## Gilmour Points to Need for More Faculty at WSU

By Christine Snyder Staff Reporter

Wayne State University (WSU) interim president Allan Gilmour said he would like to instill a feeling of "restlessness" at the university so it aspires to excellence in all ar-

Gilmour chose a Question & Answer format for his first address as interim president to faculty and students on Sept. 13.

The former Ford Motor Company executive peppered his answers with quotes from automotive legends, various business references and overall gentle humor.

WSU asked faculty and students to submit their concerns for Gilmour to address.

"The input worked . . . we got 208 responses," said Gilmour. "From purpose to parking. Parking got more attention, not surprisingly."

Gilmour allowed that park-

ing and student services are ey? We aren't going to pay the students get their degrees in a "bad" and a task force and consultant are already on the parking issue.

As far as services, Gilmour addressed what students call, "getting Wayne Stated," i.e. getting extremely poor or negligence services taken care of.

We need to fix this," said Gilmour, who said it is akin to a study the Ritz Carlton conducted that found that if service at the door and desk were excellent, guests enjoyed the food in the restaurant. "It is competitive, and if people who go here don't get treated well, they will not go here."

Money was another large is-

"We are going to have to pay as good attention to costs as the big automotive companies were supposed to," said Gilmour, who added that rising tuition was not a WSU problem, but a nationwide is-

"Where do we get the mon-

bills with research. What's left? Tuition," said Gilmour.

"Higher education keeps going up. There is no magic

Gilmour said he thinks a capital campaign is in order and WSU's 150th anniversary coming in 2018 is a good impetus to start raising money. Other major universities have raised billions in this fashion. 'The best universities will

never survive on tuition and research," said Gilmour. "It (a capital campaign) would be of enormous value to the university. The only way to raise money is to ask for it."

Previous capital campaigns have been successful for WSU, said Gilmour.

Gilmour also addressed recent findings concerning WSU's low retention and graduation rates, saying that programs are in place that are working; however, the results won't be known until those dient to moving us up.

few years.

Gilmour was succinct as far as WSU's purpose. "Simply, higher education. We shouldn't go to things we don't understand because they are attractive. It is the duality of research and education.'

Research and teaching should be on equal footing, said Gilmour. "It is not research at the expense of education and it is not education at the expense of research.

"All great universities are research universities. must do research. We need to be a teaching university as

Despite the tight budget, Gilmour said the budget allows for additional faculty as needed, but he said the university will be choosy.

"The way to a better reputation is faculty," said Gilmour. "No university is better than faculty and it is the key ingre-

China.

"Ford's legacy of caring

'Make a World of Difference' CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1 cated to building vehicles that meet the needs of our and schools in South Africa; customers, and they bring building a drinking water well that same commitment and in Ghana energy to helping people in the communities where they live and work," said Janet Cleaning beaches, helping build libraries and conduct-Lawson, director, Ford Voluning driver safety classes in

teer Corps.

Allan Gilmour, former Ford executive and WSU's interim presi-

dent, gave his first address to faculty and students Sept. 13.

8,000 Global Ford Volunteers

goes back to the company's the resources and the people to make a world of differfounding more than 100 years ago and it is gratifying to see Since 2005, the Ford Volunthis generation of employees embrace that history with

"We are fortunate to have

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teer Corps has been the face their eyes on the future," said of Ford in communities around the globe Jim Vella, president, Ford Motor Company Fund and Comthroughout the year. Each year, more than 20,000 munity Services. "We are One Ford in any language, and

Ford employees and retirees participate as part of Ford Model Teams that support community projects.



Ford will be selling tickets at the Warren Walk for JDRF for a

JDRF Walk Set for Sept. 26

# Museum to Display Muscle Cars' Design Process

By Christine Snyder Staff Reporter

A traveling art exhibit gives a rare glimpse into the automotive design process and the birth of the muscle

"Designing an Icon: Creativity and the American Automobile" at the Saginaw Art Museum is comprised of automotive designers' working sketches and proposals from the era of the muscle cars, roughly 1963-1973. The design process is

heavily guarded and conceptual and proposal sketches were routinely destroyed to protect new car development from leaking to competitors. William Porter, retired GM

automotive design chief of the Pontiac brand, said he kept some of his sketches and proposal drawings. "Years later, when they

were of no interest toward the design process, I took them home when I retired,' said Porter. "Ten, 20, 30 years later after you have done the sketch, it has no value to the design process.

"Had we not kept them in the drawers we were assigned, they would have been destroyed.'

Luckily for those interested in automotive design, Porter wasn't the only designer to salvage drawings, which he soon found out when he was asked to collect

The Louisville Visual Arts and asked him to present an exhibit of the design process of muscle cars, an area where Porter had been heavily in-

"I honestly didn't think I could, thousands had been destroyed routinely," Porter, who grew up in Louisville, Ky. "But I had a couple of mine and, sure enough, when I called other designers, most of them had saved these sketches over the years." Porter was able to gather

200 drawings, 100 of which compose the exhibit. "All these were pencil and

and pastels, before computers and everything," said Rvan Kaltenbach, curator of the Saginaw Art Museum. "So you can see from the drawings what was edited out. Sometimes it was exaggerated . . . the features were exaggerated. When you look at the drawings, you can see what features for the GTO had come out of them."

The techniques used have now given way to computersketching, assisted

"I don't think any of the techniques used in this show are used at all today," said early pencil sketches that appear in the show. Designers still draw on the backs of napkins. Ideas come whenev- give a presentation of "Histo-



exhibit at the Saginaw Art Museum.



This 1974 Ford Anster Shopper was an electric car concept from Ford designer Jim Kristich.

them up whenever you want, the museum's After Hours like radio.

'So I think that designers still use these early pencil techniques, but soon as they get past the very early ideation stage, they go right into computer sketches. So, these are lost.

Porter said some of the chalks and pencils used are no longer on the market.

The exhibit was kicked off in August with an accompanying car cruise with 30-40 Porter. "Except some of the cars from the local Corvette Club and six auto designers on hand for a Q & A forum.

On Sept. 24, Porter will er they come, you can't dial ry of the Muscle Car Era" at

program from 5:30 to 8:30. There is no charge for the program.

The Exhibit runs until Oct. 3 at the Saginaw Art Museum and then will move for a short time to Northwood University for its annual car festival.

The Saginaw Art Museum open Wednesdays and Thursdays from noon to 8 p.m.; Fridays and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sundays from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. General admission - which includes the exhibit – is \$5for adults, \$3 for students and seniors, and free for mu-

#### walk in Ann Arbor. Slaughter said the two-mile

chance to win a brand new Ford Fiesta.

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walk isn't a contest of any

"This is not an endurance thing or a competition, it is a friendly walk to celebrate our accomplishments and reflect on how far we have come," said Slaughter.

"It is a team bonding day for us," agreed Sanoval.

Besides the Fiesta, which is ter. new to the U.S. this year, the ter and the entertainment be-

ing provided are new. The walk will take place 9:30 a.m.

near the Design Dome in the Tech Center this year, said Slaughter.

Radio Disney is a partner with JDRF this year and will be providing entertainment for the walkers.

Those who wish to participate or donate, can do so by contacting the JDRF website.

"It's easy to sign up," said

Slaughter. The event usually draws 7,500 people to the Tech Cen-

Registration at the GM Tech location within the Tech Cen- Center in Warren starts at 8:30 a.m. and the opening ceremonies and walk starts at

### Henry Ford Learning Institute Expands Its Services Meanwhile, during the past ing partnership with San and also the home of the Ford

Learning Institute (HFLI) and its partners will provide 1,600 middle and high school students with a quality educational experience at four Henry Ford Academies, officials in Dearborn said recently.

HFLI, a non-profit organization founded by Ford Motor Co. Fund and The Henry Ford, is developing schools in America's urban centers that engaged educationally underserved students, ensure that they graduate, and prepare them for success in college and their chosen careers in

"Back to School for the 1,600 students attending a Henry Ford Academy means being one step closer to college and the educational opportunities that all students deserve, regardless of race, income level, or ZIP code," said Deborah Parizek, Executive Director of the Henry Ford Learning Institute.

Through previously nounced national support from Ford Motor Co. Fund and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, the Henry Ford Learning Insitute is building a national network of schools to share what has been learned at the original Henry Ford Academy in Dearborn - a 13-year-old charter school located on the campus of The Henry Ford, America's premier history attraction.

The Academy currently serves 475 students in grades 9-12. Its cumulative graduation rate is greater than 90 percent and 100 percent of the graduating classes of 2007, 2008, 2009, and 2010 were accepted at two- and four-year colleges and universities, living proof of the effectiveness of the HFLI offerings, officials have said.

two vears, HFLI has partnered with local educational, cultural, philanthropic and community development organizations and charter authorizers to open three new Henry Ford Academies in Chicago, San Antonio and Detroit, which all serve a primarily African-American or Latino population that has traditionally academically under-

All of the newest Henry Ford Academies commit to graduating at least 90 percent of their respective students, with at least 90 percent of those same students enrolling in post-secondary educational institutions.

The schools will add a new grade level every year until they reach full enrollment.

Also during the 2010-2011 school year, Henry Ford Academy: Power House High will serve approximately 350 students in grades 9-11.

The school was developed in partnership with Homan Square and is located in the award-winning Charles H. Shaw Technology and Learning Center in North Lawndale, a neighborhood on Chicago's West Side. HFA: Power House High is authorized by Chicago Public Schools and part of Chicago Mayor Richard M. Daley's Renaissance 2010 initiative to launch new quality Chicago Public Schools in priority communities.

Also, Henry Ford Academy: Alameda School for Art and Design will serve approximately 150 students in grades

The school was developed in collaboration with The Alameda National Center for Latino Art and Culture and is School in downtown San Antonio through a groundbreak- modern auto assembly line

District. HFA: Alameda School for Art and Design is authored by the governing Texas Education Agency.

Also, Henry Ford Academy: School for Creative Studies will serve approximately 600 students in grades 6-10.

It is led in partnership with the College for Creative Studies (CCS) in Detroit and is located in the award-winning A. Alfred Taubman Center for Design Education.

Support from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation has been key in making much of this groundbreaking educational opportunities happen.

That Foundation grew out of the greater success of Bill Gates when he was the senior most executive at Microsoft in the 1980s and 1990s. (It might be noted, too, that Ford and Microsoft have a vibrant business relationship led by the recent development of the Ford Synch in-car tool that has been sold in millions of Ford vehicles over the past few years).

Gates has met the Ford family and has visited The Henry Ford in Dearborn, so the support that his legacy foundation has been able to provide ongoing Henry Ford Learning Institute project has been described as invaluable. Tribute also goes back to

Ford Motor Co. founder Henry Ford himself, who was an exceptionally strong believer in both formal education and vocational training.

Ford himself hired public school teachers from nearby Highland Park High School to help teach English to immigrants from all over the world who were working at his thenlocated at James Bowie new Ford Highland Park assembly plant, home of the

Ford at that time offered his employees a wide variety of educational opportunities and that theme has pervaded Ford Motor Co. enterprises ever since, including now his namesake Learning Institute.

Overall, Henry Ford Academies provide academic rigor, a college-going culture, a project-based curriculum, and real-world learning experiences in the community and at local workplaces.

Developed with support from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation and the Skillman Foundation, HFLI's design thinking curriculum is aligned with national and state standards and is otherwise consistent with recommendations from the Partnership for 21st Century Skills, which champions academic excellence.

#### A123 Battery **Opens Factory** In Livonia

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grid technology and new energy sector that the department is building. When its plant is fully oper-

ational, A123's new 291,000square-foot plant is expected to produce 1 million battery cells a month, enough to power approximately 30,000 electric vehicles a year. The plant is presently running at about 50,000 cells per month and the company expects it to be at full capacity by the

pand its manufacturing ca-

innovation in Michigan based A123 also intends to open a "innovation coating plant in Romulus in trends in venture capital, actual trademark applications, the first half of 2011 to ex-

### UM-D Cites 'Innovation'

applications and incorporations helped drive innovative economic activity in Michigan during the first quarter of 2010, according to the "innovation index" compiled by scholars at the University of Michigan-Dearborn's College of Business.

The index rose from 89.0 from 83.3 in the fourth quarter of 2009, putting the index above its year-ago level of 80.0 and at its highest point since the third quarter of 2008 before the worst of the credit crunch. 'The quarterly rebound,

which came despite disappointing job creation news, was due to a reversal of the earlier decline in trademark applications combined with increases in incorporations and Small Business Administration loans," said Lee Redding, associate professor of business economics and director of the Innovation Index held at the College of Busi-The quarterly index, a proj-

ect of UM-Dearborn's Center for Innovation Research, or iLabs, provides a summary measure of economic innovation activity in the state of Michigan. The index tracks economic

on calulations of employment

incorporation activity, small

An increase in trademark creation. Four components of the index rose during the

quarter while two declined. 'Looking ahead, it appears that the next report will show second quarter innovative activity relatively similar to the

first quarter," Redding observed. The number of trademarks applied for in the state showed an increase in the first quarter, reversing a

sharp fourth-quarter drop. "The increase put the number of applications above year-ago levels an added 4.8 points to the index for the quarter," Redding added.

The number of incorpporation filings increased strongly in the first quarter, adding 2.4 points to the index. "Although a seasonal component often pushes up incorporations in the first quarter, the number also is higher than its yearago level," he said.

The number of small business loans rebounded in the first quarter. Aided by the stimulus plan, the number of loans reached its highest level since 2008 and added 1.6 points to the index in the first quarter. Also, venture capital activi-

ty in the state continued to drop from the previous quarter and hhit the lowest level since 2007, causing the index 0.5 points, according to Red-The Innovation Index for

the second quarter of 2010 is expected to be released by business loans and gross job UM-Dearborn in November.