served.

Exchange

FOR SALE—'94 Chevy Beretta, V6, 3.1L; 95K; good cond.; A/C, PL, cruise, remote starter, newer brakes, battery, tires. \$4,200. Call 383-8426 or 7-5052.

FOR SALE—'96 Mercury Mystique; gold; good cond.; A/C, CD, PW/PL, cruise, keyless entry, remote starter; nonsmoker; attractive; reliable. \$4,500. Call 353-8875 or 7-8423.

FOR SALE—Rattan furniture, two loveseats, chair, table, cushions in brown, off-white and rust, \$200. Waterbed, twin, unusual with 5 water tubes, \$75. Antique Jenny Lind bed, twin, with nightstand, \$150. Call 372-5752.

FOR SALE—Secluded farmhouse in Almena Twp., near Gobles; outbuildings for use as studio/shop; minutes from Kalamazoo. \$134,900. Call 628-4496 or 207-4007.

Revamped computer lab opens to students

With the help of three students waiting to use the facility, WMU President Elson S. Floyd snipped the ribbons across the

entry and officially re-opened the Bernhard Center computing lab Sept. 5, putting nearly 150 work stations and a state-of-the-art lab back in student hands.

Administrators from across campus attended the early morning ceremony to celebrate the

completion of the project that began in May. The interior of the lab underwent extensive redesign and renovation in a \$500,000 construction project that included new flooring, ceiling, light fixtures, work stations and a redesigned service desk.

Equipment for the new environment includes some \$140,000 in updated technology. A total of 120 new PCs are already in place and 14 Macintosh computers are still to be installed.

"We wanted to provide our students with state-of-the-art technology and that is precisely what we've done with this lab," Floyd said during brief remarks. "The Bernhard Center serves as a gateway to the University for students and their parents. It must

reflect our commitment to technology and send a strong signal to students visiting this University about that commitment."



A CUT ABOVE—President Floyd recruited several students waiting to use the remodeled computer lab to assist in the ribbon-cutting ceremony.
(Photo by Neil Rankin)

Vice President Viji Murali, information technology, welcomed those attending the ceremony and characterized the project as "a great example of teamwork" by her staff and those on the staff of Vice President Robert M. Beam, business and finance.

She singled out student Scott Jesweak, a senior computer science major and a three-year employee of the Bernhard Center lab as playing a critical role in launching the project. Knowing that only funding for the new technology was available through Murali's office, Jesweak sent an e-mail to Floyd asking for assistance with the renovation. After a May tour of the facility, Floyd authorized the project and the summer-long renovation efforts began.

WMUK listeners to again hear tell of Lake Wobegon and Guy Noir

After a 16-year hiatus, "A Prairie Home Companion" will return Oct. 6 to the WMUK-102.1 FM, the University's public radio station.

"This announcement is part of WMUK's 50th anniversary celebration," says the station's general manager, Floyd Pientka. "Without a doubt, 'Prairie Home' has been the one program our listeners have requested most for several years running. It's the right time to bring it back, and I hope fans of the program will be pleased."

The show will air Saturday evenings on WMUK from 6 to 8 p.m. Listeners accustomed to hearing the locally produced "Grassroots" in that time slot can still catch the popular music program Sunday mornings from 10 a.m. to noon.

"A Prairie Home Companion" is a live, two-hour weekly variety program from Minnesota Public Radio and Public Radio International. Hosted by best-selling author Garrison Keillor, it showcases actors Tim Russell and Sue Scott, along with the

sound effects of Tom Keith and the house musical ensemble, The Guy's All-Star Shoe Band. Each program features Keillor's signature monologue, "The News from Lake Wobegon," an update from the little town where "all the women are strong, all the men are good looking and all the children are above average." The show is currently carried coast-to-coast on more than 500 public radio stations, with a nationwide audience of nearly three million listeners.

Study Abroad Fair opens world of learning



A HISTORIC ANNOUNCEMENT—Media representatives and dozens of supporters from the campus community and around the nation were on hand Aug. 30 when University officials announced "Partnering for Success: The Centennial Campaign for Western Michigan University." The public announcement, above, was followed by a celebration luncheon in the Gilmore Theatre Complex, where capital campaign organizers elaborated on their message. Pledges for 60 percent of the \$125 million goal have already been secured. (Photo by Neil Rankin)

WMU students, high school students and guidance counselors, and parents who want to know more about international learning opportunities can satisfy their curiosity by attending the second Study Abroad Fair from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday, Sep. 19, in the Bernhard Center's South Ballroom.

The event will feature information booths and displays that provide details on WMU's more than 30 study abroad programs and the thousands of additional programs available through a wide variety of other universities and organizations.

"Living and studying in another culture provide tremendous learning opportunities and personal benefits that can significantly enhance students' lives," says Sabine C. Klahr, study abroad.

"Study abroad programs are academically based and allow students to gain new perspectives, learn by experience and take courses not offered at WMU," Klahr notes. "They also improve participants' potential for success in the job market and contribute to personal growth by enhancing intercultural and language skills, flexibility, maturity, self-confidence, and self-awareness."

WMU professors who coordinate courses around the globe and students who have studied abroad or hail from other countries will be on hand to answer questions. Also in attendance will be representatives from non-WMU programs and the University's offices of Study Abroad and Student Financial Aid and Scholarships.

For more information about the Study Abroad Fair or international learning opportunities, contact the Office of Study Abroad at 7-5890 or <study-abroad@wmich.edu>, or visit the office online at <www.wmich.edu/studyabroad>.

Ethics series begins with look at moral luck

Are criminals truly bad or just morally unlucky?

The concept of moral luck is the first of many ethical issues to be explored in a lecture series that begins this month and is sponsored by WMU's Center for the Study of Ethics in Society.

The center's annual series of public presentations features scholars from both inside and outside the University. The presentations are free and open to the public.

Jil C. Larson, English, will kick off the series at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 20, with her presentation on "Moral Luck in Ethics and Literature" in 208 Bernhard Center. Moral luck is defined as those cases in which luck plays an important part in the acts or characteristics for which a person is blamed or punished. In her address, she will describe the role of moral luck in literature, specifically Thomas Hardy novels.

"As Thomas Nagel defines it, moral luck exists when a significant aspect of a person's action depends on factors beyond control, and yet we nonetheless regard the person as an object of moral judgment," says Larson. "Literature reveals that, far from being merely an unruly contradiction in terms, the concept of moral luck helps us understand the ethical complexity of our lives."

Larson wrote the newly released book, "Ethics and Narrative in the English Novel, 1880-1914," and is the former managing editor of the journal *Victorian Studies*.

Other fall presentations in the series are:

- The Winnie Veenstra Peace Lecture, "Crossing the Line: Moral Witness and the Struggle to Close the U.S. School of the Americas," the Rev. Roy Bourgeois, director of the School of the Americas Watch, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 25, in 208 Bernhard Center;

- "Race and Athletics," Albert Mosley, professor of philosophy at Smith College, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 4, in 157 and 158 Bernhard Center;

- "Research Ethics," Brian Schrag, executive secretary of the Association for Practical Ethics at Indiana University, 1:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 11, in the Putney Lecture Hall at the Fetzer Center;

- Discussions of the ethical implications of the play "Wit," following performances Thursday through Saturday, Nov. 1 through 3, at the Kalamazoo Civic Theatre, 329 S. Park St.;

- "Academic Freedom in Times of Turmoil," Petr Kolar, dean of the faculty of arts, Charles University, Prague, Czechoslovakia, 7:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 5, in 208 Bernhard Center;

- "Are There Objective Values? Human Hope and Randian Objectivism as Answers to Relativism," Joseph Ellin, philosophy, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 8, in 204 Bernhard Center;

- A Demonstration Ethics Bowl featuring WMU's student Ethics Bowl team, 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 14, at the Lee Honors College; and

- "Responsible Charge," Ed Turner, professional engineer and licensed surveyor, 3 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 15, in Putney Lecture Hall of the Fetzer Center.

For information, contact the Center for the Study of Ethics in Society at 7-4397.

Calendar

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SEPTEMBER

9.13 Thursday

Exhibition (through Sept. 14), Sculpture Group Show, Rotunda and South Galleries, East Hall, weekdays, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; reception, Sept. 14, 5-7 p.m.

Exhibition (through Sept. 26), paintings by prominent Illinois artist Ben Mahmoud, Gallery II, Sangren Hall, Monday through Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Teleconference workshop for WMU researchers, "Conducting Research Responsibly," 1010 Fetzer Center, 1-4 p.m.; to register contact research compliance at 7-8293 or <research-compliance@wmich.edu>.

Slide presentation, Artist-in-Residence Ben Mahmoud, "Pretense and Falsification: Realism in the 20th Century," 2304 Sangren Hall, 7 p.m. Reception follows in Gallery II.

*"Best Little Whorehouse in Texas," starring Ann-Margret (through Sept. 16), Miller Auditorium; Sept. 13, 7:30 p.m.; Sept. 14-15, 2 and 8 p.m.; Sept. 16, 3 p.m.

9.14 Friday

Mathematics colloquium, "Sylvester's Syntheses and Outer Automorphisms of the Sym(6)," Joseph Buckley, sponsored by the Department of Mathematics, Alavi Commons, Everett Tower, 4:10 p.m.; refreshments, 3:50 p.m.

*Film showing, "Calle 54," sponsored by the Kalamazoo Film Society, Little Theatre, Sept. 14-15, 7 and 9:30 p.m.; Sept. 16, 2:30 and 5 p.m.

9.16 Sunday

Faculty recital, Renata Artman Knific, violin, with guest Rich Ridenour, piano, performing Antheil, Bach, Piazzola, and featuring Gershwin's Porgy and Bess Fantasy arranged by Ridenour, Dalton Center Recital Hall, 4 p.m.

Concert, Willamena, pop/roots rock band sponsored by Student Entertainment Team, Bronco Mall Center Stage, 6:30 p.m.

9.17 Monday

Exhibition (through Sept. 21), Photography by Coreene Smith, Rotunda Gallery, and "Outdoor Encounter/North Manitou," South Gallery, East Hall, weekdays, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; reception, Sept. 21, 5-7 p.m.

Guest Artist Recital, Bill Mathis, trombone, Bowling Green State University faculty member, Dalton Center Recital Hall, 8 p.m.

9.18 Tuesday - Rosh Hashana

Guest Artist Recital, Neal Corwell, euphonium, composer, soloist, clinician, and member of Symphonia, a tuba-euphonium ensemble, 1116 Dalton Center, 8 p.m.

9.19 Wednesday

Study Abroad Fair, South Ballroom, Bernhard Center, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Concert, Fantasia, unique blend of Latino music and dance sponsored by Student Entertainment Team, Bronco Mall Center Stage, noon.

Dalton Convocation Series, Margaret Baxtresser, piano, a preview of the evening's guest artist recital, Dalton Center Recital Hall, 1 p.m.

Guest Artist Recital, Margaret Baxtresser, piano, "Debussy and the Impressionists," combining Debussy's piano works with projections of impressionist paintings by Monet, Degas and Renoir, Dalton Center Recital Hall, 8 p.m.

9.20 Thursday

Computer Science colloquium, "On the Essence of Computer Science-Part 2: The System Essence," Thomas F. Piatkowski, sponsored by the Department of Computer Science, 3301 Friedmann Hall, 4 p.m.; refreshments, 3:45 p.m.

Ethics lecture, "Moral Luck in Ethics and Literature," Jil C. Larson, English, 208 Bernhard Center, 7:30 p.m.

*University Theatre production (through Sept. 29), "The Laramie Project," York Arena Theatre; Sept. 20-22 and 25-29, 8 p.m.; Sept. 23, 2 p.m.

9.22 Saturday

Band Day, high school students participate in master classes, brass and woodwind choirs, Dalton Center, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., and perform with the Bronco Marching Band at Waldo Stadium during "Southwest Fest" football game.

*Football vs. Ball State, "Southwest Fest," Waldo Stadium, 6 p.m.

*Concert, Al Jarreau, Miller Auditorium, 8 p.m.

9.23 Sunday

*"Parachute Express," Buster Bronco Family Series, Miller Auditorium, 3 p.m.

Faculty Recital, Lori Sims, piano, Dalton Center Recital Hall, 3 p.m.

9.24 Monday

Exhibition (through Sept. 28), "The Last Dance," BFA Show, Richard Wozniak, Rotunda Gallery and South Gallery, East Hall, weekdays, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; reception, Sept. 28, 5-7 p.m.

9.25 Tuesday

Ethics lecture, "Crossing the Line: Moral Witness and the Struggle to Close the U.S. School of the Americas," the Rev. Roy Bourgeois, director of the School of the Americas Watch, 208 Bernhard Center, 7:30 p.m.

*Young Concert Artists Series, Plaza Arts Circle, Alexander Fiterstein, clarinet, performing works by Brahms, Debussy and Schumann, Dalton Center Recital Hall, 8 p.m.

9.26 Wednesday

*Petroleum geology workshop, "Improving Recovery from Old Fields Using Geochemical and High Resolution Seismic Techniques," Fetzer Center, 8:45 a.m. For more information, contact William Harrison at 7-8633 or <harrison@wmich.edu>.

Dalton Convocation Series, Alexander Fiterstein, clarinet, Dalton Center Recital Hall, 1 p.m.

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

University Chamber Orchestra performance, Chung Park, conductor, performing Haydn, featuring Trumpet Concerto with faculty soloist Scott Thornburg, Dalton Center Recital Hall, 8 p.m.

9.27 Thursday - Yom Kippur

Mathematics colloquium, "Pro-Objects and Duality," D. Isaksen, University of Notre Dame, sponsored by the Department of Mathematics, Alavi Commons, Everett Tower, 4:10 p.m.; refreshments, 3:50 p.m.

*Miller Movie, "Shrek," sponsored by CAB, Miller Auditorium, 7 and 9:30 p.m.

*Admission charged