Former three-term governor of Colorado to discuss health care reform in Burian Lecture

Richard D. Lamm, the former three-term governor of Colorado, will bring the current debate over health care reform to WMU's campus in an address Thursday, Oct. 6.

Lamm, who now directs the Center for Public Policy and Contemporary Issues at the University of Denver, will speak at 7:30 p.m. in the Brown Auditorium of Schneider Hall. His topic will be "Infinite Needs, Finite Resources: The Brave New World of Health Care." 

The address, which is free and open to the public, is being sponsored by the College of Health and Human Services as part of the Bill Burian Memorial Lecture Series.

"We indeed feel fortunate to have attracted a person of Richard Lamm's stature and interest to present a keynote address for a presentation on one of the top social issues of our time," said Dean Janet J. Pisaneschi, health and human services. "An expert on formulation on several levels, he is especially knowledgeable about the many complexities of the health care debate. Based on his careful research and critical analysis, he has a vision of where we need to go and how we should get there, which he will share with us in Kalamazoo."

Lamm served as governor of Colorado from 1975 to 1987 and is a member of the Colorado House of Representatives from 1966 to 1974. He became director of the University of Denver's Center for Public Policy and Contemporary Issues when it opened in 1987. Since then, his research and teaching focus has been in the health policy area with special emphasis on health care systems and allocation of health care resources.

Lamm has been described as one of a new breed of policy analysts who argues that the challenges of the 1990s is to meet new public needs with increasingly limited resources. Public policy, he maintains, "cannot count on historic revenue growth and, thus, cannot chase geometric curves of public spending."

Lamm moves beyond traditional liberalism and conservatism to urge that the task before us is "to reconceptualize much of what govern- ment does and how it does it."

Trustee Fountain dedication planned for Sept. 24

The Trustee Fountain, a new water sculpture in the Waldo Library Plaza, will be dedicated at 4 p.m. September 24, in honor those Michigan citizens who have provided outstanding service to the University as members of the institution's governing boards.

President Haenicke will preside at the ceremony designed to commemorate the 30th anniversary of the establishment of the University's Board of Trustees. Twenty-six persons, including the current eight trustees, have served on the board since it was created in 1966. Eight of those serving in 1966 are expected to attend the ceremony.

The fountain was funded by private contributions to the WMU Foundation, including a major gift from an alumni couple, Elden W. Batzbaugh Jr. and Judith Wise Batzbaugh of St. Joseph. The water sculpture concept was conceived by Evie Asken, campus planning, engineering and construction.

The sculpture features three fountain spilling into a shallow pool that will be lit at night. The water simulates a crook, with headwaters flowing down to rapids and into the pool. The pool is lined with stones and will be surrounded by benches and greenery.

These area companies contributed to the design and construction of the fountain: James E. Fulton & Sons Inc.; Van Haren Electric; Allied Mechanical Services; Woltihuis Concrete Construction; Central Tile & Terrazzo Co. Inc.; Maple Hill Sprinkling; E. Niwonder & Sons Landscape Service; and W. B. Scenic, Inc.

Principal program participants will be: Haenicke; President Emeritus John T. O'Boyle, Cowell, Blalock and Associates.

A public reception will precede the dedication ceremony at 3:30 p.m. at the plaza, place WMU health and human service majors in rural locations for their clinical training and internship experiences. The project involves students majoring in such fields as speech pathology and audiology, social work, physician assistant, substance abuse and occupational therapy.

According to Kathi Fuller, who directs the project, many of the elements developed for the first three years of the rural health education effort will be incorporated into the new project. Those include a commitment to interdisciplinary work, cultural sensitivity, assessment and community input prior to intervention, community empowerment and treating patients as part of a health care team.

"We've been on the cutting edge of rural health care reform," Fuller says. "We're going to continue to hone our approach and crystallize our techniques."

According to Fuller, the success rate of the projects both at WMU and the other sites in the nation has been extremely high. Fuller, who spent the last academic year as a visiting scholar at the Department of Health and Human Services' Bureau of Health Care Professionals in Washington, D.C., has been compiling data on all 19 national sites.

"Of all program graduates who participated in the rural interdisciplinary training program from 1990 through 1993," she says, "54 percent are employed in rural or frontier areas, a figure that is significantly above the national average for entry into rural practice."

During the WMU project's first three years of operation, 126 students were placed in rural clinical and social service sites in the two West Michigan counties. Placements are under the guidance of rural health professionals in schools, primary health care clinics and social service agencies. Currently, 47 percent of graduates from the WMU program are working in rural areas. That number is expected to rise above 50 percent once all of those rural health students have graduated from the University and are ready for employment.

The grant program will continue the placement of about 25 health care interns each semester at sites throughout the two counties. The student interns will be encouraged to work as a team with other professionals who serve the local population, including those involved in delivering health, social service assistance and educational services.

To encourage interdisciplinary work among professionals already in the community, a series of workshops will be offered to professionals. These opportunities are intended to help acquaint professionals with each other and with other offices and disciplines serving their clients as well as to encourage them to work together to solve clients' multiple needs.

A third major focus of the grant will involve WMU faculty and rural health care practitioners who will conduct interdisciplinary, collaborative research and evaluation on rural health issues. A series of mini grants, each valued at $1,000, will be available for faculty members and health care professionals to use to conduct research. Frederick F. MacDonald, social work, has been surveying research needs in the two areas and will coordinate that part of the project.

The new grant also includes funds for a national networking project that will link the 19 rural health care projects sites and a newsletter, originating at WMU, will be used to share newly developed ideas and methods among the participating projects.

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Theatre complex addition nears completion - Workers are putting the finishing touches on the $5.4 million educational wing addition to the University Theatre Complex, which is slated for completion this fall. The 44,000-square-foot addition, funded as part of the University's "Campaign for Excellence," has been under construction since groundbreaking ceremonies last fall. It will feature a new 100-seat proscenium theatre, a smaller 150-seat black box theatre, a large multipurpose theatre and seating for 275. It also will include makeup and dressing rooms, two classrooms, a 28-station design studio with computer-assisted design capabilities, a studio classroom, faculty and staff offices and a new ticketing and management center and new lobby areas.

Grant to boost number working in rural health care

A WMU project aimed at increasing the number of health care graduates and professionals working in underserved rural areas has received a three-year grant from the federal government.

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services has awarded a $856,000 grant over three years to the WMU College of Health and Human Services’ Interdisciplinary Rural Health Education Project. The funding began July 1 with the receipt of $192,640 for the project’s first year of work. The WMU effort is one of 19 similar projects nationwide in which health care and social service needs of rural populations are being met.

The new WMU project, which was developed in partnership with the Migrant and Rural Community Health Association Clinic in Bangor and Pullman Health Systems Inc. in Pullman, is based on a rural health care effort that began at the University in 1990 with a similar three-year federal grant. Working in Allegan and Van Buren counties, the main focus of the project has been to encourage interdisciplinary work, cultural sensitivity, encouraging communities to work together to solve clients’ multiple needs.

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Minority Freshmen Day offered to provide orientation

Minority freshmen and transfer students attending WMU this fall are invited to attend a Minority Freshmen Day program from 4 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 28, in the North Ballroom of the Bernhard Center.

The program is sponsored by the Division of Minority Affairs and Delta Sigma Theta Sorority.

"Freshmen and transfer students are being encouraged to attend the program to meet members of various departments, including minority faculty and staff, who provide assistance and support services," said E. Bell, minority affairs.

The annual Minority Freshmen Day program has been very successful in introducing students to their exposure to our minority student population and for student organizations to increase cooperation.

"Introducing these students to student organizations and minority faculty and staff will be a good way of getting the word out," Bell adds. "If they see African-Americans in higher education, for example, they will feel more comfortable while pursuing their education at WMU."

More than 20 student organizations and representatives from university booths set up in the ballroom to distribute information as well as answer questions about their organization.

For more information, persons may contact Bell in the Division of Minority Affairs at 7-3372, or Denisco Butler, chairperson of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, at 7-8467.

Pritchard says, "We decided that if we were able to focus on irresponsible behavior, it must be possible to focus on the responsible. Ethics is really about doing what is good, but that is not being emphasized enough in ethics literature."

Jaksa says that one of their final interviews in the earlier study forced them to reconsider how engineers could behave, could be seen all the way down that firm's chain of command.

"The firm manufactured safety restraints used by cleaning crews that operate from exterior scaffolding on high rise buildings," Jaksa says. "They had a good product that worked well and received no complaints from customers. The chief engineer, however, spent many hours of personal time trying to improve this restraint because workers would disable the restraints to speed up their work and sometimes workers would fall and receive no complaints."

"Pritchard says, "The product met all federal safety requirements but we are not doing a good enough job of making this product more convenient and less likely to be disabled by workers. This was not a good enough job."

"That's the point we were making," Pritchard says. "We are doing the best we can but that's usually not enough."

Two receive NSF award to explore engineering ethics

Understanding what makes engineers act ethically in the daily performance of their jobs, and how they might improve their behavior, recently was funded by the National Science Foundation.

Jaksa says a conference on the Study of Ethics in Society has been awarded a one-year, $54,482 grant from the NSF to work with engineers and engineering students to develop case studies and classroom materials that explore responsible engineering practice that goes beyond simply avoiding or preventing wrongdoing.

Michael S. Pritchard, chairperson of the Philosophy and director of the center, and James A. Jaksa, communication and an associate director of the center, will co-direct the project with the assistance of colleagues who will gather to serve as a positive example for engineering students and generate thought about ethics in the engineering professions.

The project, they say, marks a departure from the approach previously taken in which the focus has been on engineers in critical situations who are forced to stand up against pressures to lose their jobs by becoming "whistleblowers" in order to prevent a catastrophic occurrence.

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Mary Brown to speak at Phi Delta Kappa meeting

WEMU's chapter of Phi Delta Kappa professional fraternity is sponsoring a session titled "What's Going on in Lansing?" with State Rep. Mary Brown at 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 29, at the KVISD Service Center, 181 E. Milham Road. A tour of the center will follow the presentation. For more information, persons may contact Carol Payne Smith, education and professional development, at 7-3508.

Applications available for four scholarship programs

Faculty members are asked to encourage prospective students and parents for any of the four prestigious scholarships with application deadlines coming up.

Dean Joseph G. Reish, Lee Honors College, is the campus representative for the four scholarship programs. He serves as chairperson of the campus selection committee that narrows down the number of applicants supplied with limits set by each program.

Students interested in applying to any of the programs should contact the dean for the qualifying criteria. For those who decide to apply, the Lee Honors College will assist in completing the necessary forms and removing and copying required documents. Applicants need not be a member of that college.

The application deadlines are:

- the Rhodes Scholarship, with applications due Friday, Oct. 7. One senior will be selected to represent WMU in the competition that could result in an award to a student at the University of Oxford in England.
- the British Marshall Scholarship, with applications due Friday, Dec. 2. Five awards are for current seniors and are for two years of support to pursue studies at any university in Great Britain. The program does not limit the number of applicants WMU may nominate.
- the Harry S. Truman Scholarship, with applications due Dec. 1. Five awards are for current seniors with outstanding potential for careers in mathematics, the natural sciences or engineering. Up to four applicants will be selected to represent WMU in the competition.
- the Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship and Education in Science, with applications due Friday, Oct. 14. The program is designed for current sophomores or juniors with outstanding potential for careers in mathematics, the natural sciences or engineering. Up to four applicants will be selected to represent WMU in the competition.

For more information, persons should contact Reish at 7-3320.

Fulbright applications due

The deadline for WMU students to file applications for grants for graduate study abroad offered under the Fulbright Program is Friday, Oct. 14. Fulbright awards provide the opportunity for current seniors and transfer students to apply for one of the 800 awards to some 100 countries. Most of the grants provide six months of maintenance for one academic year.

For applications and more information, persons may contact Howard J. Dooley, international affairs, at 7-3951.

Ethnic and minority press on new CD-ROM

Living, learning and working in an increasingly diverse and multicultural population has created a demand to provide resources that will equip society with a better understanding of the different cultures.

Waldo Library is making an effort to meet that demand with a new CD-ROM titled "Ethnic Watch," a database that provides access to newspapers and magazines from a wide variety of ethnic and minority groups in the United States.

"The database is available to provide information from an ethnic point of view, which is something we don't normally have access to," said Bettina S. Meyer, University libraries.

The CD-ROM, implemented at WMU this past August, provides access to 97 newspapers and magazines through a bilingual (English/Spanish) database.

The database currently contains 77,000 articles available from 1991, and will continue to grow on a quarterly basis.

Publications included range from Bay State Banner, an African-American newspaper published in Massachusetts, and Indian Country Today, a Native American publication from South Dakota, to El Nuevo Herald, a Hispanic newspaper from Florida, and Asian Week, an Asian American publication from California. The database is compiled by SefiLink Information Inc. from Stanford, Conn.

"Ethnic NewsWatch" can be found at a CD-ROM station in the reference department of Waldo Library. The database is easy to use with an option to "browse" through subject, title, authorline, publication or geographic location, ethnic group or publication name.

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On campus

The keynote speaker will be Molly B. Vanhuss, chairperson of sociology, who will encourage participants to "Follow the Song of Your Heart." Five other workshops will focus on cultivating self esteem, eating right, massage, addiction and women's spiritual journeys.

Kretzmann to speak on community organizing

An expert on community organizing will present a workshop and a lecture at the University Tuesday, Sept. 27.

Ken Kretzmann is vice-director for the Neighborhood Innovations Network in the Center for Urban Affairs and Policy Research at Northwestern University, will address the professional/technical/administrative employees in 205 Bernhard Center. He will present a lecture on "Community Organizing: Models and Visions for the Future" at 7:30 p.m. in 2304 Sangen Hall.

The Neighborhood Innovations Network locates, analyzes, and promotes neighbor-"bhood-based efforts that build upon and enhance local capacities to address issues of poverty, probation and probation referrals to support these efforts. Kretzmann has co-written a book based on research for the projects, "Building Communities From the Inside Out: A Path Toward Finding and Mobilizing a Community's Ability to Change." For more information, persons may contact Donald F. Cooney, social work, at 7-3190.

Human resources

Open enrollment for hospital-medical insurance Sept. 26-Oct. 7

Once each year, the University offers eligible faculty and staff an opportunity to change their hospital-medical insurance carrier and add eligible dependents without showing proof of insurability through the open enrollment period. This year, the open enrollment period runs from Monday, Sept. 26, until the close of business Friday, Oct. 7. Changes will be effective Nov. 1. This timing will enable persons who desire changes to select a new carrier prior to rate changes. In a mailing this week to all eligible participants, the benefits office announced there will be no premium changes in 1994-95 for the University hospital-medical plan, administered by the John Hancock Co., nor any rate changes for the group life and long-term disability insurance plans. The local health maintenance organizations (HMOs), Blue Care Network and Physicians Health Plan, will be adjusting their rates for the 1994-95 year. Blue Care Network’s rates have increased slightly, while Physicians Health Plan’s rates have increased slightly. If you wish to change your hospital-medical insurance plans and/or add eligible dependents during the open enrollment period, you must visit the benefits office in 205 Bernhard Center, 210 Bernhard Center from 10 to 11 a.m. and from 2 to 3 p.m. A benefits office staff member will be available after 5 p.m.

Benefits eligible employees are urged to attend one of the informational presentations regarding the University’s participation with Cap Care, the preferredlarına)

Meetings are scheduled for Tuesday, Sept. 27, in 210 Bernhard Center from 10 to 11 a.m. and from 2 to 3 p.m. Presentations will be repeated on Wednesday, Sept. 28, in 208 Bernhard Center from 11 a.m. to noon and from 2 to 3 p.m.

Hancock County, working with the University’s consultations and reviews for the building, says the center averages 50 to 60 events a month. "Working with them, I never met one with clients is always interesting," he says. "I’m taking an event from planning to completion, seeing it all work — and work out well!" In his spare time, Roberts enjoys playing tennis and leading and performing in vocal music groups.

Photo ideas sought

Is there a University staff member you would like to see featured in "on campus"? Please send photo and news service, at 7-4114 for your ideas or e-mail her at ruth.stevens@wmich.edu.

Exchange

FORSALE—Bushnell binoculars, IOX50 a.m. on WKPR-AM (1420).

FOR SALE—Pearl tennis racquet, $25. Call 7-3405 or 345-6541.

Media

Elizabeth Whitten, special education, discusses mainstreaming students with special needs on "Focus," a five-minute interview produced by news services. "Focus" is scheduled to air Saturday, Sept. 4, at 6:10 a.m. on WKPR-AM (1420).

Service

These employees are recognized for five, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30 and 35 years of service to the University in September. The employees, in order, are: Carl Cole, foreign languages and literatures; and Robert W. Kaufman, political science.

Service: 30 years — Mark E. Tinsley, chemistry; Richard L. Cook, geology; Mergen, continuing education.

Service: 25 years — Robert J. Bickel, admissions and orientation; Patricia M. Marini, sociology; Tamara L. Porter, budget; Keith Roberts, physical plant-building custodial and support services; Lester A. Roberts, Feifer Center; and Phillip S. Rookle, physical plant-general services.

Service: 20 years — Wil B. Emmert, Office of the Vice President for Administration; Dr. Lawrence M. Draper, dining service; Dr. James B. Frazier, Huber Center; Dr. James D. Grebel, Valley Idining service; Dr. Robert H. Atkins, Division of Continuing Education; Dr. Barbara A. Gustafson, physical plant-LiG maintenance; Dr. Robert E. Binkley, student affairs; and Dr. Mark E. Kretzmann, Continuing Education.

Service: 15 years — Mark S. Allen, campus planning, engineering and construction; Dr. George Martin, professor of sociology; Paul A. O’Leary, Bell Tower; and Deborah Wight, chairwoman of sociology.

Service: 25 years — Paula J. Boodt, admissions and orientation; George S. Miller, education and orientation; Patricia M. Martin, sociology; Lewis Walker, chairperson of sociology, and professional development; Louis Rizzolo, chemistry; Philip P. Hsieh, mathematics and professional development; and Robert W. Kaufman, political science. Kretzmann has co-written a book based on research for the projects, "Building Communities From the Inside Out: A Path Toward Finding and Mobilizing a Community's Ability to Change." For more information, persons may contact Donald F. Cooney, social work, at 7-3190.

Service: 10 years — Keith W. Documents, Library; Garry W. VanderPloeg, Library; Yolanda H. Barton, aeronautical engineering; Pamela Emery, aeronautical engineering; Patricia A. Mergen, continuing education.

Service: 5 years — Mark E. Allen, campus planning, engineering and construction; Dr. George Martin, professor of sociology; Paul A. O’Leary, Bell Tower; and Deborah Wight, chairwoman of sociology.

Service: 2 years — Jennifer A. Andres, English; Meredith E. Fricke, Library; and Jennifer L. Frick, Library.

Service: 1 year — Jennifer J. Rodriguez, Library; and Jennifer L. Frick, Library.

SCULPTURE ON DISPLAY—Art by WMU students has decorated the walls of the Slocundice Health Center in the past, and now the center's lawn is home to newsculptures. Jason Neman, who earned his BFA in sculpture last December, decided he couldn't take his work with him to Bowling Green State University, where he is now a graduate assistant. So he donated two pieces to the university and they became part of the Permanent Art Collection. Both works of steel have been placed on the grounds of the Slocundice Health Center. From left, Millimne, discussed his sculpture, "Arrows and Mass," here with Erick J. Kron and Terry L. Bıst, both Slocundice Health Center. "We think it's really great that he wanted to donate the work to the University," says Kron, who has worked with the Department of Art on coordinating exhibits inside the health center. "We love to have the art and think this worked out nicely for everybody."

Tribology to be topic of seminar and open house

Tribology, the study of the friction and wear phenomena, will be the topic of a campus seminar and open house Tuesday, Sept 27.

"Tribology: History and Aerospace Perspective" is the title of the 1 p.m. seminar in 204 Kohnman Hall. The speaker will be Bahram Movahed, chief mechanical engineer in mechanical research at Sundstrand Advanced Technology Group of Rockford, Ill.

An open house, featuring the College of Engineering and Applied Sciences' tribology research facilities, is scheduled for 2 to 5 p.m. in Kohnman Hall.

The open house will include the Tribology Laboratory, Fluid Mechanics Laboratory, the Materials Science Laboratory and the Applied Mechanics Laboratory.

The laboratories, which were developed with significant contributions from industry, state and local government and the University, are among research facilities being used in the new Center for Advanced Tribology. That interdisciplinary center, founded last spring, was one of three funded in the University's Centers for Excellence Competition. The center is under the direction of Parviz Merati, mechanical and aeronautical engineering.

The Durametallc Corp. of Kalamazoo, a major sponsor of the Tribology Laboratory, will have representatives on hand during the open house to answer questions about the equipment the company has made available to the laboratory and about the testing program.

Strazdas appointed to board

Peter J. Strazdas, maintenance services, has been named to the Portage Planning Commission. He will serve a three-year term on the nine-member commission.

Calendar

Thursday, September 22
(thru Oct. 15) Hispanic Heritage Month exhibit focusing on Hispanic culture, showcases, third floor, Waldo Library.

(thru Oct. 20) Exhibition, "Father/Daughter," watercolors by Harry Heferer, emeritus in art, and photography by Holly Heferer Delach-Stephenson, fine arts, Department of Human Resources, 1240 Sesthel Administration Building, weekdays, 8 a.m.-noon and 1-5 p.m.

(thru Oct. 7) Exhibition, handmadé mini-comic books and handmade paper books, Space Gallery, Vonnau Hall, weekdays, 8 a.m.-9 p.m.

(thru Oct. 22) Exhibition, four Department of Art alumni: Richard Mallette, mural, and Thomas Rueff, sculpture, Gallery II, Sangren Hall, weekdays, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; and Erik Gustafson, paintings and prints, and Christoph Ritter, sculpture, Space Gallery, Vonnau Hall.

Monday thru Thursdays, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Doctoral oral examination, "High Breakdown Rank-Based Estimates for Linear Models," Philip H. Chang, mathematics and statistics, Commons Room, sixth floor, EveretTower, 4 p.m.

University Film Committee showing, "Wide Sargasso Sea" (England, 1993), directed by John Duigan, 2750 Knauss Hall, 6 and 9 p.m.

Poetry reading to celebrate the second anniversary of the installation of the Carol Ann Heacock Collection of African American Women's Poetry, June Graham, author of five books of poetry and faculty member, University of Iowa's Writer's Workshop. 3770 Knauss Hall, 8:30 p.m.

Friday, September 23

Workshops, "Stress Management and Injury Prevention for Musicians," Gail Berenson, Ohio University pianist, 1129 Dalton Center Recital Hall, 9-11 a.m.; and 1115 Dalton Center, 1-4 p.m.

Concert, Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra, Miller Auditorium, 8 p.m.

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Sunday, September 25

 Faculty recital, Bradley Wong, clarinet, and Phyllis Rappoport, piano, Dalton Center Recital Hall, 3 p.m.

Monday, September 26

Workshop, "Strategies for raising funds for eligible faculty and staff on group insurances and Capp Center, 210 Bernhard Center, 10-11 a.m., repeating 3-4 p.m.

Tuesday, September 27

Playwrights lend work for video production to help educate University community about AIDS

Concerned about the impact of AIDS on the University community, two Kalamazoo playwriteS decided to help educate faculty, students the best way they knew how—by lending one of their newest works to the cause.

Amie Johnston, English, and Deborah Peterson, assistant professor of Midwood Middle School, are husband and wife and longtime writing partners. The pair collaborated with University officials to produce a 10-minute video based on their play, "Love is Strange," that is available for faculty to use on campus to trigger greater discussion on the impact of AIDS.

The video, filmed near Lake Michigan by the University's video production staff, focuses on a middle-aged couple who have come to the shore to spread the ashes of their deadened love once again. Art that has become AIDS. Viewers are asked to reflect on the death, its impact on their own family and their remembrance of how the couple had coped with both the life and death of the departed brother.

In "Love is Strange," comes from the classic 1960s-era hit song of the same title sung by Mickey and Sylvia. The play's two characters discuss their relationship in the role of the disease in people's relationships with each other. Kalamazooarea performers Linda Stoneflower and Mark Sawyer play the couple, who also are named Mickey and Sylvia.

"We wanted this to be our gift to the campus and to the effort," says Johnston, who penned the play with Percy in 1992. The two in New York and selected finalist in the Samuel French Off-Off Broadway Play Festival. This year, the play will be published in the final issue of "Art and Understanding," which is devoted to the topic of AIDS and the arts.

We had three basic premises when we decided to write a play about AIDS," Johnston says. "It had to be short enough to be useful for educational purposes, it had to be powerful and it had to focus on heterosexuals—those who most need to be aware of and educated about AIDS."

The play was originally written to be performed on "Studio 421," a Kalamazoo area cable access show hosted by Starkweather. The video version of the work was produced by Harvey Stewart, director of WU's media production staff, who plans to enter the video in a national video competition this fall.

According to Mary Ann Bowman, faculty development services, the video is available for borrowing by members of the University community. It could be used to trigger classroom discussion on the subject of AIDS. Currently available in the office, the videotape could also eventually be available through Waldo Library.

In addition to the use of the videotape by classes, Johnston and Percy also have approved the use of the play by campus groups or class groups who wish to use the play to start discussions of their own productions of the work. For more information about how to secure a copy of the play or the videotape for classroom viewing, persons should call Bowman at 7-5305.

Long-distance phone calling procedures to change Oct. 1

The Department of Telecommunications has announced a change in long-distance calling procedures. The change is necessary due to increasing demands and usage of fax machines, computers and computer networks, which have caused a shortage of area code and telephone numbers.

Reception set for Van Hoeven

A retirement reception honoring the Rev. Donald Van Hoeven is scheduled for 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 28, in the Kanley Chapel Social Room. Van Hoeven retired at the end of August after 27 years as the campus minister for the Reformed Church in America.