Janet Blanchard will help dedicate GR regional center

Janet A. Blanchard, wife of Gov. James J. Blanchard, will speak at the dedication of WMU's new Grand Rapids Regional Center Friday, Sept. 21. The public ceremony will begin at 2 p.m. at the center, located at 2333 East Beltline Ave. S.E.

The dedication will be followed by an open house until 5 p.m. A second open house has been scheduled for 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 22.

Michigan's first lady is a graduate of the WMU Division of Continuing Education. She earned a bachelor of science degree in applied liberal studies through WMU's Lansing Study Center in 1988.

Enrollment reaches new record level

Western Michigan University.

For the sixth consecutive year, total enrollment at WMU has increased over the previous year -- this fall to a record 26,430 students.

The total increase of 515 students or 2 percent over last year's total of 26,315 students.

Of the 23,430 students attending classes on campus, 3,841 are new students, a decrease of 373 students or 6 percent from last year's total of 3,614 new students.

The largest decrease in new students is in the number of beginning freshmen, which is down 518 students or 15.4 percent from last year's number of 3,369.

Applications and admissions were running about 15 percent below those from the previous year -- this fall to 2,248, an increase of 7 percent.

Of 2,340 students attending classes on campus, 3,841 are new students, a decrease of 373 students or 6 percent from last year's total of 3,614 new students.

The increase in on-campus enrollment is primarily because more students who could attend WMU are staying and more students are attending community colleges and other four-year institutions are transferring.

"This increase reflects well on our academic quality," said Susan B. Hannah, assistant vice president for academic affairs, "and it's certainly consistent with our newly renovated and expanded building, we are very much a part of its future," he said.

Haenicke pledged continued cooperation with other institutions of higher education that also serve Grand Rapids.

WMU began offering classes in Grand Rapids in 1916 and opened its regional center in the city in 1965. Now 1,500 students take some 90 classes each semester that lead to 25 complete degree programs, most at the graduate level. Some 200 WMU faculty members teach through the center.

"Our new facility in Grand Rapids will help us consolidate our services, and make them more convenient to use," Haenicke said, noting that until now WMU had offered classes in as many as 14 locations around the city. The building also will be available for daytime use as a conference center.

"This new building enhances our commitment to economic development in Grand Rapids, Kent County and all of West Michigan," said Richard T. Burke, vice president for regional education and economic development. "We accomplish this through partnerships with business, government, education and development.

WMU is a member of the Research and Technology Institute of West Michigan, the National Consortium for Engineering Education and the College Consortium Assisting Business and Industry, among other such organizations designed to foster economic development in Grand Rapids.

WMU's Grand Rapids Regional Center is one of six centers throughout West Michigan that serve nearly 4,000 students each semester as a part of the Division of Continuing Education. Headed by Dean Geoffrey A. Smith, the division constitutes the second largest off-campus education program in the state.

The $5.7 million facility, the former Sentry Insurance building, features a two-story, 2,000-square-foot main lobby for classrooms, labs, faculty offices and student advising, a dining room and banquet room, administrative offices, an area for faculty offices and student advising, and a patio.

Renovations were completed earlier this summer. The architect is Robert Lee Wold Associates and the general contractor is C.D. Barnes Associates, both of Grand Rapids.

The Grand Rapids Regional Center is directed by Brian L. Akers. The staff includes Stephen E. Vesbit, manager of operations; Thomas J. Blakely, director of the tri-county social work program; Kailash M. Bafna, assistant dean for continuing engineering education; and All M. Metwalli, director of off-campus master of business administration degree programs.

Five undergraduate degree programs and 20 graduate degree programs are offered entirely in Grand Rapids, including those from the colleges of arts and sciences, business, education, engineering and applied sciences, and human services.

Corporate Olympians

The 150 members of the three Zest for Life teams were off and pulling for WMU at the Corporate Olympics opening ceremonies and tug-of-war competition Sept. 13 at Wings Stadium.

At LEFT: Sue H. Green, Bernhard Center, won the right to carry the torch and open the games because she received last year's Steve Walsh Award for motivation and encouragement. ABOVE: Felicia A. Clark, administrative data processing, and Currin M. Cosley, health, physical education and recreation, pulled with all their might, only to lose in the first round of the tug-of-war. WMU's Corporate Olympians will be competing the rest of this week in such events as swimming, bicycling, running and cheerleading.

Events will culminate Saturday, Sept. 22, with the afternoon "Parade of Athletes" and closing ceremonies at Kalamaugat High School. The meeting will be for a complete schedule, persons may call the Zest for Life office at 7-3262.

Koonz to discuss women and Nazi Germany

Claudia Koonz, winner of the 1987 National Book Award for nonfiction and professor of history at Duke University, will give two presentations at WMU next week.

She will speak on "The Second Sex in the Third Reich" at 8 p.m. Monday, Sept. 24, in 2302 Sangren Hall. And she will discuss "Women Against Feminism: From Nazi Germany to the New Right" from noon to 1 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 25, in Red Room A of the Bernhard Center.

Koonz is the author of "Mothers in the Fatherland: Women, Family and Nazi Politics," which won the book award.

Board to meet at Grand Rapids center

The Board of Trustees will conduct its Friday, Sept. 21, meeting at the University's new Grand Rapids Regional Center. The meeting will be at 9 a.m. at the center, 2333 East Beltline Ave. S.E.

The trustees are gathering in Grand Rapids so they can attend the dedication of the center at 2 p.m. Friday.

Agenda items include a recommendation on presidential compensation, as well as the ratification of a new three-year collective bargaining agreement with WMU's chapter of the American Association of University Professors. In addition, the trustees are expected to approve a schedule of meeting dates for 1991 and consider the acquisition of property. Gift, grant and personnel reports also are on the agenda.

These Board committee meetings also are set for Sept. 21 at the regional center. Academic and Student Affairs Committee at 8:30 a.m.; and Budget and Finance Committee at 9:15 a.m. All meetings are open to the public.
Faculty Senate approves proposed policies designed to keep library books circulating

The Faculty Senate Sept. 13 approved proposed circulation policies for the University libraries for faculty and staff members, for WMU students and for special groups.

The new policies, approved by the administration, will take effect the next spring, when the libraries' computerized circulation system is implemented.

The new policies are intended to keep books circulating and to prevent the hoarding of books," said Peter W. Krawutschke, chairperson of languages and linguistics and chairperson of the Senate's Library Affairs Committee. "They also set out the criteria by which library privileges can be suspended."

Krawutschke said that the criteria for faculty and staff members are:

- If a person is considered to be a library abuser, the loan period is changed from one month, with the option of keeping items for the semester, to a loan period of a month.
- Renewal by telephone will be allowed up to 10 times; each third renewal will require the physical return of items.
- The first overdue notice is generated at 14 days rather than at seven days, with no overdue fines accrued. Only one overdue notice is generated. A bill for lost items, which includes replacement costs and a billing fee, is generated at 45 days rather than at 28 days.
- Overdue renewal fines are accrued at $1 per day up to a maximum of $15.
- Library privileges are suspended when a person's library privileges exceed $100, when items are 60 or more days overdue, or when a person has returned the item in unsatisfactory condition.
- Fines are charged for lost items, except when a person is able to prove the item was returned to the library through the automated circulation system.
- Staff members are:
  - Norman C.拓展, an expert on medieval history, American history and its sources. Moderators will be Marilyn S. Tatem, an expert on labor and social movements, and Charles L. Henderson, an expert on the social and psychological impact of racial and ethnic/cultural stigma on black and other minority students.
- Karen R. Sacks, director of women's studies and associate professor of anthropology at the University of California at Los Angeles, an expert in the field of women's, work and health care studies as well as an authority on political anthropology, and ethnic/cultural stigma on black and other minority students.
- Philip C. Cohen, professor of political science and chairperson of the Senate's Library Affairs Committee.
- Lisa M. Coleman, an associate professor of political science at the University of Colorado at Boulder, an authority on the social and psychological impact of racial/ethnic/cultural stigma on black and other minority students.
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Market surveys examined

The market surveys used by the Department of Human Resources to help determine compensation rates for various administrative and clerical/technical employees will be presented during a series of meetings Oct. 1-5.

The seminars will cover how the market surveys are conducted, what positions are used and how they impact salaries at the University. They are being sponsored by the Administrative Professional Association and the Clerical/Technical Organization.

Presenters will be Anne E. Thompson and Janice E. Brown, both human relations professionals. Moderators will be Marilyn S. Kitzman, chairperson of the APA, and Deborah L. Bartholomew, president of the CITO.

All meetings will take place in Red Room A of the Bernhard Center. The times and dates are: Monday, Oct. 1; 8 to 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 2; 3 to 5 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 3; note change in time from Friday; and Thursday, Oct. 4.

Flyers are being distributed on campus and employees are asked to reserve a space by filling out the bottom portion of the sheet with the meeting(s) they wish to attend and returning it to the University in dining services.

WELCOMING GRADUATE STUDENTS -- New and returning graduate students and postdoctoral scholars welcomed to the University by the student Senate, Sept. 13, in the Bernhard Center. Among the 300 students who turned out for the event, which was sponsored by the Office of Adult Learning Services, the Western Griffin undergraduate, graduate and professional students' organization, the Vice President for Student Services. In addition to meeting faculty, staff and graduate students, the 80 participants were able to pick up their ID cards and purchasing parking stickers. From left, Paula J. Boodi, Graduate College, and John F. McDonough III, chairperson of the Graduate Student Senate, welcome the students. Wheaton students: Jill McAfee of Troy and Gerald G. Houvener of Hickory Corners.
'Express lane' speeds up admissions process

Ballroom of the Bernhard Center.

Humanities and formal and informal education can then be viewed on other computers and any video source. The computer program, the counselors will notify the year's Brown and Gold Day at WMU will have the opportunity to complete the admissions process in one day.

Henderson emphasized that counselors who use regular WMU admission standards in making decisions. "Students who have a high school diploma should have met the high standards of consideration and not just been processed automatically," he said.

Ulrich to speak on ethics in academia

"Ethics in Academy? And Other Precambriens of Modern Civilization" is the title of a talk to be presented at 3 p.m. Friday, Sept. 28, in 3020 Friedmann Hall. The free talk is sponsored by WMU's Center for the Study of Ethics in Social Research. Roger E. Ulrich, psychologist, will discuss the problem of correlating what faculty members believe about the nature and role of ethics in their academic profession and how to behave when it comes to combating the ecological destruction caused by the thought and behavior in ways that promote a more environmentally friendly and socially just lifestyle globally while acting locally.

The Behavior Research and Development Center, which is responsible for research at the Lake Vill., is looking for volunteers to help with the Research and Development Center, a pre-school day care center.

"Survival Tactics for Supervisors" is designed to help participants develop skills in thought management, and behavior in ways that promote a more environmentally friendly and socially just lifestyle globally while acting locally.

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- Dorcas D. Bowles, professor of sociology at Georgia State University, who will be teaching part time in the School of Social Work.
- Norman N. Davis III, supervisor of safety at General Motors in Kalamazoo, who will be teaching being part time in the Department of Safety and Environmental Management during the fall and winter semesters; and
- Dillon Davis, chairman of the Michigan State University Department of Safety and Environmental Management, who will be teaching part time in the School of Social Work.

One week during his term; and

- Roger Y. Tang, the Upjohn Chair of Business Administration and Executive Officer of Nippondenso Manufacturing, U.S.A. and Executive Managing Director of the Nippondenso Co. Ltd., Japan; and Howard J. Dooley, international affairs director of the University of Denver.

The King/Chavez/Parks Program is the brainchild of Rep. Morris Hood of Detroit, chairperson of the Michigan House Education Committee, and G. Scott Cowers, executive director of the Black Scholar magazine, an independent journal of black studies and research. She has been a reporter for the Chicago Daily Defender, public information officer for the University of Illinois and vice president of community relations coordinator for the Institute for Food and Development Policy in San Francisco.

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This year's visiting professors are:

- Reginald McKnight, assistant professor of mathematics and statistics emeriti at the University of Pittsburgh, who will be teaching during the winter semester in the Department of English.
- Susan B. Hannah, assistant vice president for State University System affairs and director of the program, said, "This exposure to minorities in academia helps to encourage minority students that they might want to become teachers. And the program also plays a leadership role in encouraging minority students, who aren't necessarily educators, to do so as well."
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