Grant-related training scheduled
The grants and contracts' spring training schedule is now available on the Web, along with slides from previous presentations. Visit www.ofb.wmich.edu/grants-contracts for details about the schedule or to register. Contact the office at grants-services@wmich.edu or 387-4707 for more information.

Financial reps to be on campus
TIAA-CREF representatives will be on campus Tuesday through Thursday, March 16-18. To schedule a private consultation for investment or retirement planning, visit www.tiaa-cref.org and click Consultations and Seminars under Services. If unable to register, contact Richard Schaper at richard.schaper@wmich.edu or 387-3580.

Fidelity investment advisors will be available for personal consultations in the Bernhard Center on Thursday, March 11, 18 and 25. To schedule an appointment, visit Fidelity online at www.fidelity.com/around/reservations or call (800) 642-7111, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to midnight.

WMU wins blood challenge—again
WMU took top honors in the spring blood challenge with Central Michigan University Jan. 19-28. WMU collected 520 units of blood compared to CMU's 276. The Red Cross estimates that those tallies combined will help save an estimated 2,388 lives.

'Vets on Campus' webinar slated
A half-day live distance-learning webinar titled “Vets on Campus” will be offered Wednesday free to faculty and staff members from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 24, on the 9th Street campus of Kalamazoo Valley Community College. The Advocacy Office for Transfer Students and Military Affairs is partnering with KVCC to offer this six-session, four-hour seminar.

Attendees will learn about what's working in veteran's programs and ways to meet the unique needs of student service members, veterans and their families. Participants should bring a brown bag lunch; water and dessert will be provided. Send an e-mail to tracemyoon@wmich.edu to register and obtain room and parking information.

Gilmore festival discounts available
Because WMU is a sponsor of the Gilmore International Keyboard Festival, University employees will receive a 15 percent discount on festival tickets. The world-class event will run from April 17 to May 8, and many performances may sell out early.

Discounted tickets may be ordered from Miller Auditorium in person or by calling 387-2300. Report that you qualify for the sponsor discount and provide the password that will be sent to you soon through the WMU Today faculty and staff e-mail service. Visit www.gilmorekeyboardfestival.org for details about the 2010 Gilmore festival.

Eaton, WMU join forces for hybrid-electric research
Eaton Corp. and WMU have signed a five-year agreement to invest in and jointly staff a testing lab to focus on hybrid drive systems for commercial and military vehicles.

A memorandum of understanding, finalized in late December, calls for Cleveland-based Eaton to invest $350,000 for lab startup, and then about $300,000 annually to maintain the testing lab to focus on hybrid drive systems for commercial and military vehicles.

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Public comment period near for self-study report
Since October 2008, WMU has been engaged in a process of self-reflection and analysis in preparation for its 10-year evaluation review by the Higher Learning Commission. The results of that self-study have been compiled into a first-draft report that the University’s HLC self-study steering committee will release tomorrow.

The committee invites members of the WMU community to read the draft report for feedback, and the public is invited to attend competition performances.

Mayor to speak at leadership event
Kalamaoo Mayor Bobby Hopewell will deliver the keynote address at the second annual Multicultural Leadership Luncheon, set for noon to 1:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 22, in the President’s Dining Room of the Bernhard Center. Hopewell’s talk, titled “From Leadership to Legacy,” will address how students can leave their legacy as leaders, both on campus and in the community.

The luncheon is free, but registration is required by Monday, Feb. 15. Limited seating will be available for WMU faculty and staff members. To register or obtain more information, send an e-mail to melissa.green@wmich.edu or sherrie.fuller@wmich.edu.

Muslim students to host event
The Muslim Students Association will host the next installment of its free dinner-lecture series starting at 5:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 19, in the Bernhard Center Ballroom. The event is open to the public, but online reservations are required at www.eso.wmich.edu/maa by Wednesday, Feb. 17.

The evening will include a multicultural dinner and multiracial exhibition as well as a keynote address titled “One God, Many Names: Muslims, Christians and Jews all Call Upon the Same God.” The address, which explores similarities and those faiths, will be presented by Umar Faruq Abd-Allah, a former teacher at universities in the United States, Canada and Saudi Arabia.

Terrorism, torture workshop slated
A free two-day workshop today and tomorrow, is examining the many questions raised by terrorism, counter-terrorism and torture. The “Terrorism, Ticking Time Bombs and Torture” workshop is based on the upcoming book of the same title by Fritz Allhoff, professor.

Registration is required by sending an e-mail to vishalk.gary@wmich.edu and full workshop details are posted at www.wmich.edu/wmu/news/201002012.html. Tomorrow, the public event will include four lectures in 3014 Moore and conclude with a panel discussion in 204 Bernhard Center that is part of the Center for the Study of Ethics in Society spring lecture series.

Top music students to compete
The University’s top music students will take center stage in the final round of this year’s Concerto Competition at 5:30 p.m. today in the Dalton Center Recital Hall. There is no admission charge, and the public is invited to attend competition performances.

Doctoral student wins poetry contest
Gary L. McDowell, a doctoral student studying poetry and American literature, has won the 2009 Orphic Prize for Poetry from Dream Horse Press, an independent publishing firm. McDowell earned a $1,000 cash prize and will have his first full-length poetry collection, “American Amen,” published late this year. He also wrote “They Speak of Fruit,” published in 2009, and co-edited “The Rose and the Thorn” anthology.

Around Campus

Talk to examine God, Google
Similarities between modern-day media and religion will come to light when John Durham Peters, an internationally renowned media historian and social theorist, speaks on “God and Google” from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 18, in 204 Bernhard Center. Peters will discuss how both media and religion provide ways of making sense of each other, ourselves and the universe. His visit is through the Visiting Scholars and Artists Program.

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.
WMU's Everyone Counts Learning Community on Diversity and Inclusion officially kicked off Feb. 3 with a daylong orientation session in the Fetzer Center for its inaugural participants.

Launched this past fall, the Everyone Counts pilot initiative is a campuswide professional-development opportunity that addresses issues relevant to WMU’s Diversity and Multicultural Action Plan. It has been embraced across campus, and a full complement of faculty and staff members are participating in the initiative’s first year.

During the orientation session, Everyone Counts’ 33 group members and six facilitators were welcomed by Lowell Rinker, vice president for business and finance, and Diane Anderson, vice president for student affairs, who also represented Provost Timothy Greene.

They spent most of the rest of the day getting acquainted, engaging in team-building exercises and listening to informational presentations. The participants ended the day by dividing into three smaller communities to continue team-building as well as to set their agendas for the coming year.

“Diversity and inclusion are essential to the fulfillment of our institutional mission,” says Martha Warfield, associate vice president for diversity and inclusion.

“Everyone Counts provides us with an opportunity to again enact the Diversity and Multicultural Action Plan to promote and value inclusiveness in learning, curricular and co-curricular programming, campus climate, recruitment, admissions, hiring and retention.”

The three smaller Everyone Counts communities will be meeting twice a month from now through December to discuss literature on diversity, listen to guest speakers, attend workshops and conferences, and talk about the challenges and opportunities they face in their work. In addition, group members will receive a small amount of money to create projects that directly integrate what they are learning into their daily work.

Everyone Counts is a collaboration between the offices of Diversity and Inclusion and Faculty Development and is sponsored by the offices of the Provost, Diversity and Inclusion, Vice President for Student Affairs, and Vice President for Business and Finance.

Zarinah El-Amin Naem from the diversity and inclusion office and Andrea Beach from faculty development are co-coordinating the overall initiative.

Visit wmich.edu/diversityandinclusion for more information about Everyone Counts.

Bowl games showcase BTR Park product

Holiday collegiate football bowl games this year showcased a new product from a division of Tekna Inc., a Kalamazoo-based company located in the University’s Business Technology and Research Park.

Introduced last year, the MEDIC mobile athletic training table already is a standard part of home and away games for teams including WMU and Clemson, Princeton, Purdue and Michigan State universities.

With the close of football season, the product has moved indoors to the nation’s basketball courts. In addition, interest has been triggered among NFL, NBA and X-Games trainers.

The MEDIC takes injury assessment and treatment off the ground or bench and onto a sturdy and rugged unit that can serve as a base of operations near the playing field or court.

WMU was presented with a MEDIC XL table this past fall during an event with, from left: Dennis Corbin, WMU assistant athletic director; Kris Eagles, Tekna president; Mike Razewicz, Tekna’s product business manager; and Bob Miller, WMU associate vice president for community outreach. (WMU photo)

More H1N1 clinics offered

H1N1 vaccinations are available at no cost to WMU students, employees and retirees, and their legal dependents age 12 and older.

Walk-in clinics have been set for 1 to 5 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday, Feb. 16-17, near the Student Recreation Center Service Desk as well as 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, Feb. 24-25, in 3230 Sindecuse Health Center.

No appointment is necessary, but a WMU Bronco Card or other valid photo ID may be required.

Visit the Flu Information Center at www.wmich.edu/flu for more information about flu prevention and treatment. Questions should be directed to the Sindecuse Health Center at 387-3295.

Dining hall to close until Sept. 3

The Davis Dining facility will close Friday, Feb. 26, to begin significant renovations. The project will continue until the end of August, and the dining hall will reopen Sept. 3. For more information, visit www.wmich.edu/dining/davis or contact Judy Gipper at judy.gipper@wmich.edu or 387-4846.

Obituary

Lillian T. Wilcox, a former staff member at Western Michigan University, died Jan. 31. She was 79.

Wilcox came to WMU in 1980 as a secretary in the Department of Geography and subsequently held several secretarial positions at the University. She retired in 1993 as a secretary executive II in Media Services after 12 1/2 years of service.

The family will receive friends on Friday, Feb. 12, from 4 to 7 p.m. in the Life Story Funeral Home, 409 S. Main Street, Vicksburg, Mich. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Saturday, Feb. 13, at 11 a.m. in St. Joseph Catholic Church, 936 Lake St., Kalamazoo.
Real Talk diversity series will kick off at 6 p.m. on February 11 in the Haenicke Institute for Global Education.

The first program in the monthly series is titled “Campus ISMS.” It will feature students as well as faculty members discussing student attitudes about racism, sexism, homophobia, and classism. Audience members will be able to participate in the group’s weekly meetings, which includes cash prizes, is midnight Monday, March 1.

Honors College and interim vice provost for enrollment management since mid-2007, John M. Dunn to WMU and elevated Timothy J. Green to the provost position.

Real Talk is geared toward raising awareness of diversity and inclusion among WMU students. The group of students that organized the discussion series invites other students at the University to help plan future events by participating in the group’s weekly meetings at 10 a.m. Thursdays in the Multicultural Center.

For more information, contact Zarinah El-Amin Naeem in the WMU Office of Diversity and Inclusion at zarinah.el-amin@wmich.edu or 387-6524.