Johnson to speak on computer ethics

"Computer Ethics" is the topic for the first presentation this fall in a series organized by the WMU Center for the Study of Ethics in Society. Deborah Johnson, a faculty member in the Department of Science and Technology at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, will speak at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 21, in 3750 Knauss Hall.

A specialist in computer and engineering ethics, Johnson has worked on several books concerning those topics. She is the author of "Computer Ethics," co-editor of "Ethical Issues in the Use of Computers," co-editor of the forthcoming "Ethical Issues in Engineering."

In addition, Johnson has written many articles on ethical issues related to toxic substances, food safety, computer usage, corporate and collective responsibility and professional responsibility. She currently is project manager of a National Science Foundation Ethics and Values Studies Program titled "Ethical and Value Issues in Research Centers."

Johnson's talk will be the first in the GTE Lectureship Program on Technolo-
gy, Knowledge and Responsibility. The ethics center received a $4,000 grant from GTE for this five-speaker program that will run through the winter semester.

Other speakers during the fall semester will be: Leonard Waks of the Science, Technology and Society Program at Pennsylvania State University, Oct. 19-20; and David Smith of the Poynter Center for the Study of Ethics and American Institutions at Indiana University, Nov. 30. Speakers during the winter semester (dates to be announced) will be: Vivian Weil of the Center for the Study of Ethics in the Professions at Illinois Institute of Technology; and Clifford Christians of the University of Michigan's Intellectual Skills Development Program.

81 WMU offices involved in moves

A series of moves involving 81 offices has taken place on campus over the summer.

Most of the changes involved Moore and Friedmann Halls. Many moves have taken place on campus over the summer. Among the changes, several problems still exist.'"The committee understands that problems will be assigned a higher level of priority and appropriate funding made available," the report stated.

When implemented, these recommendations should help to increase the use of computers by students and faculty, Patton said.

"The committee understands that implementing most of the recommendations requires financial resources which are always in short supply," the report concluded. "Moreover, it is hoped that the resolution of the identified problems will be assigned a higher level of priority and appropriate funding made available."

"Students appear to be receiving the attention they need, room is being made for those who do and there is a good feeling throughout the campus."

Dennison observed that credit hours are being produced at a greater pace per student than enrollment. "This makes it clear that students are, by and large, getting the courses they want, which suggests that we not only got the students here but that we are doing something right," Dennison said.

Noting increases in both new freshman and transfer students, Dennison told the Senate that despite a decrease in the number of students attending college, WMU continues to get a greater share of those who do.

In a Senate election, George Robeck, communications, was elected to a term on the Campus Planning Council that expiring in October. kun says, "The building Tuesday to be sure no further fire occurred."

Fire in Waldo Library causes no damage

A fire Tuesday afternoon on insulation of Michigan Bell telephone wires in the basement of the Waldo Library caused no damage to the library or its contents, University officials said. No one was injured.

The library was evacuated and closed for the remainder of the day. The wires are no longer in use because of the installation last year of the University's own telecommunications system.

"We don't yet have a cause for the fire," said Ralph W. Allen, maintenance service. "There was a haze of smoke throughout most of the library by the fire with University's own system, beginning with the third floor."

The fire was reported to the Univer-
sity's 2:25 p.m. Tuesday. Members of the Kalamazoo Department of Public Safety also responded.

An investigation is being conducted by the director of Kimberly K. Querry, environmental health and safety. Personnel were assigned to monitor the building Tuesday to be sure no fur-
PROVIDING PERSONAL CONTACT — The Minority Mentor/Mentee Program, now in its third year, aims to bridge the gap between high school and college. The program pairs students with faculty and staff mentors in an effort to increase the retention rate of minority freshmen. New this year is a "peer mentor" component, in which an upperclassman who previously was a mentor provides the liaison between the freshman and the mentor. Placed at a Sept. 7 reception for participants in the program are, from left: mentor Deb A. Renshaw, business information systems; peer-mentor Tony R. Jackson, a junior from Kalamazoo; mentor Sonya V. Carr, a freshman from Detroit; and Elizabeth B. Lockett, Division of Minority Affairs Retention Unit, who is coordinating the program this year. Lockett says she is looking for more faculty and staff members to serve as mentors. Interested persons should call her at 7-3320.

Lazar to begin economics lecture series

The first of seven scholars who will present their views this year on the economics of discrimination will speak at the University Western Today, Sept. 20.

Edward P. Lazar, the Isadore Brown and Gladys Lazar J. Brown Professor of Urban and Labor Economics at the University of Chicago, will kick off the Department of Economics' 26th annual lecture-series seminar. He will present a free public lecture on "Laws, and Policies Concerning Discrimination" at 8 p.m. in 3760 Knauss Hall. He will also lead a seminar for faculty members, graduate students, and philosophers to speak on Israel's nuclear agenda

"Israel's Not-So-Hidden Nuclear Agenda" is the title of a speech to be presented at 3 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 20, in 205 Bernhard Center.

Avner Cohen, a lecturer in the Department of Philosophy at Tel Aviv University, will deliver the free address. Cohen, who is a guest professor at Kalamazoo College, co-edited "Nuclear Weapons and the Future of Humanity." The lecture is being sponsored by the Lee Honors College, in conjunction with the senior-level course cluster, which offers a "Philosophy, Science and Society." Fair to promote volunteerism

WMU students can match their interests with the volunteer needs of 64 Kalamazoo area organizations at the College Volunteer Opportunities Fair set for 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 21, in the East Ballroom of the Bernhard Center.

The Adult Literacy Coalition, the Boy Scout Troop 265, the Kalamazoo County Council on Aging, the Kellogg Biological Station, the Kalamazoo County Youth Council, the Kalamazoo County Public Defender's Victim Assistance Program and the Kalamazoo County Jail are just a few of the programs or agencies that will be represented at the fair. The agencies will be prepared to outline their volunteer needs and to enlist interested students.

"We're going to make it easier for students to find out what the agencies are looking for," said Dean Faith Gablenick, Lee Honors College, who is coordinating the event with the Voluntary Action Center of Greater Kalamazoo. "We're trying to get the students to learn about opportunities they can use to further their professional development, to expand their personal skills, to sensitize themselves to local issues or simply to help out.

Student volunteer opportunities featured at the fair will range from internships that can be matched into college credit to one-time volunteer slots at events like the Kalamazoo County Air Show. In addition to the 64 agencies represented at the fair, students will find books titled "Volunteer Work" at the temporary citywide display in the main lobby of WMU's Bernhard Center.

Native American pow wow set for Sept. 23-24

Native American performers from throughout the Midwest and Canada will sing and dance in a pow wow Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 23-24, at Read Fieldhouse. The pow wow will take place from 9 to p.m. Saturday and from 1 to 6 p.m. Sunday. More than 2,000 observers are expected to attend the event, which is being sponsored by the WMU Native American Student Organization and Division of Minority Affairs Retention Unit. Organizers hope the pow wow becomes an annual event.

The pow wow will be organized to expose the West Michigan community to a part of the Native American culture. It will provide an opportunity for Native Americans and other people to get involved in the tradition and culture of the tribes. It will also demonstrate artistic ability with a display of many arts and crafts made by Native American artists.

The pow wow will begin with a grand entry each day. It will feature dancers, singers, drummers and flag bearers dressed in Native American ceremonial regalia.

The participants will perform in "girl" and "men" pow wow categories according to age group. Cash prizes will be awarded for the dance categories winners.

The pow wow is open to the public. Admission will be 50 cents for students and $1 for children under 12. For more information, persons may contact the Division of Minority Affairs Retention Unit at 7-3320.

Learn to manage time

The Women's Center is offering a workshop on "Time Management" from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 7, in 205 Bernhard Center.

Beverly A. Brown, human resources, will discuss techniques for managing time more effectively. The model used will be the book "How to Get Control of Your Time and Your Life," by Alan Lakein. The workshop is free for WMU faculty, staff and students. To register, call the Women's Center at 7-2990.

Hispanic Heritage Month activities to feature speech by Denver executive

Alicia V. Cuaron, president of the Grupo Gomex Inc. of Denver, will be the featured speaker during Hispanic Heritage Month Sept. 15 to 20. The national observance recognizes the Hispanic cultural and contributions to American society. This year's theme at WMU is "The Changing Agriculture: Hispanic Youth = Hispanic Future," in line with the state's agricultural theme.

In addition to Cuaron's speech, activities will include a performance by a group of Hispanic folk singers, as well as an open house on Thursday, Sept. 14, in the Lumley Library. Also, the WMU Women's Center will host a banquet Sept. 20. Cuaron will speak on business and civic involvement for Hispanics, as well as her own business and civic career at an awards banquet at 6 p.m. Friday, Sept. 29, in the Red Rooms of the Bernhard Center. Attendance is by invitation only.

For more information, calls should be directed to the Office of Public Information at 7-3320. Persons may call the Women's Center at 7-2990.
Dennison to launch ninth annual series of mechanical engineering seminars

A talk on professional ethics by Provost George M. Dennison will mark the opening of a five-part fall seminar series of seminars to be conducted on the campus.

Dennison will begin the ninth annual series of biweekly seminars, sponsored by the Department of Mechanical Engineering, with a discussion of "Professional Ethics and the Faculty Administration Relationships." His talk is scheduled for 1 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 19, in 204 Edens.
If you’re a reporter investigating a political "slush fund," a nervous host trying to "break the ice" to get a party rolling or a parent who’s "driven up a wall" by energetic children, sports metaphors are an important part of your everyday language.

In fact, sports terms are enjoying growing respectability in American culture, say two WMU professors who grew up using them. "Sports Talk: A Dictionary of Sports Metaphors," by Robert A. Palmatier, languages and linguistics, and Harold L. Ray, physical education and recreation, was published earlier this year by Greenwood Press of Westport, Conn. The book explains the origins of more than 1,700 popular words and expressions in American English that developed from sports, games and recreation. Many have become such a part of the language.

The book lists the terms in alphabetical order. Each listing includes an example of the term’s popular use, its origin, original meaning or use as a metaphor and, in some terms, a discussion of its evolution into popular use, a citation of reference sources and cross references to other entries.

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The project began in 1981 when Palmatier was playing pool and his opponent announced that he now had Palmatier "behind the eight ball." "I realized that the phrase was more meaningful and powerful than a technical pool term -- it was a phrase that had the more general meaning of being in an awkward or difficult position," he said.

Palmatier began collecting such terms and phrases as a hobby. He began with pool and gradually expanded into other sports. In 1983, he asked Ray to "come aboard" and within a short time Ray began to aid and "abet" Palmatier in his hobby.

Five years later the pair published their collection in a book they expect to be "highly touted" by sportswriters and linguists alike. "It’s a work they say may be "chicanery" (golf) and "rapture" (football). The book lists the terms in alphabetical order. Each listing includes an example of the term’s popular use, its origin, original meaning or use as a metaphor and, in some terms, a discussion of its evolution into popular use, a citation of reference sources and cross references to other entries.

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The national publicity also meant unexpected contact with friends, relatives and professional colleagues. Palmatier recalls receiving newspaper clipping from a former student who spotted the story in the Chicago Tribune and from his doctoral adviser who saw a similar piece in the San Luis Obispo Daily News. Palmatier was playing pool and his older brother had gone to lunch.

The pair was the subject of a news release about their work written by Cheryl P. Roland, news services, sparked media interest and resulted in an Associated Press wire story in early July. It has since appeared in the letters and calls from strangers. North Carolina State University’s associate dean of education wrote to say that Palmatier "put his nose to the grindstone" and develop a sequel to the book by focusing on occupational metaphors. A high school English teacher in Spokane, Wash., called to tell him that the book would be used in a class this year to spark student interest in language and its origins.

The pair is still receiving feedback on the book, a front-page Kamazoloomazoom newspaper story and the appearance on "WMU Forum," a regional magazine published by media services for Kamazoloomazoom Community Access Television.

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