This weekend marked the return to campus for some students and the first time on campus for others. ABOVE: Amanda J. Staels, center in dark shirt, engineered a train of laundry carts filled with her belongings. The junior from Jonesville got lots of help from volunteer Bronco Buddies as she moved into Davis Hall. AT LEFT: Graduate students Kanniga Leeprabhooboon, left, and Surrasame Hashim, both from Thailand, munched on pizza at the Fountain Plaza following the 11th annual “Gold Rush: An Introduction to Spirit and Tradition.” The event at Miller Auditorium was intended to give new students to the University — including freshman, transfer and international students — a working knowledge of WMU spirit and traditions. It featured multimedia shows, a Bronco Marching Band performance and presentations by administrators, who served the students some 520 pizzas afterward. (Photos by Neil Rankin)

Grand opening of Campus Cinema set for Friday

University officials and community leaders will participate in the grand opening Friday, Sept. 5, of WMU’s new Campus Cinema. The event begins at 5:30 p.m. at the theatre, which is located at the corner Oakland Drive and Oliver Street on East Campus.

The Campus Cinema will serve the University and the community as an art film theatre featuring the latest projection, sound and lighting equipment. It occupies the Oakland Recital Hall, which has been completely renovated in an Art Deco style.

“Open this facility with deep appreciation to our friends in the greater Kalamazoo community, who so generously have supported this effort,” said President Haenicke. “We especially want to thank the Irving S. Gilmore Foundation, without whose commitment this project could not have been completed.”

In addition to Haenicke, participants in the grand opening ceremony will include Harold S. Holland, vice chairman of the Gilmore Foundation, and Robert C. Hinkel, English, chairman of the University Film Series. The Kalamazoo Film Society, other private donors and the state of Michigan also contributed to the $900,000 cost of the project.

Renovation of the Oakland Recital Hall began a year ago under the direction of the WMU Office of Campus Planning and Dieckema-Hamann Architects Inc. of Kalamazoo. Facilities include 35 mm, 16 mm and video projection equipment as well as a six-channel Surround Sound audio system.

The cinema’s large seamless screen measures 14 by 30 feet. Its 192 seats are original and have been rebuilt and enlarged. In addition to its use for films, the new theatre will play host to occasional recitals and lectures. It eventually also could be used for satellite downlink programs.

The Campus Cinema includes two etched-glass doors, which were designed by students in the Department of Art. Two other such glass panels, designed by students when the hall was built in the 1940s, are expected to be displayed later in the new theatre.

“It’s a nice touch to have the work of students from these two eras brought together,” said Evie Asken, campus planning. “We’re very pleased with the way this project has turned out. It will be a nice addition to the University and the community.”

The University Film Series along with the Kalamazoo Film Society will present a wide range of art, alternative and international films that would seldom come to the community’s commercial movie houses, Haenicke said. The first three films scheduled for the cinema are “Lost Highway,” “Pink Floyd the Wall” and “Cinema Paradiso.”

Built in 1942, Oakland Recital Hall served as the venue for WMU theatrical and musical presentations until Shaw Theatre was completed in 1987 and the Dalton Center opened in 1982. In recent years, the building housed offices for the University’s building custodial and support services. Its renovation is part of the continued restoration of the historic East Campus.

Search process begins; progress posted on Web

Information about the search for WMU’s next president is now available on the World Wide Web.

The Office of Marketing, Public Relations and Communications has created the site www.wmich.edu/search. Users also can link to the presidential search Web pages from the University Information page, from the News page and from the home page for the Office of the President.

Currently, the site includes links to relevant news releases, an outline of the search process and a listing of Presidential Search Advisory Committee members with information on how to contact the committee.

Faculty and staff members are encouraged to check the site for updated information on the search. This fall, a number of preliminary activities are under way, including the identification of a search consultant.

Internal constituency group sessions also are expected to take place this fall. The sessions will help the Presidential Search Advisory Committee create an institutional profile, from which desired presidential characteristics will be developed.

Members of the committee thus far are: Richard G. Haworth, chairman of the Board of Trustees, who also is chairperson of the University’s Board of Regents; and Evie Asken, campus planning.

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Changes slated for News schedule and deadlines

Some changes are in store this fall for Western News, the University’s faculty and staff newspaper.

The changes are the result of a review of all the activities in the Office of Marketing, Public Relations and Communications, according to Matt Kurz, director.

“We have a number of presentation communications going out of this office, such as our new University magazine which debuts this fall, and a finite number of resources,” he said. “After taking a look at everything we do, one decision we made was to publish Western News every other week rather than weekly.

But because we know that internal communications are very important,” he continued, “we will be supplementing Western News with Web site information and e-mail messages.”


In addition to a revised publication schedule, the News will have a new deadline. Instead of noon Tuesday, the deadline will be at 5 p.m. on the Friday preceding the publication date.

“This will give us more time to prepare quality copy for this publication,” Kurz said.

The advent of new electronic communications tools will allow the staff to make some changes in the newspaper’s content. All official University news releases, a majority of which are used in the News, are now published on the University’s World Wide Web site (www.wmich.edu/News). Articles in the News may be shorter, and refer readers to the Web site for more detailed information.

Other vehicles, such as electronic mail, may be used on occasion to communicate information in a more timely fashion to faculty and staff members.

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Summer is prime time for progress on campus construction projects

What a difference a year makes.

Last fall, the only evidence of the University’s $45.3 million project was a groundswell of support since it got under way. This fall, workers are putting in parking lots and sidewalks, Smith says. "We’re moving on schedule and on budget," said David D. Smith, campus facility development. The first six of these professorships have been filled, it will provide 271,800 square feet to be completed in summer 1998 and the pavilion construction a year later. (Photo by Neil Rankin)

The $45.3 million project is moving along on schedule and on budget, according to David D. Smith, campus facility development. The Wood Hall renovation is expected to be completed in summer 1998 and the pavilion construction a year later.

AMBUCS give most awards, consolidate the undergraduate and research budget," said David D. Smith, campus facility development. The Wood Hall renovation is expected to be completed in summer 1998 and the pavilion construction a year later.

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Alumnus to fund permanent endowment to establish professorship in history department

A former military officer and CIA official will establish a permanent endowment fund to support a history professorship at the University of Colorado.

Jerome Neal of Fort Collins, Colo., will create the endowment through his $250,000 estate. To be known as the Jerome Barrington Neal Professor of History, the professorship will allow WMU AMPBUCS give most awards, money to WMU students

The American Business Clubs (AMBUCS), a national service organization, named 34 Michigan students as recipients of money and the greatest number of scholarships to students at WMU.

The students were honored in an occupational therapy, speech pathology and audiology and music therapy will benefit from the $45,250 donated by the national organization.

Locally, the Kalamazoo Noon AMBUCS has added $18,500 to the award, for a total of $63,750.

For 1997, the AMBUCS has granted 433 scholarships totaling $278,750 to college students enrolled in certified therapy programs across the country. Recipients are recommended by the local organization, whose chapters are based primarily on financial need, followed by merit.

Haircuts and health promotion on the agenda for initiative between WMU and local salon

A haircut, a manicure and a blood pressure screening may be the things that’s the regimen for a women’s health care initiative involving WMU, the Black Nurses Association and the Mane Attraction, a beauty salon in Kalamazoo.

The branchchild of Bernadine M. Lacey, director of the WMI School of Nursing, the project is providing health services and health care information to women, paying particular attention to the health needs of African Americans. All of the services are offered at the local salon, which Lacey sees as an ideal place to reach women of all backgrounds.

"We know that women go to the beauty salon," Lacey says. "They may not go routinely or every month, but they do get there, even if they have to skip and save other ways. It cuts across all social and economic levels."

The salon initiative has found a groundswell of support since it got under way several months ago, according to Lacey. Recently, the group won a $10,000 grant from the John E. Fitzer Institute in Kalamazoo to fund special workshops and the development of culturally sensitive health promotion materials. Eventually, Lacey hopes to offer similar programs featuring traditional African American fare are prepared for clients to sample.

In addition to blood pressure screenings, the beauty salon health care initiative offers educational programs on breast self-examinations, CPR training, reducing stress and healthy eating and cooking. Once a month, low-fat recipes featuring traditional African American fare are prepared for clients to sample.

Lacey emphasizes that the project is not primarily about the health and wellness promotion. She says clients are continually surveyed to make sure programs address specific needs. Information is also gathered about how clients view and manage their own health care and how they more effectively present health information.

Lacey hopes to offer similar services in a Landrum, viewing that as another place to reach women and their children. "I think these are the places where information about health will be provided in the future," she says.
Human resources

Directory updates needed

Preparations for printing the 1997-98 Faculty/Staff Directory and Campus Telephone Directory updates have begun. A memo has been mailed to all departments asking employees to update their name and/or campus information if necessary.

We want to remind you that the information currently in your computer record is the information that will be printed in the directory. If corrections are needed, please inform your human resources unit in your office system by Friday, Sept. 5, to ensure a correct listing in the directory.

Pauline M. Trembly, human resources, says there are several kinds of directory changes that her office is unable to accommodate, abbreviations are used. There is no room for zip code extensions.

Building names - the official three-position building abbreviations are used. There is no room for telephone numbers - capacity is limited to one person per name.

Special unit names - general department names are maintained for generating mailing labels for postal delivery on campus and for use in mailing unit small units.

Trembly stresses that careful security is exercised over employee file information. State and federal laws exist regarding the use of employment information seclusion. The University policy covers accessibility regulations.

If you have questions, call the information systems staff at 7-3622.

Performance measures due

UCCS employees and their supervisors should now be establishing performance appraisal measures and timelines for the 1997-98 fiscal year. Copies are due in the Department of Human Resources on Sept. 20.

Training seminars to help supervisors through the performance appraisal process are being offered by human resources. The first seminar will be held 1 to 3 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 16, and from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 18, in 215 Bernhard Center.

"Performance Appraisal Training: Your Road Map Through the Appraisal Process" will discuss the indices of the appraiser process, including the very timely topic of writing new measures and accomplishments. Seating is limited. Call 3625 to register.

First senate meeting of fall set for 5 p.m. tonight

The Faculty Senate will meet at 5 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 4, in the Fetzer Center.

Agenda items include reports by President John Hetrick and Senate President Carl Gayle Smith. John Fraire, dean of admissions, will present a report on fall enrollment and a profile of the freshmen class. Adriane H. (Ed) Edwards, finance and commercial law, will present a report of the Intercollegiate Athletic Board.

Action items on the agenda include a report and recommendations of the ad hoc Committee on Updating Addresses and a proposed budget for the Faculty Fees Fund.

Zest for Life

Check out what’s new with the Zest for Life program this fall.

The Office of Health Promotion has introduced the HealthQuest Resource Center to help you protect and strengthen your health. It includes an expanding network of easily accessible information as well as skill building and supportive resources.

Interactive assessments are available for use in 1101 Sidoce Health Center.

In addition, there are video and audio tapes available for check out, and self-help books and relaxation tapes at a minimum cost. A HealthQuestWeb site will be available soon.

Check your Zest for Life fall brochure for a full list of self-help guides and tools. If you have any questions regarding the Resource Center, call the Office of Health promotion programs, call 7-3623.

There are also several additions to Zest for Life Fitness Programs. Step Aerobics is offered from 12:05 to 12:30 p.m. Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays in Oakland Gym’s main gymnasium. There are still spaces available, so you must pre-register.

In addition, the Zest for Life Fitness Room with a variety of cardiovascular equipment and an elliptical trainer. These will be available during all Fitness Room hours (including the 6 to 8 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays “early bird” session).

Massage Therapy will continue between 3:30 and 7 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays. Call 7-3626 for additional information.

On campus

The development of development — long a hot-button issue — joined the University 27 years ago, she was a clerk at the alumni and development office and sometimes worked with the University’s lone fund-raiser. Today, she’s the manager of advancement services in the alumni and development office, working with a full staff of people who build alumni relationships through donations from WMU supporters.

“We’ve been through some changes over the years and so much has gone on that we’ve been a part of it all.”

“Been there, been involved in the development of our office.”

Chapman, whose responsibilities include the alumni and donor database, which consists of more than 200,000 records. Her staff of six maintains the database, receives requests from the computer network to run and quickly produces the production of jobs for clients in the alumni and development offices and across the University. “We work with people making requests to find out what they need and how we can best provide it,” she says. A year ago, the office moved to a mainframe computer environment from a client-server environment. While it was the third such conversion for Chapman, she says it was by far the biggest in scope and had quite a learning curve for the staff. “We not only had hardware and software, but we also have new hardware and software,” she says. “We had to learn everything.” She says the new system is much more flexible and able to perform multiple functions for the staff. When not at work, Chapman enjoys playing a little tennis and traveling to a house she owns on the Kenmore Peninsula near Lake Superior. (Photo by Neil Rankin)

Spirit

Effective Friday, Sept. 5, WMU Pride Days make a move from the last Wednesday to the first Friday of every month.

The WMU community has been celebrating WMU Pride Day since 1992 — a day on which all members of the University community are encouraged to wear WMU apparel.

A comprehensive list of all schedules and programs can be found in your fall brochure. Start this school year off right by investing in your health and well-being.

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 contact job opportunities transfer applicants during the posting period, and may contact employment services staff member for assistance in securing these positions.

5-01 and 5-02 clerical positions are not required to be benefits-eligible. 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) Secretary II (Post) (Term Ends 6/30/98), C-02, Intercollegiate Athletics; 7-989/44, 9/2/98/97.
(R) Coordinator, Fitness, P-02, University Recreation Programs and Facilities; 7-989-096, 9/2/98/97.
(R) Coordinator, Intramural/Recreational Sports, P-03, University Recreation Programs and Facilities; 7-989-098, 9/2/98/97.
(R) Head Coach, Women’s Gymnastics (Term Ends 6/30/99), C-02, Intercollegiate Athletics; 7-989-099, 9/2/98/97.
(R) Secretary Executive II, S-08, Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs; 7-989-102, 9/2/98/97.
(R) Systems Specialist/Budget Officer, X-05, University Budgets; 7-989-103, 9/2/98/97.
(R) Secretary I, S-04, Business Information Systems; 7-989-104, 9/2/98/97.
(R) Call employment services at 7-3626 if you have questions about 1-9.

For more information, contact Loken or Denny Boyd at 7-2152.

Obituary

Mary A. Friedli, retired from residence hall facilities, died Aug. 8 at the age of 83.

Friedli joined the staff as director of Smith Barracks, the residence hall that is now service as director of Hadley Hall,Britton-Hadley Halls and Harrison-Stinns Halls, and retired as director of the Goldsworth Valley Hall complex in 1976.

She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church and a member of the Eastern Star Cornish Chapter #123. Memorial contributions may be made to the church.

Web watch

Homecoming Web pages, sponsored by the WMU Alumni Association, contain the most complete information on activities for Homecoming, Oct. 16-19. This information will be continually updated.

You can link to the Homecoming pages from the Alumni Association’s "Events Page" at the URL below. To update information about your department or organization’s Homecoming activities, contact Sharon Seabrook Russell, alumni relations, at 7-8775.

www.wmich.edu/alumni/events
Interior design program earns accreditation

The University’s interior design program has earned its highest level of accreditation — a six-year accreditation following a rigorous preparation period and an intensive examination that took place this spring. The foundation is a highly selective accrediting agency dedicated to upgrading interior design education programs across the country. The group is comprised of professionals and educators from within the interior design discipline.

“I’m delighted because the faculty have worked so hard on getting this program accredited and it verifies what we’ve always known—that we have a very good program,” said Bill Haines, chairperson of the Department of Family and Consumer Sciences, which houses the interior design program.

Prior to granting the accreditation, the foundation examined many aspects of the interior design curriculum, including faculty, cohesiveness of the program, and facilities. However, department officials say the most significant factor considered was the level of competence shown by students in the program.

“The accreditation agency is more concerned with what it sees students produce than what we say we do,” says Pat B. Viard, family and consumer sciences, a long-time faculty member in the program. “The emphasis of the review is really on where the students are.”

The WMU interior design program was created in the late 1970s and has evolved to a highly competitive, professional level program that requires an intense skill in design. A maximum of 18 students are accepted into the bachelor’s degree program each year.

Music faculty members appear on Polish TV

When two members of the Western Jazz Quartet were selected by competition to attend the festival sponsored by an arts and education organization on the island of Swinoujscie off the German Polish border in the Baltic Sea, College- aged students from across the country are invited by competition to attend the festival.

Knife and Kynaston were the only international representing the U.S. in this competition.

The students were at a very high level — actually much higher than we anticipated,” said Knific.

“We’re really excited about the material that we were able to bring for them to work on. Several of the students, in fact, three of the better students, all want to make the transfer to Western at some time in the near future.”

Calendar

The master calendar maintained by the Office of Marketing, Public Relations and Communications for use in Western News is available through WMU’s home page on the World Wide Web (Select University Information and then Calendar of Events under the News and Events heading). You can also link directly to the calendar at this URL: http://www.wmich.edu/wmu/news/calendar1.html.

Thursday, September 4

(175) (/75) MFA degree candidates, Rotunda and South Galleies, East Hall, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; reception, Friday, Sept. 5, 5-7 p.m.

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

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Friday, September 5

Dedication of the Campus Cinema, Oakland Recital Hall, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, September 6

University Film Series showings, Campus Cinema, Oakland Recital Hall, 7:30 p.m.

Monday, September 8

(35) Michigan Friends of Photography 15th Anniversary Members Exhibition, Gallery II, Sangren Hall, weekdays, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

(488) “Eggshell Mantra,” multi-media installation by Dana Freeman, Gallery II, Sangren Hall, weekdays, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

(496) “Knifin: International Women’s Volleyball Invitational,” Knifin Balle, 7 p.m.

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Tuesday, September 9

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

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Wednesday, September 10

Concert, Appalachian Strings, Ballantine Chapel, 8 p.m.

Thursday, September 11

(437) “Glassmen: The Art of the American Glassblower,” Seibert Administration Building, 7 p.m.

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Friday, September 12

(97) “Glassmen: The Art of the American Glassblower,” Seibert Administration Building, 7 p.m.

Saturday, September 13

Festival, celebration of Southwest Michigan’s children, Miller Auditorium, 11 a.m.-4 p.m.

Monday, September 15

(353) Exhibition, Peter Middleton and Jian Luo, MFA degree candidates, Rotunda and South Galleries, East Hall, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; reception, Friday, Sept. 19, 5-7 p.m.

(16) Slide lectures by Steven Siegel, Red Hook, N.Y., sculptor, 2542 Knauss Hall, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, September 16

Formatting workshop for the preparation of doctoral dissertations, specialist projects and master’s theses, Graduate College conference room, Seibert Administration Building, 10-11:30 a.m.; to register call 7-3569.

Thursday, September 18


*Admission charged

Search

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of the committee; Trustee Richard F. Chormann, who is vice chairperson of the committee; and Lori B. Waddles, vice-chairperson of the Board of Trustees. Other members include representatives of faculty, students, administrators, alumni and the general public, and are determined by the board.

Next, Trustee Emeritus Charles H. Ludlow is serving as executive director of the Board of Trustees, and Betty A. Kocher, secretary to the Board of Trustees, is serving as secretary for the search.

After that is completed, the position will be advertised and nominations and applications will be sought. The goal is for the committee to present the names of five unranked finalists to the full board by spring 1998.

The finalists will be invited to the campus for public presentations and will be interviewed in a public session of the Board of Trustees.

The person selected for the post will succeed President Haenicke, who announced June 27 that he would step down this fall to prepare for the faculty, effective July 31, 1998.

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As the calendar of events will continue to be published both in the News and on the University’s Web site (www.wmich.edu) on the World Wide Web (www.wmich.edu/calendar1.html). Because of space considerations, calendar entries in the News may be limited to those events of interest to the general University community.

In making these decisions, we also took into account feedback we received from readers on our last readership survey conducted in 1996,” said Ruth A. Stevens, marketing, public relations and communications, who edits the News. “Faculty and staff members with further comments or suggestions as we implement these changes should feel free to call or e-mail me.”

Stevens can be reached at 7-8411 or ruth.stevens@wmich.edu.