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For and about WMU faculty and staff

Free Ball State football tickets offered

WMU employees can obtain free tickets to the football contest with Ball State Tuesday, Nov. 24, in Waldo Stadium. The game starts at 7 p.m. and will be broadcast nationally on ESPN2.

Faculty and staff members can order their Ball State tickets online, using the promotional code THANKYOU; in person at the Bronco Ticket Office; or by phone at 387-8092. They should be prepared to provide their employee ID or WIN. This offer ends Monday, Nov. 23, at 5 p.m. if requesting tickets by phone or at the ticket office and at 11 p.m. if requesting tickets online.

When requesting Ball State tickets, a voucher good for selected hockey or men's basketball tickets also will be provided. Additionally, there will be no charge for parking in the lots near Lawson Arena, where free shuttle bus service will be available to and from Waldo Stadium. Go to www.wmu-broncos.com and click WMU Promotions for details about the special ticket offers for employees, students and the public.

Everyone Counts extends deadline

WMU's Everyone Counts initiative has extended its application deadline to Friday, Dec. 11. A learning community focusing on diversity and inclusion, the initiative is a year-long professional-development opportunity open to all part-time and full-time employees, including graduate assistants. Go to www.wmich.edu/diversityandinclusion for more information.

Writing Center notes replacement program has begun for APA manuals

The American Psychological Association is offering to replace error-riddled paperback copies of the first printing of the sixth edition of its publication manual. Kim Ballard, director of the WMU Writing Center, also reports that she is planning to hold a campuswide meeting in January to talk about the manual.

To get a mailing label to receive changes to the sixth edition, those interested should contact the APA at order@apa.org or (800) 374-2721. The offer runs through Tuesday, Dec 15. Go to <http://supp.apa.org/style/pubman-reprint-corrections-for-2e.pdf> for details about the replacement program and a printed supplement of the corrections.

New communication degree approved

The WMU Board of Trustees, acting at its Nov. 2 meeting, approved a new accelerated master's degree program in the School of Communication. The program will give undergraduate students with senior status the option of taking selected graduate-level courses and have those courses count toward both undergraduate and graduate credit. The move will allow top students to reduce the time it takes to continue at WMU and earn a master's degree.

Grand opening set for Confucius Institute

WMU will celebrate its new "bridge" to China during a grand opening for the WMU Confucius Institute, set for 3 p.m. Monday, Nov. 23, in the Dalton Center Recital Hall.

The Confucius Institute was founded to provide new Chinese language and cultural studies options for WMU students and faculty and dramatically expand international opportunities for area K-12 schools and local businesses.

Its opening follows closely on the heels of a Nov. 17 joint announcement issued by China and the United States that the two countries will be more vigorously promoting cultural exchanges between the two nations, and sending more students to each other's country to study.

A small campus delegation traveled to China in July 2009 to finalize a set of agreements that established the Confucius Institute and cemented a partnership between WMU and Beijing Language and Culture University, China's premier international institution for language instruction.

The related five-year renewable agreements make WMU a formal partner in an international effort to expand the teaching of Chinese language and culture. The effort is under the auspices of the Office of Chinese Language Council International of China's Ministry of Education, known more commonly as the Hanban.



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Carbon storage research garners \$600,000 grant

Armed with more than \$600,000 in new federal funds, a WMU-led effort to store greenhouse gas emissions deep below the ground is picking up steam.

The effort is helping to position Michigan in the forefront of states exploring carbon capture and geological sequestration and is providing the geological background for tens to hundreds of millions of dollars in grants to the state.

WMU researchers, led by Dave Barnes with Bill Harrison and Duane Hampton, and graduate students and staff in the Department of Geosciences and the Michigan

Geological Repository for Research and Education, have been actively pursuing the security and validation of this new technology since mid-2004.

Their efforts were greatly enhanced by the recently awarded federal earmark of \$601,158, which was sponsored by U.S. Rep. Fred Upton. Previous and subsequent grants from the U.S. Department of Energy are contributing to the effort to help Michigan actively address greenhouse gas emissions from stationary emission sites, such as electric power plants, ethanol production plants and chemical and refining operations.

Offices relocate in wake of Bernhard Center project

Several offices have been reshuffled, making room for 35 student groups to take up residence in the new Student Organization Center next to the public cafeteria on the Bernhard Center's main floor.

The SOC complex includes a pass-through hallway to allow access from the building's back parking lot and main entrance. To free up space for SOC, Auxiliary Enterprises has moved to Moore, receiving visitors in Room 4046. Plans call for Student Activities and Leadership Programs to relocate to Bernhard's second floor from the Faunce Student Services Building yet this fall.



Participating in the Nov. 4 ribbon cutting for the Student Organization Center were, from left: Ted Petropoulos, director of the Bernhard Center; Diane Anderson, vice president for student affairs; Nate Knappen, president of the Western Student Association; Adrian Light, president of the Campus Activities Board; John M. Dunn, president; and Chris Sligh, director of Student Activities and Leadership Programs. (Photo by Jeanne Baron)

In preparation for that move, the Advocacy Office for Transfer Students and Military Affairs is now housed in 1353 Ellsworth, while the Office of the Ombudsman is housed temporarily in 2104 Sangren until its new space is completed in Faunce.

In a related action, the Bernhard programming office, located on Bernhard's lower level, has been renamed the Resource and Graphic Design Center. The office is now more clearly focused on assisting student organizations, and graphic design students will be available weekdays from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Around Campus

Faculty works being showcased

The Annual Gwen Frostic School of Art Faculty Exhibition opened today and will continue through Friday, Dec. 18, in the Richmond Center for Visual Arts. A free opening reception is being held from 5:30 to 7:30 tonight in Richmond.

Russia Week events continuing

Among the WMU-related events taking place during Kalamazoo's Russia Week is a free Department of English talk at 6 tonight in 2028 Brown by Robert Alexander, the author of three best-selling Romanov-era historical novels.

Also, culminating the week, will be the annual Kalamazoo Russian Festival from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 21, in the Fetzer Center. Go to www.russianfestival.org for costs and other details.

Dybek to present reading tonight

Stuart Dybek, emeritus in English and a noted novelist and poet, will present a free reading at 8 tonight in 208 Bernhard Center. The event is part of the Gwen Frostic Reading Series. Go to www.wmich.edu/english and click Creative Writing then Events to obtain details about the series.

Women focus of art exhibition

A vibrant collection of oil paintings depicting women at various stages in life is on display through Friday, Dec. 18, in the Health and Human Services Building's second-floor art gallery. It features area artist Launda Wheatley.

Habitat chapter to hold fundraiser

The student chapter of Habitat for Humanity will hold its 13th annual Shantytown fundraiser from 9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 20, to 7 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 21, on the lawn in front of Kanley Chapel. The event has been opened up to the public this year. Go to www.wmich.edu/wmu/news/2009/11/048.shtml to learn how to participate or donate.

Emeriti group sets final fall program

The Emeriti Council's final Wednesdays II program for 2009 will take a festive turn when musical theatre majors perform a sampling of numbers from their upcoming "New York Showcase." The showcase is presented in New York during each spring break for agents and casting directors. The preview program will take place at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 9, in Walwood's Heinig Emeriti lounge.

Landscape services team earns national award

For the second time in recent years, the Facilities Management-landscape services team has been honored for its work by the Professional Grounds Management Society.

Tim Holysz, the unit's manager, accepted a 2009 Green Star Honor Award from the society Oct. 31 on behalf of the team. WMU was recognized for the quality, challenge and level of maintenance of its grounds.

The Green Star awards bring national recognition to grounds maintained with a high degree of excellence.

PGMS recognized 16 grounds programs nationwide with its 2009 awards in categories ranging from Residential Landscape to Amusement Parks to University and College grounds. WMU also was a 2003 Green Star Award winner.

"Located in an area that receives 70-plus inches of snow annually, keeping a landscape

full of bloom and color can be quite a task. But that is one that Tim Holysz, director of landscape services, and his crew have mastered," PGMS said on its Web site. "The campus is full of landscape life, including fountains, lush lawns, memorials and monuments, and water features."

Assembling WMU's submission materials were Holysz; Steve Root, Steve Keto and Darrell Junkins, grounds supervisors; Tom Sauber, landscape projects manager; Cari Delong, Asylum Lake/environmental research coordinator; and Paul MacNellis, landscape services director.

WMU's submission included photos of the campus grounds, along with descriptions of various sites and landscape challenges.

Exchange

For sale—Rare items. A Russian "Sniper Scope" camera kit that includes a Zenit 12xps SLR camera, 58 mm lens, 300 mm lens, rifle-like shoulder mount that has trigger control of the camera, and a variety of color lens filters. Found one on Ebay selling for \$224; asking \$120. Also, a stand-alone, Russian-made night-vision scope with infrared illuminator. Has good optics and magnification (about 4X). With illuminator on, the viewer can clearly make out objects under pitch-black conditions at considerable distance. Asking \$90. Contact philip.micklin@wmich.edu or 345-6541.

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.

Staffer tapped as nationwide trainer

George Eskro, Career and Student Employment Services, is one of six people chosen to be national Student Employment Essentials



Eskro

Trainers. National SEE Trainers lead a train-the-trainer seminar for members of the National Student Employment Association.

The NSEA members selected for that honor must be qualified to lead a two-day course on

student-employment essentials for student-employment administrators in all four of the association's regions. As part of their duties, they also serve on the committee that reviews NSEA's training materials, serve as mentors for Regional SEE Trainers and review applications from candidates who wish to become Regional SEE Trainers.

Eskro was approached in June by the NSEA Executive Board to be a national trainer. He has been a regional trainer for eight years and has led the two-day SEE course for members of the Midwest Association of Student Employment Administrators.

Administrator elected to arts board

Jim Hopfensperger, senior associate dean of the College of Fine Arts, has been elected to serve a three-year term on the Board of



Hopfensperger

Directors of the National Council of Arts Administrators, which is an affiliate organization of the College Art Association.

The council promotes communication among institutions and provides meaningful col-

laborative opportunities for arts administrators within academia as well as with leaders in related arts organizations.

It primarily serves and supports chairs, deans, directors and provosts in the arts by creating and maintaining a vital network of administrators in higher education.

Prof chairs neuromusicology event

Edward Roth, music, chaired an institute in San Diego Nov. 11 that pulled together some of the world's most prominent researchers



Roth

in the neurosciences and music. Roth coordinates WMU's clinical studies in music therapy.

The institute on Clinical Neuromusicology: The Neuroscience of Music, From Perception to Clinical Practice was held prior to the

American Music Therapy Association's 2009 conference.

During the event, neuromusicologists presented state-of-the-art brain research examining the interaction between music and attention, learning, memory, speech and language, motor functioning, emotion and spirituality.

Institute participants had the opportunity to present therapeutic challenges faced in clinical or educational settings to neuroscientists and discuss appropriate research designs that test for and contribute to the development of effective treatment methodologies.



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WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

Applications for MLK grant proposals due Dec. 14

Organizers of the 2010 Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration at WMU will be accepting applications for sponsored programs and activities through 5 p.m. Monday, Dec. 14.

WMU departments, offices, individuals and organizations, including student organizations, are invited to apply for funding grants as well as publicity assistance to support projects that they would like to schedule during the spring 2010 semester.

The University will be celebrating King's life and work from Jan. 11-April 23 and be using the same theme as the greater Kalamazoo community: "The Strength to Love."

Grant proposals submitted for WMU activities and programs should relate to that

theme, which encompasses King's legacy of loving thy neighbor in the face of hate. Applicants will be notified as to whether they have been awarded funding assistance.

Regardless of whether members of the WMU community are seeking funding support, those planning to hold MLK-related events during spring semester are asked to submit proposals for each of their events so that they can be included in the University's publicity for the 2010 celebration.

The upcoming celebration is being organized by WMU's MLK Planning Committee under the auspices of the Office of Diversity and Inclusion.

Tony Dennis, associate director of diversity

recruitment for the Graduate College, is serving as committee chair.

An application form for proposals, along with submission guidelines, is available online at www.wmich.edu/mlk and from the diversity and inclusion office, located in 1003 Trimpe Building. Those wishing to have these materials faxed to them should call 387-6313.

For more information about submitting proposals related to the University's MLK celebration, contact Dennis at tony.dennis@wmich.edu or 387-1247 or Jamesha Quick in the Office of Diversity and Inclusion at jamesha.k.quick@wmich.edu or 387-6313.

HSS Building's green designation formally recognized

A number of dignitaries were on hand earlier this month to help unveil a plaque in the Health and Human Services Building that recognizes the facility's gold-level certification from the U.S. Green Building Council. They included, from left: U.S. Rep. Fred Upton and WMU's Earlie Washington, health and human services dean; John M. Dunn, president; and Peter Strazdas, associate vice president for Facilities Management.



The HSS Building's gold-level certification made it the first LEED-EB-certified higher education building in the country to achieve a rating higher than silver. The Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design for Existing Buildings, or LEED-EB, rating system recognizes WMU's structure as one of the highest-performing buildings in Michigan. (Photo by Cheryl P. Roland)

Joining free wellness program made easier

WMU is motivating employees to enjoy the benefits of a healthy, active lifestyle with a new One-to-One Wellness Program.

Developed by Holtyn Associates, a local wellness provider, the program features personalized health assessments and wellness coaching. It gives participants the resources and support they need to take charge of their own physical and mental well-being.

The one-to-one program is offered free of charge to all full-time, benefits-eligible WMU employees. Individual appointments are offered in a variety of convenient on-campus locations.

The one-to-one program begins with an individual biometric assessment. A wellness professional will measure blood pressure, cholesterol and blood sugar levels, as well as body mass index, waist circumference and overall fitness level. Participants are

then asked to set a personal wellness goal that fits into their life and puts them closer to reaching or maintaining optimal health. The entire process is confidential, no fasting is required, and participants leave the assessment with their results in hand.

Wellness coaches are available to periodically provide support and encouragement, and to assist employees in meeting their goals. Every participant has access to online tools and support, as well as wellness events, programs and services.

To enroll in the program, schedule an appointment or read individual success stories, visit www.wmich.edu/wellness and click the "Holtyn" link. For more information, including details about how to set up localized buildingwide screenings, contact Danna Downing at d Downing@holtynhpc.com or 779-5453.

United Way campaign surpasses goal—again

WMU students, faculty, staff and retirees came together again this year to show their support for the Greater Kalamazoo United Way, ultimately surpassing their \$240,000 campaign goal.

"I attribute this year's success to good leadership and a strong committee of people who really went to work," said President John M. Dunn at a Nov. 12 victory celebration. "People here get it," he continued. "This is a caring, giving University, with people who recognize that there are many, many needs in the community."

Employees and retirees gave \$260,000 and counting this year. Of the 1,160 contributors, 262 were people who have never made such a commitment before, and nearly 400 increased the amount of their gifts compared to one year ago. Even students stepped up their involvement this year, selling United Way T-shirts to raise money.

Although this year's campaign has officially ended, the president's office will continue to collect donations of any amount. Employees and retirees who have not already turned in their pledge cards are encouraged to do so now. Contact www.wmu-united-way@wmich.edu for information on making a gift.

Amazing GeoRace scheduled

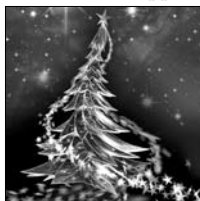
WMU students will be competing in a timed event testing their geography skills as they race across campus from noon to 2 p.m. Friday, Nov. 20, during the Amazing GeoRace 2009. The event is part of National Geography Awareness Week.

Two employee professional organizations schedule holiday-related events

The University's two non-bargaining employee groups, the Administrative Professional Association and Professional Support Staff Organization, have scheduled holiday get-togethers.

The Administrative Professional Association is sponsoring an out-of-this-world gathering at the Kalamazoo Valley Museum Planetarium from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 3.

The family-friendly event will feature a social hour with appetizers followed by a 50-minute planetarium show called "Seasons of Light." The gathering will showcase the



recently remodeled KVM Planetarium, which now has some of the most sophisticated digital projection technology in the world.

WMU employees and their guests do not need to be members of APA to attend the event, which costs \$5 for APA members, \$7 for youth age 12 and younger, and \$10 for non-members. Register online at www.wmich.edu/apa by 5 p.m. Monday, Nov. 30, and pay at the door. The admission fee will be charged for registrations not canceled by 5 p.m. Nov. 30.

The PSSO has planned a "Happy New Year" holiday social from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 11, in the Bernhard Center Ballroom.

The event will feature a speaker, an optional ice-breaker game and a delicious lunch selection. This year's community service emphasis is Kairos Dwelling, a hospice house.

The cost is \$10 for PSSO members and \$12 for non-members. Go to www.wmich.edu/pssso to obtain a registration form and a list of suggested donation items for Kairos.

The form and payment are due by Friday, Dec. 4. No refunds will be given for cancellations made after Monday, Dec. 7. Contact Jessica Hutchinson at jessica.hutchinson@wmich.edu for more information.



On Campus with Greg Brown



BUSY BY DESIGN
(Photo by Jeanne Baron)

What do you get when you cross a hard worker with a people person? You get someone like Greg Brown, who holds jobs at both WMU and Kalamazoo College.

A custodian, Brown took a full-time job at WMU in 1976. Since then, his volunteer work at Kalamazoo College gradually turned into an expanding part-time job.

"I've started work at Western at 5 a.m. for the past 12 years, and gone right over to Kalamazoo College when I finish," he says. "I like keeping busy and I like the people I work with here and the people I work with there."

Brown began his WMU career as a food services employee, moved to logistical services several years later, then joined the custodial staff in 1997. He works on the crew that tends such East Campus facilities as Walwood and East halls and the Campus Services, Earl Wilbur, and Health and Human Services buildings.

"We're one of the best crews," he says with pride. "Everyone is just great."

As familiar as Brown is at WMU, he's recognized by even more people at Kalamazoo College, where he's known as "Hammer" and has served as the athletics department's assistant equipment manager since 1974. In that capacity, he takes care of laundry and locker room facilities, and is involved with most of the school's sports teams.

In addition, Brown is responsible for building security at Kalamazoo College's football field and supervises several work-study students. If that weren't enough, he also serves as manager of the college's baseball team, a role he was asked to take on as an employee in the early 1980s after he had been volunteering with the team.

"I enjoy working at both schools. I've been doing this so long I'm used to it," Brown says, noting that during football season he works seven days a week. "When I retire, I won't miss getting up so early, but I'll still work with students."

Brown is a lifelong Kalamazoo resident. His mother, Helen, taught dance at WMU while his father, Madison, was the University's first janitorial supply stores supervisor. Brown is a big railroad buff, and has two large model train sets in his basement. He often travels to busy railway stations to watch passing freight trains loaded with overseas goods pulling cars built in places like China and Korea.

A member of the Illinois Railroad Museum, Brown takes four members of the Kalamazoo College baseball team to visit the facility every spring. He enjoys "going the extra mile" to show appreciation for all of the college's student-athletes, and even sends cards and homemade cookies to each of them during the holiday season.

Two student researchers earn Frostic Doctoral Fellowships

Two doctoral candidates, Petra Kohler and John Panos, are the fall 2009 recipients of the Gwen Frostic Doctoral Fellowships.

Kohler, a biological sciences student, was awarded \$3,000 for her dissertation, titled "Role of the Inositol and Rhizopine Catabolic Pathways During the Competition for Establishment and Maintenance in the *Sinorhizobium meliloti*—Alfalfa Nitrogen Fixing Symbiosis." Her project focuses on rhizopines as inositol compounds, a subject of interest in agriculture around the world.

Kohler also received a 2009-10 Disserta-

tion Completion Fellowship. Her dissertation chair is Silvia Rossbach.

Panos, a psychology student, was awarded \$3,000 for his dissertation, titled "Neurochemical Effects of Amyloid-beta Oligomers in Rats." He hopes his project, a collaborative effort involving contributions from several of the world's leading neuroscience researchers, will contribute to the understanding of possible causes of neurological disorders such as Alzheimer's disease.

Panos also received a 2009 George and Beatrice Fisher Dissertation Prize in Geron-

tology. His dissertation chair is Lisa Baker.

The Frostic Fellowships are given annually by the Graduate College and made possible by an endowment from the estate of the late poet, artist and naturalist Gwen Frostic, a 1929 WMU alumna. The competitive awards assist doctoral students in all fields with dissertation expenses, including tuition and fees, materials, and travel.

Nine staffers selected to receive fall Make a Difference Awards

Nine staff members have received WMU's fall semiannual Make a Difference Award for 2009-10, along with \$250 and a commemorative certificate.

The University community is invited to honor the recipients during an awards reception at 2 p.m. Monday, Dec. 7, in 157 Bernhard Center.

The honorees are: Virginia Bowlby, Graduate College; Teresa Cleveland, Online Education; Douglas Gray, Facilities Management-building custodial and support services; Nancy Johnson, investments and endowment management; Darrell Junkins, Facilities Management-landscape services; Robin Lenkart, chemistry; Patricia Nelson, philosophy; Kenny O'Connor, Facilities Management-maintenance services; and Paige Warner, First Year Experience.

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During the Confucius Institute grand opening, President John M. Dunn will unveil an institute plaque, welcome on behalf of WMU a four-member delegation from BLCU and participate in the formal exchange of gifts between the two educational partners.

The event also will feature a photo exhibit, choral performances, and a short concert by a Chinese ensemble as well as a Lion Dance performance. A reception in the Richmond Center will follow the opening ceremony. Both the ceremony and reception are open to the public free of charge.

WMU and BLCU have a relationship that dates back to 1998. Now, as WMU's Confucius Institute partner in China, BLCU

will designate WMU as one of its major study abroad sites and begin sending as many as 30 students to study in Kalamazoo each year.

Other aspects of the institute-related agreements signed in July mean that WMU will receive financial and other assistance from its Chinese partners to enhance its library holdings. Also, six Chinese-language faculty members will be sponsored to come to campus, helping the University expand language arts and cultural offerings at WMU and throughout southwest Michigan.

Administrative offices for the Confucius Institute at WMU are located in the Haenicke Institute for Global Education. Academic offices for the visiting professors from China are located in Dunbar.



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