Phi Beta Kappa charter puts WMU among nation's elite

Phi Beta Kappa, the oldest and most widely recognized academic honor society in the country, has granted a charter to the University.

The University's was one of seven new charters approved Sept. 27 at the 38th annual meeting of Phi Beta Kappa, the oldest and most prestigious honor society, since the society's inception in 1776.

They will be recognized at an Oct. 18 awards dinner held in conjunction with Homecoming.

Schweitzer is president and chief executive officer of the University of Chicago Blue Shield of Michigan, one of the largest nonprofit corporations in the United States. He graduated magna cum laude from WMU in 1963 with a bachelor of science degree in political science.

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Two Honored as Distinguished Alumni

Two prominent Detroit executives are the 1997 recipients of the Distinguished Alumni Award presented by the University's Alumni Association.

Schweitzer and Whitmer were honored at the 34th Annual Distinguished Alumni Awards Dinner on Oct. 6, at the East Ballroom of the Bernhard Center (see related story on this page).

WMU fans for the afternoon activities will be the WMU Marching Band, the Bronco cheerleaders, Buzzer Bronco and Unity of Praise choir.

Light described WMU as being "devoted to education and training and to the exploration and creation of knowledge," while at the same time offering "a rich array of professional programs which prepare young people for successful careers and responsible citizenship in our democracy."

He listed four characteristics of the University that he believes are inextricably linked:

• WMU is an undergraduate teaching institution, with 75 percent of its students at the undergraduate level. Most of the undergraduate teaching is done by permanent faculty members. An estimated 65 percent of the undergraduates enter the University as transfer students.

• WMU is a graduate intensive University (more so than Michigan State University), with 25 percent of its students at the graduate level. Nearly half of these students are enrolled through one of the University's five regional centers.

• WMU is devoted to scholarship and faculty members are expected to demonstrate that commitment by contributing to their fields. In certain disciplines, that scholarship is evidenced by research and support by external grants.

• WMU is inexpensive and cost-effective.

The fifth characteristic, flexibility and responsiveness, is one the University needs to develop as a habit, Light said.

"I am not talking about flexible regarding academic affairs, the rigor of scholarship or the centrality to our enterprise and life together of our tradition and moral values," he said. "Those are and must remain inviolate."

For more information about WMU's Homecoming activities, contact the Alumni Association by calling 7-8777 or at dosaweb.faunce.wmich.edu/ofal/.
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Campus tools up for successful United Way campaign

Donations are already starting to build toward the $162,000 goal for this year’s Greater Kalamazoo United Way drive on campus, which began Oct. 8 and runs through Oct. 25.

The goal represents a 3.9 percent increase over last year’s $156,000 target. In 1996, United Way raised $168,000 for the local United Way, which supports nearly 60 agencies that provide a wide range of services to individuals and families in Kalamazoo County each year.

Your outpouring of support has been working throughout Kalamazoo County to help solve our community’s problems and to enhance various humanitarian services for individuals who are less fortunate than we are,” wrote President Haenicke in a letter sent to employees and endorsed by employee group leaders.

A total of 116 fund-raisers from University departments gathered for a luncheon Oct. 8 in the Bernhard Center to kick off the campaign. They heard from two nationally-known scholars who explored the role of the Federal Reserve in monetary policy and today leads his city toward a 21st century.

The University will honor one of its own at 7 p.m. Oct. 25 with a WMU graduate Dennis Archer — and establish a scholarship in his name at a dinner Saturday.

“This is a rare opportunity for us to recognize Mayor Archer for all he has done in the realms of education, public administration and the law,” President Haenicke said. “A dedicated public servant, Dennis Archer has never lost touch with his fellow citizens or his own roots, and today he leads his city toward a 21st century.”

Roy S. Roberts, vice president and general manager of the Pontiac-GMC division of General Motors, and a former member of the WMU Board of Trustees, will serve as master of ceremonies. The event begins with a reception at 6 p.m. and dinner at 7 p.m. in the Riverview Room at Cobo Center in Detroit.

Several prominent Detroit civic leaders will speak at the dinner followed by re- mains presentation.

Proceeds from the dinner will establish the Mayor Dennis Archer Endowed Scholarship Fund to further attract and support leading teachers and scholars who also intend to major in education, public administration or pre-law at WMU.

Scholarship applications should be made by Friday, Oct. 17. To make reservations or for more information, people may call Sue Davis, external affairs, at 7-8789.

Nationally known speakers here for Van Riper Lectures

Two nationally-known scholars will describe the latest developments in helping the poor and improve the quality of life in communities they have for members of our University and the community. We want to thank you if you have given so generously in the past, and we hope that we can count on you this year.

He pointed out that because United Way agencies address the road of viable community needs, many University employees have been beneficiaries of these services.

“Should you not have participated in the past, we are asking you to consider making a campaign contribution,” Haenicke wrote.

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Light to look at future

Some of the changes facing higher education in the next two decades will be explored by Timothy Light, provost and vice president for academic affairs, in a seminar Wednesday, Oct. 22.

The free address, titled “The Expanding Mission,” will be at 4 p.m. in 3002 Knoth Hall. It is being presented as part of a series of seminars sponsored by the Department of Speech, Communication and Theater.

Light is expected to touch on such topics as competition, accountability and school funding for the future.

Fed official to present views

Brenda A. Brewer, College of Business Administration, has been selected to address the role of the Federal Reserve in monetary policy as well as the current performance of the U.S. economy and its outlook.

She will give the keynote address at the 26th annual Van Riper Lectures in Speech Pathology and Audiology.

The Van Riper Lectures, sponsored by the College of Human Development and Communication, are designed to enhance communication through technologies for Vision. Hearing and Speech.

The series will feature two nationally-known speakers this fall.

• “Enhancing Communication through Technologies for Vision, Hearing and Speech” with Lubinski at 2:45 p.m. Thursday.

• “Technologies for Communication in Aging: A Multimedia Tool” with Weinstein at 2:15 p.m. Thursday.

WMU/CMU rivalry put to work for a good cause

The long-time rivalry between WMU and Central Michigan University will be renewed in an event over the next month, where the community wins.

The goal for this year’s community-wide United Way drive is $7.5 million. The theme for the campaign is “It All Comes Back to You.”

Troupe opens 1997 season

On Monday Oct. 20, WMU’s Great Expectations Touring Theatre Company will open its seventh season with a world premier of a play that was written at Michigan and Ohio during the next month.

Great Expectations 1997 is a thought provoking improvisational theatre production that brings to life feelings, beliefs and behaviors common to young adults confronted with sexual decisions in a word of seduction, substance abuse and societal pressures.

It is the result of a shared partnership between the Office of Health Promotion and Education in the Office of Student Affairs Center and the Department of Theatre.

Many faculty support this show as a co-curricular learning activity in critical thinking and problem solving. Although some performances have been scheduled for other student groups, all shows are free and open to the University community.

For more information regarding show times and locations, call the Office of Health Promotion and Education at 7-3263.

Shorter on-air fund drive begins Oct. 18 on WMUK

WMUK-FM (102.1), the University’s public radio station, will begin its annual on-air fall fund-raising campaign Saturday, Oct. 18.

While the sound of this year’s drive will have the usual mix of station personalities, volunteers and phones ringing in the background, there will be one dynamic change. The campaign will be shorter.

Instead of the usual two-week fall campaign schedule, station leaders have decided to reduce the drive to just a single week, wrapping it up on Friday, Oct. 24.

The goal of the drive is $185,000, the same amount that was raised in record time during the 1996 fall campaign.

In an effort to move the drive along, the station has already begun seeking contributions from previous radio public friends and mail.

Fans who’d like to participate in the on-air phone drive can make their pledge by calling 7-1021 during the campaign. Contributions may be paid by check or by using MasterCard, Visa or Discover. WMU employees can use their payroll deduction. Forms are available from the station.

World Bank official to address student groups

Alan H. Gelb, chief economist for the World Bank, will speak on “The Transition from Plan to Market” at 3 p.m. in 3508 Knotts Hall. The lecture is part of the Department of Economics’ 34th annual guest lecture-seminar series titled “When Is Transition Time?” The series is sponsored by the Department of Economics and the Department of Political Science.

The department co-sponsors the series with the Department of History, the Department of International Relations and the Global Employment Research in Kalamazoo.

Gelb was the staff director of the 1990-91 U.S. Council on Economic Priorities’ “The Transition from Plan to Market” at the World Bank. He will draw on his experience for the report in his lecture at WMU.

For more details on these events, check out the News page on the WMU Web at www.wmich.edu/wmu/news.
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An allocation, retirement and reward, mutual funds, and retirement plans will be some of the subjects discussed. The panel will include well-known finan- cial planning experts and nationally syndi- cated personal finance columnist Jane Bryant Quinn. TIAA-CREF, a pension system for education and research institu- tions, is sponsoring the program.

The broadcast is open to faculty and staff of WMU, Kalamazoo College and Kalamazoo Valley Community College.

Jobs

The following list of vacancies is current as of Oct. 16. Information may be obtained in person or by telephone from the Personnel Office by employees in the Department of Human Resources. Inter- ested candidates should submit a job application or letter of interest to the Personnel Office, Building 23, for the position in which they are interested. The listing should be submitted to the appropriate department, chairperson or supervisor.

Alumni board meeting here

In connection with Homecoming, the 26-member Alumni Association Board of Directors will be conducting its fall meeting at 1 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 16-17, in Walworth Hall.

Reception set for Salamonie

A reception for Michael F. Salamonie, transportation services, is scheduled for 2 to 4 p.m. Friday, Oct. 17, at the physical plant. He is leaving the University to take a position with John Hancock Financial Services. The University community is invited to attend.

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Thursday, October 16

(thru Oct. 16) Hispanic Heritage Month book exhibit, showcases, third floor, Waldo Library.

(thru Oct. 30) Exhibition, sculpture by Thomas Koole, Orlando, Fla., artist, Gallery II, Kreske Auditorium, Fetzer Center.


11 a.m.-5 p.m. - Fritter Fest, 2 p.m., and Western Olympics, 3:30 p.m.; Soap Box Derby, Gilkinson Avenue, noon.

Saturday, October 18

(thru Oct. 25) University Film Series showing, “Waiting for Guffman,” directed by Christopher Guest, Campus Cinema, Oakland Recital Hall, 7 and 9:30 p.m.

Monday, October 20

(thru Oct. 24) week of programs, “The Art of Investing: Tips from America’s Most Exalted Investors,” for faculty and staff, sponsored by Wells Fargo Asset Management, including a Distinguished Alumni Awards Dinner, East Ballroom, Bernhard Center, 6 p.m.; to register call 7-8298.

Wednesday, October 22

(thru Oct. 23) Concurrent programs, “Updating and Downdating,” G.W. Shirer, Department of Political Science, 10 a.m.; “A New Rank Revealing Decomposition,” G.W. Stewart, professor of computer science, the University of Maryland at College Park, Alavi Commons Room, sixth floor, Everett Tower, 4 p.m.; “The Expanding Mobius,” Timothy Light, electrical and computer engineering, Fetzer Center, 2:30-4:30 p.m.; to register call 7-3630.

Friday, October 24

(thru Oct. 27) Exhibition, graphic design by Martin Burch and Chris Logan, BFA degree candidates, Rounds and South Galleries, East Hall, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; reception, Friday, Oct. 24, 5-8 p.m. - Fritter Fest, 2 p.m.

Monday, October 27

(thru Oct. 27) Van Riper Lectures in Speech Pathology and Audiology, Kirsch Auditorium, Fetzer Center, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; to register call 7-3630.

Wednesday, October 29

(thru Nov. 1) University Film Series showing, “Scream,” directed by Wes Craven, Campus Cinema, Oakland Recital Hall, 7 and 9:30 p.m.

Sunday, October 19

(thru Nov. 19) Festival, Goldsworth Valley Pond area, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; reception, Friday, Oct. 17, 5-8 p.m.

Saturday, November 1

(thru Nov. 2) Performance, “Stomp,” Miller Auditorium: Oct. 28-30, 7:30 p.m.; Oct. 31, 8 p.m.; Nov. 1, 3 and 8 p.m.; and Nov. 2, 3 and 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, November 2

School of Music Convocation Series concert, Ramon Zupko Gala, Dalton Center Recital Hall, 2 p.m.

Monday, November 3

(thru Nov. 3) Exhibition, graphic design by Martin Burch and Chris Logan, BFA degree candidates, Rounds and South Galleries, East Hall, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; reception, Friday, Oct. 31, 5-8 p.m.

Wednesday, November 5

(thru Nov. 5) Electrical and computer engineering seminar, “The Expanding Mobius,” Timothy Light, electrical and computer engineering, Fetzer Center, 2:30-4:30 p.m.; to register call 7-3630.

Thursday, November 6

(thru Nov. 6) African American History Month, Student Recital, AIMS-Graz soloists, Miller Auditorium, 8 p.m.

Admission charged

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But Light said he is referring to greater flexibility and responsiveness regarding such practices as the delivery of courses, faculty hiring procedures, development and budgeting of new programs and allocation of resources. He used the example of making access easier for transfer and graduate students.

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