Center increases access for persons with disabilities

A computer laboratory dedicated to increasing access to technology for persons with a variety of disabilities will be showcased during a Thursday, Oct. 24, open house.

The Multipurpose Enabling Technology Lab will be open to the public for tours and demonstrations from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Located in 2032 University Computing Center, the lab features computing equipment that includes speech synthesizers and screen readers which verbalize text that appears on monitors, text/image enlargers, alternative keyboards and Braille embossers. “Computers configured with the appropriate adaptive devices can give individuals with disabilities access to information and communication opportunities never before available to them,” says Beth A. den Hartigh, disabled student representatives.

Most of our adaptive equipment has been collected in one place in a collaborative effort by several academic units to make it more accessible.”

The University has offered adaptive computing technology since 1980 and some of the technology previously was available in computing labs scattered across the campus. The new lab brings the technology as well as new technology together in one location where it can serve as a focal point for both students with disabilities and students preparing for careers that use such adaptive technology.

Light describes challenges and goals in remarks at first Faculty Senate meeting

There is no other institution at which Acting Provost Timothy Light would rather be as the next century dawns than WMU, he told the Faculty Senate Oct. 3.

“If I were to look over the landscape and choose the university with which I’d want to go into the next decade and the new century, this one would be it,” he said. “It’s a strong place, it’s a wonderful place, and it’s great to be here.”

But Light, who was warmly greeted by faculty members at his first senate meeting as acting provost, is not blind to the challenges that WMU faces as the turn of the century approaches.

“They are best characterized by the word competition — for international students, in the national marketplace, in Michigan and within the University’s own region,” he said.

“In the past five years or so, our market as a state university has become indistinguishable in nature from that which has governed small private colleges for the past 20 years,” he said.

“It is not the market I recall from my years at Ohio State or the University of Arizona, but much closer to that which I recall from Kalamazoo College,” he said. He previously served as provost and acting president at Kalamazoo College.

“That market is characterized by ever more severe competition, by ever increasing resources devoted to recruitment and by such increasing use of financial aid as a lure in recruitment that what we once called scholarships are now referred to by another name.”

President Haenicke will present the “State of the University” address at 3 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 22, at the 17th annual Academic Convocation in the Dalton Center Recital Hall.

The event, which is open to the public, is intended to recognize and celebrate academic achievement and excellence at the University. It is sponsored by the Office of the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs.

Timothy Light, acting provost and vice president for academic affairs, will give the welcome at the convocation. Alumni Teaching Excellence Awards will be presented by Robert G. Miller, president of the WMU Alumni Association, to Yusuf Alavi, mathematics and statistics, and Wendy L. Comish, dance.

The Distinguished Faculty Scholar Award will be presented by Light to Alan D. Poling, psychology.

Richard V. St. John, a member of the Board of Trustees, will present Distinguished Service Awards to Jolene V. Groh, Office of International Student Services, and Donna B. Ous, speech pathology and audiology.

Following the awards ceremony, Haenicke will give the address. The convocation will be followed by a reception in the lobby of the Dalton Center.

The convocation will air live on Kalamazoo Community Access Television Channel 31 and on Channel 36 of EduCABLE, the University’s cable television system. It also will be replayed on EduCABLE Channel 36 at 11:30 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 24. The “State of the University” address will be broadcast at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 22, on WMUK-FM (102.1), the University’s public radio station.

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Flexibility needed

To meet this competition, Light said, flexibility and innovation will be required of every member of the University community.

“I am a very traditional product of the arts and sciences,” he said. “And I am basically a faculty member, one who addresses universities both in their ideal and real manifestions. The disciplines in which I have taught — English, linguistics, Chinese and religion — are as traditional as one can find in their assumptions about learning, in their scholarship and in their modes of teaching.

“However,” he continued, “my five years here have convinced me that the continued maintenance of the life of learning I love is already dependent upon being part of an institution which also offers studies in subjects that are very practical and indeed essentially vocationally based.

“I have also become convinced that the future of the scholarship and teaching which my colleagues and I love is already dependent upon becoming flexible in delivery and organizing in ways that I had never before imagined continuing.

“I do not believe that we will be replaced by machines, nor do I believe any such extreme predictions that the mountains of technology heedlessly predict,” he said. “But I do believe that within five years I will have to learn how to make the creative, interactive use of computers an integral part of my teaching.

“And I believe that I will have to learn how to present a sufficiently variegated version of some of my courses that they can be packaged in electronic media for transmission to places I may never visit myself,” he declared.

WMU has unique niche

In describing his view of WMU, Light stressed the University’s unique blend of strong undergraduate teaching, its commitment to research and its relatively low cost.

“We do research and offer graduate training in our special areas because we have a very strong undergraduate base,” he said. “Our undergraduate instruction is particularly

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Grants from Kellogg Foundation spur new training program with horses

WMU and the Cheff Center for the Handicapped of Augusta are joining forces to launch the world's first university-based training program to certify health care professionals in the use of horses and riding to treat clients. A $221,172 grant from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation of Battle Creek to WMU and a similar award of $207,509 from the foundation's Cheff Center will fund a three-year pilot project that will give certified physical and occupational therapists a chance to work with horses in the technique known as hippotherapy by completing two summer sessions of work at WMU and the Cheff Center plus a supervised fieldwork experience. The courses will cover such topics as treatment theories, history and clinical uses of horses for use in treatment, and research.

The term hippotherapy comes from the Greek word “hippo” for horse. Hip-po-therapy has been used as a form of treatment in Europe for more than 25 years and has proven effective in improving posture, balance, rhythm and function for individuals with motor disorders. It is used to treat persons with cerebral palsy, Down syndrome, autism, and developmental disabilities such as multiple sclerosis as well as those who have suffered from stroke or traumatic brain injuries.

“In hippotherapy, the horse becomes the treatment modality — an additional member of the patient’s treatment team,” says Susan K. Meyers, chairperson of occupational therapy. “This grant will allow us to demonstrate that the role necessary to appropriately educate, train and assist people with this emerging form of medical treatment.”

“This is exciting and new for the Cheff Center and consistent with the center’s philosophy since its beginning,” says Robert Cole, president of the Cheff Center, an internationally known therapeutic riding center in the United States. “But even more importantly, I believe it will become something new and exciting for health care providers. They have the chance to view a treatment modality that ultimately will mean a wider range of treatment options for their patients.”

Hippotherapy is related to the more widely-known practice of therapeutic riding, which uses riding for handicapped persons as a means of achieving physical, mental, social, educational, behavioral and recreational goals. In hippotherapy, however, the movement of the horse serves as an aid to accomplish a specific therapeutic objective that has been determined by a specially trained physical or occupational therapist. The focus is on the way the movement of the horse influences the muscle and joint movement of the patient rather than on the patient’s ability to control the horse. The horse becomes simply the medium for accomplishing the therapeutic goal.

There are 250 registered therapeutic riding centers in the United States but only 18 hippo-therapists — all trained in Europe, where hippotherapy is a fully recognized form of therapy. Although a number of U.S. programs offer hippotherapy treatment services, most therapists in those programs have not been formally trained in hippotherapy and are not certified by an organization. In developing the new hippotherapy curriculum, WMU and the Cheff Center have been working closely with the American Hippotherapy Association, the division of the National Hippotherapy Riding for the Handicapped Association. The AHA recently has developed this country’s first certification examination for hippotherapists.

The grants from the Kellogg Foundation will fund the hiring of a program director and support staff as well as the purchase of administrative, instructional and therapeutic equipment. The funding also will be used to purchase horses and riding equipment for the effort as well as to establish office and therapy space at the Cheff Center. Horses used in hippotherapy must be trained in dressage, which is a classical riding style featuring precision movements triggered by subtle signals to the horse. Each horse also must have a temperament that makes it suitable for use around patients who have no previous experience with horses.

The establishment of a hippotherapy treatment clinic at the Cheff Center is a major component of the project, Cole says, since hippotherapy is currently not available to patients anywhere in Michigan. He expects the clinic to be up and running early in 1997. By the end of the first year of the project, about 15 people each week will receive treatment there and, by the end of the three-year period, that figure will rise to about 30 clients per week. The clinic also will serve as a learning laboratory and a research site for students enrolled in WMU’s occupational therapy program.

The academic curriculum developed for the project, Meyers notes, also is intended to serve as a model for how other universities can develop new programs. She says the curriculum and information about the program will be nationally disseminated.

Nominations sought for Distinguished Faculty Scholar Awards

The Distinguished Faculty Scholar Committee is seeking nominations for the 1997 Distinguished Faculty Scholar Awards. The deadline for nominations is Monday, Oct. 13. Up to three awards may be made each year. Those honored during this cycle will be announced in fall 1997. Each winner will receive $4,000, a $2,000 adjustment to base salary, a plaque and an opportunity to present a lecture, exhibition or performance for the University community.

All current, continuing board-appointed faculty members are eligible. Faculty members must have at least 20 consecutive years of service to WMU prior to nomination. No individual may receive the award more than twice.

The awards are based on outstanding professional achievement. The accomplishments must demonstrate excellence in teaching, research, publication. Offices that receive too many copies or reprints will be submitted to the Office of Marketing. Public Relations of the WK Kellogg Foundation.

The deadline: Items to be considered for publication should be submitted to the Office of Marketing. Public Relations and Communications by Nov. 1. The deadline for items to be considered for inclusion in Western News is Nov. 1.

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Talk of the campus

Ray Suarez, left, host of National Public Radio’s “Talk of the Nation,” was on campus Oct. 16 to speak as part of WMU’s Hispanic Head Start program. Suarez, who has worked in the field of journalism since 1977, became the country’s only Latino national talk show host when he joined NPR in 1993. His adventures as a Latino student at the city’s high schools, focused on minorities in the workplace. He is pictured here, with, from left, Celeste Martinez of Bargen High School; Celso Garza, a sophomore from Chavez High School; and Suestram of the Hispanic Student Organization; and Miguel A. Ramirez, minority affairs.

Geologists answer the call to revive map making art

WMU geologists have responded to a national call to resurrect the art of geologic mapping by examining Johnson County surface and subsurface for the most detailed picture of that county ever completed. A $53,250 grant from the U.S. Department of Environmental Quality to Alan Kehew, geology, and W. Thomas Straw, geology, has provided the second expanded year of an extensive mapping project that will provide new information about Michigan’s geology as well as that which will help county officials take measures to protect and manage natural resources.

Information gleaned during the research also is expected to help county planners map expected land use changes and to support development along the I-94 and U.S.-131 corridors.

According to Kehew, the funding was made possible through a federal legislation known as the National Geologic Mapping Act. The bill called for the U.S. Geological Survey to do the work to help renew the art and science of geologic mapping — a discipline that had fallen into decline in recent years.

With high tech research tools and faculty members busy publishing and obtaining research grants, Kehew says, "map making had been declining. The U.S. Geological Survey realized it had to do something to revitalize geologic map making to the point it once had." As a result of the legislation and the funding provided to implement it, two geologists have been employed to map the county's surface and subsurface.

The project, funded through the Environmental Protection Agency's 'Superfund' cleanup sites, an area located in Sturgis that has been contaminated by industrial solvents.

The product that is the end result of the project is a map showing the geologic map of the area, which will be used to determine the location of a geologic feature. The researchers also are using data and samples obtained from one of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's "Superfund" cleanup sites, an area located in Sturgis that has been contaminated by industrial solvents.

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Michigan First Lady Michelle Engler here to kick off campaign for community service

Michigan First Lady Michelle Engler will kick off the sixth annual "Into the Streets" community service campaign on Saturday, Oct. 26, at WMU.

Kalamazoo area college students will join 376,000 volunteers across the nation in a collaborative effort to help their communities that day. Sponsored locally by WMU's Student Volunteer Services, the "Into the Streets" campaign will include students from WMU, Davenport College, Kalamazoo College and Kalamazoo Valley Community College.

The effort is coincidentally on the same day as the National Make A Difference Day," another nationwide volunteer program sponsored, in part, by the Points of Light Foundation, Project Literacy and Michigan Community Service Commission.

Engler, who chairs the Michigan Commission on the Status of Women, will kick off the "Into the Streets" events with a keynote address at 10 a.m. in Shaw Theatre. Students attending the kickoff will be able to collect or donate canned or dry good to help families in need.

After the opening ceremonies, students will fan out across the Kalamazoo community to volunteer their services by taking lawn debris to a local nonprofit, cleaning a soup kitchen or visiting with the elderly. Later in the day, from 2 p.m. until 4 p.m., students will volunteer at Midway Mall in the Bernhard Center for refreshments and a closing/reflection ceremony.

"Last year students from the residence halls, the National Pan-Hellenic Council, the International Programming Conference and several other groups volunteered for the "Into the Streets" effort," says Terri M. Benton-Olver, Student Volunteer Services.

"While it was wonderful to see this service, I was also fascinated by the different cultures coming together.

Benton-Olver says "Into the Streets" grants that students get to involve themselves with the hope that the experience will encourage them as well.

For more information, persons may call Student Volunteer Services in the Lemos Honors College at 7-3220.

Impacts of Depression are topic for economist

The different ways the Great Depression affected the worldwide economy will be discussed in a lecture Wednesday, Oct. 23.

Carol E. Heim, associate professor of economics at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst, will speak on "Even Impacts of the Great Depression: Indicators of Regional and National Economic Activity." The lecture, which begins at 7:15 p.m. in 3620 Knauss Hall. She also will present a morning seminar for professional economists and graduate students.

The free talk is part of the Department of Economics' 3rd annual guest lecture-seminar series called "Lectures of the Great Depression." The year-long series focuses on the various facets of the worldwide economic depression that began with the 1929 stock market collapse.

Heim will address the uneven impacts of the Depression in the United States and the United Kingdom. She also will discuss the effects on less developed economies, such as those in Latin America, Africa and Asia.

Heim has written more than 20 journal articles and book chapters and reviews, focusing primarily on British economic history. She has served on the editorial boards of the Journal of Economic History, Explorations in Economic History, and Social Concept. She has been a research associate at Harvard University's Center for European Studies.

The Department of Economics co-sponsors the series with the W.E. Upjohn Institute for Employment Research in Kalamazoo. The lecture is directed by Mark V. Wheeler, economics.

Faculty and staff invited to Medallion program

Faculty and staff members are invited to meet the 18 recipients of renowned Hageman Research Funds for their work focusing on the elderly. The annual awards program, which began during a program at 4 p.m. Friday, Oct. 25, in the East Ballroom of the Bentley Center.

This year's winners had a collective high school grade point average of 3.99 and competed against more than 1,100 applicants from 15 states for the prestigious awards.

The Hageman Foundation Scholarship recipients will speak during the program: Carrie B. Burch of Grand Ledge High School, author of a study on oral performance and piano performance; David C. Grandy of Omaha, Nebraska, for his work on the aging of English, philosophy with an applied professional ethics concentration; Marc A. Humphrey of Kalamazoo who is majoring in mathematics and physics; and Anna N. Narus of Port Huron, who is majoring in anthropology.

A reception will follow the presentations. The events sponsored by the Office of Development.

On the move

"The Future of Long-Term Care" will be the topic when a national expert on aging comes to campus for an address at 3:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 24.

Rick A. Martinez, chief of the Geriatric Psychiatric Research Program in the Mental Disorders of Aging Research Branch of the National Institute of Mental Health, will present a free public lecture in 1010 Fetter Center. Martinez is also a senior fellow with the U.S. Senate Special Committee on Aging.

Martinez's address will cover such topics as changes in service delivery models, health care delivery models on professional training. His address is designed to appeal to anyone concerned with the elderly who have an interest in providing services for older citizens.

The talk will be part of a two-day campus visit by Martinez, who will meet with officials in WMU's College of Health and Human Services and with campus researchers whose work focuses on the elderly.

The college currently is exploring the development of an interdisciplinary training program to address future geriatric needs in the nation and Martinez is serving as a consultant in that effort.

Martinez has held his current position at the National Institute of Mental Health since 1990. He serves as program officer for $8 million in neuroscience and clinical research efforts. He is responsible for identifying priority areas of interest for geriatric research and for advising researchers across the country on methodology and program development for their research grants. He took on his additional duties with the Senate Special Committee on Aging in 1995. In that capacity, he deals primarily with the effects of past and present decades of long-term mental disorders and the effect of legislative proposals on providers and patients.

Martinez also is a technical adviser to the Lacey Project for the Medically Underserved in Kalamazoo. That shelter-based infirmary, which provides medical care to the homeless, is named for Bernardine M. Lacey, professor emeritus of the School of Nursing. She founded and directed the facility through Howard University's College of Nursing before coming to WMU.

Martinez's visit to WMU is sponsored by the College of Health and Human Services and the Office of the Vice President for Research. For more information about the events, persons should call Sue Eberstein in the College of Health and Human Services at 7-2663.

Road reduced to one lane

Vande Giessen Road between Moore Drive and the curve near Waldo Library will be reduced to one lane of traffic from Monday, Oct. 28, to Thursday, Oct. 31, because of construction on the cooling tower next to Friedmann Hall.

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 posted period, and may contact an employment services staff member for assistance in securing these positions.

5-01 and 5-02 clerical positions are not required to be posted. For persons interested in these positions, they should look for job postings in selected fields. A letter of application should be submitted to the appropriate dean or unit director.

(A) Assistant Manager, P-05, Physical Plant-Maintenance Services, 96/97-141, 10/15-10121/96.

(B) Operations Supervisor, P-02, Continuing Education-Grand Rapids Regional Center, 96/97-144, 10/15-10121/96.

(C) Resident Director, Sunnyside College, Executive Officer, International Affairs, 96/97-141, 10/15-10121/96.

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.

The following positions are not currently being posted. Persons interested in these positions should contact the Office of Marketing, Public Relations and Communications.

(F) Director, Office of Communications, 96/97-143, 10/15-10121/96.

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Future events, which run from December 1996 through 1997.

Information available through WMU's home page on the World Wide Web under University Information.

Thursday, October 17
*(thru 25)* Exhibition, paintings by the late Sebastian Bufla, 1978 WMU graduate,showcases, Sangren Hall, weekdays, 7 a.m.-10:30 p.m.; Saturdays, 6 a.m.-10:30 p.m.; and Sundays, noon to midnight.

Peace Corps information table, first floor lobby, Ellsworth Hall, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
*(and 18)* Exhibition, painting by Geoff Mitchell, BFA candidate, Rotunda and South Galleries, East Hall, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; closing reception, Friday, Oct. 18, 5-8 p.m.
*(thru 23)* Exhibition, graphic design for book, "Transcendence," by Gary Koepke, Koecke International, G. S. Lanng Hall, weekdays, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
*(thru 31)* Exhibition, mixed media sculpture by Margaret Wharton, Chicago artist, Space Gallery, Knauss Hall, Mondays thru Thursdays, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
"Guest artist recital, John Seidel, trombone, Dalton Center Recital Hall, 8 p.m.
"Concert, University Chorale, Treble Chorus and Collegiate Singers, Dalton Center Recital Hall, 8 p.m.
"Women’s soccer, WMU vs. Schoolcraft College, WMU Soccer Complex, 2 p.m.
"Management development workshop, "Train-the-Trainer," Fetzer Center, Noon-1 p.m.; to register call 7-5305.
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Friday, October 18
Faculty development services Cultural Diversity Study, 3208 Sangren Hall, 11 a.m.
Brown bag Bible study group, "Why Racism?" Kanley Chapel Social Room, noon-1 p.m.
Faculty development services interactive video workshop, "Teaching with Style: Enhancing Learning by Understanding Teaching and Learning Styles," Tony Grusha, professor of psychology, the University of Cincinnati, Stewart Tower Conference Room, Noon-1 p.m.; to register call 7-5305.
Mathematics and statistics colloquium, "What Will the Future of Mathematics Look Like?" Chandler Davis, the University of Toronto, Commons Room, sixth floor, Evangel University Computing Center, noon-1 p.m.
*Performance*, Kalamanzyou Symphony Orchestra, Miller Auditorium, 8 p.m.

Saturday, October 19
Men’s tennis, WMU vs. Ferris State University, Sorensen Courts, noon.
*Performance*, Einor Masson, trombone, Dalton Center Recital Hall, 8 p.m.

Sunday, October 20
Women’s soccer, WMU vs. Schoolcraft College, WMU Soccer Complex, 2 p.m.
Concert, University Chorale, Treble Chorus and Collegiate Singers, Dalton Center Recital Hall, 3 p.m.
*Performance*, artist recital, John Seidel, trombone, Dalton Center Recital Hall, 8 p.m.
*Performance*, recording artist Areta Franklin, Miller Auditorium 8 p.m.
Concert artist recital, Einor Masson, trombone, Dalton Center Recital Hall, 8 p.m.
*Performance*, Eva Seidler, piano, Gilmore Young Artist and Van Cliburn Bronze Medalist, Dalton Center Recital Hall, 8 p.m.
*Performance*, the National Song and Dance Ensemble of Tibet, Miller Auditorium, 8 p.m.

Monday, October 21
*(thru 25)* Management development workshop, "Train-the-Trainer," Fetzer Center, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.; to register call 7-3232.
*(thru 25)* Exhibition, advanced ceramics, Rotunda and South Galleries, East Hall, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; opening reception, Monday, Oct. 21, 5-8 p.m.
"Enhancing Teaching with Technology" program, "Using the Web in Teaching," Joseph M. Kayany, communication, Stewart Tower Conference Room, third floor, University Computing Center, noon-1 p.m.; to register call 7-5305.
*Performance*, Peace Week lecture, "Rwanda and Burundi: Lessons To Be Learned," Susan Collins Marks, Search for Common Ground Peace center, Washington, D.C., 7:30 p.m.
Thursdays, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.
S. Lacar, educational leadership, 3310 Sangren Hall, 3 p.m.
*Performance*, Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra, Miller Auditorium, 8 p.m.
Economics lecture, "Uneven Impacts of the Great Depression: Industries, Regions and Nations," Carol E. Heim, associate professor of economics, the University of Massachusetts at Amherst, 3760 Knauss Hall, 3 p.m.
"Directed oral examination, "Manuscript for Clarification of Educational Administrators: An Initial Study of the Emerging Muslim Women Leaders in the Philippines," Carmelita S. Lacar, educational leadership, 3310 Sangren Hall, 3 p.m.
*Volleyball*, WMU vs. Chicago State University, 7 p.m.
*(thru 26)* Fall dance concert, Dalton Center Dance Studio B: Oct. 20-23, 5-8 p.m.
*(and 26)* and 28, 6 p.m.
Faculty recital, Christopher Taylor, piano, Gilmore Young Artist and Van Cliburn Bronze Medalist, Dalton Center Recital Hall, 8 p.m.
Poetry reading, Cynthia Huntington, author of "The Fish-Wife" and "We Have Gone To The Beach," 3322 Brown Hall, 8:30 p.m.

Thursday, October 24
*(management development workshop, "Positive Discipline: A Primer on Problem-Solving Employee Relations," Fetzer Center, 8:30 a.m.-noon, to register call 7-3232.
Open house, Multipurpose enabling Technology Laboratory, 2032 University Computing Center, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
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