Task force to look at alcoholism

A task force on alcoholism has been appointed by President Haenicke to review existing regulations, data, educational initiatives, counseling and support programs, and to make appropriate recommendations.

"I had decided to establish this task force before the recent events surrounding our neighboring schools," Haenicke said. "The violence and vandalism that occurred that weekend simply underscore the importance and need for such an extensive review." Haenicke has asked the task force to focus on the following:

- What regulations exist on campus and in the university's residence halls regarding alcohol abuse?
- What do they need to revise? If yes, in what form?
- What information do we possess regarding excessive use of alcohol on our campuses?
- What educational initiatives exist in the University to assist those who suffer from excessive use of alcohol?
- What counseling and support programs exist on campus for those who have been identified as at-risk users of alcohol? We need an inventory of these activities and initiatives so that we can determine whether a significant degree of coordination and program reinforcement exists," Haenicke said.

He indicated that his decision to create the task force was influenced by internal reports from around the campus, a formal presentation to the Faculty Senate of a study done with financing from the Kalamazoo County Human Services Department and on-going discussions in the President's Council of Student Trustees. He hopes that the task force can begin its work as soon as possible and present its findings and recommendations to him by the end of the academic year.

Representatives to attend workshop on discrimination

Seven students and three administrators will represent WMU Saturday, Oct. 29, at a workshop for student leaders and advisers on "Racial Discrimination on Campus: Promoting Peer Initiatives and Student Action" at the University of Illinois in Urbana-Champaign.

"The workshop is designed to bring together student leaders from Midwest college campuses to plan ways to combat racial discrimination and to promote appreciation for racial and cultural diversity," explained Danny E. Ekburg, Division of Minority Affairs. "Students can be an important influence upon their peers, especially in shaping attitudes and behaviors," added Theresa A. Powell, dean of students.


WMU’s participation in the regional workshop is being sponsored by the Division of Student Services and the Division of Minority Affairs.

Free hearing tests available

The Department of Speech Pathology and Audiology wishes to remind faculty, staff, students, and members of their families may receive free, confidential hearing evaluations from the Charles Van Riper Language, Speech and Hearing Clinic.

The clinic is located in the Speech and Hearing Center on East Campus. In addition, hearing aid evaluations and/or consultations regarding the selection and possible use of a hearing aid also are available.

To make an appointment, call the clinic at 7-8047. Some appointment times for this fall are still available.

WMU guarantees tuition for 20 minority students

For the third consecutive year, WMU will guarantee the tuition of 20 minority ninth-graders in the Detroit Public School system if they graduate from high school with at least a B average. These ninth-graders in the Detroit Public Schools (DPS) if they graduate from high school with at least a B average.

"For the third consecutive year, WMU has had a mentoring program in Detroit announcing this year's Wade H. McCree, Jr. Incentive Scholarship Program. The program is organized by the Presidents Council of Student Trustees. It now involves 689 students in urban or predominately minority schools.

A total of 203 DPS students will receive awards this year from 10 public universities in the state. The other five public universities are working with school districts in their areas.

WMU contributes to this fall are still available.

Academic Convocation to feature "State of the University" address

President Haenicke will present the "State of the University" address at 3 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 31, at the 10th annual Academic Convocation in the Daltroy Auditorium. The event is intended to recognize and celebrate academic achievement and excellence at the University. It is sponsored by the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs.

The convocation is open to the public and will be broadcast live on WMUK-FM (102.1), the University's public radio station. It also will be carried later on Kalamazoo Community Access Television. Coverage is provided by Media Services and the Office of Public Information.

President George M. Dennison will give the welcome at the convocation. Academic Convocation Awards will be presented by Richard F. Chormann of Kalamazoo, president of the WMU Alumni Association. Recipients are: Alan S. Brown, history; Robert W. Felkel, languages and linguistics; and Leo J. Stevenson, finance and commercial law.

The Distinguished Faculty Scholar Award will be presented by Dennison to Jack Michael, psychology.

Carol A. Wazewicz of Kalamazoo, chairperson of the Board of Trustees, will present this year's Distinguished Student Awards to Sally V. Pippen, residence hall life, and Lewis Walker, chairperson of sociology.

Following the awards ceremony, Dennison will introduce Haenicke, who will then give the address. The convocation will be followed by a reception in the lobby of the Daltroy Center.

The cablecast of the event is scheduled for: following the Kalamazoo City Commission meeting on Wednesday, Nov. 1, on Channel 32; at 10:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 2, on Channel 32; at 9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 3, on Channel 32; and at 6 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 4, on Channel 32.

In addition to entering a mentoring relationship, McCree scholarship guarantee recipients and their parents must sign an agreement that they will make a good faith effort to meet the performance standards of the program. Those include at least a 3.0 high school grade point average.

"Two activities are currently planned for our participants," said Lucienne M. Calleja, admissions and orientation, who coordinates the McCree scholarship program here. "One is a trip to the "Black in Science" exhibit at the Detroit Science Center Oct. 28 and the other is a set of workshops on self-esteem for students and their parents on campus in December.

Calleja also coordinates WMU incentive scholarship programs that involve about 45 students in the Kalamazoo Public Schools and in the Van Buren Intermediate School District as well as in Fennville. Those programs began last year. Three scholarships are expected to be established in the Hartford Public Schools next year.

The University also has been involved in a similar effort, the Junior/ Senior High School Visitation Program. It was established by Benjamin C. Wilson, Black Americans Studies Program, about five years ago. In it, about 100 black junior and senior high school students visit the campus periodically.

Since 1975, LeRoy R. Jr., Black Americans Studies Program, has conducted a "Hands On Science" program in which about 250 black second- to sixth-graders participate each year. Black scientists in guest speakers and role models in the program, which includes lab sessions, field trips and a parents group.

Several WMU representatives attended an awards ceremony for new participants in the McCree scholarship program, their parents, public schools and university officials and community leaders Oct. 17 in Detroit. They included Chauncey J. Brown, vice president for development and administrative affairs and secretary to the Board of Trustees; Susan B. Hannah, assistant vice president for academic affairs; and Calleja, Stanley E. Henderson, Karen L. Dormer, Helen L. Stevenson, Reuben Myers, E. Bayer and Bryan K. Green.

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WVU volunteers devote time to United Way agencies

Giving “the United Way” doesn’t always mean giving money to your bank checker. For many WVU employees, giving means spending a day delivering meals to senior citizens or teaching a group of Girl Scouts how to use a bow and arrow.

According to data from the United Way office, some 115 WVU employees donated their time to one of the 57 agencies the organization supports. “It’s not just a matter of giving money, it’s giving volunteer time,” said one of the agencies record the employer of their volunteer.

Owen (No. 15) routes drivers and makes deliveries for several agencies. For the past two years, some 115 WMU employees donated their time last year to work with Hispanic Americans led Irene S. Vasquez, a social work assistant professor. “Our job is to assess the educational status of Hispanic American communities and then try to make them aware of programs and services for Hispanic Americans,” she said.

In addition to having a chance to contribute to the educational opportunities for Hispanic Americans, Vasquez gets a sense of belonging in the work she does.

Vasquez says Hispanic Americans are a diverse group of varied and talented people who volunteer their time and energy, she says. “By coming together, we reinforce each other. I get the feeling that we can do something.”

She is working on finding such agencies as the Girl Scouts, Senior Services Inc. and the Hispanic American Community Council. Its mission is to encourage girls, Hispanic and non-Hispanic to work with the council.

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Donations have increased by three-quarters from $125,000 goal. More than 1,050 retirees, emeritus and active employees, have volunteered their time in the campaign.

Peace week events to explore national security

This month’s Multiclinic, featuring three sibling with speech, language, and attention problems, is scheduled for 7 p.m. in 3020 Friedmann Hall. A panel of experts will discuss “Social Issues of Ethnics in Society, Lee Honors College and the Office of the Provost and University Relations.

England architect to present slide-illustrated lectures

British architect Alfred J. Rowe will present talks at WMU Thursday, Nov. 2.

He will deliver slide-illustrated lectures on “What’s English? About English Architecture?” at noon in Red Room A of the Bernhard Center and at 3 p.m. in 3020 Friedmann Hall.

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Expert on aging, visually impaired to speak

Barbara Silverstone, executive director of the New York Association for the Blind, will speak at WMU Monday, Oct. 30, as part of the Visiting Scholars Program.

She will make a free public presentation on "The Challenge of an Aging Society" at 7 p.m. in 4060 Fieser Center.

Silverstone will also be in Kalamazoo to make the keynote presentation at the conference of the Michigan Association for the Education and Rehabilitation of the Blind and Visually Impaired. She will also speak at the "Vision Loss Rehabilitation Challenges" at 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 29, in the Kalamazoo Center.

Silverstone has entered into a contract with Muzak to provide the background music, which is systemwide feature and affects all University office telephones.

The Muzak Melodies Library gets the melodies "state of the art," according to George H. Thiel, telecommunications.

A bank of 1000 songs, the Campus Services Building picks up the feed from an 800-mile range of amplifiers then feed the music to the telephone switch equipment on East Campus and on West Campus.

The advantage of the hold music is that the music plays to a pre-programmed schedule--to --they don't think they're in outer space because they can't hear anything," he says. "When they hear the music, they know they're still attached to the system.

Human Resources

Seminar planned on survival tactics

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Successful Aging' to be teleconference topic

The special health and nutrition needs of the elderly will be the focus of a teleconference on Wednesday, Nov. 1, in the Red Rooms of the Bernhard Center. WMU is one of 60 downlink sites in the state that will be receiving the teleconference, "Successful Aging: Overcoming Barriers to Nutrition and Health," between 1 and 4:30 p.m. from East Lansing.

According to statistics, elderly Americans will make up 20% of the country by 2050. Despite the growing concern, according to the U.S. Census Bureau, the growth is giving rise to new concerns about the special health and nutrition needs of the elderly. During the teleconference, medical experts from around the country will discuss such topics as: the difficulty of generalizing health problems to all elderly, the importance of early positive intervention, strategies for survival, and when to direct attention to the importance of early positive intervention.

The teleconference is targeted at persons concerned with the older persons in their community. It was developed by the Geriatric Education and Research Center of Michigan State University, the Food and Drug Administration in Detroit, the Department of Family Practice in the MSU College of Human Medicine, the MSU Division of Broadcasting Services and the Dairy Council of Michigan. The program makes the criteria for continuing education credit for non-registered professionals. Its showing at WMU is being sponsored by the Dietetics Program in the Department of Consumer Resources and Technology and the Gerontology Program.

Success in this teleconference is free, but persons are encouraged to register by contacting: Maia Petrosian, consumer resources and technology, at 7-3710 or 7-3706; or Ellen Page-Robin, sociology and Gerontology Program, at 7-2647.

Calendar entries due Nov. 1

The deadline for the winter semester University Calendar of Events and Directory, a free publication regarding student, faculty and staff events, is Wednesday, Nov. 1.

Course listings and travel information are made available by the Division of Student Services, is Wednesday, Nov. 1.

The calendar is a semesters publication that includes information regarding students, faculty and staff events. It is distributed throughout the University community and made available to those areas off campus frequented by students, faculty and staff.

To submit an item, persons should fill out a form available from the Office of Student Life/Programming, 2420 Faunce Student Services Building. For more information, persons may call 7-2114.

Department of Public Safety employee vehicle registration, Waldo Library lobby, 8-4 a.m.

*The Empire and the Word* seminar, 'Power, Class, Patriotism and Pride: The Sellout of Nation to Empire,' Donald F. Coomey, social work, and Donald Van Tine, Reformed Church in America campus minister, Kanley Chapel Social Room, noon.

Biological sciences program lecture, "The Challenge of an Aging Society," Barbara Silverstone, executive director, New York Association for the Blind, 10 a.m.

Department of Public Safety employee vehicle registration, Ellsworth Hall lobby, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Zest for Life Noon Hour Health Enhancement Seminar, "Women and AIDS: Strategies for Survival," Gillian A. Stoltman, communicable disease program manager, Kalamazoo County Human Services Department, Red Rooms A and B, Bernhard Center, 12:45 p.m.

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Meetings, Graduate Students Council of the Faculty Senate, Conference Room A, Seibert Administration Building, 3 p.m.

University film series, "Sunday and Cybele" (France, 1962), directed by Serge Bourguignon, 2320 Sangren Hall, 4 and 8 p.m.

Physics colloquium, "The Application of Physics in the Study of the Brain," John R. Camerone, emeritus, Department of Medical Physics, University of Wisconsin, 1110 Red Room, 4 p.m.; refreshments, 4 p.m.


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