Award-winning Michigan writer to read from work

Award-winning short story writer, poet and novelist Jack Driscoll will read from his work at 8:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 31, in 3321 Brown Hall.

Driscoll is currently a visiting writer in the Department of English, and has been the recipient of seven PEN Syndicated Short Fiction awards and a PEN/Nelson Algren Award for fiction. His widely admired collection, "Wanting Only to Be Heard," won the Short Fiction Award of the Associated Writing Programs in 1991.

Driscoll is also the author of a collection of poems titled "Fishing the Backwash" and a novel titled "Skylight.

The free public reading is sponsored by the Department of English.

Several major gifts contribute to two-month total

More than $500,000 in cash and deferred gifts was received by the University during the first two months of the 1994-95 fiscal year, the Board of Trustees learned at its Sept. 30 meeting.

The report outlined $261,003 in cash gifts and a $5,000 deferred gift received during July as well as $311,059 in cash gifts received during August. At the end of August, the year-to-date total of cash and deferred gifts stood at $577,062.

Noted in the gift report were a number of major new gifts as well as several pledge payments on gifts made to the "Campaign for Excellence," the capital campaign that was completed in late 1992 after raising more than $61 million.

Major gifts received during July included a $101,468 gift from Isabel J. Beeler of Kalamazoo, emerita in counselor education and counseling psychology. The gift will fund the Fred A. Beeler Memorial Scholarship, named in honor of her husband, emeritus in mathematics and statistics, who died in 1993. The scholarship is intended for undergraduate students majoring in mathematics, statistics or mathematics education.

Also received during July was a $25,978 bequest from the estate of Dushan L. Kondika of Mattawan. That gift will be added to the previously established Beulah and Roy Kendall Presidential Memorial Endowment. Beulah Kendall, who died in 1992, was a major benefactor of the University, contributing more than $2 million. The Kendalls were owners of Kendall Industries.

WMU-FM, WMU's public radio station, served as a link to another major donor. A $149,700 unrestricted bequest from the estate of Helen Glauber of Wayland was received during August. Glauber's only connection to the University was that she had made a $1,000 gift from her estate to WMUK-FM in 1969. Glauber's gift will be used to increase minority support systems are some of the key issues that will be made in five central Asian nations for the next several years.

Micklin is also helping to foster future environmental work in the region by serving as senior advisor to a U.S. National Academy of Sciences program that is bringing together young water scientists from that region and from the United States to initiate and collaborate on water research projects. As adviser to one of the academy's Summer Programs in Water Resources Investigation, he traveled to central Asia last summer, accompanying 10 young American researchers as they met with their central Asian counterparts.

Next summer, he will travel with young scientists from Uzbekistan and Turkmenistan in their tour U.S. sites accompanied by the young American scientists they met last summer.
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Geography computer project puts meteorological info in student hands

Students in such fields as geography or aviation at the University now receive the most up-to-date information on weather patterns available to higher education, thanks to a new computer project in the Department of Geography.

WMU is one of approximately 100 institutions of higher education nationwide that are members of the UNIDATA consortium that develops software packages. These packages allow access to real-time raw meteorological data from a satellite broadcast and manage the data locally.

The WMU Sky Broncos precision flight team took first place Oct. 19-20 at the National Intercollegiate Flying Association Region III competition at Delta State University in Cleveland, Miss. Ohio University finished third among the five teams in the competition. Bowing Green State and Kent State universities also took part in the competition.

The victory enabled WMU and the second place team, Ohio State University, to qualify for national competition in the spring.

Sitkins honored with faculty service recognition from regional continuing education association

Frederick Z. Sitkins, engineering technology, has received a Faculty Service Award from Region IV of the National University Continuing Education Association.

The award was presented at the group's annual conference Oct. 8-10 in Duluth, Minn.

Sitkins was recognized for his extensive and diverse service to WMU's Division of Continuing Education. A WMU faculty member for 15 years, he has served the division for 10 of those years. He has taught classes at five of WMU's six regional centers.

He also has developed and taught "Weatherwatch," an instructional course. In addition, Sitkins developed and taught the division's first ever studio television course, which opened the doors to telecasting by television with other faculty members.

Sitkins has developed workshops on "ISO 9000 for the Small Business." He attended training sessions to become a lead assessor, created an advisory board of manufacturing companies that are already ISO 9000 accredited and developed a software program that the division has successfully marketed to small businesses that need and seek ISO 9000 accreditation.

The best thing about Fred Sitkins is that he is at home with any group or any environment, says Dean James A. Visser, continuing education.

"The work is very complicated, but I really like what I do," he explains. "By observing the data from the computers, students would know what to expect. If they wanted programming for a weekend or a cross-country trip, they would know what to expect and what to do. The students will get a clearer understanding of how weather patterns develop and what resources they would have to make proper decisions, " says Currim, who is responsible for bringing UNIDATA to WMU. "UNIDATA was available to meteorology students at the University of Wisconsin when I was a visiting scientist there," she says. "When I came to WMU I began to seek ways to bring the technology to this campus. Eventually, I received approval from the Department of Geography and the College of Arts and Sciences to apply for membership in the consortium and obtained funds through the college to purchase the equipment."

The data that's available to WMU students includes crisp, up-to-date weather maps, infrared and visible images from satellite observation and other observations from radar. The information, according to Currim, comes from the National Weather Service and from the University of Wisconsin, which gets its data from satellites and transmits it to members of the consortium through the Internet. Other weather data, Currim says, is available from the University of Michigan. The data is updated every hour.

"It is my job to compile the data, route all the software packages, make interfaces for the students and ensure everything works properly," she says. "The work is very complicated, but I really like what I do.

"This project is very important for students like me who may someday work in meteorology, aviation or similar fields after graduation."

Currim says that with the software she now has, the department may be able to produce its own weather data to distribute to other universities.

"Our eventual goal is to produce maps or to get our students to collect data from several schools in Michigan and put it together," she says, "so other schools can see our own meteorological research."

Van Riper Clinic services free to the University community

Speech, language and hearing diagnostic and treatment services are available free to WMU students, faculty and staff. To arrange for an appointment, persons should contact the Department of Speech Pathology and Audiology.

"We offer diagnostic and treatment services to students who think they have a hearing, speech or language problem, which is important to note and recommending appropriate remediation.

To make an appointment, persons should call the Department of Speech Pathology and Audiology, 7-8047.
Capp Care, will present information on the preferred provider organization selected by the area through a display celebrating resources available for research at the University. Visit the archives or call 7-8490 for further information.

**Zest for Life**

The Office of Health Promotion and Education is offering the following three programs to employees in the coming weeks. All three require advance registration by calling the Office of Health Promotion and Education at 7-3263.

**The Inner Voice: Cultivating Your Self Esteem** will be offered from 5:15 to 7 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday, Nov. 7 and 8, in 3130 Sincdecuse Health Center. Self-esteem is at the core of who we are and how we allow others to treat us. This two-session workshop will help participants direct their thoughts to personal values, talents, relationships and strengths. The self-esteem workshop is designed as a balanced approach to living. Participants will develop a personal action plan for cultivating inner contentment and personal affirmation.

**Be A Leaner Eater** is scheduled for 5:30 to 6:45 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 8, in 3130 Sincdecuse Health Center. This one-session workshop will guide participants through the slippery slopes of saturated and transunaturated fats and cholesterol while providing skills in label reading, lowering fat content in favorite recipes, and making low-fat food choices in restaurants. Ethnic food choices will be included.

**Media**

Mark V. Wheeler, economics, discusses the impact politicians have on the economy on “Focus,” a five-minute interview produced by news services. “Focus” is scheduled to air Saturday, Oct. 29, at 6:10 a.m. on WKPR-AM (1420).
Calendar

Thursday, October 27

(thru Jan. 5) Exhibition, watercolor and acrylics by Gregg McGee, WMU employee, student and artist, Department of Human Resources, 1320 Selbert Administration Building, weekdays, 8 a.m.-noon and 1-5 p.m.

Student employment referral service internship workshop, B-106 Ellsworth Hall, 9 a.m.; advertisement registration required by calling 7-7275.

Exhibition, "Found Object Sculpture," Peter Edward Williams, Marshall artist and Kellogg Community College faculty member, Space Gallery, Knauss Hall, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Exhibition, animation graphics from the American Institute of Graphic Arts, Gallery II, Sangren Hall, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Doctoral oral examination, "An Extension to the A/V Discrimination Test by the Addition of One Level Above Average A/V Level," Charles Butler, psychologist, 333 Wood Hall, noon. Welcoming reception for William H. Fenn, chairperson of physician assistant, the Oaklandls, 4-6 p.m.

International affairs and Lee Honors College lecture, "When East Meets West: The Impact of Unification on Germany's Universities," Joachim Dyck, distinguished chairperson of Rhetoric and Literature, the University of Oldenburg, Germany, Lee Honors College lounge, 7 p.m.

*Concert, University Jazz Lab Band, Dalton Center Recital Hall, 8 p.m.

*Exhibition and University Theatre production, "Zooman and the Sign," York Arena Theatre, Oct. 27-29 and Nov. 4-5; 3 and 8 p.m.; and Oct. 30-2 p.m.

Friday, October 28

(thru Nov. 19) WMU Department of Art Faculty Exhibition, Dalton Center Multi-Media Room. Monday-Thursdays, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; opening reception, Friday, Oct. 28, 5-7 p.m.

Open house honoring the retirement of Ruth A. Johnston, logistical services-freight/postal/technical course work, Business and Administrative Affairs. 3 p.m.

Mathematics and statistics colloquium, "Technology, Mathematics and People in Automotive Engineering," Edward F. Moylan, principal staff engineer, technical strategy office, Ford Motor Co., 1104 Rood Hall, 4 p.m.; refreshments, 3:45 p.m.

Psychology colloquium, "From Lab to Application, Does the Strength of the Relation Between Pay and Performance Matter?" Alyce M. Dickinson, psychologist, 3760 Knauss Hall, 4 p.m.

*Hockey, WMU vs. Michigan State University, Lawson Arena, 7 p.m.

Saturday, October 29

Master classes, the Bach Art Group, Dalton Center Recital Hall and rehearsal rooms, 2 p.m.

Soccer, WMU vs. Eastern Michigan University, Waldo Stadium, 2 p.m.

*Hockey, WMU vs. Bowling Green State University, Lawson Arena, 7 p.m.

*Concert, University choirs, Dalton Center Recital Hall, 8 p.m.

Sunday, October 30

Concert, University choirs, Dalton Center Recital Hall, 3 p.m.

Monday, October 31

President Huemer's open house office hours, 3000 Selbert Administration Building, 9:30-11:30 a.m.

Reading, award-winning short story writer, poet and novelist Jack Driscoll, visiting writer in the Department of English, 3321 Brown Hall, 8:30 p.m.

Tuesday, November 1

10th annual Global Youth Day, all day.

(thru 17) Exhibition, "Time and Date," paintings by Paul Wong, New York City, artistic director of Dieu Donne Papiermull and artist-in-residence in papermaking, printing and painting, Space Gallery, Knauss Hall, Mondays through Thursdays, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; slide lecture, "Artists Who Have Worked at Dieu Donne," Tuesday, Nov. 1, 2304 Sangren Hall, 7 p.m.; reception following in Gallery II.

(thru 18) Exhibition, "The Essential Material," handmade books from Dieu Donne Papiermull, Gallery II, Sangren Hall, weekdays, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.


*Concert, University Jazz Lab Band, Dalton Center Recital Hall, 8 p.m.

*Hockey, WMU vs. Bowling Green State University, Lawson Arena, 8 p.m.

Wednesday, November 2


School of Music Concert Series concert, Western Wind Quintet, Dalton Center Recital Hall, 4 p.m.

Student employment referral service internship workshop, B-106 Ellsworth Hall, 3 p.m.; advanced registration required by calling 7-2725.

Biological sciences colloquium, "Strategies from mankind: Suppression by Pervorcinus," Grant McFadden, Department of Biochemistry, the University of Alberta, Canada, 5720 McCracken Hall, 4 p.m.; refreshments, 3:45 p.m.

Performance, "Great Expectations," York Arena Theatre, 5:15 p.m.

Thursday, November 3

Human resources informational meeting for eligible benefits faculty and staff on Capp Care preferred provider organization, 210 Bernhard Center, 10-11 a.m., repeating 2-3 p.m. Preceded by Art, Architecture, history, political science and psychology.

*Concert, University Jazz Lab Band, Dalton Center Recital Hall, 8 p.m.

*Performance, Gold Company and GCII annual sneak preview concert, Dalton Center Recital Hall, 8 p.m.

*Performance donated to benefit a student in WMU's Gifts for Non-Fiction and led to her work as a Library of Congress researcher to describe disciplines as purchasing and materials management in the Department of Management, integrates bachelor's and doctoral degrees from the London School of Economics and professional development, at 7-3508.

Library of Congress researcher to describe changes in role of Russian security forces

A Library of Congress researcher who specializes in examining the power and organization of Russia's security forces will speak on campus Thursday, Nov. 3.

"Russia's New Security Services: Have They Been Reformed?" will be the question addressed by Amy W. Knight, senior research specialist in Russian and East European affairs, in the Federal Research Division of the Library of Congress. She will speak in a free public lecture at 7:30 p.m. in 3770 Knauss Hall.

Earlier the same day, Knight will speak at a noon brown bag luncheon for campus researchers in 3020 Friedmann Hall. That presentation will focus on "Researching Russia: Research Methodologies Past and Present."

Knight, who is also a lecturer at the Johns Hopkins School of International Studies in Japan, requested the translation because he felt that Reid's theories were relevant to Japanese culture.

"The Coming Asian Century" is scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 29.

The translator, Kazuo Ohtoshi, a social work professor at Kobe College in Hyogo, Japan, requested the translation because he felt that Reid's theories were relevant to Japanese culture.

Changing economies is topic of next Asian series lecture

The sixth lecture in a series this fall on "The Coming Asian Century" is scheduled for Nov. 4.

Inuyat U. Mangla, finance and commercial law, will discuss "From Socialist Planned to Market Economies, China and Vietnam" at 7 p.m. in the Lee Honors College lounge.

The series is sponsored by the Office of International Affairs, Asian Studies Program, Lee Honors College, Department of Political Science and Institute of Government and Politics.