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WMU cracks top 100 in best college listing

Making its 10th consecutive appearance on *U.S. News and World Report's* list of top national universities, Western Michigan University advanced in the listing this year and is now ranked among the top 100 public universities in the nation.

"This is wonderful news," said President Elson S. Floyd of the magazine's newest listing. "We're delighted to move up in the rankings, but we've set our sights even higher and will continue our efforts to see WMU recognized as one of the nation's top student-centered research universities."

The prestigious annual ranking of U.S. universities appears in the Aug. 30 issue of the magazine. The list includes 147 public universities and 81 private institutions. The top 50 universities are numerically ranked and the remaining universi-

ties are listed alphabetically in second, third and fourth tiers.

WMU first appeared on the list in 1991 and has been included each year since then. The 2000

listing places WMU for the first time in the third tier of national universities, putting it in the company of only 100 public universities. Among other universities sharing the third tier ranking with WMU are Arizona State University, University of Illinois-Chicago, Northeastern University, St. John's University and the University of Cincinnati.

U.S. News & World Report categorizes national universities as those that offer "a full range of undergraduate majors as well as master's and doctoral degrees." In addition, many national universities "strongly emphasize research."



American Studies Program begins fall with revamped interdisciplinary curriculum

With course work as diverse as the landscape of the country it will study, a restructured program in American studies enters a new frontier this fall at the University.

The newly configured American Studies Program will offer an undergraduate major and a minor and is the latest in interdisciplinary initiatives undertaken by the University.

Bringing together faculty from a variety of departments within the university's College of Arts and Sciences, the program will explore United States history and culture from three perspectives – regional, national and global. The program will combine American studies courses with those from other departments. Those courses will cover topics including the exploration and settlement, religion, government, literature, popular culture, archaeology, environmental history, and language of America. Among the departments and programs with participating faculty will be anthropology, black Americana studies, English, history, political science, comparative religion, communication, sociology and women's studies.

"Americanists' don't come from just

one discipline," explains Katherine Joslin, director of the program. "Many, many fields involve American issues. This program has grown out of the mutual interests, goodwill and energies of seemingly disparate people. It's an interweaving of those faculty members and their areas of expertise."

Originally a program administered through WMU's Department of History, American studies has changed because of faculty desire to have a comprehensive, interdisciplinary program. Another reason

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College of Aviation forges new hiring agreement with Mesaba

WMU's College of Aviation, which trains pilots for British Airways and other global air carriers, has entered into its first domestic training and hiring agreement with Northwest Airlink's Mesaba Airlines.

The agreement will put graduates of the college's four-year degree program on a fast track to being hired as Mesaba flight officers.

"This is indeed an exciting agreement for the University and our students in the College of Aviation," said President Floyd at an Aug. 19 announcement of the accord.

"The fact that Northwest and Mesaba have enough confidence in our training curriculum to create a unique set of requirements for our graduates is further testament to the world-class nature of our program."

Under the terms of the agreement, called a "bridge training and hiring program," WMU aviation graduates will have lower Mesaba flying time requirements than outside flight officer candidates. University officials said that after examining its aviation program and curriculum, Mesaba agreed to streamline its requirements for WMU graduates.

"We have found that WMU's aviation curriculum is such that it prepares its graduates exceedingly well for entering commercial aviation," said Richard Lawrence, Mesaba's director of flight operations. "Western graduates are often well on their way to meeting our requirements, which is

why we have modified our hiring guidelines for these students."

Founded in 1944, Mesaba currently offers more than 900 daily departures from 101 cities in 26 states and three Canadian provinces. The Minneapolis-based air carrier entered into an agreement in 1984 with Northwest Airlines to serve as Northwest's primary regional affiliate under the Northwest Airlink banner. In 1998, Mesaba was named Regional Airline of the Year by *Air Transport World* magazine.



INKING THE DEAL—President Floyd signs a new training agreement between WMU and Mesaba Airlines at an Aug. 19 ceremony at W.K. Kellogg Airport. Warren Wilkinson, center, Mesaba's director of marketing and corporate communications, signed on behalf of the airline, while State Rep. Mark Schauer of Battle Creek looked on. (Photo by John Lacko)

College will manage Detroit-area airport

Members of the general aviation community in Southeast Michigan will have access to world-class flight instruction and aircraft maintenance, thanks to a new partnership agreement between the Michigan Department of Transportation and WMU.

The University's College of Aviation will take over management of the Romeo Airport, effective immediately, under terms of the new partnership between WMU and MDOT's Bureau of Aeronautics. The move will result in increased services at the airport, increased opportunities for WMU aviation students, and economical and efficient management of the facility, which has been under MDOT control since November 1998. The airport is in northwest Macomb County.

The agreement reached in July is a two-month interim contract effective through Sept. 30, the end of the state's current fiscal year. The University and MDOT will negotiate a two-year agreement to go into effect on Oct. 1, which will coincide with the state's fiscal year. Funding for the project was part of the state transportation budget signed in July by Gov. John Engler. The one-time state funding of \$165,000 will be used for start-up costs, which include allocation of personnel to the Romeo site.

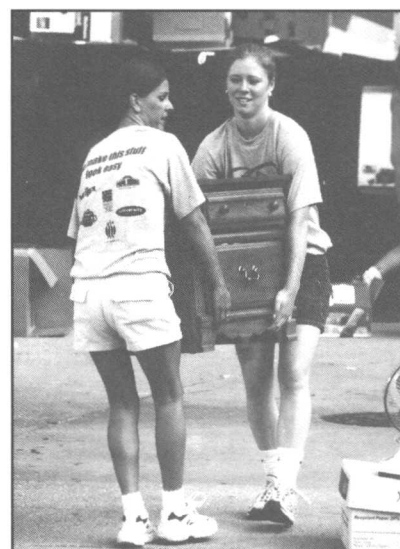
"This partnership is truly a win-win

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Back for a moving experience

Wearing T-shirts emblazoned with the slogan, "We make this stuff look easy," Bronco Buddies could be found across the campus last weekend, helping their fellow students make the move into campus residence halls. These "buddies" were among those stationed at Eldridge-Fox Halls Saturday, helping the move go smoothly for students in this year's record class of incoming freshmen as well as for upperclassmen returning to the residence halls. (Photos by John Lacko)



Did you know?

■ The total number of new freshmen who attended an on-campus orientation session this summer was 4,368—up 21 percent over 1998 orientation figures and well above the record number of 3,758 beginning freshmen who enrolled in fall 1998.

■ More than 4,000 parents also took part in summer 1999 orientation activities—an increase of 45 percent over last summer's figures.

■ Orientation programs for transfer students, called Transfer Transition Programs, were attended by 614 students, bringing the total number of orientation participants this summer to more than 9,000.

Health care economics is lecture series topic

The prognosis for the nation’s health care industry and the role governments, enterprises and consumers play in its economic vitality will be explored in the 36th annual public lecture-seminar series offered by the Department of Economics.

The series, titled “The Economics of Health Care,” will feature a number of noteworthy scholars who will examine critical issues affecting an industry that accounts for more than 15 percent of the United State’s gross national product.

“Health care is an issue of growing importance,” says Huizhong Zhou, economics, who is director of the series. “If you look at health care as a consumption good, people are spending more and more on it when their income grows. At the same time, on the industry side, it is becoming more and more expensive because medical technologies are now being used to treat more difficult and chronic diseases. It comes down to a question of who should finance health care.”

Jonathan Gruber, professor of economics at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, will kick off the series by addressing the governmental role in health care economics at 3 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 15, in 3508 Knauss Hall.

Gruber, who served as the deputy assistant secretary for economic policy for the U.S. Treasury Department, will speak on the topic of “Government Financing of Care for Low Income Population.” The director of the Program on Children at the National Bureau of Economic Research, his research has focused on efficiency of the nation’s system of delivering health

care to the indigent, the economics of employer-provided health care insurance and the effect of the Social Security program on retirement behavior.

Other speakers in this year’s series and the topics they will address are:

- “Health Insurance and the Labor Market” with Brigitte C. Madrian, a professor of economics at the University of Chicago, Oct. 13;
- “Health Care Consumer Choice: The Role of Information” with Catherine G. McLaughlin, professor of economics at the University of Michigan, Nov. 10;
- “The Tax Treatment of Health Insurance,” with Robert B. Helms, resident scholar and director of health policy studies at the American Enterprise Institute, Feb. 16; and
- “What Has Managed Care Done in the Health Care Marketplace?” with Laurence C. Baker, professor of economics at Stanford University, April 5.

All lectures begin at 3 p.m. in 3508 Knauss Hall and are free and open to the public. Each scholar will also present a seminar for professional economists, faculty and graduate students. For more information, persons should contact Zhou by phone at 7-5550 or by email to zhou@wmich.edu.

The Department of Economics and the College of Arts and Sciences co-sponsor the series with the W.E. Upjohn Institute for Employment Research. Assisting Zhou in directing the lecture series this year are Donald L. Alexander and Bassam E. Harik, economics, and Allan Hunt of the W.E. Upjohn Institute for Employment Research.

WMU’s American studies scholars will be focus of fall presentations

A new lecture series that will examine a variety of issues in American studies and highlight the diverse nature of experts in that field will be launched at the University this fall.

The series, “Emerging Scholars in American Studies” will feature WMU faculty members engaged in a variety of research efforts in the area of American studies. Examining such issues as archaeology, history, religion, and popular culture in the United States, lectures will be presented every other Friday during the fall semester from 3 to 5 p.m. in the Meader Rare Book Room in Waldo Library.

“So much meaningful research is being done at WMU by ‘Americanists’ and this series is meant to be representative of that research,” says Katherine Joslin, director of the American Studies Program and co-ordinator of the series.

Sponsored by the Office of the Provost, the American Studies Program and the College of Arts and Sciences, the series is free and open to the public. Students may earn an hour of credit by signing up for AMS 598 and attending all lectures and writing a response.

The first speakers in the series will be Michael J. Chiarappa and Kristin Szylvian, history, who will discuss their research in a Sept. 10 presentation titled “Reflections on ‘Fish for All’: The Practice of Public History on the Great Lakes.”

Chiarappa and Szylvian will describe

the research efforts of a team gathering information on the history of regulation and conservation of Lake Michigan fisheries to be used in a traveling exhibit. “Fish For All: The Legacy of Lake Michigan Fisheries Policy and Management,” will be completed by March and travel to Midwest museums next year.

Other topics and speakers slated in the series for the fall semester are:

- “A World Religion in Our Own Backyard: The Historical Archaeology of Seventh-Day Adventism in Battle Creek,”

Millennium’s role in religious theory and practice is focus this fall

Contrary to popular belief, the millennium is not the same as Y2K, nor will it mean the end of the world.

The millennium is actually a prophetic event of religious origin that has shaped religions and culture for centuries and is the focus of a new lecture series offered this fall at WMU.

The “March to the Millennium” lecture series will offer free presentations by a variety of scholars who will examine the impact millennialism has had on religious theory and practice throughout history in contexts ranging from Mormon beliefs to contemporary Jewish messianism.

“The millennium is outlined in the last book of the New Testament to mean the 1,000 years of peace and prosperity that follow the second coming of Jesus and his battle to subdue evil,” explains Brian C. Wilson, comparative religion and coordinator of the series. “For believers, it’s not the end of the world because there’s actually going to be a 1,000-year reprieve.”

The series is sponsored by the Department of Comparative Religion and the Office of the Provost and will include six presentations that are open to the public. Wilson says that while the millennium is rooted in Christian religious history, it has permeated all aspects of Western society and culture and has even “gone global.”

“It is a very Western notion, yet we are finding it being discussed in places like East Asia and India,” he says. “Everyone knows about it because it has been fueled

through media hype. As a result we’ve managed to export some of our core religious beliefs to other countries and cultures just like we’ve done with jeans.”

Well-known religious scholar Dr. Thomas A. Idinopulos will kick off the lecture series at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 9, in 3512 Knauss Hall with his presentation, “British Millennialists and the Rediscovery of the Holy Land.” Idinopulos, a professor of religious studies at Miami University of Ohio, is an expert on religion in the state of Israel and has authored eight books, including his latest, “Weathered by Miracles: A History of Palestine from Bonaparte and Muhammad Ali to Ben Gurion and the Mufti.” Idinopulos will discuss how European support for the founding of the state of Israel was partially motivated by millennial beliefs.

With the exception of the address on Sept. 24, all presentations will be presented on Thursday evenings at 7:30 p.m. in 3512 Knauss. Other speakers in the series and their topics will be:

- Wilson and Michael Nassaney, anthropology, “A World Religion in Our Own Backyard: The Historical Archaeology of Seventh-Day Adventism in Battle Creek,” 3 p.m., Friday, Sept. 24, Meader Rare Book Room, Waldo Library, presented in conjunction with the American Studies Program;
- Harris R. Lenowitz, professor of Hebrew at the University of Utah and WMU visiting scholar, “You Make the Messiah, the Messiah Makes You,” Oct. 7;
- Otto Grundler, director emeritus of WMU’s Medieval Institute, “European Apocalypticism in the Year 1000,” Oct. 14;
- Nancy E. Falk, comparative religion, “The End of the World This Time Around: The Brahma Kumaris of India,” Oct. 28;
- David Williams, WMU graduate student, “The Esoteric Millennium: Early Mormon Millennialism,” Nov. 11; and
- Rudolf J. Siebert, WMU professor of comparative religion, “Walter Benjamin’s Apocalyptic Eschatology: Messianic Interruptions of the Historical Continuum of Force and Counter-Force,” Dec. 2.

Ethiopian researchers spend seven weeks working with WMU economists to explore agricultural issues

Determining the impact technology has had on corn production in Ethiopia was the focus of an intensive seven-week program at WMU that ended this week when three agricultural economists from that country returned to their homeland.

The economists, Tesfaye Zegeye, Alemu Hailye and Shiferaw Tesfaye, are all researchers with the Ethiopian Agricultural Research Organization. They came to WMU for training in economic and statistical methods for analyzing data on maize production in their home country. The trainees received instruction in econometrics, which is the application of statistical methods to economics, and hands-on training of a sophisticated statistical software program called LIMDEP.

Funded by a grant from the United States Agency for International Development, the training program provided a comprehensive program that not only benefited the trainees, but the WMU faculty members and graduate students that participated as well.

The program called upon the specialized expertise of faculty members Matthew Higgins and Sisay Asefa, both economics; and Tesfaye Teklu, a visiting scholar in economics. Higgins is an expert in econometrics, while Asefa has done research and study in Ethiopia and other African countries. A former research fellow with the International Food Policy Research Institute, Teklu is a policy economist with experience in international agricultural research.

In addition, two WMU doctoral students, Alketa Hysenbegasi and Bedassa Tedesse, assisted in teaching the use of the software program.

“This gave us a really nice opportunity

to utilize some of our faculty members’ very specialized skills,” says Werner Sichel, chairperson of economics.

In preparation for the program, the trainees came to WMU with data from a survey of more than 1,400 Ethiopian farmers, which included input on more than 600 variables to be used to determine why some farmers adopt hybrid seeds for corn production and others do not.

“They had an absolutely fabulous data set,” says Higgins. “What they learned here is a very sophisticated way to use that data to determine what factors impact the choices these farmers make regarding adopting more advanced farming methods. As a result, we, and our graduate students, got a very good experience in applied economics.”

Preliminary results from analyzing the data have shown that the rate of adoption of more technologically advanced methods of farming by Ethiopian farmers is influenced by such factors as the availability of extension

services and credit. This information, as well as other results, will be compiled in a report to be presented to researchers, development organizations and agricultural policy makers.

“What we are finding is in accordance with our expectations,” said Zegeye, one of the trainees and director of economics research at EARO. “The information will be used by policy makers to strengthen components of technological development and dissemination. For example, if the extension service help is good and more credit made available, then the adoption rate will increase.”

Higgins explained that the Ethiopian government wants farmers to adopt the hybrid seed methods to improve their yields.



Sisay Asefa, second from left, economics, meets at the end of their stay at WMU with, from left, Tesfaye Zegeye, Alemu Hailye and Shiferaw Tesfaye. The trio of Ethiopian economists spent seven weeks working on campus this summer. (Photo by Neil Rankin)

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Kritzman named one of nation's top 10 businesswomen by professional organization

A 15-year University veteran has been named one of the top-10 businesswomen in America for 1999 by the American Business Women's Association.

Marilyn S. Kritzman, assistant manager of the Office of Residence Life, was selected for the award from a nationwide field of 70,000 ABWA members. She will be officially honored at the organization's national convention in Kansas City, Mo., Oct. 6 through 10.



Kritzman

Founded in 1949, ABWA annually recognizes 10 members for outstanding achievement in their careers, community activities and educational development. The top 10 are judged and selected by non-ABWA members noted for their knowledge and support of working women.

Kritzman was cited for her career accomplishments in a traditionally male-dominated field and for her role as an inspiration to working women as well as her active involvement in professional and community organizations.

She joined WMU in 1982 as a residence hall director and was promoted to her current position in 1991. Previously, she was a residence hall director at Ferris State University from 1980 to 1982 and an assistant judicial services hearing officer at Ferris from 1981 to 1982.

As assistant manager of residence life, formerly residence hall facilities, she was responsible for helping to direct the daily operations of a 22-building, 6,000-bed residence hall system. The system has an \$18 million budget and employs some 400 professional and student staff members.

Kritzman's duties have included hiring, training and supervising residence hall directors and developing and implementing programs for hall directors and student employees. Current duties include planning and supervising special repair and renovation projects and encompass a variety of budget, purchasing, collective bargaining and advising activities.

One of only a few females in residence hall facilities middle management, Kritzman's efforts to pave the way for other women to advance in her field figured significantly in her top-10 selection.

"My middle management career has included forging the way for women after me as well as being a role model and mentor for young women in our profession—while having very few role models and mentors myself," Kritzman says.

"I'm proud to say that nine young female professionals with whom I worked have moved into similar positions on other college campuses."

Kritzman has been an active member of ABWA since 1991. She has served in a number of leadership positions with Michigan chapters of the organization, including the West Michigan chapter, of which she is president, and the Wolverine chapter, of which she is a past president.

Also active in professional and community organizations, Kritzman has been a presenter at more than 150 state and national conferences and is an adviser for the National Residence Hall Honorary as well as a past president of WMU's Administrative Professional Association and the Kalamazoo Area Women's Festival.

She has been honored for professional excellence several times, earning such WMU accolades as the Office of Residence Life's Innovative Project Award and APA's Outstanding Leadership and Outstanding Professional awards.

Polish defense ministry award goes to Targowski

Andrew S. Targowski, business information systems, has received a medal from the Polish Ministry of Defense in recognition of books he edited and co-authored on the defense of Poland.

Other co-authors of the books, *Polish Defense* and *Polish Vision*, include Zbigniew Brzezinski, former national security adviser to President Jimmy Carter. Other contributors included the Polish deputy prime minister and secretaries of defense and foreign affairs.

Targowski also writes a weekly column for the defense ministry's magazine. He came to WMU in 1980 from Warsaw where he served as the head of Poland's computer development program. He is the author or co-author of a dozen books on computers and information systems.

Jobs

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.

S-01 and S-02 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.

(R) **Carpenter Apprentice**, A-19, Physical Plant-Bldg. Maintenance Services, 99/00-806, 8/31-9/7/99

(R) **Assistant Professor** (Tenure Track; Academic Year), I-30, Foreign Languages & Literatures, 99/00-846, 8/31-9/7/99

(N) **Assistant Dean** (Term ends 6/30/2003; Renewable), Z, College of Arts and Sciences, 99/00-847, 8/31-9/7/99

(R) **Maintenance Roofer** (1st Shift), ST1, Physical Plant-Bldg. Maintenance

On campus



SHE ALWAYS GETS HER MAN—It doesn't happen often, but Terri MacKenzie, a records specialist in the Department of Public Safety, actually helped WMU detectives arrest a man who had an outstanding felony warrant against him. MacKenzie recognized his name from a statewide list of felony suspects when the man called to request a copy of an accident report. When he appeared at public safety to get the report, police arrested him. "I use the information resources at our disposal to help our department do its job," says MacKenzie. This involves

checking criminal background records on suspects, processing more than 10,000 police reports a year, helping to compile official crime statistics and handling lost and found. Of thousands of items turned in or reported lost, MacKenzie says she's able to return 95 percent of wallets and once tracked down the owner of a class ring using only initials and school colors. "I like things that are specific and detailed," says MacKenzie, a WMU employee since 1993. "Without our records, we'd be dead in the water." She has a bachelor's degree in criminal justice and social work from the University of Minnesota and previously spent a year and a half at WMU's Center for Disability Services before joining public safety. She was a parking enforcement officer for two years before moving into records. When not at work, MacKenzie enjoys kayaking with her husband, James, a middle school teacher, and their three children. She also enjoys water gardening and has created three ponds in her backyard that are full of plants, fish, frogs and turtles. "I grew up in the country, where we had horses and gardens," she says. "I still love it." (Photo by John Lacko)

Human resources

Directory changes due Sept. 10

Human Resources Information Systems is preparing faculty and staff information for the 1999-2000 WMU Directory, which will be published this fall. The directory includes both campus and home information for faculty and staff. To ensure correct information in the directory, HRIS reminds you that:

- A memo has been sent to each department asking for verification of departmental information.

- Employee Personal Data forms will be mailed Sept. 3 to employees whose computerized file is missing information. If you receive one, be sure to complete your

EPD and return it so your directory listing is complete.

- If your computerized file is complete, you will not receive an EPD. However, if you wish to make a change to your home information, you can either:

- 1) Note the changes on your EPD and return it to HRIS. All employees should have a copy of their most recent EPD on file. If you need a new EPD, please call HRIS.

- 2) Send HRIS a memo with the new information, and be sure to include your Social Security number.

All changes must be received by Sept. 10 for this year's directory. If you have any questions, please call HRIS at 7-3622.

Leneway gets lifetime achievement award

Robert J. Leneway, principal researcher in the Merze Tate Center for School Reform and Technology, has received the first Lifetime Achievement Award from a national computer group.

The National Association of Rehabilitation Programs in Computer Technology gave Leneway the award at a recent ceremony celebrating its 20th anniversary. Leneway has twice served the association as its president and has been its newsletter editor and communications chairperson for 16 of the past 20 years. He has been a member the organization since its inception in 1978.

Leneway, who came to WMU in 1998, also is president of the International Association of Business, Industry and Rehabilitation. His work focuses on educational technology, K-12 partnerships for integrating technology into the classroom, training people with disabilities for computer-related employment and preparing future teachers to use technology. The Tate Center is part of the College of Education at WMU.

Exchange

HOME FOR RENT—Austin Lake executive ranch, three bedrooms, two fireplaces, great beach and neighborhood. \$1,200 per month. Call 327-5583.

FOR SALE—'95 Buick Riviera, burgundy with burgundy leather interior, fully loaded, except sunroof, excellent condition. \$13,350. Call Katie, 345-0943.

Legal expert is first visiting scholar of academic year

A University of Chicago legal scholar will launch WMU's 1999-2000 Visiting Scholars and Artists Program with a Thursday, Sept. 16, lecture on the need to guard against laws inspired by irrational feelings of disgust.

Dr. Martha C. Nussbaum will describe "'Secret Sewers of Vice: Disgust, Bodies and the Law'" in a free public lecture at 7 p.m. in the Putney Auditorium, 1010 Fetzer Center. She is the Ernst Freund Distinguished Service Professor of Law and Ethics at U of C.

Nussbaum is the author of nine books, editor of 10 others and has written more than 100 articles in such areas as ethics, ancient philosophy, feminist thought and the philosophy of literature. She is currently president of the American Philosophical Association's Central Division.

Her lecture is being coordinated by the Department of Philosophy and also is part of the Center for the Study of Ethics in Society's Fall 1999 lecture series.

UCS expands services aimed at those teaching with technology

Enhanced Teaching with Technology Services now includes a new Web site that describes services available in consultation, design, and development of graphics, animations, Web sites and presentations for faculty and staff in support of instruction and research. Its URL is <<http://wmich.edu/ett/services>>.

The ETT Center is available to faculty for technology consultation and instructional Web and multimedia development services. Lab facilities on the second floor of UCC building are also available for self-directed projects. Visit the center's Web site for more specifics on services, software, and equipment available. It's at <<http://www.wmich.edu/ettcenter/>>.

ETTC lab hours are: Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Thursdays, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.; and Fridays, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

For more information, call Julie Scott at 7-5457.

Sept. 17 BOT meeting postponed until Oct. 7

The Sept. 17 meeting of the WMU Board of Trustees has been postponed until Thursday, Oct. 7, because of scheduling conflicts.

The times and locations for the meetings of the full board and its two standing committees will be announced at a future date.

Services, 99/00-849, 8/31-9/7/99

(R) **Refrigeration Repair, Licensed** (2nd Shift), ST2, Physical Plant-Bldg. Maintenance Services, 99/00-850, 8/31-9/7/99

(R) **Skills Training Specialist II** (Term ends 6/30/2000), S-04, Center for Disability Services, 99/00-851, 8/31-9/7/99

(R) **Administrative Assistant II**, P-02, Electrical & Computer Engineering, 99/00-852, 8/31-9/7/99

(R) **Secretary I** (FTE .50; 20 hours per week), S-04, Office of Teacher Certification, 99/00-853, 8/31-9/7/99

(R) **Coordinator, Monographic Acquisitions** (Hourly), P-01, Waldo Library, 99/00-855, 8/31-9/7/99

(R) **Student Advisor I**, P-03, Lee Honors College, 99/00-864, 8/31-9/7/99

(R) **Associate Dean** (Term ends 6/30/2003; Renewable), Z, College of Arts and Sciences, 99/00-867, 8/31-9/7/99

N = New

R = Replacement

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FDA APPROVED—David W. Feigl Jr., right, director of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration's Center for Devices and Radiological Health, had a chance to inspect the University's new research facilities in Haenicke Hall Aug. 11 when he dropped by for a visit with U.S. Rep. Fred Upton, center. Charles F. Ide, left, director of the new Environmental Institute, was among WMU scientists who gave the pair a briefing on the facilities and the kinds of research being undertaken at WMU. (Photo by Neil Rankin)

Virtual instrumentation is seminar topic

An annual event in the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering has grown into a campuswide academic seminar as the department and National Instruments present a day-long look Tuesday, Sept. 14, at "Computer-Based Tools for Scientists and Engineers."

The free event will be primarily of interest to science and engineering faculty members, says Hossein Mousavinezhad, chairperson of electrical and computer engineering, but any interested faculty member may attend. Online registration can be done at <www.natinst.com>.

American studies (Continued from page one)

for reconfiguring the program, according to Joslin, was increasing interest by undergraduate students in interdisciplinary study.

The program will offer two sections of its introductory course, AMS 200 "Introduction to American Studies," this fall. At the same time, the program is introducing a lecture series, "Emerging Scholars in American Studies," which will feature the work of WMU faculty members who specialize in various aspects of American culture. Sponsored by the Office of the Provost, the American Studies program and the College of Arts and Sciences, the lecture series will take place every other Friday during the semester from 3 to 5 p.m. in the Meader Rare Book Room in Waldo Library.

"The lecture series will allow us to introduce the new program and feature the talents of many of WMU's faculty members. This way students, faculty and staff can get to know each other's work and see the variety and depth of the current re-

search being done in American studies," Joslin says.

The revamped program had a trial run of sorts this past summer when Joslin, Brian C. Wilson, comparative religion, and John Saillant, English, conducted an institute on American Studies at WMU for foreign educators from 18 different countries. The structure and content of the institute, funded by a \$170,000 grant from the United States Information Agency, laid the foundation for much of the course work of the new program.

"What appealed to the USIA about our proposal was its interdisciplinary nature, which is the critical, central element in the American Studies Program," says Joslin. "The success of that institute showed us the strength of the approach we are taking."

For more information about the American Studies Program, contact Joslin at 7-2086 or visit the program Web site at <<http://wmich.edu/american-studies/programs.html>>.

Calendar

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Thursday, Sept. 2

Art exhibition (through Sept. 3) "MFA Candidates Group Show," Rotunda and South Galleries, East Hall, weekdays, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; reception, Friday, Sept. 3, 5-7 p.m. Plant Sale (through Sept. 3), Department of Biological Sciences annual event, 1600 Wood Hall, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Monday, Sept. 6

Labor Day, University offices closed.

Tuesday, Sept. 7

Exhibitions (through Sept. 10), 2nd Annual Western Herald Photo Show, Rotunda Gallery, East Hall; and Study Abroad — South Manitou Exhibition, South Gallery, East Hall, weekdays 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Reception, Friday, Sept. 10, 5-7 p.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 8

Lecture, "Ten Years After the Wall: Russia and Eastern Europe in Transition" Series, "Making the Transition to Democracy," James Butterfield, political science, Lee Honors College Lounge, 7:30 p.m.

*Jazz organ guest artist recital, The Larry Goldings Trio, Dalton Center Recital Hall, 8 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 9

March to the Millennium Lecture Series, "British Millennialists and the Rediscovery of the Holy Land," Thomas I. Idinopulos, professor of religion at Miami University of Ohio, 3512 Knauss Hall, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 10

Emerging Scholars in American Studies Lecture Series, "Reflections on 'Fish for All': The Practice of Public History on the Great Lakes," Michael Chiarappa and Kristin Szylvian, both history, Meader Rare Book Room, Waldo Library, 3-5 p.m.

*Volleyball tournament (and Sept. 11), Bronco Spiketacular; University Arena: Friday, Sept. 10, Army vs. University of Illinois/Chicago at 5 p.m. and WMU vs. Central Connecticut at 7 p.m.; Saturday, Sept. 11, WMU vs. Army at 11:30 a.m., Central Conn. vs. UIC at 1:30 p.m., WMU vs. UIC at 4:30 p.m. and Army vs. Central Conn. at 7 p.m.

CommUniverCity organizers aim at Sept. 11 crowd that will top last year's Waldo record

Plenty of football, food and fireworks will be featured Saturday, Sept. 11, when the University kicks off its first home football game of the 1999 season with CommUniverCity Night.

The sixth annual CommUniverCity football game will start at 6 p.m. at Waldo Stadium and pit the Broncos against the Penguins of Youngstown State University. As in past years, the event will include private tailgate parties before the game and an impressive fireworks display after the game.

The tailgate parties will take place from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. in a 55-tent Corporate Village set up on nearby Hyames Field. Up with People, which will perform at Miller Auditorium Sunday, Sept. 12, will provide entertainment.

"We're hoping to meet or exceed the record-breaking crowd of 12,000 that attended last year's Corporate Village and to beat our record attendance of more than 35,000 for the CommUniverCity game," says Irene L. Bracken, intercollegiate athletics.

"We're excited about how well everything is going," Bracken notes. "There will be an awesome halftime show plus

some of the best fireworks we've ever had. In addition, we've already filled the Corporate Village to capacity and are receiving enthusiastic community support for the other tent parties we're having before home games."

Bracken said about 28,000 tickets already have been sold for the CommUniverCity game, but a number of good seats are still left, particularly for those purchasing season tickets.

Next up on the home schedule will be another night contest, Southwest Fest, on Saturday, Oct. 2, when WMU takes on Central Michigan University at 6 p.m. A major part of the festivities will be the Ultimate Student Tailgate, a free, non-alcoholic celebration for students.

Another 1999 season highlight will be the Homecoming game at 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 23, against Ball State University. Two additional home games are scheduled this year, Family Festival Night at 6 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 16, and Hall of Fame Day at 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 13.

For more information about CommUniverCity Night or other 1999 football events, contact Bracken at 7-3062.

Romeo Airport (Continued from page one)

development for MDOT, WMU and users of Michigan's air transportation system," says William E. Gehman, deputy director for MDOT's Bureau of Aeronautics. "This is an exciting opportunity to merge two of our highest priorities—airport preservation and aviation education. MDOT and WMU have a long history of innovative partnering for the advancement of aviation in the state."

The college will provide a professional, full-time manager who will supervise two student intern airport managers per semester. The students will be upper-level students in the college's operations management degree program. Acting under supervision of professional staff, the student interns will also assist in aircraft maintenance and flight instruction. The college intends to provide a full-time aircraft mechanic to provide maintenance services for local pilots and has dedicated a Cessna 172P aircraft and a professional flight instructor to the facility as well.

"There is a huge demand for flight instruction for the general public and it's been some time since it's been available at that facility," says Mark A. Serbenski, director of operations for the College of Aviation who will oversee the college's

activities at the Romeo site. "That's just one of the services that we're looking forward to providing to the public in Southeast Michigan."

Among other services that will be offered to the public will be the lease and/or sale of hangar space, fuel and pilot supplies for local aviators and those passing through the area. The bureau and college anticipate that revenue from services offered at the airport will cover future capital improvements and expansion needs as well as operational expenses that will be covered for the first two years by the start-up funding that has been allocated.

The bureau took over management of the Romeo airport following the state's purchase of the airport in November 1998. Shortly after purchasing the property, the bureau began examining ways to enhance operations at the facility and effectively provide for day-to-day management. Negotiations with WMU were stepped up recently when it was determined that the partnership could provide both top-notch management and opportunities for students to get practical experience in the management of a small, regional, non-commercial airport. The arrangement is believed to be the first of its kind in the nation.

Saturday, Sept. 11

*Guest artist recital, Randall Hawes, bass trombone, Dalton Center Recital Hall, 3 p.m. CommUniverCity Night (see story above).

*Football vs. Youngstown State, Waldo Stadium, 6 p.m.

Sunday, Sept. 12

*Mega Monster Movie Marathon, day-long classic horror film fest, Campus Cinema, Oakland Recital Hall, noon-11 p.m.

*Dalton Series recital, pianist Christopher Taylor, Dalton Center Recital Hall, 3 p.m.

Monday, Sept. 13

Art exhibition (through Oct. 5), "Major Works — Full Scale 1969-1999" by Kansas City artist Robert Stackhouse, Gallery II, Sangren Hall, weekdays 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Exhibitions (through Sept. 17), Photography Group Show, Brandon Morkut and Ryan Flathau, Rotunda Gallery, East Hall; and SACI Florence Study Abroad Exhibition, South Gallery, East Hall. Reception Friday, Sept. 17, 5-7 p.m.

Tuesday, Sept. 14

Virtual instrumentation seminar, "Computer-Based Tools for Scientists and Engineers," sponsored by Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering and National Instruments, 9:30 a.m.- 3:30 p.m., Fetzer Center; register by sending email to <ni.register@natinst.com> or online at <www.natinst.com>.

Wednesday, Sept. 15

The Economics of Health Care lecture series, "Government Financing of Care for Low Income Population," Jonathan Gruber, professor of economics at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, 3508 Knauss Hall, 3 p.m.

Lecture, "Ten Years After the Wall: Russia and Eastern Europe in Transition" Series, "Support for Systematic Transformation," Vyacheslav Karpov, sociology, Lee Honors College Lounge, 7:30 p.m.

Reading by poet August Kleinzeller, 3512 Knauss Hall, 8:30 p.m.; reception follows, Knauss Hall lobby.

Thursday, Sept. 16

Visiting Scholars and Artists Lecture, "'Secret Sewers of Vice': Disgust, Bodies and the Law," Martha Nussbaum, the Ernst Freund Distinguished Service Professor of Law and Ethics at the University of Chicago, Putney Auditorium, Room 1010, Fetzer Center.

*Admission charged