Access guides printed to help disabled persons navigate Kalamazoo County, WMU campus

Disabled persons using Kalamazoo County businesses and services will be able to make crucial travel decisions before leaving their homes thanks to the Kalamazoo County Access Guide. Access Guide recently compiled and published under the direction of a WMU faculty member.

About 600 printed copies of the guide and 44 video tapes containing the same information were produced this summer and are now available at a number of local agencies, according to Barbara A. Riger, occupational therapy. Production of the guide was financed by a $5,000 grant from Michigan Campus Compact, a statewide organization aimed at encouraging volunteerism among college and university students.

A companion piece, the WMU Accessibility Guide, also is being produced as part of the grant project, Riger says, and will be printed soon. Completion of that guide was delayed to include information on new buildings that recently opened on campus.

Riger says nearly 100 students from the occupational therapy and blind rehabilitation programs took part in compiling the information for four years. Students in those two disciplines collected the data from businesses and services and other students entered the data into a specially constructed computer program.

"Service to students is something we believe is a core part of this University," said Stanley E. Henderson, admissions and orientation. "In the spirit of that service ethic, we want to cut down the three- to six-week response time most universities have for admissions decisions, even if the surgeon. A PA is able to extend the amount of regular contact the patient has with the surgical team and keep the physician informed of developments, even if the surgeon is not available for an extended period.

Patients, Henderson says, have proven to be very comfortable and accepting of PAs. The patient is accustomed to being treated by a surgical team and the PA is viewed as part of the same team. In addition, he says, because most PAs began their training in primary care, they are very comfortable and accepting of PAs, with 20 PAs as part of the regular medical staff. Other PAs are employed by private practice physicians and work in the hospital on a regular basis. The Kalamazoo guide includes information on more than 200 locations and descriptions of the services available at those locations.
ROLLING OUT THE SOD - The finishing touches on landscaping the renovated Waldo Library and new computing center were put in place earlier this week when crews completed laying one 2,100 square yards of sod around the complex. According to Paul MacNellis, landscape services, it took crews seven days to finish the project. Here, Timothy M. Holysz, landscape services center, center, checks on the progress of workers Shannon Boulding, left, and Kipp Rustedholtz. MacNellis said it was decided to sod the area rather than seed it primarily because of cost to control the "grass" that might have been left through erosion.

WMU joins materials and processing institute

WMU has been named a member of the Michigan Materials and Processing Institute. Members include six other Michigan universities, 10 industrial firms and the state of Michigan through the Legislature and Michigan Strategic Fund. The MMPI coordinates the needs of industry and the capabilities of university, nonprofit and private research organizations to produce a coherent research program in polymer-composite materials for the durable goods industries. The automobile industry provides the MMPI's major incentive, but there are many other durable goods applications. Plastic activities at WMU are carried out in three departments: materials science, mechanical aeronautical engineering; and chemistry. Although WMU does not offer a degree in plastics or polymers, plastic specialists or options are available to students pursuing degrees in manufacturing engineering technology, engineering graphics and manufacturing administration.

Proposals for funding sought

Proposals are being accepted for the Faculty Research and Creative Activities Support Fund through Tuesday, Oct. 15. The fund is designed to assist faculty who seek outside funding, encourage the involvement of women and minorities of color and raise the consciousness of faculty to cultural diversity. For more information, persons may call Walter L. Worthy, research and sponsored programs, at 7-3670.

Nelson writes user's manual

Nickola Wolf Nelson, speech pathologist and assistant professor, has written a user's manual to assist speech-language professionals in writing goals and objectives of intervention programs for infants, children and adolescents.

"Planning Individualized Speech and Language Intervention Programs: Objectives for Infants, Children and Adolescents" also can be used to train speech-language pathologists as notes as goals and objectives are being implemented.

Software to accompany the user's manual was developed by Terence Snyder, an artist-programmer for the Phoenix Project at the Waisman Center in Madison, Wis. The software is intended to be used with the print version of Nelson's book by the same name published in 1988. The user's manual pertains to operation of the program. The software, manual and text are available from Communication Skill Builders of Tucson, Ariz.

OPPORTUNITIES TO VOLUNTEER - The third annual Volunteer Opportunities Fair Sept. 19 drew the largest crowd in its history of both students seeking opportunities and agencies looking for help. More than 650 students and nearly 80 organizations attended the fair in the East Ballroom of the Bernhard Center. According to Julie A. Wyra, student volunteer services, left, Vijay Batta, a graduate student from India, Andrea L. Ferber, a sophomore from Grosse Pointe Farms, and Wendy L. Switzer, a sophomore from Three Rivers, were among the students who stopped by to learn about the Kalamazoo County Human Services Department Emergency Overnight Shelter from Dorothy Brown, volunteer and donations coordinator, right.

Fern has written and lectured extensively on the history of the graphic arts. He is the author of "Word and Image," a history of the poster, and the co-author of "Revolutionary Soviet Film Posters." He is on the board of directors of Herman Miller of Zeeland and has been on the board of the College Art Association of the Print Council of America. His lectures are being coordinated by the Department of Art. For more information, persons may call 7-2455.

The Visiting Scholars and Artists Program, established in 1980 and has supported nearly 420 visits by scholars and artists representing more than 60 academic disciplines. The chairperson of the committee that oversees the program is Marcia A. Kingsley, University libraries.

More than 600 Native American performers from throughout the Midwest and Canada will sing, dance and display art at the third annual WMU Pow Wow Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 5-6, in Fieldhouse. The event, which is expected to draw more than 5,000 spectators, will run from 1 to 9 p.m. Saturday and from 1 to 6 p.m. Sunday. It is being sponsored by WMU's Native American Student Organization, Division of Minority Affairs and Student Budget Allocation Committees.

"We're doing this to bring an awareness of the Native American culture to the Kalamazoo community," said Julie A. Wyra, director of the research department and director for special collections, until he left for his present position in 1982.

Two pen book on professional writing

A current faculty member and a retired faculty member have published a new book on professional writing.

"Pre-Professional Writing," by Bernardine P. Carlson-Carmichael, emerita in English, and Bradley S. Hayden, English, recently was released by the Kendall-Hunt Publish of Dubuque, Iowa.

"The book grew out of our work conducting executive writing seminars for vari-

Medallion Scholars to be feted

Faculty and staff members are invited to meet the 15 recipients of this year's $2,000 Medallion Scholarships at a cocktail hour honoring them at 4 p.m. Friday, Oct. 4, in the Onn-Norlawn Ballroom of the Eastman Inn before the reception will follow the presentation. Four senior Medallion Scholars will speak along with E. Thomas Lawson, religion, who is chairperson of the Medallion Scholarship Committee, and J. Michael Kerp, Kalamazoo, a former WMU trustee who initiated the program.

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Topics ranging from the use of toys as teaching tools to the effects of video games on children will be explored in four talks at the University Wednesday and Thursday, Oct. 2-3.

Eugene F. Provenzo Jr., professor of education at the University of Miami, will be speaking as part of Visiting Scholars and Artists Program. An expert on education as a social and cultural phenomenon, he has written extensively on such subjects as the role of teachers in American society, the impact of computers on contemporary culture and education, and the history and design of toys. He is author of a 1991 book published by Harvard University Press titled "Video Kids: Making Sense of Nintendo."

His lecture schedule is:
- "Education and the Art of the Toy" at 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 2, in 2301 Sangren Hall.
- "Digital Culture and the Hypermedia Revolution" at 10 a.m., Thursday, Oct. 3, in 3210 Sangren Hall.

Political panelists to discuss developments in the USSR

A panel of experts from the Department of Political Science will meet to discuss the changes in the Soviet Union and their effect on the world.

The free program is titled "The Metaphors of the Soviet Union: Domestic and International Developments and Their Significance." It is designed to be both entertaining and educational.

Performances in the residence halls are scheduled between now and Oct. 9. For more information or a complete schedule, contact the Sindecuse Health Center sexual education program, onetoone counseling or information on minor abortions.

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Changes in insurance due Monday, Sept. 30

The annual open enrollment period for those who wish to change their present group hospital-medical insurance occurs Monday, Sept. 30. For more information, see the Sept. 12 Western News or call the benefits office at 7-3630.

In June 1989, the Board of Trustees awarded the University's alumni offices in their honor, the Harold A. and Beulah J. McKee Alumni Centennial Fund.

Beulah McKee was employed for many years as an elementary school teacher in the Parchment Public Schools, and many of the scholarships she sponsored were in support of WMU students in the elementary education curriculum. She and her husband, who taught at Kalamazoo Central High School, both passed away in May, 1972. She predeceased her husband in death by her husband on June 10, 1989.

The board of trustees created the McKee Scholarship Fund to be a memorial service for Beulah McKee in Kanley Chapel. The date and time of the service will be announced later. Donations may be made to the Harold and Beulah McKee Endowed Meditation Scholarship, which have, to date, provided for six of the University's prestigious Medalion Scholars.

Exchange

For SALE — Linit microwave, $50; also 28-inch drop-in GE stove/oven and range box, $50. Call Jim at 327-3798.


For RENT — Faculty home during winter semester (Jan. 1 through end of April). Five bedroom, three bath, living room, dining room, den, one and a half baths, kitchen, fireplace, garden, full furnished. Call D. Terry Williams at 7-3224 or 349-5898.

Media

Judd K. Morris, social work, discusses the process of cross-cultural adoption on "Focus," a five-minute interview produced by new services. The interview is scheduled to air Saturday, Sept. 28, at 10:15 a.m. on WKPR (AM-1420) and at 10:30 p.m. on WKZO (AM-950); and Sunday, Sept. 29, at 6:35 a.m. on WMKI (AM-1360).

Correction

A story in the Sept. 19 Western News regarding the Gender and Women's Education Program incorrectly reported that recommended requirements for the current general education program include eliminating current requirements for foreign language and upper-level science. There is no such requirement: foreign language and upper-level writing were eliminated from an earlier version of the program proposed for adoption. In addition, two courses approved to meet requirements of the world perspectives area of the new program, one would continue the requirement for study of the non-Western world.
Historical brochure wins Aaddy Award

"Preservation and Progress: Historic Houses in Western Michigan University," a brochure produced by VR Design of Kalamazoo, won a silver second-place award in the 1991 Aaddy Awards competition sponsored by the Ad Club of Southwest Michigan. The award was presented at the organization's con-
struction awards banquet Tuesday, Oct. 22. The 8,400-square-foot, one-story build-
ing was designed by DeWinter Associates Inc. of Grand Rapids and the general con-
tractor was L.D. Doxas Associates Inc. of Kalamazoo. It was dedicated Oct. 12, 1990.

Dahlberg selected to serve on environmental commission

Kenneth A. Dahlberg, political science, has been appointed a member of the Com-
nission on Environmental Strategy and Planning of the World Conservation Union, which is based in Switzerland. He is one of 111
members appointed from 39 countries.

Progress on addition to Older Americans Act is music to these faculty members' ears

WMU music therapists have been working closely during the past two months on an addition that has debuted and voted on the Music Therapy Amendment to the Older Americans Act of 1965, a bill extending federal benefits to the work of their profession.

"The hearing was held the first time that music therapy has received federal consideration," Scovel said. The act director for the project was Victor Rodriguez de VR Design. The brochure was a made possible by a grant from the WMU Foundation.

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Lee Honors College earns construction award

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gan. Featured in the publication are the Gibbs House, the Addy Dahl House on Oakland Drive and the Oaklands on campus.

Calendar

Theatre (thru Oct. 15) Hispanic Heritage Month exhibit, "America's Migrant Farmworkers: A Zest for Life health enhancement seminar, "Getting and Giving the Love You Need: Practical Strategies for Quality Family Time," lecture by Matthew C. Steel, music, 1109 Dalton Center, 7 p.m.

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