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Love Canal, a well-known U.S. environmental disaster site, is the topic this month for a group of four students from seven different countries who are participating in a 1990 Western University's Summer English Program. This week students in the program, including Western's own, will present their experiences to an interested audience on that site with visiting Soviet scientists.

Stoline

Michael R. Stoline, a Soviet studies specialist, and his wife, Marie, have been invited to guest lecture at the University of the Soviet Union's Moscow Institute of Water Supply in the fall of 1990. The Stolines plan to return to Moscow next summer.

Stoline stresses the importance of Love Canal as an example of an environmental disaster.

"We are certainly aware of Love Canal and we are aware of citizens being made sick. In the Soviet Union it is very difficult to get the truth out, but we know from the history of the last 50 years that such problems have appeared in the Soviet Union as well."

Beginning in 1975, contamination of an area near Niagara Falls, N.Y., was used as a chemical dumpsite for the Niagara Mohawk Power Company. It was developed into a residential area with 200 homes and an elementary school. Beginning in 1978, serious contamination problems began to appear as buried toxic materials seeped into basements and surfaced in yards and the school playground. The area became the first U.S. environmental problem to gain national and international attention.

Stoline has been involved in efforts to determine the contamination in Love Canal since 1984 when he critiqued faulty statistical methods and control sampling techniques. He was the director of the Protection Agency study of the area. Following completion, Stoline was appointed by the New York Department of Health and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control to conduct a study with the purpose of determining "the scientific criteria to be used to assess habitability of Love Canal neighborhoods." The panel recommended a pilot study and subsequently a habitability study that area that was eventually completed in 1987.

Stoline was then part of the peer review committee that reviewed the habitability study to determine whether it was scientifically sound and could be used to assess habitability.

The habitability study resulted in four Love Canal neighborhoods being judged habitable and three neighborhoods being classified as uninhabitable. Those decisions are now being challenged and in March of this year, Stoline was invited to testify at public hearings related to land use that would allow both habitable and other similarly contaminated areas located near hazardous waste sites.

Stoline's invitation to take his knowledge of Love Canal disaster from that study to the Soviet Union and share it with its citizens is unparalleled.

"I'd like to be a part of that," he said.

He and his wife were part of a 1986 WMU study tour of the Soviet Union. His group's members found themselves in Kiev, just 80 miles from Chernobyl two days after a nuclear power plant there exploded.

"Walking or playing in their yards or digging in their gardens," he said, "I'd like to think that we could become an ally against the radioactive contamination. I'm optimistic that we can combine our resources and attack these problems. I'd like to be a part of that."
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Lawrence Ziring, political science professor, has been selected by the Atlantic Council of the United States to participate in the NATO Discussion Series slated for June 7 at NATO headquarters in Brussels, Belgium.

"This is a critical period in the history of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization and the security needs of the Western world," said Ziring, director of WMU's Institute of Government and Politics. "It is also an important moment in the social, political, and economic life. I am therefore looking forward to this educational experience with great anticipation."

The Atlantic Council, based in Washington, D.C., is an organization concerned with promoting relations between the United States and Western Europe. To continue to record them through Oct. 26, 1990. It is produced on a nonprofit basis in that its primary purpose is educational and informational. This series currently is in its second year and is broadcast on public television stations. This series appears locally on Sunday evenings on WTVU, WVGR-TV, Channel 13, in Grand Rapids. It is produced on a non-profit basis in association with the Public Relations Group, a public relations and public information company. Media services began taping these programs off satellite on May 4 and will continue to record them through Oct. 26.

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Help is on the way for first graders who already may be falling behind their peers in schoolwork because they can't read well.

A newly successful remedial reading program will be conducted at WMU this fall through the efforts of faculty members at WMU's Reading Center.

"Reading Recovery," an early intervention program in New Zealand and recently implemented in Ohio, will be offered in some Michigan school districts. The program was shown to be effective in New Zealand, according to James W. Burns, education and professional development.

"More than 85 percent of children who complete Reading Recovery need no further remediation in reading," he says.

Burns is on a leave of absence from WMU this year to learn how to implement Reading Recovery in Michigan. He has been working at Ohio State University and in the Columbus area schools with people who have been using the program for several years.

Reading Recovery was developed by New Zealand educator and psychologist Marie M. Clay. It was brought to the United States in 1984, when educators at the Columbus City Schools, Ohio State University and the Ohio Department of Education began a pilot study of it.

The findings of their study were so positive that the Ohio General Assembly provided funds for its expansion throughout the state. In addition, the program has been selected as part of the U.S. Department of Education's National Diffusion Network, which has supported its expansion into other states.

The Ohio State University Reading Recovery program, as a National Diffusion Network demonstration site, has helped to establish 27 national school district training sites in 17 states and 22 school district sites in Ohio," Burns says. "As the first Michigan 'teacher-leader' training site, the Western Michigan University program will be one of only five other universities providing such Reading Recovery training in the United States."

The program targets the poorest readers in the first grade. Children from the lowest 20 percent of their classrooms are selected on the basis of a diagnostic survey and teacher recommendations. Teachnicians to train the Reading Recovery program team then work one-on-one with these children each day for 30 minutes.

"Each day, children move through a lesson sequence that involves reading familiar materials, composing and writing a story, and introducing and reading a new book," Burns says. "Although Reading Recovery lessons follow a framework, every lesson is unique because the teacher closely monitors each child's progress and makes ongoing teaching decisions based on the child's current understanding and writing strategies.

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Dempsey feted for work with transfer students

James W. Dempsey, admissions and orientation, has been honored by Phi Theta Kappa, a national honor society for two-year colleges. He was one of three alumni advisers in the country to be selected to the society's prestigious Alumni Hall of Fame.

Dempsey coordinates transfer relations at the University and was Phi Theta Kappa's sponsor when its alumni association in Michigan was formed at WMU in 1986. He was recognized for his outstanding dedication to the purpose and mission of the society's National Alumni Association, for service to his chapter and for his continuing commitment to the organization.

Phi Theta Kappa has a membership of 50,000 students in 800 chapters at community and junior colleges. The National Alumni Association serves a growing membership of more than 2,000 alumni who have continued their active affiliation with the society beyond their graduation from a two-year college.