Six faculty members win computer incentive awards

An experimental grant supported by the University and the makers of Apple computers has resulted in awards allowing six faculty members to purchase new computer equipment at a quarter of its normal cost.

The equipment will allow the six to use computer technology to develop new research programs that range from exploring the historical background in children's literature to helping professions involved in the care of children.

Once a faculty member's proposal has been evaluated by a peer review committee, recommendations on the proposal are forwarded to the provost and vice president for academic and student affairs.

If the proposal is accepted, the faculty awardee must pay 25 percent of the discounted cost of the equipment. WMU and Apple provide the remaining 75 percent through a matching grant.

Pippen, Walker honored for distinguished service

Sally V. Pippen, director of residence hall life, and Lewis Walker, professor of sociology, are recipients of this year's Distinguished Service Awards.

Pippen will be presented with a plaque and a $1,500 honorarium at the 10th annual Academic Convocation at 3 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 31 in the Dalby Room of the Bernhard Center. Special guests will be David and Linda Riehl, chairman and human services, and G. Gwen Raabeing, Women's Center. The University community is invited to attend.

A reception to honor and welcome Pippen, Walker and the other award recipients will run from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. in the President's Dining Room of the Burton Library. Special guests will be University President John R. McCarthy and his wife, Kay; and Michael D. Martin, chancellor of the Detroit Mercy Campus.

Women's Center. The event will begin at 4:30 p.m. and run from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. in the President's Dining Room of the Burton Library. Special guests will be University President John R. McCarthy and his wife, Kay; and Michael D. Martin, chancellor of the Detroit Mercy Campus.

Pippen joined the WMU staff in 1964 as a residence hall director and part-time counselor. She was promoted to her present position in 1971. She also has taught classes in educational leadership, reading and writing during her years at the University.

As director of residence hall life, she has responsibilities for recruitment and training a staff of 15 professionals and 65 paraprofessionals. This helps establish student life policies for the residence halls, resolves student and staff problems, organizes programs to meet the developmental needs of residents and works with residence hall student government representatives.

Pippen received her Bachelor of Science degree in education from Oklahoma State University in 1964.

Walker joined the WMU faculty in 1964. His areas of specialization include race relations, criminal justice, methodolog-

• John B. Dilworth, philosophy. He is the author or editor of 23 articles.
• Maryellen Hains, English. She will use her award to create a diagnostic test for students studying European history. The tutorial program, called CLIO TUTOR, is being run on the University's mainframe computer for use by about 250 students. In addition to the administrative work, Porter will be evaluating commercial software and developing new software for use in teaching history.
• Beverly R. David, humanities and theater. David will use her new equipment to run a pilot program for 65 to 80 freshmen who are enrolled in the Direct Encounter With the Arts program. Her goal is to introduce computer writing skills and familiarize students with electronic mail. The students will use computer labs around the campus to do their written work based on arts performances and will send that work to David for review via electronic mail.
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$125,000 United Way goal challenges employees

This year's United Way drive on campus will be a challenge for WMU employees. With a goal of $125,000, it is $15,000 higher than last year and the campaign was kicked off on Oct. 9.

"In the past four years, we've exceeded our goal each year and I'm hopeful and confident that this year we will be as successful," said Barbara S. Liggett, associate vice president for human resources and chairperson of the WMU campaign.

Liggett's drive began Oct. 9 and ends Oct. 27. In past years, the drive has run four weeks instead of three. The goal this year is $125,000, up from last year's target of $110,000 but only slightly more than the $123,000 actually collected in 1988.

At training meetings for some 125 fund-raisers from University departments last week, Liggett told the volunteers that WMU's United Way had a history of making the grade: in 1985, the goal was $85,000 and $87,000 was raised; in 1986, the goal was $90,000 and $94,000 was raised; and in 1987, the goal was $90,000 and $109,000 was raised.

"Last year's giving of $13,000 over goal was a banner year," Liggett said. This year's goal represents the effort of a stretch, but I'm confident we can make it.

Anne E. Thompson, human resources, who is assisting with the campaign, told the fund-raisers that WMU's United Way means more than giving to WMU employees. "We tend to think of ourselves as givers, but we're also users," she said.

According to data from the United Way of Michigan Office of the United Way, which uses the services of one or more of the United Way's 57 agencies last year, WMU was one of the five major area institutions that gave money to the United Way. Liggett said that 115 employees volunteered their time to work with one of the agencies. The United Way goal is set for the total number of employees, and those numbers are conservative because not all agencies record the employer of their volunteer.

Forum to address medical ethics issues

Some of the issues considered by hospital ethics committees will be discussed in a forum on Oct. 7, in the Faculty Lounge of the Bernhard Center. The discussion is being held as part of the Study of Ethics in Society.

Participants will be Cheryl Schaeffer, Virginia Jones, SSJ, and Gloria Mejia, a registered nurse, who are both members of the Bioethics in the Workplace/Borgess Medical Center. Jones is vice president for mission effectiveness at Borgess and Mejia is a clinical nurse specialist in the hospital's neuro care unit. Also participating will be decades Borgess, director of the bioethics program, and Richard L. Piper, logistical services.

The forum will address what types of treatment decisions are ethically justifiable and legally justifiable. The questions to be discussed include: the importance of weighing the benefits and burdens of treatment; treatment decisions to be held or withdrawn; treatment decisions for patients who lack capacity; and artificially supplied nutrition and hydration.

Chuck Schaeffer, WMU's loaned executive from First of America, explained the United Way's allocation process to the fund-raisers. There are five major areas in which dollars are allocated: to care for children; to meet needs of the elderly; to assist people in crises; to offer support to the mentally ill and developmentally disabled; and to respond to the needs of AIDS patients and AIDS education.

"The forum will also show a videotape that highlighted the allocation process and the fact that the distribution of money raised for United Way is decided by a committee of volunteer fund-raisers." Liggett concluded a fund-raiser meeting on Oct. 5 by announcing that the volunteers weren't starting from scratch. Solicitation letters sent to retirees and emeriti the week before had already netted $40,000 in contributions for the WMU United Way campaign.

$8,579 collected so far

United Way contributors already are on their way to this year's United Way goal. As of Oct. 10, $8,579 had been collected from 81 retirees, emeriti and active employees.

Groundwater specialists here for conference

Groundwater specialists from 14 Midwest universities and colleges will be gathering on the WMU campus Thursday and Friday, Oct. 19-20, for the 34th annual Midwest Groundwater Conference.

The gathering will bring together state, federal and university regulatory experts and researchers for two days of discussions on current issues in groundwater research and management. Playing host to the event at the Fetzer Institute will be WMU's Institute for Water Sciences and the Department of Geology.

Conference chairperson Alan E. Kehew, geology, says this is the first time in 25 years that such a conference has been cosponsored by a Midwestern university and the Michigan Geological Survey. The conference, he says, is being organized by the host state's natural resources department or by the state's geological survey office, but is being held in a different location every year. In Michigan, the Michigan Geological Survey will host the event this year.

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Senate discusses alcohol abuse among students

The issue of alcohol abuse among students was brought to the Senate by an email from the Faculty Senate Oct. 5 in a report by the Rev. Donald Van Hoeven, campus substance abuse service director.

It will be back. Authorities from Van Hoeven that as much as 20 percent of the University's undergraduates report having become intoxicated at least weekly before age 16.

President Linda M. Delene, marketing, called on the Student Affairs Committee to develop "pro-active recommendations" for later Senate consideration.

"We placed this issue on the agenda because it would be the first time, at least while I've been here, that the issue had been discussed by a group with a predominately faculty focus," Delene said.

Van Hoeven's figures stem from a survey that last spring and summer conducted under his leadership last winter with a grant from the Kalamazoo County Department of Human Services.

The survey was designed and conducted by the University's Community Information System.

"This is the start on a program to measure the realities of what are currently understood to be academic problems students have. We haven't asked ourselves how it may impact our academic community or intervene, and we obviously have done no thought in this area," Van Hoeven said.

"Yet it's in the academic setting that you see the program showing itself over and over again."

"I am asking the question, 'How ought we to function as a faculty community?'
ds he said. "My belief is that unless we deal with the abuse of alcohol and other drugs, nothing else matters."

Van Hoeven applauded current efforts at the University to deal with the issue.

The issue of alcohol abuse among students came to the Faculty Senate Oct. 17, and 8:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 18, for the first Great Lakes Alcohol Abuse Roundtable. The conference is being sponsored by the University's Community Information System.

"The training office's popular "Valuing Diversity" seminar set is being presented for non-supervisory employees from 8:30 a.m. to noon Tuesday, Oct. 17, in 204 Brown Hall, and the "Valuing Diversity" seminar on the changing make-up of University's workforce from 8:30 a.m. to noon Wednesday, Oct. 18 at WMU for 11 years, says his operation runs well only because of the teamwork of many employees. "I give the directions, but only through the team does anybody's effort be a success," he says.
A BOOST FOR MINORITY EDUCATION — Encouraging minority youth to remain in education was the topic of a statewide teleconference Oct. 3 that originated in Detroit and was seen via satellite in the Fetzer Center on campus. The teleconference, which kicked off a month-long "Higher Education is a Right for Everyone" media campaign, was followed by a local panel discussing WMU's "Student Success" commitment.

"The teleconference, which kicked off a month-long "Higher Education is a Right for Everyone" media campaign was organized by the Michigan Department of Education's Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction, the Kellogg National Trust, and the Michigan Association of University Professors. The campaign was supported by the Michigan Department of Education's Office of Minority Equity and WTVC/Channel 56 in Detroit to actively mobilize interest in preparing for and achieving a college education.

Waks to discuss the role of ethics education in participation of citizens in technology

Leonard Waks, professor of science, technology and society at Pennsylvania State University, will present two talks on ethics education and participatory technology November 12. He will speak on "Ethics Education and Citizen Participation in Technology Dominated Issues" at 4:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 19 in 3750 Knapp Hall. The author of the book, Science, Technology and Society: Education and Citizen Participation, he currently is coordinating the ethics and values activities of a National Science Foundation grant to establish a science, technology and society support network for K-12 education.

Waks' visit is made possible by a grant from GTE to WMU's Center for the Study of Ethics in Society for a Program on Technology, Knowledge and Responsibility.

Calendar

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Thursday/12

(thru 15) Hispanic Heritage Month cultural exhibit of books and art by Hispanics, main lobby, Waldo Library.

(thru 10) Exhibit of wall hangings and weavings by Nancy Crampton, Kalamazoo fiber artist, 1240 Seibert Administration Building, weekdays, 8 a.m.-noon and 1-5 p.m.

Training seminar for supervisors, "Interaction Management," 204 Bernhard Center, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.

Tax tips and savings meetings, organized by the benefits office of the Department of Human Resources, West Ballroom, Bernhard Center, 9:30-11:30 a.m. and 1:30-3:30 p.m.

(thru 20) Color photography exhibition, "Re-Visioning the Shenandoah Valley," Fredrick Marsh, Columbus, Ohio, Gallery 2, Sangren Hall, weekdays, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

(thru 14) Homecoming celebration: Thursday, "Sweetwater Fritter Fest," Bernhard Center, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Spiritual Journey Series, Joseph Campbell video, "The Message of the Myth," Cornelius Loew, discussion leader, St. Aidan's Chapel, 3-5 p.m.

Meals (15) Musical, "Financial Aid and Student Services Council of the Faculty Senate, Conference Room A, Seibert Administration Building, 3 p.m."

University film series, "The Lavender Hill Mob" (England, 1951), directed by Robert Hamett and William Hay, 7:30 p.m.

Friday/13

Meeting, Executive Board and Council of Representatives of the Administrative Professional Association, Faculty Dining Room, Bernhard Center, 10 a.m.

Homecoming: Soapbox Derby, Gikison Avenue, 2 p.m.; "Yell Like Hell" and banner spirit competition, Intramural Field on Rankin Avenue, 7 p.m.; bonfire and fireworks will follow; All Campus Dance, South Ballroom, Bernhard Center, 9 p.m.

Reception for minority graduate students, Fetzer Center ballroom, 3:30-5 p.m.

Hockey, WMU vs. Ferris State University, Lawson Arena, 7:30 p.m.

Concert, "Yellowjackets," Miller Auditorium, 9:30 p.m.

Saturday/14

Workshop, "Taking the ACT," 1008 Tringe Building, 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Homecoming: Onyx Society brunch, East Ballroom, Bernhard Center, 9:30 a.m.; *Alumni Association brunch, East Ballroom, Bernhard Center, 9 a.m.; *American Association of University Professors and the Academic Senate, Alumni Center across from Tringe, 10 a.m.; *Alumni Association champagne brunch, East Ballroom, Bernhard Center, 9 a.m.

*Admission charged