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Minority health careers, new teacher support are goals

WMU launches partnerships with city schools Grant will increase number of minorities entering health careers

Minority students from the Kalamazoo Public Schools will be heading for health care careers in record numbers as the next century begins, thanks to a partnership involving WMU and other local educators and community leaders.

A \$349,983 grant made through the Association of American Medical Colleges will come to the community to fund a five-year initiative to coordinate resources and efforts aimed at boosting the number of minority students headed for a wide range of health care professions. The award was announced last month in Washington, D.C., by AAMC and by the W.K. Kellogg Foundation of Battle Creek, Mich., and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation of Princeton, N.J., which are partners in the national project.

The award will fund the Kalamazoo Health Partnership Initiative, which will involve WMU, Michigan State University/Kalamazoo Center for Medical Studies, the Kalamazoo Public Schools and community organizations from across the city.

Beginning this fall with KPS seventh graders, the partners in the effort will focus on informing students about health care opportunities and guiding interested students into health careers through counseling, mentoring, job shadowing, enhanced academic and laboratory experiences, special health occupations course work and internships. The partners will bring their resources to the task of improving basic academic achievement levels, increasing minority enrollment in health professions education and improving retention of those students once they enroll in higher education.

"This partnership with the institutions primarily responsible for educating future minority applicants is critical to the success of this effort," says Bernardine Lacey, director of WMU's School of Nursing who will direct the community-wide effort. "We have a wonderful resource here to offer to students in the public schools and the pub-

lic schools are a wonderful resource for us. This will result in a closer relationship between the public school system and the universities."

"The initiative's focus on fostering academic achievement and the desire to excel dovetails perfectly with the mission of KPS and with the recent moves in the district to increase student achievement," according to Kay Royster, KPS superintendent who has been deeply involved in development of the project.

Tom M. Johnson, who recently retired as assistant dean and chief executive officer of MSU/KCMS, was involved in putting together the Kalamazoo initiative before he stepped down. He says the project fits in nicely with a number of other efforts

involving both MSU and its Kalamazoo campus. His successor, Robert P. Carter, agrees.

"We are proud to be a part of a project that complements the existing efforts of both MSU/KCMS and MSU College of Human Medicine to attract minority students into medicine," Carter says, "and we welcome another opportunity to collaborate with WMU. Such collaborations have been consistently rewarding and productive."

Other education and community organizations that will be actively involved include Kalamazoo Valley Community College, the NAACP, the Hispanic Ameri-

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Mentors, computers to aid beginning teachers

A pilot project combining modern laptop computing technology and old-fashioned personal mentoring will help Kalamazoo Public Schools' beginning teachers successfully launch their careers, KPS and WMU officials announced Aug. 24 at Arcadia Elementary School.

While touring the school on opening day with Kay Royster, KPS superintendent, President Elson S. Floyd announced that a small group of first- and second-year KPS teachers would be the first to benefit from the new education initiative, which is designed to help beginning teachers make the transition from student to teacher.

"We're going to provide the technology and University faculty support that will help teachers make that very difficult transition," Floyd said. "We want to extend the partnerships we've already developed with schools to train new teachers. Working with our colleagues in the public schools, we want to continue to provide the kind of support that will enable those teachers to become the very best educators for our children."

The University will provide each new

teacher in the pilot program with a College of Education faculty mentor as well as a laptop computer and access to the University's computing resources. The teachers will have regular one-on-one meetings with their mentors and will be able to communicate with their mentors and other new teachers via e-mail and on-line discussion groups. They also will be able to use their University computing account to access the World Wide Web for research and additional support.

"Teacher education is a lifelong process," said Dean Frank Rapley of the College of Education. "Our goal and the effort we've put into developing school/University partnerships is designed to improve student learning at every level."

The University's faculty and preservice programs also will benefit greatly from the program because of constant interaction with new teachers who are facing the challenge of applying their University education when they take the helm in a classroom.

"We have as much to learn as to teach,"

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BOT's reception for the Floyds set for Sept. 18

The Board of Trustees will hold a University-wide reception Friday, Sept. 18, to give faculty and staff members an opportunity to welcome President and Mrs. Elson S. Floyd to the campus.

The event is set for 2 to 4 p.m. on the veranda of Miller Auditorium and on the adjacent Fountain Plaza. The rain location for the event is inside the auditorium in the Grand Tier lobby area.

CommUniverCity crowds expected to hit 35,000

Michigan Gov. John Engler is just one of the record 35,000 people expected to be on hand tonight as the University and community gather to launch the 1998 Bronco football season.

Engler, who will be in town to attend a local Chamber of Commerce event, is expected to drop by Hyames Field prior to the 7:30 p.m. game and greet those attending the Corporate Village tailgate party. Private parties will be held in 53 tents set up across that field from 5 to 7 p.m., and a record crowd of 10,000 is expected there. Entertainment will be provided by the U.S. Navy's "Top 40 Band." Students will be attending an "ultimate student tailgate" scheduled for them at Kanley Track.

The game, which was nearly sold out at *Western News* press time, will feature the Broncos against Northern Illinois University. The contest will mark the first time the new Bill Brown Alumni Football Center is in use for a game. The \$8.2 million facility was completed earlier this summer and include coaches' offices that double as suites on game days as well as new locker rooms, weight rooms and an auditorium.

Once the stadium's 30,000 tickets are gone, seating will be available on the lawn overlooking the stadium. For current ticket information, persons should call 7-3092.

Did you know?

■ Dwight B. Waldo, WMU's first president and "the father of Western athletics," purchased a swampy parcel of property in 1913 that would eventually be the site for the football stadium named in his honor. He launched the University's first fundraising campaign to help pay for the purchase.

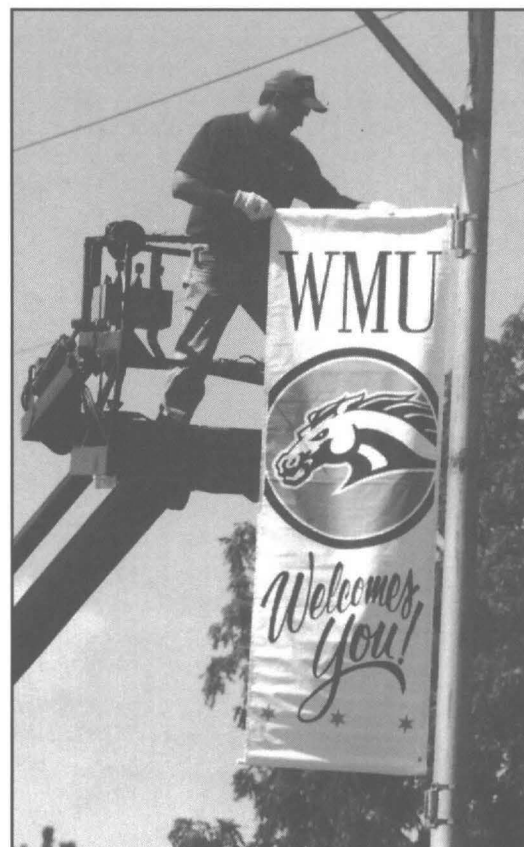
■ Waldo Stadium was completed in 1939, the same year WMU dropped its "Hilltoppers" nickname in favor of the "Broncos." It cost \$270,000 to build the facility and the adjacent athletic field. Funding came from a \$200,000 Works Progress Administration grant, proceeds from selling part of the existing athletic field to the highway department and fund-raising efforts by WMU and the Kalamazoo Chamber of Commerce.

■ When first constructed, the stadium seated 15,000 spectators. Today it accommodates more than 30,000 spectators.



Bronco Buddies 'n banners . . .

Volunteer Bronco Buddies helped new students negotiate the ropes as they moved into campus residence halls last weekend. Meanwhile the campus and community were festooned with new welcome banners that bear the likeness of the new Bronco image. ABOVE: Freshman Amanda Darwood of Ferndale, second from left, gets a helping hand as she moves in to Hadley Hall from, left to right, sophomore Nicole Theile of Flint, sophomore Lynn Drewniak of Livonia, and sophomore Steve Wambaugh of Flint. AT RIGHT: Sean Perrin of Burkett Signs hangs a banner along Stadium Drive. (Photos by Neil Rankin)



Working together to tell our story

I've been warmly welcomed across the campus and community and for that I am grateful. Now I want to turn the tables and welcome all of you back to what promises to be an academic year full of excitement — the kind of excitement that comes from people working together for a common goal.

Once in each month, I plan to use this forum to keep you abreast of the administration's efforts on behalf of the University as we work with individuals across the state and nation. Our message will be clear and consistent. We want to spread the word that WMU is making an impact on the lives of our citizens — and that impact is increasing in scope and intensity. The investment this state makes in WMU

is repaid many times over and our goal is to make sure the citizens of Michigan and their representatives are aware of all the work that we are doing.

By talking about what we do well and seizing every opportunity to spread that message to new audiences, the reputation of this institution can only grow. We all will be able to take pride in both the growing stature of WMU and the knowledge that we work at a place that really does make a tangible difference in the quality of life around us.

But we won't stop there. In addition to explaining to people how we already are making an impact, I want to focus our attentions on uncovering even more avenues for us to take as we bring all of our

resources to bear on the issues that concern the communities we serve.

Each one of you has a role to play in this effort. It may be simply letting me know about something happening in your corner of the campus that we need to highlight when we talk to external audiences. For some, it will mean making yourself available to help us tell the story of how your department's programs or research are making an impact.

Underlying all of these efforts will

be my commitment to enhancing relationships that exist both here on the campus and in the communities which we serve. I want all of us to communicate well and often — with one another, with members of the community in which we live and with those who comprise the extended community in which we live our professional lives. We have a great story to share. Let's work together to foster the kind of environment that brings that story to ears that are happy and eager to hear it.

THE PRESIDENT COMMENTS



Elson S. Floyd

Economic impact of sports is lecture series topic

The first of six national speakers to give West Michigan audiences the score on how the world of sports impacts the economy will lecture at the University Wednesday, Sept. 16.

Rodney D. Fort, professor of economics at Washington State University, will kick off the WMU Department of Economics' 35th annual guest lecture-seminar series. His free public talk on "Power Play: The Use and Abuse of Power in Pro Team Sports" is set for 3 p.m. in 3508 Knauss Hall.

This 1998-99 series will focus on "The Economics of Sports: Winners and Losers." Speakers will examine a wide range of economic issues surrounding college and professional sports, including the economic impact of stadiums, the income levels of sports fans, and the relations between collegiate sports financing and academics.

"This is a relatively new field in economics," says William S. Kern, economics and director of this year's series. "It mirrors what is happening across the nation as personal income has grown and people choose to spend more on sports entertainment."

Kern says that Michigan, in particular, has been dealing with the economic impact of sports as cities such as Detroit look to new stadium construction as a means of revitalizing the urban area. The development of minor league baseball also has communities looking carefully at the local impact of sports facilities.

Fort will offer his views on power abuses in professional sports. He is the co-author of "Pay Dirt: The Business of Professional Team Sports" and the upcoming "Pay Dirt 2: The Rest of the Business of Professional Team Sports" as well as "Diamonds are Forever: The Business of Baseball." His professional articles also have included pieces on sports salaries and the economic impact of stadiums.

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

- "The Economic Impact of Professional Sports Teams and Stadiums: What's the Score?" with Robert A. Baade, the James D. Vail Professor of Economics at Lake Forest College, Wednesday, Oct. 7.

- "Who Is Sitting in the Stands?: The Income Levels of Sports Fans" with John J. Siegfried, professor of economics at Vanderbilt University, Wednesday, Oct. 21.

Rapley to describe problem-based learning in Sept. 17 talk to area educators and public

Dean Frank E. Rapley, College of Education, will be the guest speaker Sept. 17 at the 1998-99 season kickoff meeting of Phi Delta Kappa, an education honorary.

Rapley will talk about "Problem-based Learning: A Goal for Education," in an address set for 7 p.m. in 2000 Schneider Hall. The meeting is free and open to the public.

Rapley's talk will focus on how disciplines can use real-life problems as a way to encourage students to become actively engaged in the learning process. He will describe how such methods can be used in the K-12 classroom as well as in such professional preparation as teacher education.

Australian firm awards \$2.9 million in software for research and set-up of campus training site

The Australian-based Moldflow Corp. has donated \$2.9 million worth of computer hardware and software to the College of Engineering and Applied Sciences to establish the Moldflow Center for Design Excellence in Kohrman Hall.

Moldflow, which has its U.S. headquarters in Lexington, Mass., will use the center as its North American training site, where it will conduct training, industrial seminars and customer visits. When Moldflow is not using the facility, WMU students and faculty will have access to the center for class projects, consulting and research.

Moldflow is a world leader in plastic simulation software used to design and produce plastic parts for the auto, aviation and electronics industries, among others. The software is predictive, making it possible for designers to sit down and do a "what if" scenario of a manufacturing run on a product and then change the design to correct errors before the actual tooling is made.

"We've had a long relationship with Moldflow in terms of developing training materials and consulting in the area of software interfacing, but this is the first time we've really formalized it and established a unique center," says Michael B. Atkins, chairperson of industrial and manufacturing engineering. "This is clearly a marriage between the company and our capabilities."

Atkins expects students and faculty to have access to the center at least 50 percent of the time. In addition to utilizing software packages available on the system for graduate and senior design projects, the students also will be able to observe the training sessions the company offers on a space available basis. The center, in conjunction with WMU's computer integrated

manufacturing facilities, is intended to serve as a hotbed of research and consulting by faculty and students on design and manufacturing process issues for the industry.

Prior to locating the center at WMU, Moldflow considered other universities as well as establishing a stand-alone facility at another location.

"We chose to establish our training center at Western because of the 13-year relationship we've had with the University," says Jay Shoemaker, education manager of Moldflow in the United States and a WMU graduate. "The quality of the research has been outstanding, the computer facilities have been useful, and WMU has been cooperative and pleased to have our customers come on campus and use the facilities."

The University originally became affiliated with Moldflow through students who worked for the company, which maintains a Kalamazoo office.

The center will be equipped with five computer workstations and 25 copies of Moldflow analysis software. In addition to providing all of the start-up equipment and expenses, the company also will provide for annual maintenance costs, which are nearly \$1 million.

Atkins says plastics are becoming a primary industry in West Michigan, and the new center will dovetail with the plastics research going on at the University while offering a multitude of benefits to faculty and students.

"This keeps us in close liaison with the industry, gives us access to state-of-the-art technology that can be infused within our classes, and opens many doors in terms of research and job opportunities for our graduates because we are well known in this particular area of education," Atkins explains.

Knollwood, Discount Den properties will be acquired

The Board of Trustees, at its July 24 meeting, authorized the University administration to enter into negotiations to purchase the West Michigan Avenue properties currently occupied by the Knollwood Tavern and the Discount Den.

"This was an action taken during Dr. Haenicke's presidency, which I fully support," said President Floyd. "Part of the campus plan has been to acquire these properties, as they became available. We would then be able to enhance the appearance of this very visible campus entry point."

According to the board motion, the University has been in ongoing discussions with the owner of the properties, which are located at 2406-2414 West Michigan Ave. The owner recently offered to sell both parcels for the sum of \$880,000.

Negotiations to determine the final price of the properties are currently proceeding and should be completed soon, according to Keith A. Pretty, vice president for external affairs and general counsel. Funding for the purchase would come from University parking revenues.

"I'm sure that there will be many students and alumni who will miss this campus landmark," Floyd added. "If there were some way to preserve the Knollwood in another location off campus, we would be in favor of and support that."

Student job workshops set

Special two-hour workshops for student employees are being offered this fall to help students maximize their on-the-job potential.

Sessions for the Student Employee Training and Development Program are scheduled for Sept. 21-25. The workshops are being offered by Student Employment Services and will focus on customer service, phone etiquette, rules for alpha/numeric filing, confidentiality and the student employment policy.

There is a charge of \$5 per student for materials. Departments interested in sponsoring student employees may contact Rashieda D. Addison, Student Employment Services, at 7-2725.

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Wood and Haenicke Halls top list of campus construction projects making a visual impact

Wood and Haenicke Halls — last seen by students and faculty in the spring as parts of a mammoth hard-hat zone — have emerged from behind construction fencing to take their place as integral sections of a new West campus gateway.

The two buildings are among the more visual evidence of campus construction that has been going on over the summer months. The Bill Brown Alumni Football Center (see CommUniverCity story on page one) is the other major building project completed over the summer.

Classes began in Wood Hall this week, two years after the 1960 vintage building was closed for a total retrofit. The finished building provides space to consolidate the undergraduate and research components of the science areas.

Faculty from the departments of biological sciences, geography, psychology and chemistry are now housed there along with such units as the Center for Science Studies and Science and Mathematics Program Improvement. Classes in those areas as well as geology are now being held in the building and newly outfitted laboratories and greenhouse facilities are in use.

"The building has a very scientific look," says David Smith, campus facility development. "It has precise architecture and light, bright colors."

Smith says the technology in the building also is impressive and includes classroom Internet connections, state-of-the-art computing facilities and video projectors in classrooms, laboratories and lecture halls.

Adjoining Wood, is Haenicke Hall, a new building, which is still undergoing completion of interior construction. That 94,000-square-foot building, designed as a research facility, will be completed by the end of December and researchers will begin moving into their labs as research timelines permit.

"We're now moving into the phase of the project where there is some degree of customization of individual labs to meet the needs of faculty researchers," Smith says.

Elsewhere on campus, changes include an academic department move, a renovation that will foster aeronautic research and an upgrade to the University's major performing arts facility.

■ A move by the Department of Occupational Therapy to the Ernest Whitley Building on East Campus will put faculty members in that department in the same building that houses the School of Nursing.

Web watch

WMU News is continuously expanding its coverage of news, events and sports. It is the only Web site at the University that is updated daily, with multiple updates on days that news and events warrant. WMU News includes listings of all events open to the public and same day/next day scores and results of all Bronco varsity sports. In the past year, the number of readers of WMU News has doubled every three months.

Make WMU News the default home page on your Web browser. Then, every time you sign onto the Web, you will see headlines for the latest top news, sports and events at the University.

■ <http://www.wmich.edu/wmu/news/>

WMU Newsmakers is a new site created primarily for the public news media. It contains biographical information and publicity photos of WMU administrators, faculty and coaches who are "in the news."

■ <http://www.wmich.edu/wmu/news-makers/>

WMU Experts is a guide to faculty and staff with "newsworthy" areas of expertise. It is intended primarily for the public news media as a resource to find WMU experts on arts, economics, politics, health and fitness, social trends, environmental issues and other hot topics.

■ <http://www.wmich.edu/wmu/experts/>

■ WMU's facilities at the Battle Creek/Kalamazoo International Airport, vacated last year by the School of Aviation Sciences, have a new aviation focus. An advanced wind tunnel donated to the University by McDonnell Douglas Corp. has been installed and will be used by researchers in the Department of Mechanical and Aeronautical Engineering.

■ Other changes to the campus over the summer months, Smith says, include a refurbishment of Miller Auditorium that will be highly visible once the 1998-99 performance season gets under way. While the auditorium's seating configuration remains the same, new seats have replaced the old ones. The final two rows in the orchestra level are no longer fixed and may be removed to enhance wheelchair accessibility or to accommodate the special sound and light boards that are part of many new Broadway shows.

Acoustically, the auditorium has been enhanced with the application of a special epoxy flooring material and the repair of the operating system for the auditorium's acoustic curtains. A non-slip finish on the side aisles and glow-in-the-dark coatings on stairway nosings in the balcony and Grand Tier levels will complete the job.

While less visible, other construction projects completed on the campus this summer include those that will add to campus efficiency and comfort. They include road work and paving, structural work to Parking Ramp I and installation of chillers for Kohrman and Friedmann halls as well as a continuation of the Power Plant upgrade under way since 1994. Work on that Stadium Drive facility has included installation of two new gas fire turbine engines.

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.

(N) **Secretary Administrative II**, (Academic Year, 30 hrs./wk; Term Ends 4/18/99) S-08, Science Studies, 98/99-104, 9/01-9/07/98.

(R) **Manager Network**, X-05, External Affairs/Development, 98/99-105, 9/01-9/07/98.

Zest for Life

Start your fall semester off right by becoming involved in the Zest for Life program! All full-time employees and retirees, and their spouses may participate in the Zest for Life programs.

The Zest for Life Room is located at Oakland Gym on East Campus. It contains a full line of weight machines, exercise bicycles, stair climbers, rowing machines, treadmills, an elliptical trainer, a ski machine and free weights. The Zest for Life Room has expanded its lunch time hours this fall. The room will be open Monday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., and Monday through Thursday from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Zest for Life also offers a variety of group exercise classes including step, cardio combo, hatha yoga, low impact, aqua fitness, interval training, full life fitness and strength training 101. New participants must complete all components of the health risk screening in order to participate in any of the Zest for Life programs. Call 7-3762 to have the necessary paperwork sent to you.

On campus



READING THE SITUATION — Knowing she's making a difference in the lives of children is the best part of Lou Ann Grover's job. Grover, administrative assistant for WMU's Reading Recovery program, is an integral part of the WMU team that first brought the successful international program to Michigan and each year helps at-risk first graders overcome early reading difficulties. "Being part of a program that can make a difference is really satisfying," she says of the intensive one-on-one technique

that is taught in the Dorothy J. McGinnis Reading Center and Clinic to teacher leaders who in turn instruct Reading Recovery teachers at training sites statewide. "It's really neat to watch children when they first make that connection. It's like watching them as a light bulb comes on in their head." Grover's contact with teachers who come to WMU for training in the technique begins when they apply for admission and continues through completion of their instruction and beyond. Once they are trained and serving as teacher leaders at sites around the state, Grover stays in contact with them, keeping a database on all WMU-affiliated teachers and publishing an annual directory. Grover works closely with the Office of Professional Programs and Conferences to set up an annual statewide Reading Recovery conference — her once-a-year chance to see many of the people with whom she regularly works. She also creates program brochures and is involved in all other aspects of the program except instruction. She sets up classes; registers students; handles billing, budget matters and bookkeeping; and takes care of all correspondence. She's been a University employee since November 1984, the month before she completed her WMU bachelor's degree in art. After working briefly in the Graduate College, she took a job in 1985 with Community Information Systems then moved to her current position in 1990. When away from campus, Grover has stayed busy recently working with her husband to finish off a new section of their home. She also enjoys more relaxing activities such as drawing, painting, quilting and gardening as well as spending time with her adult son when he visits the area. (Photo by Neil Rankin)

Libraries

The Reference Department of Waldo Library has just acquired a very important new resource, *The Routledge Encyclopedia of Philosophy*, edited by Edward Craig, and published in 1998 by Routledge.

Scholars from all over the world have been working on this encyclopedia since 1992. Often it will replace, rather than supplement, a standard source, *The Encyclopedia of Philosophy*, published by the Free Press in 1967. This new encyclopedia has thousands of articles about general and specific philosophical ideas and movements, individual philosophers, and relationships between philosophy and other fields of study.

As with most multi-volume encyclopedias, access is much more complete when users remember to use the index, which comprises the 10th volume of this set. Non-Western world philosophy is covered as well as the Western world. Long articles are conveniently divided into sections. Most articles conclude with annotated bibliographies referring readers to major works by and about the philosopher covered in that article. Many articles also have cross-references to related articles.

Because long articles always begin with a general overview and are provided with a table of contents, this set will be useful to general readers and students beginning the study of philosophy as well as more advanced scholars.

To provide some sense of the scope of this set: there are separate articles about Aristotle; Aristotelianism in the 17th century, in the middle ages, and during the Renaissance; and numerous index references to places in other articles where Aristotle is discussed. This set is located in the reference stacks under the call number B51 .R68.

Faculty Senate will meet on Sept. 10

The first Faculty Senate meeting of the 1998-99 academic year is scheduled for 5 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 10, in the Fetzer Center.

(R) **Switchboard Operator**, S-03, Telecommunications, 98/99-106, 9/1-9/07/98.

(R) **Secretary I**, S-04, Human Resources, 98/99-107, 9/01-9/07/98.

(R) **Secretary Administrative I**, S-07, Legal and Compliance Affairs, 98/99-108, 9/01-9/07/98.

(R) **Secretary I**, S-04, Education and Professional Development, 98/99-112, 9/01-9/07/98.

(R) **Secretary III** (Term Ends 6/30/98), S-06, Institute for Leadership Transformation, 98/99-113, 9/01-9/07/98.

(R) **Clinical Supervisor** (Academic Year; Term Ends 4/18/99, Renewable) D-01, School of Nursing, 98/99-115, 9/03-9/07/98.

(R) **Financial Clerk II**, S-04, WMU Bookstore, 98/99-116, 9/01-9/07/98.

(N) **Coordinator/Counselor Behavior Health Clinic**, (30 hrs./wk; Term Ends 8/31/2000, Possible Renewal), P-04, College of Health and Human Services, 98/99-117, 9/01-9/07/98.

(R) **Refrigeration Repair Person** (Second Shift), ST2, Plant/Bldg. Maintenance Services, 98/99-119, 9/01-9/07/98.

Please call the Applicant Information Service at 7-3669 for up-to-date information on the Job Opportunity Program and vacancies available to external applicants.

(N) New

(R) Replacement

WMU is an EO/AA employer

APA members' meeting set

The annual fall general membership meeting of the Administrative Professional Association will be held at noon Tuesday, Sept. 15, in 159 Bernhard Center. A review of the organization's activity list for 1990-99 will be on the agenda.

Exchange

FOR SALE—Three-bedroom ranch house for sale by owner. Many updates, two-car attached garage and full basement, Plainwell, call 7-3762.

Retired faculty member honors late brother, WWII hero with new aviation scholarship

An endowed scholarship honoring a World War II hero with strong Michigan ties has been created to support WMU aviation students.

Lloyd J. Schmaltz, emeritus in geology, along with his wife, Marilyn, and other family members created the scholarship to honor Lloyd's brother, Henry, who died in 1958 while a member of the U.S. Air Force.

"Throughout his life, Henry was devoted to aviation, education and service," Schmaltz says. "He would be proud to know that future aviation professionals were helped to complete their studies in his name."

Beginning this fall, the Major Henry Schmaltz, USAF, Endowed Scholarship for Aviation Sciences will be available to full-time juniors and seniors studying aviation flight science or aircraft maintenance engineering technology.

Students may use the scholarship for tuition, fees and book expenses. Income from the \$10,000 endowment will provide one scholarship to be awarded each year, with preference given to students who have served or intend to serve in the military. Additional contributions to the endowment fund may be made through the WMU Foundation.

Henry Schmaltz enlisted in the Army in 1941 and later transferred to what was then the Army Air Corps. In 1943, at the height of World War II, he was commissioned a second lieutenant and assigned as a pilot to a B-17 bomber group. He flew 31 missions

out of the Mediterranean theater before being shot down in 1944 on a raid over the Ploesti oil fields and was held prisoner in German-occupied Romania for more than six months.

Schmaltz remained in the Air Force after the war and rose to the rank of major. He earned a Purple Heart for injuries he sustained during the Ploesti raid. He also was awarded the Air Medal, with four subsequent oakleaf clusters, for his bravery and exceptional performance.

Although he grew up in Chicago, Schmaltz had strong ties to Michigan. As a young man, he enlisted in the Civilian Conservation Corps and was stationed at Higgins Lake in north central Michigan, helping to plant thousands of trees in the area.

After World War II, Schmaltz was assigned to an air rescue group at Selfridge Air Force Base near Mt. Clemens, Mich., and flew helicopters, a PBY flying boat and a B-17 on rescue missions in the Great Lakes area.

Later transferred to Wiesbaden, Germany, he was named mission commander for the American Rescue Operation in the Netherlands. The operation was initiated after a great North Sea storm and high tides in February 1953 breached dikes and flooded a large portion of the country. Schmaltz and his men flew numerous rescue missions, saving 444 flood victims and providing food and clothing to those affected by the disaster.

WMU makes ninth appearance as national university on U.S. News' best college list

For the ninth consecutive year, the University has been listed as one of the nation's top 228 national universities by U.S. News & World Report magazine.

The Aug. 31 edition of the magazine included the publication's 1998 list of America's best colleges. The magazine has been rating American colleges and universities for more than a decade and uses categories established by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching.

"I am delighted that we have, for the ninth straight year, been ranked by U.S. News among the nation's top national universities," President Floyd said. "It's important to note that of the more than 2,000 colleges and universities examined by U.S. News, fewer than 150 public institutions were judged to be truly national in their stature, quality

and scope. That is quite an accomplishment and one for which we should all take great pride."

The magazine defines "national universities" as those that offer a full range of majors as well as doctoral degrees that place a strong emphasis on research. The only other Michigan universities on the "national" list are the University of Michigan, Michigan State University, Michigan Technological University and Wayne State University.

To compile its rankings, the magazine weighs such factors as academic reputation, retention, faculty resources, student selectivity, financial resources and alumni giving.



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Rapley said of the opportunities provided by the partnership.

He added that teacher education should be viewed as a life-long process with three distinct phases. The first is preservice training. The second period includes the first two or three years in the classroom, when new teachers need the support of seasoned educators to make the transition. After that, Rapley says, teachers spend the next 25 years in continuing professional development.

In recent years, the University has revamped its preservice training programs to develop School/University Partnership Teams with 40 schools in nine Michigan school districts. Six to 10 teaching interns are clustered at each school site. There they work with a mentor in the school and are visited regularly by a University faculty member. Each cluster site also relies on school principals and other teachers in the school to help interns progress as they develop their teaching skills.

"This initiative will help us extend that

kind of support into the first few years of teaching," Rapley said. "It's a natural progression and one we hope to offer on a wider basis in the future."

Rapley said the pilot program is the first step in launching the College of Education's current proposal to establish a graduate certificate program for beginning teachers in a partnership with Region 7 of the Michigan Association of School Administrators, which covers Southwest Michigan. The graduate program will focus on providing new teachers with support during their first years in the classroom as well as inservice training that will allow them to complete 18 hours of post-degree training required to continue their teacher certification.

With 11 cluster sites located in Kalamazoo this fall, KPS was a logical choice in selecting a site to launch the pilot program, Rapley says. Each semester, about 100 WMU teaching interns, nearly a third of all its teaching interns, are placed in Kalamazoo Schools.

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can Council and the Black Nurses Association of Kalamazoo. Members of the Kalamazoo African-American community and church and school organizations across the city also will join the effort.

The Kalamazoo effort will join similar efforts around the nation that have been funded through "Project 3000 by 2000," which was begun by the Association of American Medical Colleges in 1991. The effort is a response to the nationwide shortage of students headed for health care professions and its goal is to boost the numbers of minorities in the medical school pipeline.

In 1996, the Health Professions Partnership Initiative was added to the project to encourage science-rich academic medical centers to join forces with other educational institutions in their communities to address the root causes of minorities' lack of representation in the health professions and to enrich the academic preparation of all students.

"Preparing a health professions workforce that reflects the diversity of the community it serves is in the public interest," says Lacey. "It is important that health care services be provided by professionals

who relate well to the populations they are serving."

Despite that need and the best efforts of both universities to attract minority applicants, she says, the number of minorities in many of the professional health programs remains much too small, with many categories of minority enrollment still at less than 5 percent.

"It is vital that students be exposed to a variety of health care career opportunities," Lacey says. "Most students are familiar with physicians but are less likely to know about careers available as a specialist in speech pathology, occupational therapy or blind rehabilitation or as a physician assistant. Students also are in need of solid counseling to ensure that they are prepared through course work to enter these professions."

Handling the day-to-day task of coordinating activities among the school and universities will be Helen Truss, a registered nurse and a clinical supervisor in WMU's School of Nursing. Truss has worked in the community for a number of years, holding positions at Nazareth College, Bronson Methodist Hospital and the Family Health Center.

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 WMU News and then look for Calendar of Events. You can also link directly to the calendar at <www.wmich.edu/wmu/news/events>.

Thursday, September 3

(thru Sept. 4) Exhibition, "Outdoor Encounter Workshop: Paintings and Photographs from South Manitou Island," South Gallery, East Hall, weekdays, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; reception, Friday, Sept. 4, 5-7 p.m.

(thru Sept. 11) Exhibition, photojournalism by Martin Burch and Rich Wozniak, Rotunda Gallery, East Hall, weekdays 10 a.m.-5p.m.; reception, Friday, Sept. 11, 5-7 p.m.

(thru Sept. 27) Exhibition, "Images of India: People of Cuttack," photographs by Kalamazoo artist Bijoy Bhuyan, Sangren Hall.

*Football, WMU vs. Northern Illinois University (CommUniverCity Night), Waldo Stadium, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, September 4

*(and Sat., Sept. 5), "Bronco Spike-Tacular" volleyball tournament featuring Auburn, IUPUI, Kansas, WMU and Wisconsin/Green Bay, University Arena; Saturday 2:30 and 7:30 p.m.; Sunday, 2:30 and 7:30 p.m.

Women's soccer against University of Detroit, WMU Soccer Complex, 4 p.m.

Saturday, September 5

Men's cross country Bronco Alumni Meet

Monday, September 7

Labor Day holiday.

Men's soccer against Canisius College, WMU Soccer Complex, 1 p.m.

Tuesday, September 8

(thru Sept. 24) Exhibition, paintings by Lorna Marsh, Chicago artist, Gallery II, Sangren Hall, weekdays, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; slide lecture, Thursday, Sept. 17, 7 p.m., followed by reception.

(thru Sept. 11) Exhibition, "MFA. Candidates Show," South Gallery, East Hall, weekdays, 10 a.m.-5p.m.; reception Friday, Sept. 11, 5-7 p.m.

Thursday, September 10

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

Friday, September 11

(thru Oct. 1) Exhibition, "Touch First Exhibit," instructors' soapstone and clay sculptures from an August art camp for visually impaired students, Unified Clinics, weekdays; reception, Friday, Sept. 11, 5-7 p.m.

*(thru Sept. 13), Kalamazoo Film Society showing, "Character," 1997 Dutch film by director Mike van Diem, Campus Cinema, Oakland Recital Hall: Sept. 11 and 12, 7 and 9:30 p.m.; Sept. 13, 2:30 p.m.

Monday, September 14

(thru Sept. 18) Exhibition, "Drawings by Sculptors" group show, Rotunda and South Galleries, East Hall, weekdays, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; reception, Friday, Sept. 18, 5-7 p.m.

Tuesday, September 15

Administrative Professional Association fall general membership meeting, noon-1 p.m., 159 Bernhard Center.

Wednesday, September 16

Economics lecture, "Power Play: The Use and Abuse of Power in Pro Team Sports," Rodney J. Fort, professor of economics, Washington State University, 3508 Knauss, 3 p.m.

Thursday, September 17

Lecture, "Problem-Based Learning: A Goal for Education" by Dean Frank Rapley, College of Education, Phi Delta Kappa meeting, 2000 Schneider Hall, 7 p.m.

*Admission charged