Help Red Cross save a life; give blood
The American Red Cross is reporting a slow blood supply this winter. You can help save a life by donating at one of the two remaining campus blood drives in this year’s spring WMU-CMU Blood Challenge. The drives are being held from 11 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. today in Miller Auditorium and tomorrow in the Bernhard Center Ballroom.

Technology input forum scheduled
WMU is seeking input from faculty and staff members as well as students on a strategic plan being developed for choosing and implementing technologies to support teaching. One forum remains. It will be held from 9 to 11 a.m. Friday, Jan. 28, in 2033 University Computing Center. For more information, contact Bradley Morgan at bradley.morgan@wmich.edu or (269) 387-5365.

GoWMU services to be unavailable
Some services in GoWMU’s My Work and My Self Service channels will be unavailable this weekend, Jan. 28-30. If you have questions, contact the Help Desk at helpdesk@wmich.edu or (269) 387-4357, option 1.

Free hockey tickets offered
Faculty and staff members can receive up to two free tickets to the Bronco hockey game versus Bowling Green Friday, Feb. 4. Tickets can be picked up at the Waldo Stadium ticket office at least 24 hours in advance, or at the Lawson Ice Arena ticket window on game night. A valid faculty/staff ID is required. Visit www.wmubroncos.com or join one of the University’s existing teams. Visit http://main.acsevents.org/site/TR?pg=entry&fr_id=29929 to register or learn more.

Time to register Relay for Life teams
Online registration is open for this year’s Relay for Life event, set for April 15-16 at Kanley Track. Start your own WMU team or join one of the University’s existing teams. Visit http://main.acsevents.org/site/TR?pg=entry&fr_id=29929 to register or learn more.

TIAA-CREF reps coming to WMU
TIAA-CREF representatives will be on campus Feb. 15-17. To schedule a private consultation for investment or retirement planning, visit www.tiaa-cref.org and click Consultations and Seminars under Services. If you are unable to register online, call the scheduling group at (800) 732-8353.

Carnegie Foundation lauds WMU’s engagement efforts
WMU is among 115 institutions nationwide to earn a special designation for community engagement from the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching. Colleges and universities selected by the foundation for listing in the 2010 Community Engagement Classification join 196 schools named to the category during the 2006 or 2008 selection rounds. Schools with an institutional focus on community engagement were invited to apply for the classification, part of an extensive restructuring of the Carnegie Classification of Institutions of Higher Education begun in 2006. "Through a classification that acknowledges significant commitment to and demonstration of community engagement, the foundation encourages colleges and universities to become more deeply engaged, to improve teaching and learning, and to generate socially responsive knowledge to benefit communities," says Carnegie President Anthony Bryk. The Community Engagement Classification is elective. This approach enabled the foundation to address elements of institutional mission and distinctiveness that are not represented by the national data used to determine other foundation classifications. "This Carnegie classification provided us an opportunity to comprehensively evaluate the manner in which community engagement is embedded in our curriculum; expressed through the collaborative provision of health, research, education and counseling, among other services in the community; and reflected in our long-standing outreach programs and partnerships," says Kathy Purnell, WMU service learning coordinator.

ALA selects Joslin book as Outstanding Academic Title
"Edith Wharton and the Making of Fashion," by English professor Katherine Joslin has been selected as an Outstanding Academic Title by the American Library Association’s Choice magazine. Of the nearly 23,000 academic books published annually, 7,000 were reviewed by the editorial staff of Choice last year. Joslin’s text is among 688 books and electronic resources selected to the 2010 academic title list, which was published in Choice’s January issue. The University Press of New England published Joslin’s book in 2009 and will reprint it in paperback. "That a book on Wharton and fashion should be as gorgeous as this one is only fitting," the Choice reviewer noted. "Offering intriguing details about turn-of-the-century apparel as well as an entirely new way to understand Wharton—one turning on the symbolic resonance of dress—this book offers up a fascinating approach to Wharton’s astute chronicle of culture.

"Edith Wharton and the Making of Fashion" describes the origins of the modern fashion industry as seen through the works of Edith Wharton. The book places the iconic New York figure and her writing in the context of fashion history and shows how dress lies at the very center of her thinking about art and culture. Joslin, who joined the faculty in 1986, is director of the WMU Center for the Humanities and a past Fulbright Senior Specialist. She teaches courses in American fiction and non-fiction at the turn of the 20th century with cross-disciplinary interests in material culture and social and political history. She is working on a literary biography of Theodore Roosevelt and is the author of "Edith Wharton in the Macmillan and St. Martin’s Women Writers Series and of “Jane Addams, a Writer’s Life.”

Founding medical school dean announced
Physician Hal B. Jenson has been named founding dean of the WMU School of Medicine and will assume his new post in March or April. Jenson, professor of pediatrics and regional dean for the Western Campus of the Tufts University School of Medicine, was selected from among nearly 60 candidates whose credentials were considered by a community search committee.

WMU President John M. Dunn made the announcement of Jenson’s appointment on behalf of the privately funded medical school initiative, a community partnership involving Borgess Health, Bronson Healthcare and the University. Jenson was one of three candidates invited to make public presentations in Kalamazoo last fall.

“Dr. Jenson is the right choice to lead the development of our medical school,” says Dunn. “He brings a strong background in academic medicine, medical education and research from positions at Tufts, Yale and other prestigious university medical schools. Of great importance, he has extensive experience in health care systems very relevant to West Michigan.”

A physician and educator with more than 30 years experience, Jenson was drawn to the founding dean position by the opportunity to help create a new medical school at a national

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Public input sought on development of new archives facility

Members of the WMU and local communities are invited to attend a workshop on development of a new facility for Archives and Regional History Collections.

The workshop is set for 5 to 7 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 1, in the Fetzer Center. The event is designed to acquire input as well as provide information about ongoing activities. The proposed conceptual design for the new facility will be presented during the workshop by SHW Group, the architect for the project.

WMU is in the planning phase of developing a new home for Archives and Regional History Collections that is suitable for long-term storage of archival materials.

For more information about the workshop, contact Chris Pyzik in Facilities Management-planning, at chris.pyzik@wmich.edu or (269) 387-8543.

Retirement receptions

Facilities Management—Lawrence Scott, labor relations and transportation services, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m., Friday, Jan. 28, 208 Bernhard Center.

Health and human services—Janice Dekker and Joyce Gard, 3 to 5 p.m., Friday, Jan. 28, 4010 Health and Human Services Building.

Amissions—Pamela Liberacki, 3:30 to 5:30 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 2, 209 Bernhard Center.

Industrial and manufacturing engineering—Klazina “Klu” Welch, 5 to 7 p.m., Friday, Feb. 4, Park View Room, Engineering and Applied Sciences Building.

Obituary

Ted G. Haaksma, a former WMU staff member, died Oct. 1, 2010. He was 85.

Haaksma worked as a carpenter in Facilities Management-management services. He came to WMU in 1974 and retired in 1994 after 19-1/2 years of service to the University.

Jobs

Current job opportunities at WMU are announced daily on the Human Resources Web site at www wmich edu/hr/careers-at-wmu html. Please note that applications must be submitted online by the stated deadline. Complete application procedures are included with each posting.

Arborists first to earn certification

Two WMU arborists are the first university employees in Michigan to earn certification as Tree Risk Assessors. John Disbro and Chad Avery, Facilities Management-landscape services, attained the designation last year.

The two assessments course and certification exam are administered by the Northwest Chapter of the International Society of Arboriculture. Applicants for the exam must be certified arborists and have extensive field work in arboriculture.

The required course work is a combination of classroom lecture and field work, which includes modules in biology, structural mechanics, risk theory and practice, reading tree conditions, assessing and assigning risk levels, and prescribing risk mitigation strategies.

Artist participates in exhibitions

Patricia Villalobos Echeverria, art, showed her work overseas as part of temporary exhibitions staged last fall for the VII Central American Biennial of Visual Arts and the I International Caribbean Triennial.

The most recent showing involved a site-specific installation of a piece titled “camuflaje (camouflage) @ 12°9′19″ n, 86°16′9″ w” at the National Theatre Ruben Dario in Managua, Nicaragua. The other show involving a site-specific installation of a piece titled “salpullido @ 18°28′13.46″ n, 69°54′36.84″ w” in the Museum of Modern Art in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic.

Echeverria, chair of art, has a hybrid practice of prints, photos, videos and installations that explore new reproducible forms of representation can alter notions of singularity and states of flux.

Sociologist pens new book on China

Yuan-Kang Wang, sociology and public affairs, and administration, has had a new book published that examines why China's pacific Confucian culture has constrained its use of force in the past and discusses the implications for today's international politics.

The book, “Harmony and War: Confucian Culture and Chinese Power Politics,” was published this year by Columbia University Press. It shows that the pacific, antimilitarist bias of Confucian culture has not constrained Chinese use of force and that the country has displayed strategic behavior similar to that of other great powers.

An assistant professor at WMU since 2008, Wang conducts research in the areas of international relations, East Asian security and Chinese foreign policy.
Trustees approve retirements of four faculty, 41 staff members

The retirements of four faculty members and 41 staff members were approved by the WMU Board of Trustees at its Dec. 17 meeting.

All of the faculty members who are retiring hold full-time, non-tenured status. Their names, positions, years of continuous service and effective dates of retirement are: Bruce Naefel, associate professor of art, 38-1/2 years, April 26, 2013; Peter G. Northouse, professor of mechanical and materials engineering, 26-1/2 years, Dec. 21, 2010; and Robert Waite, associate professor of sociology, 38-1/2 years, June 13, 2010.

Trustees also approved a promotion for Sharon Peterson, who was raised in rank from instructor to assistant professor of educational leadership, research and technology, effective Aug. 20, 2010.

The retiring staff members with service dates ending in January are retiring in 2011; the remaining staffers retired in 2010. They are: Ellen L. Armstrong, advisor, art, 14 years, Dec. 31; Nancy L. Armstrong, coordinator, Environmental Studies Program, 14 years, Jan. 23; Kathleen A. Barnes, senior director of principal gifts, Development Office, 12 years, Oct. 25; Stephanie M. Boris, coordinator of physical processing, Waldo Library, 29 years, Dec. 31; Robert L. Campbell, financial services specialist, Office of Student Financial Aid and Scholarships, 28 years, Dec. 31; Kerry L. Cochran, office assistant, Department of Physics, 10 years, Dec. 31; Janice L. Dekker, academic advisor, College of Health and Human Services, 14 years, Jan. 31; Marcia Ellis, physician assistant, Sindecuse Health Center, 26 years, Dec. 12; Patricia M. Emelander, clerk, Registrar's Office, 14 years, Jan. 31; Wil B. Emmert, contract and grant specialist II, Office of the Vice President for Research, 36 years, Jan. 31; Linda M. Emmons, custodial service supervisor, Facilities Management-building custodial and support services, 21 years, Jan. 31; Barbara J. Eshuis, office supervisor, Department of Family and Consumer Sciences, 15 years, Jan. 28; Joyce A. Gard, office coordinator, Department of Speech Pathology and Audiology, 27 years, Jan. 31; Jeffrey J. Hanson, skills training specialist II, Center for Disability Services, 21 years, Dec. 31; Susan M. Henker, office supervisor, Registrar's Office, 15 years, Jan. 31; Deanna J. Hinkle, senior administrative assistant, Development Office, 23 years, Dec. 31; Carol A. Hogmire, office supervisor, Department of Public Safety, 23 years, Jan. 31; Delores J. Huber, office coordinator, Mallinson Institute for Science Education, 17 years, Jan. 31; June M. Jacobs, pharmacy technician, Sindecuse Health Center, 10 years, Oct. 15; Victoria E. Janson, research compliance coordinator, Office of Vice President for Research, 11 years, Jan. 31; Linda K. Judy, graphic designer, Medieval Institute, 23 years, Jan. 31; David J. Kotecki, industrial hygienist, Department of Public Safety, 20 years, Jan. 31; Joanne M. Lee, clerk, Registrar's Office, 28 years, Jan. 31; Mark S. Liberacki, office technology coordinator, College of Arts and Sciences, 36 years, Oct. 3; Pamela G. Liberacki, associate director of admissions, Office of Admissions, 36 years, Jan. 31; Marsha A. Magga, office coordinator, Department of Health, Physical Education and Recreation, 31 years, Jan. 31; Barbara McKinney, registrar, Registrar's Office, 30 years, Jan. 31; Michele C. McLaughlin, associate registrar-scheduling, Registrar's Office, 28 years, Jan. 31; Linda Opalewski, finance assistant, Logistical Services, 20 years, Oct. 11; Floyd Pietska, general manager, WMUK radio, 26 years, Jan. 31; Mark S. Rafferty, manager of cash operations, Dining Services-cash operations, 34 years, Jan. 31; Pamela J. Robertson, office coordinator, Registrar's Office, 21 years, Jan. 31; Gregory G. Roseboom, manager of utility administration, Facilities Management-maintenance services, 27 years, Oct. 31; Pamela S. Rups, coordinator of the Instructional Technology Center, Office of Information Technology, 31 years, Jan. 31; Lawrence C. Scott, transportation manager, Facilities Management-transportation services, 22 years, Jan. 31; Marcia L. Thompson, process associate, Human Resources, 13 years, Oct. 1; Iverne E. Thompson, office associate, WMUK radio, 20 years, Oct. 31; Sharon K. Wagner, webmaster, Registrar's Office, 14 years, Jan. 31; Klazina A. Welch, office assistant, Department of Industrial and Manufacturing Engineering, 35 years, Jan. 31; Jene A. Wens- claff, office assistant, Extended University Program-WMU Southwest; 10 years, Jan. 31; and Walter L. Worthy, research and program officer, Office of the Vice President for Research, 22 years, Jan. 31.

The faculty member resigning is Edward Van Wesep, faculty specialist II-lecturer, Department of Economics, effective May 1, 2011.

Nomination deadline approaching for semiannual staff awards

Nominations for the spring round of WMU’s semiannual Make A Difference awards are due by Feb. 28. Make a Difference is a campuswide peer-to-peer program that recognizes University staff members for their accomplishments and daily investment of energy and creativity. It features semiannual and annual awards available to Staff Compensation System, AFSCME, MSEA and POA employees who provide exceptional services to the University.

Every fall and spring, semiannual awards are presented to a maximum of 15 people. Award winners receive a certificate and a prize of $300 (before taxes) and are recognized at a special reception. Annual Make A Difference awards, which include a prize of $1,200 (before taxes), are extended to each year’s four most outstanding semiannual award recipients.

Visit www.wmich.edu/hr/make-a-difference year round for nomination forms and guidelines.

Service

The following faculty and staff members are recognized for 40, 35, 30, 25, 20, 15, 10 and five years of service during January.

40 Years—Regina E. Buckner, University Libraries.
35 Years—Charles A. Boos, information technology.
30 Years—Kirk D. Arnold, Facilities Management-building custodial and support services; John Gregory Fitzgerald, University Libraries; Patrick L. Northrop, University Libraries; and Judy A. Rozek, Facilities Management-building custodial and support services.
25 Years—Kumudra N. Bhatt, Sindecuse Health Center; Frances A. Buell, Facilities Management-landscape services; Robert D. Champion, Facilities Management-maintenance services; John William Disbro, Facilities Management-landscape services; and Todd K. Moosman, Human Resources.
20 Years—Rebecca Blodgett, Facilities Management-maintenance services; Lorraine A. Caron, WMUK; Kimberly Kay Cho, Center for English Language and Culture; James M. Davis, Facilities Management-building custodial and support services; Mario A. Gallbreath, information technology; Lynda L. Hunt, Development Office; Calvin Jones, Facilities Management-building custodial and support services; Kathy L. McKinney, ombudsman’s office; Joyce A. Simonds, Dining Services-Bernhard Center; Martha B. Warfield, diversity and inclusion; and David A. Wyman, Facilities Management-landscape services.
15 Years—Barbara J. Eshuis, family and consumer sciences; RoseEllA P. Lyke, College of Aviation; JoAnn Jones Marcilou, Facilities Management-building custodial and support services; Linda L. Poquette, alumni relations; Kathy L. Rix, Registrar’s Office; and Shelly L. Russell, Facilities Management-building custodial and support services.
10 Years—Rebecca D. Coy, public safety; June Dowdy, Dining Services-Davis; Sandra Lee Gemaat, public safety; Skeri Harper, Facilities Management-projects and construction; Harold L. Hladky, paper engineering, chemical engineering and imaging; Lynda Diana Root, educational leadership, research and technology; Shirley A. Swift, College of Arts and Sciences; and Susan M. Thorp, Fine Arts; and James H. Whittle, College of Aviation.
5 Years—Gordon M. Belar, WMUK; Fawn E. Callen, information technology; Kimberly J. Cauchy, Miller Auditorium; Anne Callen, Evaluation Center; Deborah S. Kametaka, Sindecuse Health Center; Glen P. Langworthy, College of Aviation; Eric J. McConnell, ombudsman’s office; Michael Schwartz, College of Aviation; Craig A. Warner, public safety; and LorA. Whitehead, alumni relations.
Student workers to be honored during annual employee appreciation week celebration

The University will recognize some 4,000 student employees during its 25th annual Student Employee Appreciation Week, Monday through Friday, Feb. 14-18. Career and Student Employment Services, which sponsors the week, is accepting nominations through Tuesday, Feb. 8, for awards program starting at 3 p.m. Bernhard Center's West Ballroom, with the reception, which will be held in the Bernhard Center's West Ballroom, with the awards program starting at 3 p.m. WMU faculty and staff members are encouraged to submit award nominations and to thank their student workers in some way during appreciation week. While supplies last, the career services office will provide small gifts that may be used as thank-yous for student workers. Gift requests must be received by Tuesday, Feb. 8. The office also has developed a list of suggestions for other ways to thank student employees and makes available a template that can be used to create certificates of appreciation.

Visit www.wmich.edu/career/studentemployment/seaw/nominate.html for more information and to obtain or request appreciation week materials. Direct questions to Brenda Case-Parris at brenda.case-parris@wmich.edu or (269) 387-2725.

Founding medical school dean announced

Jenson earned a medical degree from George Washington University and later a Master of Business Administration degree from the University of Texas at Austin. His pediatrics residency was at Case Western Reserve University's Rainbow Babies and Children's Hospital. He was a pediatric infectious diseases fellow at the Yale University School of Medicine and a visiting fellow in molecular biology at Cambridge's Ludwig Institute for Cancer Research. In addition to his current role as a regional dean at Tufts, Jenson has had faculty positions at the Yale University School of Medicine, University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio and Eastern Virginia Medical School, where he served as chair of pediatrics. Active in education and clinical activities, he specializes in clinical infectious diseases and virology.

Jenson is the author of more than 250 papers, commentaries and book chapters. He also is associate editor of the newsletter Infectious Disease Alert and an editor of the “Nelson Textbook of Pediatrics.”

Jack R. Luderer, a longtime medical researcher and former executive director of WMU's Biosciences Research and Commercialization Center, has served as interim dean for the medical school since June 2010. With Jenson's appointment, Luderer assumes the post of associate dean for research at the WMU School of Medicine.