Dunn to kick off Keystone series

President John M. Dunn will be the first speaker for the 2007-08 Keystone Community Bank Breakfast Speaker Series. Dunn will speak on “The Western Edge” at 8 a.m. Friday, Sept. 21, in 2150 Schneider Hall. The talk will cover the University’s role in the community and Dunn’s first weeks as WMU’s leader as well as look ahead to what the coming months will bring.

The event is free and open to the public. A complimentary breakfast will be available beginning at 7:30 a.m. Reservations are required and can be made by calling the Haworth College of Business at 387-5030. Free parking will be available in the Fetzer Center parking lot.

Meader memorial event planned

Edwin E. Meader, a Kalamazoo philanthropist and major WMU benefactor who died Feb. 1 at age 97, will be remembered by friends and colleagues during a service at 5 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 25, in the Dalton Center Recital Hall.

President Emeritus Diether H. Haenicke will be joined in offering brief remarks by Edward Callen and Seamus Cooney, emeriti in English; David Dickason, geography; Thomas Bailey and Katherine Joslin, English; and others. WMU’s Merling Trio will perform the music. A reception will be held immediately following the service in the lobby of the Richmond Center for Visual Arts.

Private, public furniture sales set

The University will hold a second private sale for WMU department and office purchases of surplus office furniture from 1 to 3 p.m. today at the Speech and Hearing Building opposite East Hall.

The public sale of the remaining items will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 29. Items available will include file cabinets, desks, tables, chairs and other miscellaneous office furniture. Prices will be as marked. All sales are cash and carry and final.

Cost savings brighter with CFLs

WMU continues to be a leader in energy conservation, with inefficient incandescent lamps on the way out as the preferred way to light almost 8 million square feet of building space.

The University is converting to compact fluorescent lights, or CFLs, which will cut electrical use by almost 75 percent and help students take advantage of a program that offers discounts on the lamps.

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The annual fall census of enrolled students reflects a student body that is basically holding steady and a shift in enrollment patterns this year that includes a significant increase in the number of new transfer students and an increase in the student retention rate.

The total fall enrollment figure for the University is 24,433, just 1.6 percent smaller than the fall 2006 figure of 24,841. The final enrollment figure is actually higher than projections made earlier this year when WMU graduated the second largest class in its history—a graduating class with 501 more students than are in this year’s senior class.

“I’m enormously pleased to see positive new patterns emerge that reflect our faculty and staff’s work on recruitment and retention. These new trends set the stage for future growth,” President John M. Dunn says.

“Although we are still seeing the effect of pipeline issues, that’s a good ‘problem’ to have. It means we’re helping our students find success here, seeing them graduate in record numbers and watching them begin to make their own contributions to the state and its economy.”

This fall’s census shows enrollment growth in a number of categories WMU has targeted over the past year. The increases include:

• an 8.5 percent jump in the number of undergraduate students transferring to WMU from other colleges and universities;

• a 1.2 percent increase in freshman-to-sophomore retention rates;

• a 2.9 percent increase in main-campus graduate enrollment; and

• an 8.4 percent hike in Extended University Programs enrollment, triggered by a 41 percent increase in the number of students taking online or distance education classes.

At 3,572, the number of beginning freshmen is essentially even with last year’s figure.

University’s Parkview Campus getting greener than ever

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The wind turbine was installed by the engineering college, WMU’s Physical Plant and contractor Bauer Power. It generates two kilowatts of power—enough for a home without air conditioning.

Scheduled upgrades for the generator call for more than doubling that output to five kilowatts during the next few years. Also, fund raising for a 10-to-15 kilowatt generator and a 100-to-200 kilowatt generator is already under way.

Meanwhile, a groundbreaking is scheduled for a new building in the College of Engineering and Applied Science dedicated to energy issues.

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Diane Rehm visit rescheduled

Diane Rehm, host of a popular National Public Radio talk show that attracts the world’s top newsmakers, will give a free public lecture at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 25, in the Bernhard Center’s East Ballroom. Rehm was originally scheduled to speak at WMU last spring but due to illness, her visit was postponed. Seating will be on a first-come, first-served basis. No tickets are required for the event.

Hettinger to give featured talk

Today is the deadline faculty and staff are asked to RSVP for an upcoming talk by James F. Hettinger, president and chief executive officer of Battle Creek Unlimited. Hettinger will discuss “Embracing Chaos—A New Course of Michigan’s Economy” at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 27, in Schneider Hall’s Brown Auditorium as part of the 2007-08 Haworth College of Business Distinguished Speaker Series. A question-and-answer period and reception for Hettinger will follow the presentation. RSVP by calling 387-5050.

Sichel series begins Sept. 26

A leading economist visits campus next week to talk about globalization as the first speaker in the 44th annual Werner Sichel Lecture-Seminar Series. Kenneth Reinert, associate professor of public policy at George Mason University, will speak on “Globalization for Development?” from 3 to 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 26, in 3108 Knauss Hall.

Doctoral student named national Randolph peace scholar

Fodei Batty has been named the 2007-08 Western Michigan University Peace Scholar by the U.S. Institute of Peace.

Fodei, a doctoral student in political science and a national of Sierra Leone, is one of only 10 scholars nationally to receive the prestigious $20,000 award. He will use the grant to continue writing for his dissertation.

Batty is specializing in comparative political economy. His research attempts to dispel the belief that ethnicity is the major instrument of political mobilization in Africa by using evidence from Liberia and Sierra Leone—two countries that have experienced two of the most brutal civil wars in recent history.

Speaker to discuss ‘Bio-lust’

The first non-Japanese ever to be awarded the Watsuji Tetsuro Culture Prize will talk on “Bio-lust: Japanese Concerns about our Contaminated Food” at 6 p.m. today in 3301 Friedmann. William LaFleur from the University of Pennsylvania will present the talk.

Annual Rainbow Reception set

The office of Lesbian, Bisexual, Gay and Transgender Student Services will hold its annual Rainbow Reception from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 28, in the Faunce Building’s KIVA Room. The event celebrates WMU’s incoming LGBT and ally students by highlighting campus and community activities, resources and services that may be of interest to them. Activities open to the general public include a resource fair.

Fall ethics presentation slated

The Center for the Study of Ethics in Society will begin its fall programs Thursday, Oct. 4, with a presentation titled “Of All Professions Begging is Best: Some Problems in the Study of Professions” at 7:30 p.m. in 208 Bernhard Center. The talk will be given by Michael Davis, senior fellow at the Center for the Study of Ethics in the Professions and a professor of philosophy at the Illinois Institute of Technology.

Great Lakes expert to lecture

An expert on the environment, health and policy in the Great Lakes region will visit campus on Wednesday, Oct. 3, to deliver the annual Canadian Studies Lecture. Joy Parr, Canada research chair at the University of Western Ontario, will speak at 3:30 p.m. in the Bernhard Center’s Brown and Gold Room. A reception will follow her presentation, which is being sponsored by WMU’s interdisciplinary Canadian studies area.

Playwright co-writes ‘first’ book

Arnold Johnston, English, and Deborah Percy have edited a series of 26 previously unpublished one-act plays in their new book, “The Art of the One-Act: An Anthology.” Johnston, a former longtime English department chairman, teamed with his wife, Percy, for the project. The book is a collection of 10-minute and 30-minute plays from both award-winning, well-known dramatists and exciting newcomers. It represents several firsts for WMU’s New Issues Press publishing house—the first anthology, first drama publication and first project of this scale and scope.

In the book, the editors introduce and discuss each piece, as well as provide commentary on the craft of playwriting. Several WMU students, alumni and faculty members contributed stories or were involved in the book’s editing and design.

Professor to head national group

Eric M. Sauer, counselor education and counseling psychology, has been elected president of the Association of Directors of Psychology Training Clinics. He will serve as president-elect for two years, then take office.

ADPTC, the national organization for directors of psychology training clinics, is composed of directors of clinics that are typically associated with predoctoral graduate training programs in professional psychology.

Sauer directs WMU’s Center for Counseling and Psychological Services in Grand Rapids and is co-directing the University’s doctoral program in counseling psychology. He also is on the editorial board of the Counseling Psychologist.
The following faculty and staff members are recognized for 35, 30, 25, 20, 15, 10 and five years of service during September.  

35 Years—Jack H. Roach, physical plant-maintenance services.  
30 Years—Patricia K. Campbell, physical plant-maintenance services; Gail Heflin-Puffer, physical plant-building, custodial and support services; William J. Merron, Mallinson Institute; Richard M. Oshander, counseling and testing center; and Patricia E. Vander Meir, University Libraries.  
20 Years—Lester Baird, physical plant-maintenance services; Sean M. Basnah, chemistry; John E. Campos, School of Music; Sandra L. Custer, Sindecuse Health Center; Elaine Gaudio, Office of the President; Julie M. Lenczycy, campus planning; Donna Marks, Office of the Vice President for Advancement and Legislative Affairs; Elaine L. Phillips, counseling and testing center; Nancy P. Pyne, Dining Services-Bernhard Center; and Terry G. Spencer, business and Finance.  
15 Years—Jefferie Fiorro, College of Aviation.  
10 Years—John H. Coons, counseling and testing center; Kathleen Mary Keckler, Gwen Frostic School of Art; Colleen Lewis, internal audit; Janet G. Liebendorfer, educational technology and chief information officer; Mary C. Ender, central supply technician; M. Carpenter, vice provost for enrollment management; and Debbie L. Ulderski, Haenicke Institute.  
Five Years—Sara M. Anderson, Human Resources; Salman Anwar, public safety; Brian P. Bauer, intercollegiate athletics; Cheryl Lynn Bauman-Bruy, theatre; Christina M. Dersch, registrar’s office; Timothy S. Herrmann, intercollegiate athletics; Kathryn Lewis-Ginebaugh, University counseling and testing center; Brandon G. Meissner, University Libraries; Shannon M. Rauner, computer science; Vladimir Nikolayevich Risukhin, College of Aviation; Elizabeth C. Teviotdale, Medieval Institute; Connie Volenski, Human Resources; and Michael Whang, University Libraries.

The faculty members resigning are: Robert H. Duke, who is studying history, and Adam M. Milewski, who is studying geosciences. Duke was awarded $2,000 for work on his dissertation “Passport from Poverty: The Political Journey of Bilingual Education, 1964-1978.” Milewski was awarded $3,000 to continue his dissertation work on remote sensing techniques for assessment and development of renewable groundwater resources in and along.

Frostic Fellowships awarded
This summer, the Graduate College announced the first recipients of the new Gwen Frostic Doctoral Fellowships. The competitive fellowships assist doctoral students in all fields with their educational expenses, including tuition and fees, materials, and travel.

Receiving the awards were Robert H. Duke, who is studying history, and Adam M. Milewski, who is studying geosciences.

An event has been slated for faculty and staff members who want to know more about the symptoms of post traumatic stress disorder and what PTSD services are available for students returning from combat duty.

To register or obtain additional information, contact the Advocacy Office for Transfer Students and Military Affairs at advocacy-office@wmich.edu or call 387-0740. Registrations must be postmarked by Sept. 24.

Annual Family Weekend scheduled
Parents and families of WMU students are invited to celebrate their campus involvement and share in the Bronco spirit by participating in the 40th annual Family Weekend from Friday through Sunday, Oct. 5-7. Family Weekend honors the year-round commitment parents and family members show to the University, involves friends and families in college life, and offers a chance to experience Kalamazoo in the fall.

Activities scheduled include campus tours and a tailgate. For more information and registration details, visit www.wmich.edu/parents/weekend or e-mail shari.glaser@wmich.edu or call 387-4820. Registrations must be postmarked by Sept. 24.

Faculty, staff encouraged to aid veterans by learning about PTSD
An event has been slated for faculty and staff members who want to know more about the symptoms of post traumatic stress disorder and what PTSD services are available for students returning from combat duty.

The event, a panel discussion, will be held from 10 to 11 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 5, in the Bernhard Center’s Brown and Gold Room. A question-and-answer session will follow. The panel will be composed of experts from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, including several from the VA’s Battle Creek Medical Center. To register or obtain additional information, contact the Advocacy Office for Transfer Students and Military Affairs at advocacy-office@wmich.edu or 387-0740.

JERRY L. BLOEMSSNA, WMU Bookstore, died suddenly Sept. 15, in the University of Michigan Medical Center. He was 63. Bloemssna came to WMU in 1964 and spent 49 years with the University. He was employed by the WMU Barber Shop for 25 years, and served for the past 18 as postmaster of the WMU Bookstore's substation. 

Obituaries
Enrollment continued from page 1. However, the total freshman class for fall 2007 is actually 122 students, or 2.7 percent, larger than last year’s class due to so many transfer students coming in as freshmen.

Keith Hearit, vice provost for enrollment management, says increases in retention and the number of transfer students are particularly important, and those areas will continue to be a focus for WMU, along with the recruitment of new beginners.

“We focused on maintaining or slightly increasing the overall credentials of our beginning freshman class,” Hearit notes, “and we still kept our incoming student numbers at a steady level. This is a solid and steady platform on which we can build.”

Events scheduled in celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month

Several events are taking place on campus and in the Kalamazoo community in celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month, a national observance that runs from Sept. 15 to Oct. 15 and recognizes Hispanic culture and contributions to American society.

The observance began with an exhibit of paintings and sculptures by artist Eva Narcissa Martinez that is running through Sunday, Sept. 30, in two of the display cases on the first floor of the Bernhard Center.

The main event this year will be the Kalamazoo Hispanic-American Heritage Festival from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 29, at the Kalamazoo County Fairgrounds. The festival will feature Latin music, folkloric dances, food, craft and contests as well as activities for families and kids.

WMU will wrap up the month with a presentation on “Teaching Diversity Through Music” from 12:30 to 2 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 11, in 210 Bernhard Center. Local musicians Rene Meave and Guillermo Martinez will perform and give a talk about the influence of Mexican-American music.

Program changes approved for 2008

WMU will offer a new concentration in stage management starting in fall 2008 to better prepare bachelor of arts theatre majors to enter the stage management profession or enter graduate-level training.

Also effective next fall, the bachelor’s degree in industrial design will be named the bachelor’s degree in industrial and entrepreneurial engineering. In addition, the program will have substantially new requirements and feature new course content.

Greening of Parkview continued from page 1. WMU will take place later this fall in the Business Technology and Research Park for Fleis & VandenBrink Engineering’s new Kalamazoo facility, which will have Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design certification. LEED is the recognized standard for measuring building sustainability and “green” building techniques. Fleis & VandenBrink is one of the area’s fastest growing civil engineering firms.