



# Western NEWS

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## Prominent NPR journalist to speak on campus tonight

Richard Gonzalez, national affairs correspondent for National Public Radio, will speak on "News Coverage of National and International Affairs" from 7 to 8:30 p.m. tonight in 157 Bernhard Center.

The free public talk is part of WMU's celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month. A national observance, the month is intended to recognize Hispanic culture and contributions to American society. It begins each year on Sept. 15 and concludes Oct. 14.

Gonzalez's appearance is being sponsored by the Division of Multicultural Affairs, the Institute of Government and Politics, Sigma Lambda Beta and the Latino Student Alliance.

## Saturday forum will show it's not afraid to tackle fears

From the popularity of horror movies like "Scream" and its sequels to the thrills and chills of amusement parks, Americans love to be afraid. This fascination with fear and its social implications will be explored in a special forum on campus Saturday, Oct. 14.

The forum, "Fear in Society," will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Knauss Hall and will feature presentations by scholars on such topics as "Fear of Life and Death," "Fear as a Correlate of Authoritarianism," and "80s' Horror Films."

Sponsored by the AsSOCiation, the Anthropology Student Union and the Departments of Sociology, Anthropology and Psychology, the conference is open to the public. There is a \$5 fee, payable at the door. For more information, persons should call 7-5174.

## Jane Abraham to discuss date rape, club drugs

As part of a statewide effort to educate the public about the dangers of so-called "date rape" and "club" drugs, Jane Abraham, wife of U.S. Sen. Spencer Abraham, will participate in a panel discussion at 7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 23, in 209-210 Bernhard Center.

Sen. and Mrs. Abraham are heading a statewide public awareness campaign to educate teachers, students and parents about the dangers of not only GHB, but also Ecstasy, Ketamine, Rohypnol, methamphetamine and other drugs currently used for recreation or in conjunction with sexual assault.

Also participating on the panel will be James McBride, Michigan Department of Community Health; representatives from the Michigan Women's Commission and the Abraham Date Rape Drug Task Force; and WMU staff members Victor Manzon, Office of Alcohol and Other Drug Prevention; Carol Dedow, public safety; and Linda Lumley, women's resources and services.

The program is being sponsored by Student Activities and Leadership Programs, the Division of Student Affairs, Alpha Omicron Pi, Alpha Phi, Alpha Xi Delta, Eta Sigma Gamma, Pi Beta Phi, Sigma Lambda Beta, and the executive boards of the National Panhellenic Conference and the Interfraternity Council.

## Initiative gears up to improve kids' success

More than \$14 million in funding from the U.S. Department of Education will come to WMU over the next five years to ensure that at-risk students and their teachers make choices as early as middle school that will lead to success in college.

It was announced at an Oct. 9 news conference that WMU will lead a national three-university team that will work with school districts in three states, ranging from small rural districts to those located in large urban areas. Locally, Battle Creek Public Schools and Bangor Public Schools will be deeply involved in the effort.

Participating in the news conference were President Elson S. Floyd; U.S. Rep. Fred Upton; Dean David England, College of Education; Joseph Kretovics, teaching learning and leadership; Charles Coleman, superintendent of Battle Creek Public Schools; and Jack Loudin, superintendent of Bangor Public Schools.

WMU's effort is one of 73 projects to receive federal funding through GEAR UP—Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs. A total of \$45.6 million in grants will fund GEAR UP's second round of awards, supporting projects in 33 states and Puerto Rico and impacting more than 710,000 disadvantaged middle school students.

The WMU-led initiative is being called the Midwest Educational Reform Consortium (MERC), a three-state, integrated and collaborative partnership. It will unite WMU and its Merze Tate Center for Research on School Reform with Bowling Green State University and the University of Illinois at Chicago, along with business and community organizations, in a sweeping effort to address the systemic gaps causing severe educational and performance challenges among high-poverty students.

"Not only does this project recognize the roots of the foundation of our University, particularly the role our College of Education has played, but it also signals the excellence and preparation of our faculty and students who we attract to this magnificent University," Floyd told the gathering. "Our children are our future. And ways in which we can help benefit them in the classroom and outside of the classroom is precisely what this University should be involved in. This GEAR UP initiative will do precisely that."

England said that it is critical to meet the needs of young, at-risk

students, many of whom don't go on to graduate from high school, much less attend college. GEAR UP, he said, will make a difference.

"In many ways our schools and our society are failing these children," England said. "In schools today, frequently only 60 percent graduate from high school, if that, and of those who do graduate, only one-fifth will go on to college. This grant and this opportunity is about taking these children, who have heretofore



Joseph Kretovics, right, teaching learning and leadership, discusses the GEAR UP program while U.S. Rep. Fred Upton, President Floyd and Battle Creek's Charles Coleman look on. (Photo by Tony Dugal)

been at risk, and moving them to a position of hope."

Upton, who serves on the House of Representatives' education committee, said that legislation to create the GEAR UP program passed by only one or two votes. Upton, who voted for the measure, said GEAR UP reached 425,000 students in its first year and soon is expected to reach more than one million young people. This is GEAR UP's second year in existence.

Upton said GEAR UP is particularly effective because it forms partnerships with institutions like WMU.

"It's important, whether it be this program, which reaches into the classroom, or whether it's training teachers. This is an area that we can take advantage of the expertise that is already on the ground thanks to the leadership of Dr. Floyd and now with you, David (England), as you take the reins of this very important department," Upton said.

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'1ST2BY'—

Davis Dining Services manager Margaret Corbin, left, was the first WMU fan to buy one of Michigan's new Bronco license plates from Secretary of State employee Elizabeth Goodwin during a limited over-the-counter sale on Oct. 2. The Secretary of State's Kalamazoo West office in Maple Hill Mall, a WMU theme office, had 100 collector versions of the plates available for immediate purchase, with the first 10 signed and dated by President Elson S. Floyd. "I wanted to be first in line and I was," says Corbin, who, along with several others, camped out at the mall bright and early waiting for the doors to open. In addition to the collector version, the new license plate comes in a regular version that can be used on motor vehicles and renewed each year. Both versions are part of a series of license plates unveiled in September for Michigan's 15 public universities. The plates allow buyers to show pride in the school of their choice while helping the universities raise additional revenue. A portion of each plate fee goes to the schools. (Photo by Neil Rankin)

# Homecoming brings mirth and Motown

Homecoming week 2000, which will run from Sunday, Oct. 15, through Saturday, Oct. 21, promises to have a little something for everyone, including athletic contests, traditional student-oriented events, a 5K run and a Motown concert.

Leading up to the week will be Spirit Day on Friday, Oct. 13, a day when no classes are scheduled. This annual day historically has taken place the Friday before Homecoming but will occur a week earlier this year.

Homecoming week itself kicks off Sunday, Oct. 15, with three entertaining shows: the production of “Into the Woods” at 2 p.m. in Shaw Theatre; a performance by Gold Company, the University’s award-winning vocal jazz ensemble, at 6:30 p.m. on the Bronco Mall’s Center Stage; and a bagpipe and drum concert by the Black Watch, the British Army Royal Highland Regiment, at 8 p.m. in Miller Auditorium.

By the time Friday Festival rolls around on Friday, Oct. 20, the action on campus will be almost nonstop.

During the festival, students can participate in a variety of wild and wacky events between their classes, starting with the soap box derby from 2 to 4 p.m. in front of the Siebert Administration Building. Next up will be several festival events on the Promenade including, Fritter Fest at 3 p.m., the zany Western Olympics at 3:30 p.m. and, in keeping with this year’s Homecoming theme of “Waikiki Western,” a luau at 4:30 p.m.

Also on Oct. 20, three outstanding WMU graduates will be recognized by the Alumni Association for their professional accomplishments during the annual Distinguished Alumni Awards Dinner.

A full slate of activities is scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 21, beginning with the second Homecoming Campus Classic. The event features a 1K kid’s fun run and 1K fun walk at 8:30 a.m. and a 5K run and 5K fun walk at 9 a.m. Runners and walkers will take off from the Bernhard Center and follow courses that showcase the campus. Spectators and participants will be treated to refreshments while participants and volunteer workers will be given a complimentary ticket to a tailgate/awards ceremony following the race at 10:30 a.m. at Hyames Field.

Late registration and packet pick-up for the Campus Classic will take place from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday and Friday, Oct. 19 and 20, on the second floor of Walwood Hall’s west wing and on the day of the race from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. in the Bernhard Center cafeteria. For more information, call 7-8402.

Following the race, the Alumni Association will sponsor the University’s first Homecoming PepFest, a celebration of Bronco spirit and pride for WMU alumni and friends of all ages. It will be held at 10 a.m. in the third floor gymnasium of the Student Recreation Center. Alumnus Ron Boyd, WWMT-TV weatherman, will serve as host for the event.

Advance registration is required for this pregame rally, which will include entertainment and a breakfast buffet. To register or obtain ticket prices, persons should call the Alumni Association at 7-8777.

The event is guaranteed to rev up participants for the Homecoming football game at 1 p.m. in Waldo Stadium, where WMU will take on Northern Illinois University.

Prior to the game, football fans are invited to gather by the Bronco Sculpture at 12:30 p.m. for another new Homecoming event—a pregame victory march in anticipation of WMU winning the gridiron contest. The marching band and cheerleaders will lead participants on a rousing ramble through campus to Hyames Field.

Also parading on Saturday will be many of the University’s 1,650 international students, who will be taking part in the traditional Homecoming Parade of Nations.

They will gather at a pregame tailgate scheduled for 10:30 a.m. inside the Corporate Village at Hyames Field. All students, as well as area host families for WMU’s international students are welcome to attend the tailgate and participate in the parade. The group will do a run-through inside the village at about 11:30 a.m. and march down the stadium field in a pre-game flag presentation just before kickoff. A sign-up sheet for reserving flags in advance is available in the Office of International Student Services, A-411 Ellsworth Hall.

Homecoming Saturday will end with several additional events, including a volleyball match at 5:30 p.m. in University Arena and a Motown concert at 7:30 p.m. in Miller Auditorium.

Tickets are still available for the concert, which will feature Martha Reeves and the Vandellas, the Temptations Review with Dennis Edwards, the Miracles, the Contours and the Velvelettes. To order tickets, call Miller Auditorium at 7-2300.

For more information about Homecoming 2000 or to register for some of the events which require registration, visit the Web site at <www.wmich.edu/homecoming>.

## Meyer named to Hall of Fame

Ruth Ann Meyer, associate professor emerita of health, physical education and recreation, was inducted into the University of Northern Iowa’s Athletic Hall of Fame Sept. 30.

Meyer, who received a bachelor’s degree from UNI in 1958, was honored for her accomplishments as a volleyball coach, instructor and administrator at WMU. As the women’s volleyball coach, Meyer compiled a 115-82 career coaching record from 1965-75, including undefeated seasons in 1965 and 1966. In 1971, the Broncos finished 22-3 overall and advanced to the national tournament.

Meyer was named WMU’s assistant athletic director in charge of women’s sports and chairperson of the women’s physical education department in 1972, holding those positions until 1976. She retired as an associate professor in health, physical education and recreation in 1997.

## Geisler tapped to lead board

John S. Geisler, counselor education and counseling psychology, has been elected as vice chairperson of the Michigan Board of Counseling.

The Michigan Board of Counseling is responsible for the licensing and monitoring of more than 6,000 professional counselors in Michigan.

Geisler, who has been a licensed professional counselor since 1989, was appointed to the board by Gov. John Engler in 1996. He also served as the board’s representative to the American Association of State Counseling Boards.

Geisler also was elected secretary-elect for the Association for Counselor Education and Supervision, the national professional association of both professors of counselor education and supervisors of counselors. He will assume that role in July 2001.

## Bellamy earns certification

Tanya Bellamy, human resources, recently earned certification as a Professional in Human Resources.

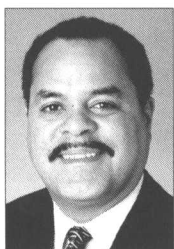
The certification was awarded by the Human Resources Certification Institute and required that Bellamy pass a comprehensive examination and demonstrate a strong background in professional human resources.

HRCI is affiliated with the Society for Human Resource Management, the world’s largest organization dedicated exclusively to the human resources profession.

## Three outstanding graduates receive Distinguished Alumni Awards

The WMU Alumni Association will present this year’s Distinguished Alumni Awards to: Ronald E. Hall of Detroit, chairman and chief executive officer of Bridgewater Interiors LLC; Marin Mazzie of New York City, Broadway actress and three-time Tony Award nominee; and Samuel J. Simmons of Washington, D.C., president and chief executive officer of the National Caucus and Center on Black Aged Inc.

The trio will be honored during the annual Distinguished Alumni Awards Dinner to be held at 6:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 20, in the Bernhard Center’s West Ballroom. Hall and Simmons will attend the dinner



Hall



Mazzie



Simmons

to personally accept their awards, but due to the continuing success of her current Broadway hit, “Kiss Me Kate,” Mazzie will accept her award via a taped video presentation.

The Distinguished Alumni Awards program, initiated in 1963, is the Alumni

Association’s most prestigious honor. This year’s three recipients join 107 other alumni who have received these awards.

Hall is a longtime business and civic leader who has been instrumental in formulating policies and promoting economic development for minorities in Michigan. Mazzie, who is known for her outstanding singing voice and versatility as an actress, debuted on Broadway in 1985 and has risen to the top of her profession. Simmons has long been an advocate for the elderly as well as a key player in developing federal housing programs and training policies.

## Secure your chance to win lunch with the Prez!

Want to lunch with the prez? There’s still time for faculty and staff to register for the 2000 Campus Classic and secure a chance to win a lunch date with President Floyd.

As featured in fliers and posters distributed on campus in recent weeks, Floyd is mounting “The President’s Challenge” to encourage faculty and staff members to walk or run in this year’s Campus Classic, slated for Saturday, Oct. 21.

Featuring a 5K run, 5K and 1K walks, and a 1K kids fun run, the Campus Classic is designed to unite faculty, staff, students and community members in touring the scenic WMU campus during Homecoming weekend. Both 1K events kick off at 8:30 a.m. The 5K run and walk will follow closely behind, with a 9 a.m. start time.

There are several ways to nab a lunch date. The first faculty or staff member to cross the finish line of the 5K run wins lunch with Floyd, as do the members of the winning 5K running team. One can even win lunch without winning the race—one faculty/staff winner will also be randomly chosen from each of three categories: indi-



vidual walkers, individual runners and three-person running teams and volunteers.

Early registration for faculty and staff ends tomorrow, but late registration is available through the morning of the event. Registration forms are available on the back of the “Let’s Do Lunch” flier distributed to all faculty and staff, or can be obtained by calling Sue Beougher in university relations at 7-8402.



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The following list of vacancies is currently being posted through the Job Opportunity Program by employment services in the Department of Human Resources. Interested benefits-eligible employees should submit a job opportunity transfer application during the posting period, and may contact an employment 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 at 7-3669 for up-to-date information on the Job Opportunity Program and vacancies available to external applicants.

(R) **Project Manager** (re-post; term ends 6/30/03), 16, Bronson School of Nursing, 00/01-2010, 10/10-10/16/00

(N) **Office Assistant** (Term ends 8/31/01), 11, Mathematics and Statistics, 00/01-2052, 10/10-10/16/00

(N) **Labor Relations Assistant**, 14, Human Resources, 00/01-2054, 10/10-10/16/00

(R) **Clerk**, 10, WMU Bookstore, 00/01-2055, 10/10-10/16/00

(R) **Office Assistant**, 11, Business Information Systems, 00/01-2056, 10/10-10/16/00

(R) **Library Assistant**, 11, Waldo Library, 00/01-2058, 10/10-10/16/00

N=New

R=Replacement

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## Exchange

FOR SALE—'99 GMC Jimmy SLS, two-door, 4WD, V6, loaded, CD, moon roof, premium wheels, bike rack. \$20,500 OBO. Call 7-3312.

FOR SALE—1999 Mark Hoza wooden flute, \$300. Perfect condition, hardly played. Made of ironwood, six-holed, three sections. Each section is signed and dated by the maker. More information at Hoza's Web site. Comes with soft leather carrying case etched with maker's design. Contact Cara at <cara.lieurance@wmich.edu>, or at 553-0772.

## Human resources

### Dispute resolution services topic of Lunch & Learn

Campus Employee Dispute Resolution Services is a new service for faculty and staff that provides confidential and private mediation services to help employees resolve disputes without assigning blame or finding fault.

Kathy Kreager, a longtime counselor at the Employee Assistant Program, is now managing CEDRS and will explain the dispute resolution services at Lunch & Learn from noon to 1 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 17, in the Faculty Dining Room at the Bernhard Center. She will discuss the benefits of using CEDRS to find agreeable solutions to real issues.

Participants are encouraged to arrive on time to claim a seat and are welcome to bring their lunch.



IN TUNE WITH THE NEWS

(Photo by Neil Rankin)

## On Campus with Erin Toner

If you ever have a chance to visit Erin Toner's mother, do not touch her radio. The proud mom has her dial in St. Joseph, Mich., precisely tuned for the best reception to hear her daughter on WMUK-FM, a station an hour away in Kalamazoo. "My parents love being able to hear me," says Toner, a news reporter and weekend anchor at WMUK. "My mom has her radio tuned just perfect and she won't let anyone touch it." At 23, Toner, who has been with WMUK for just over a year, is relatively young in years, but hardly inexperienced. A 1999 Michigan State University journalism graduate, she has worked for two other radio stations, a radio news service and in print journalism. Toner knew in high school she wanted to be a reporter, and, unlike others her age, she tuned in to National Public Radio rather than pop music. "I fell in love with NPR and wanted to be in public radio," she says. "But MSU didn't have a broadcast journalism program, so I concentrated on print journalism, which was good because writing is really important in this job." Toner now covers the Kalamazoo city and county commissions for WMUK, as well as serves as the morning anchor on weekends. Her favorite assignment so far has been a radio documentary she did on the Michigan Youth Challenge Academy, a "boot camp" for troubled teens. Toner says that her youthfulness helped her relate to the teens, but has been somewhat of an issue in her day-to-day work. "I always get asked if I'm a student employee. When you cover city politics you want people to take you seriously and sometimes my being young has made that harder." Toner says she overcomes that by striving to be professional, and her co-workers at WMUK are a great support in this way. "I am very motivated by being around other people who share my goal of doing news and doing it well," she says. And for those moments when she may feel a twinge of doubt, she has mom and dad. "They listen to me whenever I'm on and they always tell me 'you sound great,' even when I know I made mistakes," she says, smiling.

## GEAR UP

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Joining the WMU-led effort in the project will be five partner school districts in Southwest Michigan; Toledo, Ohio; and Chicago. The entire Battle Creek Public School System and its five middle schools and high school will participate, along with Bangor High School and Middle School. Those districts will work with WMU. Bowling Green State University and its Center for Innovative and Transformative Education and Partnerships for Community Action will work with East Toledo Junior High School and Waite High School, while the University of Illinois at Chicago and its Small Schools Workshop will partner with Harvey-Dixmoor Public Schools.

MERC is the only GEAR UP project this year in Michigan, said Kretovics, director of the effort. It is also one of the largest in the nation partnering with multiple communities, school districts and universities.

Drawing from the experience of several highly successful and nationally recognized school reform projects, MERC will establish GEAR UP Learning Centers that will integrate those successful projects with the needs of individual schools, social service agencies and families in the communities they will serve.

"We intend to demonstrate with this project that a small, temporary influx of dollars—\$800 per student—can indeed have an impact within a school-university-community partnership to improve the academic achievement and life chances for

these children," Kretovics said.

MERC will build on existing school reform efforts that are already in place within partner school districts, Kretovics said.

"What's unique about this is that this is not a prescriptive, cookie-cutter approach," he said. "What we are proposing is a performance-based process that is broadly adapted to the unique needs of individual schools and their communities and is informed by research and best practices."

First-year funding for MERC is \$1,024,621. Funding will increase in each of the next four years and will total more than \$14 million over all five years. GEAR UP projects in most other states are not as broad as the WMU initiative, in that most of them involve one middle school and one college or university.

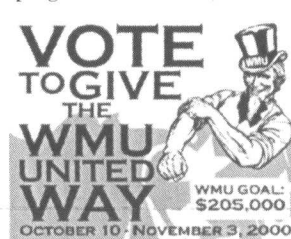
The idea behind GEAR UP is to encourage early planning for college. Through intensive partnership intervention, WMU's project seeks to increase student achievement, on-time graduation rates and the percent of students attending and completing post-secondary education.

The project will start with sixth- and seventh-grade students the first year, then add grade levels in subsequent years as it follows students through their high school careers. Kretovics said pieces of the educational plan will be put in place in the next few weeks and the project will be in full swing sometime after Jan. 1.

## United Way kicks off annual campus campaign

President Elson S. Floyd was on hand for the Oct. 10 United Way campaign kick-off, which took place in the South Ballroom of the Bernhard Center.

According to this year's United Way campaign coordinator, Dawn Vander Ploeg,



auxiliary enterprises, the campaign will run from Oct. 10 through Nov. 3. The campaign team has set this year's

goal at \$205,000, which is a nearly 10 percent increase over last year's goal of \$187,500. Last year, a total of \$204,000 was raised by WMU.

The community goal set by the Greater Kalamazoo United Way Campaign is \$8.5 million.

During the campaign, approximately 120 fund-raisers will be hosting departmental campaign meetings, giving employees the opportunity to contribute to the campaign. In addition to Vander Ploeg, Charlie DeVries, legislative affairs and community outreach, is working on coordinating the Kalamazoo campaign by serving as a loaned executive.

"It is exciting to know that we have so many folks that volunteer their time to run their individual departmental campaigns," says Vander Ploeg. "Dr. Floyd and WMU, along with Charlie and myself, have a strong commitment to the Kalamazoo community and we are pleased to be a part of this exciting Greater Kalamazoo United Way Campaign."

A victory celebration for WMU's campaign is planned for Thursday, Nov. 16.

For more information, call Vander Ploeg at 7-3360.

## EduCable to air program on 'da Vinci's il Cavallo'

EduCable will air "da Vinci's il Cavallo," a videotape program featuring Larry tenHarmsel, English, who was a member of a team that helped in the creation and installation of a replica of da Vinci's "il Cavallo" sculpture at Meijer Gardens in Grand Rapids, Mich.

The program will air on EduCable, Channel 7, at 3 p.m. Monday, Oct. 16; at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 24; and at 10 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 31. The program will also air on Cablevision at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 22, on channel 30; at 8:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 30, on channel 31; and at 10 p.m. Monday, Nov. 6, on channel 30.

## Service

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

**40 years**—James D. Kirklín, instructional technology services.

**30 years**—Joseph J. Odehnal, physical plant-administrative services.

**25 years**—Gail Otis Birch, School of Music; Ruth A. DeYoung, Valley #2 dining service; and Diane A. Sopjes, Valley #1 dining service.

**20 years**—Ursula Barrett, Burnham dining service; Juleen A. Eichinger, Office of the Vice President for Research; and Sharon L. Nicholson, information technology.

**15 years**—Ruth A. Bosch, Sindecuse Health Center; Laverne Brown, physical plant-building custodial and support services; Patricia A. Johnson, physical plant-building custodial and support services; William E. Rotgers, Haworth College of Business; Julie A. Scott, information technology; Terri D. Stowers, University libraries; and Lois J. Tolhurst, University libraries.

**10 years**—Windellin S. Ashbrook, Burnham dining services; Lenora J. Eason, Valley #3 dining service; Roy A. Middlebrooks, Bernhard Center dining service; Philip M. Neely, Office of the Vice President for Research; Carolyn R. Noack, physical plant; Carolyn L. Parker, teaching learning and leadership; Diane M. Sayers, Valley #3 dining service; Bryan K. Sutton, physical plant-building custodial and support services; Tony M. Thompson, physical plant-building custodial and support services; Moon Walters, Bernhard Center dining service; Sarah Williams, physical plant-building custodial and support services; and Betty A. Wyant, Sindecuse Health Center.

**Five years**—Don R. Beyer, intercollegiate athletics; Carrie Hamilton, construction engineering, materials engineering and industrial design; Susan Ann Nap, geosciences; Debra K. Stoyanoff, residence life; and Kathryn A. Wright, geosciences.



# Nominations due tomorrow for Staff Service Excellence Awards

Nominations for the fall 2000 semiannual Staff Service Excellence Awards are due tomorrow, Oct. 13.

Up to 12 individuals will be selected from those nominated to receive a \$100 prize and a commemorative certificate. Winners will be announced in November.

Nominations should include as much detail as possible explaining how the nominee has performed in true excellence. The selection committee will look for employees who have far exceeded their normal job expectations in service to the University.

Only the semiannual award winners will be eligible for the annual awards next spring, which come with a \$1,000 prize.

To make a nomination, send a memo or e-mail message to Kitty Scheffers, human resources, at <kitty.scheffers@wmich.edu>, or call human resources at 7-3620 to obtain a nomination form.

# WMUK launches fall fund-raising drive

National Public Radio station WMUK-FM will try to repeat history in its annual fall fund-raiser.

The goal for this year's drive is \$220,000, the same amount as last year. On-air pledging is set for Oct. 14-20.

"We're trying to be frugal and good stewards of everyone's money," says Vickie Langkam, WMUK development and marketing. "So we're not increasing the goal this year."

Last year's fall campaign met the \$220,000 goal on the last day of the drive after posting its two biggest on-air pledging totals in station history. The station always stops the campaign as soon as the goal is met.

As in previous years, the University's NPR station began this year's drive with a mail-in campaign to try to keep on-air pledging to less than seven days. A new feature of the mail-in campaign allows donors to make gifts in someone else's name.

Langkam thinks this year's goal can be met and hopes the drive can be halted early.

"We're always optimistic," Langkam says. "We just don't know how soon we can reach the goal, so we're just hoping people will step up to the plate."

# Open house to highlight WMU's graduate programs

An open house for those contemplating pursuing a graduate degree at WMU will take place from 4 to 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 18, in the Bernhard Center's North Ballroom.

The Graduate Program Open House, which is sponsored by the Graduate College, will have representatives from all WMU departments that offer graduate programs available to provide informational materials and answer questions. In addition, staff members from the areas of financial aid, counseling and testing, career and student employment, teacher certification and the Graduate College will also be on hand.

# Atomic physicist from Auburn to explain fifth state of matter

An atomic physicist will describe a recently developed fifth state of matter during his visit to campus.

Michael S. Pindzola, professor of physics at Auburn University, will be on campus Monday and Tuesday, Oct. 23 and 24, as part of the Visiting Scholars and Artists Program.

Pindzola he will present a physics colloquium for faculty and students on "Time-Dependent Dynamics of Atomic Systems" at 4 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 23, in 1110 Rood Hall. His public lecture on "Fluids in Motion: From Aerodynamics to Quantum Dynamics" will occur at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 24, in 1104 Rood Hall.

Pindzola, a specialist in atomic processes relevant to controlled fusion, plans to discuss new advances in atomic theory, with examples from proton-atom collisions and Bose-Einstein condensation. Bose-Einstein condensation occurs when matter is cooled to a billionth of a degree above absolute zero, allowing millions of atoms to be condensed into one state. Proposed in theory nearly 80 years ago, the ability to produce the condensates has evolved only in the last six years and the resulting state is often referred to as the "fifth" state of matter.

His visit is sponsored by WMU's Department of Physics. For more information, contact Tom Gorczyca, physics, at 7-4913.

# Golden Apple Awards slated

The College of Education Alumni Society will hold its third annual Golden Apple awards dinner and reception on Friday, Oct. 20, at the Fetzer Center.

The awards dinner and reception is part of the annual WMU homecoming celebration. Honorees this year are Diane E. DeFord (Ph.D. '78), Judy Brush Douglass (B.A. '69) and Charles Glaes (B.A. '76, M.A. '82).

DeFord is currently a professor at Ohio State University and specializes in reading. She is nationally known for her work in implementing the Reading Recovery program.

Douglass received her degree in elementary education. Currently, she is teaching at the Louise Peacock Elementary School in Corunna, Mich. She has touched many lives and is remembered fondly by hundreds of students.

Glaes has served the Vicksburg, Mich., school district as an administrator for 17 years. He was first an elementary principal and is now principal of the middle school. He is an outstanding and dynamic speaker, instructional leader and child advocate.

The reception and awards dinner, hosted by the society, will begin at 5:30 p.m. in the Fetzer Center lobby. The cost to attend both reception and dinner is \$20. For information about reservations, please contact Sharon Seabrook-Russell, Alumni Association, at 7-8777 or by e-mail at <sharon.russell@wmich.edu>.

# 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

### 10.12 Thursday

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

Meeting, WOW-GLBT employee group, Emeriti Room, Walwood Hall, 5:30 p.m.

Meeting, GLBT alumni group, Emeriti Room, Walwood Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Lecture, Hispanic Heritage Month, "News Coverage of National and International Affairs," Richard Gonzalez, national affairs correspondent for National Public Radio, 157 Bernhard Center, 7 p.m.

\*University Theatre production (through Oct. 21), "Into the Woods," Shaw Theatre: Thursday-Saturday, Oct. 12-14, and Thursday-Saturday Oct. 19-21, 8 p.m.; Sunday, Oct. 15, 2 p.m.

### 10.13 Friday

WMU Spirit Day (no classes).

Men's cross country, Michigan Intercollegiate, Kalamazoo.

Women's cross country, Michigan Intercollegiate, Kalamazoo.

\*Film showing, Kalamazoo Film Society, "Up at the Villa," Campus Cinema, The Little Theatre: Friday and Saturday, 7:30 and 9:30 p.m.; Sunday, 2:30 and 5 p.m.

### 10.14 Saturday

\*Forum, "Fear in Society," sponsored by the AsSOCiation and the Anthropology Student Union, Knauss Hall, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.; \$5 fee.

High School Drama Day, Gilmore Theatre Complex, for more information contact Stephen Kadwell at 7-3226.

### 10.15 Sunday

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

Performance, Gold Company directed by Duane Davis, Bronco Mall Center Stage, 6:30 p.m.

\*Concert, The Black Watch, British Army Royal Highland Regiment, bagpipe and drum concert, Miller Auditorium, 8 p.m.

### 10.16 Monday

Exhibition (through Oct. 20), Photo Show 2000, Rotunda and South Galleries, East Hall; reception, Friday, Oct. 20, 5-7 p.m.

Physics colloquium, "Computers and Computing at WMU: A Brief Retrospective," Norm Grant, information technology, 1110 Rood Hall, 4 p.m.

### 10.17 Tuesday

Guest artist recital, "Musica Antiqua Russica," specializing in the historical performance of 17th and 18th century Russian music, Dalton Center Recital Hall, 7 p.m.

### 10.18 Wednesday

Graduate program open house, North Ballroom, Bernhard Center, 4-7 p.m.

\*Concert, University Jazz Lab Band directed by Rick Holland, Dalton Center Recital Hall, 8 p.m.

### 10.19 Thursday

\*Conference, Van Riper Lecture Series (and Oct. 20), "Communication Challenges in Autism," Kirsch Auditorium, Fetzer Center.

Guest artist recital, Beth Ernest Dias, flute; Francisca Aquino, piano, "A Musical 'Round Trip' through Brazil, Portugal and the United States," Dalton Center Lecture Hall, 5:30 p.m.

Lecture, Ethics in Society series, "Ethical Considerations for Rehabilitation Professionals: A New Perspective," Herman Triezenberg, 3508 Knauss Hall, 7 p.m.

\*Faculty recital, Rick Holland Quartet and guest faculty artists Sunny Wilkinson and Trent Kynaston, Dalton Center Recital Hall, 8 p.m.

\*Admission charged

### 10.20 Friday-Homecoming

For more information on **Homecoming events**, see story on page 2. A complete schedule of events is available at the Homecoming Web site at <www.wmich.edu/homecoming>.

\*Conference, Van Riper Lecture Series, "Communication Challenges in Autism," Kirsch Auditorium, Fetzer Center.

Lecture, Keystone Community Bank Business Breakfast Series, "E-Commerce Issues for West Michigan," Roberta Schultz, Dean's Conference Room, Schneider Hall, 7:30 a.m.

Guest artist recital, John Daniel, Penn State, trumpet, Dalton Center Recital Hall, 3 p.m.

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

\*Hockey vs. Alabama-Huntsville, Lawson Arena, 7 p.m.

\*Fall Concert of Dance (also Oct. 21, 26-28), Department of Dance, Dalton Center Multimedia Room, 8 p.m.; Saturday, Oct. 21, 2 p.m.

\*Performance, "Rigoletto," Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra, Miller Auditorium, 8 p.m.

### 10.21 Saturday-Homecoming

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\*Campus Classic, 5K race and walk on campus, 8:30 a.m.

\*PepFest, sponsored by WMU Alumni Association, spirit rally, entertainment, breakfast buffet and family fun, 3rd floor, Student Recreation Center, 10 a.m. Advanced registration required, call 7-8777.

Dance, "High School Dance Day," sponsored by Department of Dance, Dalton Center Dance Studios, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.; for reservations, call 7-5830.

\*Football vs. Northern Illinois, Waldo Stadium, 1 p.m.

\*Volleyball vs. Akron, "Volleyball Alumnae Night," University Arena, 5:30 p.m.

\*Hockey vs. Alabama-Huntsville, Lawson Arena, 7 p.m.

\*Concert, "Motown Returns!" Miller Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.

### 10.22 Sunday

Concert, University Chorale, Collegiate Singers, Women's Chorus, a men's quartet, and the combined groups, Miller Auditorium, 3 p.m.

### 10.23 Monday

Exhibitions (through Oct. 27), Jason Van Dalsen, "Vandalism," Painting, BFA Degree Show, Rotunda Gallery, East Hall; and Jennifer Mihalek, "Visions of Empowerment," Watercolor, BFA Degree Show, South Gallery, East Hall; reception, Friday, Oct. 27, 5-8 p.m.

Physics colloquium, "Time-Dependent Dynamics of Atomic Systems," visiting scholar Michael Pindzola, Auburn University, 1110 Rood Hall, 4 p.m.

Panel discussion on the dangers of date rape and club drugs, featuring Jane Abraham, wife of U.S. Sen. Spencer Abraham, 209-210 Bernhard Center, 7 p.m.

### 10.24 Tuesday

Presentation, "Fluids in Motion: From Aerodynamics to Quantum Dynamics," visiting scholar Michael Pindzola, Auburn University, 1104 Rood Hall, 7 p.m.

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

### 10.25 Wednesday

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

### 10.26 Thursday

\*University Theatre production, "Jake's Women," Multiform Theatre: Thursday-Saturday, Oct. 26-28, and Thursday-Saturday, Nov. 2-4, 8 p.m.; Sunday, Oct. 29, 2 p.m.