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 June 6th edition, places 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; faculty/student 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 Henig, co-chairpersons of the 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 display 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 Henig. “If you know of any items related to the history of WMU that might interest the Celebration Committee, we ask that you contact us.”

Anyone who knows the location of such items is asked to contact the Henigs by phone at 7-8449 or via e-mail at <henig@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 and 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 $5.7 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 develop 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 in 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 Fetters, teaching, learning and leadership; Associate Dean William Caborn, College of Education; and Department of Physics faculty members Alvin Rosenthal, Clement Burns, Lisa Paulius, Paul V. Pancella, Nora Derrah and Chairperson John Tanis.

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.

Beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the Brown Auditorium of Schneider Hall, Meijer will discuss the future of business 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 departments stores in five Midwestern states.

Meijer, who earned a bachelor’s degree in journalism from the University of Michigan, is the author of “Thriftys 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 Vandenberg 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 the capital campaign 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 Humanities; 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 the state of 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 7-5032 before 5 p.m. Friday, Sept. 14.
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 gathered for support, comfort and prayer. The comments below are from remarks made by President Floyd at a Tuesday night vigil in Kegley Chapel.

The events of Tuesday, Sept. 11, were absolutely horrific for our nation and have touched all of our lives in one way or another. 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 tested, that we are reminded of the human condition: that we must persevere and that we must ensure that the lives of all we touch are blessed with a sense of respect, care and human dignity. Our renewed commitment to this, we must continue, will 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.

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. Today we know, however, say that new techniques can find petroleum resources in old places with minimal environmental impact. These techniques are cheaper, more productive and noninvasive.

Petroleum geologists to congregate on WMU campus

The Eastern Section of the American Association of Petroleum Geologists will hold its 26th annual meeting in September at WMU. 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.

The 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. "The techniques that Schumacher and Clark will discuss are surface techniques for finding oil," explains William Harrison III, director of the Michigan Basin Research Laboratory. "Through soil analyses and high-definition seismic surveys, oil producers can make more accurate and detailed maps of new oil and gas fields.

Business, economic leaders gather

WMU played host Aug. 30 to the Michigan Economic Development Corporation’s Innovations Roundtable. A group 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 collaboration between universities and businesses," says Chairperson Hessein Mousavinejad, electrical and computer engineering, who helped organize the event along with Dean Daniel M. Litynski, College of Engineering and Applied Science, and Victor Preusser, don Thompson, research. "The roundtables are an outgrowth of the larger innovation forum the MEDC sponsored several years ago."
The following vacancies are currently being posted through the Job Opportunity Program by the Human Resources Department. Interested benefit-eligible employees should submit a job opportunity transfer application during the posting period, and may contact a human resource service 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 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, 01/02-2624, 9/11-9/17/01
(R) Assistant Professor (tenure track, academic year), 130, finance and commercial law, 01/02-2622, 9/11-9/17/01
(R) Assistant/Associate/Pull Professor (tenure track, academic year), 130, 12/17/01, mechanical and automotive engineering, 01/02-2623, 9/11-9/17/01
(N) Nutrition Services Coordinator (FTE 50, 20 hours/week), 6, Sindecuse Health Center, 01/02-2655, 9/11-9/17/01
(R) Office Associate, 13, residence life, 01/02-2626, 9/11-9/17/01
(R) Office Assistant, 11, 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) Office Assistant, 11, Sindecuse Health Center, 01/02-2629, 9/11-9/17/01
(R) Assistant/Assistant Professor (term ends 8/04/03), 14, 140/130, School of Public Affairs and Administration, 01/02-2630, 9/11-9/17/01
(N) Assistant Professor (tenure track, academic year), 130, sociology, 01/02-2631, 9/11-9/17/01
(N) Assistant Professor (tenure track, academic year), 130, sociology, 01/02-2632, 9/11-9/17/01
(R) Assistant Professor (tenure track, academic year), 130, Psychology, 01/02-2633, 9/11-9/17/01
N = New
R = Replacement
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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 help investors guard against inflation. I Bonds are purchased for face value and have two parts to their total earnings: 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 save money by not having to sell bonds to the public, 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>.

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

This announcement is part of WMU's 50th anniversary celebrations, says the station's general manager, Floyd Piencika.

"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 WMU from 6 to 8 p.m. Listeners accustomed to hearing the VWB's version of the popular music program Sunday morning from 10 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 actor 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 show 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 320 public radio stations, with a nationwide audience of nearly three million listeners.
**Calendar**

The monthly calendar activities are available online 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/units/news/events>.

### SEPTEMBER

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

**9.14 Friday**
Teleconference workshop for WMU researchers, "Conducting Research Responsibly," 10:30 Fetter Center, 1:45 p.m.; to register contact research compliance at 7-8293 or <research-compliance@wmich.edu>

*Slid presentation, Artist-in-Residence Ben Maddow. "Performer and Fabricator: Realism in the 20th Century," 2:30pm, Sangen Hall, 1 p.m.

**9.14 Friday**
Concert, Fantasia, unique blend of Latino music and dance sponsored by University faculty member, Dalton Center Recital Hall, 8 p.m.

**9.15 Saturday**
Faculty recital, Rotonda Arman Knafl, violin, with guest Richard Radeler, piano, performing Beethoven, Bach, Paganini, and featuring Gemma's Young & Ben Fantasy arranged by Radeler, Dalton Center Recital Hall, 4 p.m.

**9.15 Sunday**
Faculty recital, Renata Arman Knafl, violin, with guest Richard Radeler, piano, performing Beethoven, Bach, Paganini, and featuring Gemma's Young & Ben Fantasy arranged by Radeler, Dalton Center Recital Hall, 4 p.m.

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

**9.17 Monday**
Exhibition (through Sept. 21), Photographs by Constance Smith, Rotunda Gallery, and "Outdoor Encounter North America," South Gallery, East Hall, weekdays, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; reception, Sept. 21, 5-7 p.m.

**9.17 Monday**
Geot Artic Recital, Bill Murah, trombone, Bowling Green State University faculty member, Dalton Center Recital Hall, 8 p.m.

**9.18 Tuesday**
Geot Artic Recital, Neal Corwell, cello, composer, soloist, clinician, and member of Symphoria, a tuba-euphonium ensemble, 7:30pm, Dalton Center Recital Hall, 8 p.m.

**9.18 Wednesday**
Petroleum geology workshop, "Improving Recovery from Old Fields Using Geophysical and High Resolution Seismic Techniques," Fetter Center; 8:45 a.m. For more information contact William Harrison, 725843 or bharrison@wmich.edu.

**9.19 Thursday**
University Theatre production (through Sept. 20), "The Laramie Project," York Arena Theatre; Sept. 20-22 and 25-29, 8 p.m.; Sept. 23, 2:30 p.m.

**9.22 Saturday**
Band Day, high school students participate in master classes, brass and woodwind ensembles, Dalcorn Center 1 p.m. with faculty and guest clinician, Bronco Marching Band at Waldo Stadium during "Southwest Fest" football game.

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

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

**9.24 Monday**
Exhibition (through Sept. 28), "The Last Dance," BFA Show, Richard Alavi Commons, Chang Park, conductor, performing Haydn, featuring Trumpet Concerto with faculty soloist Scott Thomsburg, Dalton Center Recital Hall, 8 p.m.

**9.24 Monday**
*Petroleum geology workshop, "Improving Recovery from Old Fields Using Geophysical and High Resolution Seismic Techniques," Fetter Center; 8:45 a.m. For more information contact William Harrison, 725843 or bharrison@wmich.edu.

**9.25 Tuesday**
*An Evening in China," the Rev. Ray Bourgeois, director of the School of the Americas Watch, 200 Bronhard Center, 7:30 p.m.

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

**9.26 Tuesday**
Ethics lecture, "Crossing the Line: Moral Wisdom and the Struggle to Close the U.S. School of the Americas," the Rev. Ray Bourgeois, director of the School of the Americas Watch, 200 Bronhard Center, 7:30 p.m.

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

**9.30 Sunday**
Football vs. Central Michigan, University Arena, 7 p.m.

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

**9.30 Sunday**
*Petroleum geology workshop, "Improving Recovery from Old Fields Using Geophysical and High Resolution Seismic Techniques," Fetter Center; 8:45 a.m. For more information contact William Harrison, 725843 or bharrison@wmich.edu.

## Study Abroad Fair opens world of learning

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, Sept. 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.

"Loving 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 a course or two at WMU, Klahr notes. They also improve participants' potential for success in the job market and contribute significantly to 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 more 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>.

### 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 characterisitcs 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 person's action depends on factors beyond control, and yet we nonetheless regard the person as morally responsible for the actions. According to Nagel, "Literature reveals that, far from being merely an unacknowledged contextual factor, the concept of moral luck helps us understand the ethical complexity of our lives."


Other fall presentations in the series are:

- "The Winnie Vomuta Peace Lecture, "Crossing the Line: Moral Wisdom and the Struggle to Close the U.S. School of the Americas," the Rev. Ray Bourgeois, director of the School of the Americas Watch, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, 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, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 11, in the Putney Lecture Hall at the Fetter Center.

- "Situations of the Categorical Imperative and the Implications of the play 'Noli,'" following performances Thursday through Saturday, Nov. 1 through 3, at the Kalamazoo Civic Theatre, 329 S. Park St.

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

- "The Three 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.

- "Minority and Women's Ethics," the Rev. Ray Bourgeois, director of the School of the Americas Watch, 200 Bronhard Center, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 15, in Putney Lecture Hall of the Fetter Center.

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