President issues statement concerning weekend events

President Haenecir issued this letter Oct. 16 concerning events that took place near campus over the weekend.

"The events of this past weekend throw a dark shadow over our Homecoming activities. While I hold that students, as Western should have a good time and while I am a great defender of our students in their acts of youthful exuberance, the rowdiness and vandalism — by a small number of persons — is what I consider to be tolerable behavior in the University. In fact, I take an exceedingly dim view of that extreme irresponsibility that knows no respect for the personal safety and property of others. We will take the severe possible measures against any WMU student who can be identified as being an active participant in acts of violence and vandalism.

Therefore, I am today offering rework for the following students: $1,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible for the threat to personal safety and destruction of personal property that took place over the weekend near our campus. Any such persons who have information should contact Michigan University, and who by their behavior have proven that they pose a danger to the University community, will be subject to the University judicial process, which provides for sanctions up to and including expulsion.

"I am also strongly concerned that this sort of conduct is completely unacceptable on this campus or in the larger community, and that it runs counter to the values and traditions of this institution. If there are some few persons among our students who believe that such behavior will be tolerated, they are sorely mistaken."

The conference, intended for black leaders in the Third Congressional District, begins at 12:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 31, in the Kellogg Center, and runs through Wednesday, Nov. 1. The awards will be presented to the winners at the 10th annual Academic Convocation at 3 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 31, in the Kellogg Center Recital Hall. In addition to a plaque, they will receive a $1,500 cash award and $1,000 will be added to their state salaries in July 1990.

Since the Alumni Teaching Excellence Awards were established in 1985, some 100 faculty members have been recognized with them for superior teaching skills and professional expertise. Recipients are selected by an Alumni Awards Committee, which is responsible for nominations by alumni, students and departmental colleagues.

Brown joined the faculty at WMU in 1955. He founded the University Archives and the Regional History Collections in 1959 and served part-time as that area's director until 1966. He teaches undergraduate and graduate courses in Michigan history as well as in American history, especially focusing on Colonial America and the American Revolution.

"His commitment to the education of his students was obvious both in and outside the classroom," said one former student in nominating Brown for the award. "His lectures were well-organized and interesting. He was always willing to spend unlimited amounts of time with his students. His love of both history and teaching made studying under him a pleasure."

Marcia Ann Gillespie, executive editor of Ms. magazine, is scheduled to be the keynote speaker at the luncheon, which begins at 12:30 p.m. in the Kellogg Center.

Workshop topics and speakers include:
- "Drugs/Substance Abuse: Programs and Solutions," with Smith; James Allen, executive director of Addicts Rehabilitation Center Fund Inc.; and Van Dicker, a therapist with Midwest Recovery Center at Borgess Medical Center.
- "Black Images in a Corporate Environment" with Charles A. Boyce, vice president for urban affairs, and other representatives of Michigan Bell.
- "What Difference Can One Person Make?" with Jerry Felkel; and Louis Stokes of Ohio will speak during a workshop.

"The purpose of the conference is to discuss actions that we can take together to eliminate legal, economic and social barriers that limit the full participation of African-Americans in American society," Wolfe said.

The conference, intended for black leaders in the Third Congressional District, which Wolfe represents, is open to the public. Sponsors include: Consumers Insurance Co., Detroit Edison, Kraft/General Foods Inc., Michigan Bell, the Michigan State Farm Insurance, the Upjohn Co. and WFM.

The conference is free with a lunch cost of $8, which can be waived under certain circumstances, said Derry Warr, a member of Wolfe's Kalamazoo staff. Reservations may be made through Wolfe's office by calling 385-0039.

Three faculty members will be recognized for superior classroom skills with Alumni Teaching Excellence Awards.

Presented by the Alumni Association, the awards will go to: Brown; Stevenson; and Robert W. Feisser, languages and linguistics; and Leo J. Stevenson, finance and commercial law.

FELIX STEVENSON

Brown has edited books and has written numerous articles and reviews for professional journals. The former president of the Kalamazoo Historical Society, he has served as a trustee of the Historical Society of Michigan and is a member of the Kalamazoo Historical Commission. He is a member of Phi Alpha Theta history honor society and for several years served in leadership positions in WMU's Faculty Senate.

Felix has been a WMU faculty member since 1971. He teaches undergraduate and graduate classes in Spanish language and literature. "Dr. Felix is a highly competent and thoroughly professional educator who sets high standards of performance for himself and brings out the best in his students," said a former student who nominated him for the award. "A truly kindled good humor, his patience, his consummate love of preparation, his enthusiasm for his subject and his constant professional development make him an inspiration to others."

A special interest of Felix is Cervantes' masterpiece, "Don Quixote." He also has a knack for using "real life" situations to explain many aspects of the law.

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The co-author of "Legal Environment: An Introduction to the American System of Law," which is now in its eighth printing. He also has written several articles for professional journals on such business law topics as the Uniform Commercial Code and warranties. In addition, he wrote a guide for WMU students interested in law school.

A member of the American Business Law Association and the Tri State Business Law Association, Stevenson also serves as contract administrator for WMU's chapter of the American Association of University Professors.

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Campaign business means 'busyness' for loaned execs

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“It is like three months of opening work at Western,” says Robert W. Sprick, assistant director of the Western Michigan University’s loaned executives to the 1989 Greater Kalamazoo United Way Campaign.

Guenther and Sprick are two of 14 area executives working with United Way in 1989. The loaned executives are serving their campaigns as full-time employees for the three-week period, which began Aug. 28. They will work on the campaign through Nov. 10.

The loaned executives screen 150 initial week of intensive training includes familiarization tours of several of the 57 human service agencies that receive funding through United Way. That training alone, Sprick says, can prove to be a revelation. Part of his training involved a brief stint delivering ‘Meals on Wheels’ to area senior citizens. Another was at the McKepper Rehabilitation Center.

“I thought I was pretty literate about the community and the kinds of services that were available,” he says, “but it was really an eye-opening experience.”

Guenther served her United Way campaign in 1971 when she was a coordinator for WMUK-FM and interacted with 12 of the 25 WMU’s part in the campaign. Despite her familiarity with United Way, she said she was surprised by the size, scope and type of agencies that United Way supports.

“Last year, United Way agencies served 71,000 people,” Guenther says. “That's one person every 20 Western students.”

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Guenther did some work with United Way in 1987, “and I've been a real enthusiast since then,” Guenther says. “This is really an eye-opening experience.”

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This campaign has a goal of $125,000. Nearly 640 replies, givers, emeritus and active employees have sent in their donations. The drive runs through Oct. 27.

Health economics, accounting experts here

Oct. 25-26 as part of Visiting Scholars Program

Experts on health economics and on international accounting will be at the University Wednesday and Thursday, Oct. 25-26, as part of the Visiting Scholars Program.

Burton A. Weisbrod, the Eugene Hascom Professor of Economics at the University of Wisconsin at Madison, will make two presentations on Wednesday. At 3 p.m., he will discuss “The Health Care Policy Trilemma: Technological Change, Health Care Insurance and Cost Containment” in 3750 Knauss Hall. And at 8 p.m., he will lecture on “The Nonprofit Economy (or, Capitalism, Socialism Are Not Enough)” in 3750 Knauss Hall.

Gerhard S. Mueller, affiliate program professor of accounting at the University of Washington, will discuss “Accounting and Corporate Business” at 7 p.m. Thursday in the Putney Auditorium of the Fetzer Center.

Weisbrod also is the founder and director of the Center for Health Economics and Containment.

Guenther and Sprick report that they will be left with positive feelings about the United Way method of fund raising, one says they are, "remarked by professionalism and a well-developed communication network.

"Without exception," Guenther says, “the owners and the managers of the agencies, the loaned executives understand and are committed to the work of United Way. It makes the work of a loaned executive easier. I’m also amazed at the level of commitment and the amount of money being contributed as well as the number of people who make their donation through regular payroll deductions.”

Sprick, who lives in Mattawan and oversees the area executive assigned a major division of the community in which to concentrate his or her efforts, was surprised by the size, scope and type of agencies that United Way supports.

"That's one out of every three people in the community in which to concentrate!" Sprick says. "I used to think it was a non-profit sector. Her major accounts include First National Bank of Kalamazoo, with Upjohn Co. executive Albert Chang to work in the financial sector.

"It's been a good growth experience for me," he says. "It's a nice way to try something completely different."

Nearby of half goal collected so far

With a little over a week to go in the campus United Way drive, a total of $56,646.40 has been collected. That’s 45.3 percent of this year’s goal of $125,000. Nearly 640 replies, givers, emeritus and active employees have sent in their donations. The drive runs through Oct. 27.

Loaned execs

Patricia M. Guenther, WESTOPS, left, and Robert W. Sprick, campus apartments, are serving this year as part of United Way. Here, they check out the thermometer at the United Way office to see the progress of the $5,570,425 community-wide campaign.

University invited to Medallion Scholars program

Faculty and staff members are invited to attend this year’s Medallion Scholars program at 4 p.m. Monday, Oct. 23, at the Fetzer Center. Persons are asked to call the WMU Foundation at 7-6171 if they plan to attend.

The event, sponsored by the Medallion Scholarship Committee, recognizes this year’s 14 Medallion Scholars and will include remarks by E. Thomas Lawson, chairperson of religion and of the committee. The 56 current Medallion Scholars and representatives of their donors and donors will be recognized.

A reception will follow. Each merit-based Medallion Scholarship award is valued at $5,000 over four years and next year will be increased to $25,000. Funds come from private donors, whose names the scholarship is awarded.

Employees can obtain new vehicle stickers

Persons of the Department of Public Safety will be registering employee vehicles through Tuesday, Oct. 31, in the lobbies of various buildings.

Dr. H. Welch, public safety, expects fewer people to register in person this year than last year because of a new registration system instituted this fall.

Employees who register in person next fall were sent a form and given the opportunity to register and receive their new stickers by mail.

To register in person, employees must show their current vehicle registrations, their faculty and staff identification cards, and their drivers licenses. The stickers should be placed on the lower right corner of the front windshield.

All employees must have their vehicles registered for the United Way campaign.

Public safety personnel will be in the lobbies of the following buildings on these dates between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.:

Seiffert Auditorium, October 18; 1 Gwinn Hall, October 18; 2 Rood Hall, Thursday, Oct. 19; McCracken Hall, Monday, Oct. 23; Kohrmann Hall, Tuesday, Oct. 24; East Hall, Wednesday, Oct. 25; McNamar Hall, Thursday, Oct. 26; visio Library, Monday, October 27; and Ellworth Hall, Tuesday, Oct. 30.

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Fewer than 150 seniors plan to take the tests.

Faculty and staff members are asked to remind their seniors that a requirement is for graduation.

Barnett to advocate legalization of drugs

A former senior staff economist on the drug war, Barnett will speak on “Drug Legalization” at 8 p.m. in 3750 Knauss Hall on Oct. 25.

He says drug laws cause more harm than they prevent — much more than the general public. He believes the solution is to legalize illegal drugs.

While an assistant professor in Cook County’s criminal justice system, Barnett had been on the felony trial division, the homicide/sex crimes division and the appellate criminal review unit and the auto theft unit. He is the author of several articles in the criminal justice literature, but Barnett has also written one book, "The Rights Retained by the Accused: The Fifth, Sixth, Seventh, Eighth, Ninth and Tenth Amendments" and "Assessing the Criminal: Restitution, Retribution and Community Service." Barnett's address is being sponsored by the Center for the Study of Ethics in Society and Criminal Justice Program.

"It's been a good growth experience for me,” he says. "It's a nice way to try something completely different."
Computer communications specialist to speak

An engineer who adapted the technology to serve persons with disabilities gave a synthetic "voice" to a host of disabled people. Stephen Hawking," a neurologist who is near total incapacitation because of ALS, continues to write and lecture internationally by using the Words+ system. His recent best-selling book, "A Brief History of Time," includes a note crediting the system with aiding him.

The Words+ system utilizes technical devices such as infrared switches, optical pointers and mouse or trackball controls. It contains an only available system offering adaptive word prediction -- a feature that allows the user to mark words commonly used words and select the correct word from among a group of 10 likely words that appear on the screen. The feature can cut needed computer keystrokes by up to 65 percent.

The most recently developed product in the Words+ line is called ACES (Augmentative Communication Evaluation System). ACES was developed to help speech and language professionals evaluate the needs of speech and language impaired clients. Currently, WMU's Department of Speech Pathology and Audiology is the only facility in the state that owns the ACES hardware and software system. Part of Waltosz' time on campus will be devoted to training speech-language pathologists in the use of ACES.

Waltosz' visit to WMU is supported in part by a grant from the U.S. Department of Education, a more information about the Waltosz visit, persons may contact Sandra Gillet, speech pathology and audiology, at 7-8064.
MINORITY GRADUATE STUDENTS HONORED — Stacy V. Simpson, center, of Oak Park, was among the minority graduate students recognized at a reception on Oct. 19, 1989, sponsored by the Graduate College Diversity Program. Simpson, who is master of business administration degree, is a graduate of Wilberforce University. She is studying at WMU under the Black Students' Opportunities and Training (BSOT) program. This presentation is designed for the medical community and people interested in health studies.

Drops due Oct. 27

The last day to withdraw from one or more fall semester classes without academic penalty is Friday, Oct. 27. Students wishing to drop or 'drops' must be processed in person in the academic dean's office on the third floor of the Seibert Administration Building. Hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Winter semester 1990 registration, drops and adds may be done by telephone, but drops for fall semester 1989 must be done in person.

Conference

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Amish, assistant chancellor of the University of Illinois at Chicago, and Earl R. Poitras, director of the Office of Minority Equity in the Michigan Department of Education, facilitator.

** "Economic Strength/Community Development" with Larry Leatherwood, deputy director of the Michigan Department of Transportation Bureau of Administration, facilitator.

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