Prominent NPR journalist to speak on campus tonight

Richard Gonzalez, national affairs correspondent for National Public Radio, will speak on "News Coverage of National 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 Krauss Hall and will feature presentations by scholars on each topic 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, please call 2-5174.

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 Marzon, Office of Alcohol and Other Drug Prevention; Carol Dudow, 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 Kretzsch, 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 Form (MERF), 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 hereafter
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 contestants, 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 entertainment shows: the production of "Into the Woods" at 2 p.m. in Shaw Theatre; a performance by Gold Company, the University's award-winning dance ensemble, at 7 p.m. in the Bernhard Center's 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 Millis Boulevard.

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 activities, 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, Fitter Foot at 3 p.m., the annual Distinguished Alumni Awards Dinner at 3:30 p.m. and, in keeping with this year's Homecoming theme of "Winkiki 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 5K kids fun run and a 1K fun run at 8:30 a.m. and a 5K run at 9 a.m. Some runners and volunteers will be given a complimentary ticket to a tagged 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 on Friday, Oct. 20, from 3 to 6 p.m. and Saturday, Oct. 21, from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. in the Bernhard Center cafeteria.

For more information, call 7-8402.

Three outstanding graduates receive Distinguished Alumni Awards

The WMU Alumni Association will present its 10th annual Distinguished Alumni Awards to: Ronald E. Hall of Detroit, chairman and chief executive officer of the National Caucus and Center on Black Aged Inc.; Samuel J. Simmons of Washington, D.C., president and chief executive officer of Bridgewater Integrated Systems Inc.; and Tanya Bellamy, human resources, recently earned certification as a Professional in Human Resources.

Hall is a longtime business and civic leader who has been instrumental in formulating policies and promoting economic development for minority and women-owned businesses. Simmons is known for her outstanding singing voice and versatility as an actress; she has appeared in Broadway in 1965 and has risen to the top of her profession. Simmons has long been an advocate for the elderly as a key player in developing federal housing programs and training policies.

Ballamy has demonstrated an outstanding record in the human resources field and recently earned certification as a Professional in Human Resources. She has served on the Board of Counseling for the Association for Counselor Education and Supervision, the national professional association of both profes-
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sors of counselors. He will assume that role in July 2001.

Ballamy 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 demon-
strate a strong background in professional human resources.

HRlC is affiliated with the Society for Human Resource Management which, since 1976, is the world's largest organization dedicated exclusively to the human resources profes-
sion.
The following list of vacancies is currently being posted through the Job Opportunity Program by employment services in the Academic Human Resources. Interested eligible employees should submit a job opportunity transfer application for the posting period, and may contact an employment services staff member for assistance in securing a position.

Employees may call the Applicant Information Service at 7-3669 to hear the weekly Job Opportunity Program postings. Employees may also access postings through the Campus Information Systems, 00/01-2056, 10/10-1066/00.

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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.

Women’s cross country, Michigan Intercollegiate, Kalamazoo.

Men’s cross country, Michigan Intercollegiate, Kalamazoo.

WMU Spirit Day (no classes).

Lecture, Hispanic Heritage Month, “News Coverage of National and Hall, 5:30 p.m.

Meeting, WOW-GLBT employee group, Emeriti Room, Walwood Center, 7 p.m.


10.13 Friday

WMU Spirit Day (no classes).

Men’s cross country, Michigan Intercollegiate, Kalamazoo.

*Film showing, Kalamazoo Film Society, “Up at the Villa,” Campus Cinema, The Little Theatre: Friday-Thursday, Sept. 29 and 30, 7:30 and 9:30 p.m.; Sunday, 2:30 and 5 p.m.

10.14 Saturday


*Lecture, Ethics in Society series, “Ethical Considerations for Rehabilitation Professionals: A New Perspective,” Herman Triezenberg, 1104 Rood Hall, 7 p.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 Center, 7:30 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, “Bigfoot,” Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra, Miller Auditorium, 8 p.m.

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, “Fluids in Motion: From Aerodynamics to Quantum Dynamics,” sponsored by the College of Engineering, will be held Thursday-Saturday, Oct. 26-28, and Thursday-Saturday, Nov. 2-4, at 7:30 p.m. in the Fetzer Center lobby. The conference will take place from 4 to 7 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 27.

*Hockey vs. Michigan State, WMU Soccer Complex, 3 p.m.

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

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

*PeP Fest, sponsored by WMU Alumni Association, spirit rally, entertainment, breakfast buffet and family fun, 3rd floor, Student Recreation Center, Cost: 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 Alumni Night,” University Arena, 5:30 p.m.

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

*Concert, “Motown Revue,” Miller Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.

10.21 Sunday

Concert, University Chorale, Collegiate Singers, Women’s Chorus, a men’s quartet, and the combined groups, Miller Auditorium, 7 p.m.

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10.23 Monday

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

Physicollab, “Computers and Computing at WMU: A Brief Retrospective,” Norm Grant, information technology, 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, 7 p.m.

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Physicollab, “Time-Dependent Dynamics of Atomic Systems,” visiting scholar Michael Pindzola, Auburn University, will be on campus Monday, Oct. 16-20. Pindzola’s lecture, “Fluids in Motion: From Aerodynamics to Quantum Dynamics,” will be held Thursday, Oct. 24, in 1104 Rood Hall. Pindzola, a specialist in atomic processes, will be relevant to our controlled-fueling 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 millikelvin of a degree above absolute zero, allowing a group of atoms to condense into one state. Proposed in theory nearly 80 years ago, the ability to produce the condensate has only existed 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

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 WMU alumni homecoming celebration. Honorees this year are Diane E. DeFord (Ph.D. ‘73), Judy Brush Douglass (B.A. ‘56), and Charles Glase (B.A. ‘76, M.A. ‘92). DeFord is currently a professor at Ohio State University and specializes in reading. Douglass is nationally known for her work in implementing the Reading Recovery program. Glase received her degree in elementary education. Currently, she is teaching at the Louise Poock Elementary School in Corunna, Mich. She is a masterful teacher who touched many lives and is remembered fondly by hundreds of students.

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