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For and about WMU faculty and staff

Trustees give Dunn high marks

Praising WMU President John M. Dunn for his leadership, commitment and accessibility, WMU trustees voted unanimously Sept. 17 to extend his contract for an additional two years and increase both his base salary and deferred compensation.

The move extends Dunn's contract through June 2014 and raises his base salary by 2 percent to \$362,457. Dunn and his wife, Linda, plan to donate the full amount of the salary increase—just over \$7,100—to student scholarship funds at the University. The couple made a similar donation in 2008 after the board increased Dunn's salary.

Work-study hiring deadline nearing

Career and Student Employment Services reminds faculty and staff members that many federal work-study recipients as well as other WMU students are looking for campus employment. Federal work-study recipients must receive a University paycheck by Tuesday, Oct. 13, or their work-study awards will be removed from their financial aid packages. For more information, contact Brenda Case-Parris at 387-2725.

Staff award nominations due Oct. 31

Nominations for the fall round of WMU's semiannual Make a Difference awards are due by Saturday, Oct. 31. Visit www.wmich.edu/hr/makeadifference for more information, or to submit a nomination online. Nominations may also be submitted by e-mail to make-a-difference@wmich.edu or via campus mail to Mail Stop 5217.

Recreation center open house slated

University Recreation will host an open house in the Student Recreation Center from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 29, for WMU employees and retirees. Attendees will be able to tour the SRC and use its facilities as well as obtain information about SRC memberships and the University's Zest for Life wellness program.

From 2 to 6 p.m., those attending will be able to check out the SRC's new WMU Athletic Training Lab/WMU Sports Medicine Clinic, which provides services for faculty and staff members. There also will be door prizes and refreshments.

College name change approved

WMU trustees have signed off on changing the name of the College of Education to the College of Education and Human Development to better reflect the diversity of programs that the college provides.

The college prepares students for roles in K-12 schools, plus offers many programs that do not require teacher certification. Non-teaching programs include athletic training, counseling psychology, dietetics, early childhood and family relations, exercise and sports medicine, human resources development, interior design, and recreation.

WMU in forefront of sustainability efforts

As the campus becomes increasingly greener, WMU is gaining wider recognition.

Most recently, *Business Review West Michigan* awarded its inaugural Green Award in the Greatest Green Initiative category to WMU. The University was one of 10 award winners and the only higher education entity honored.

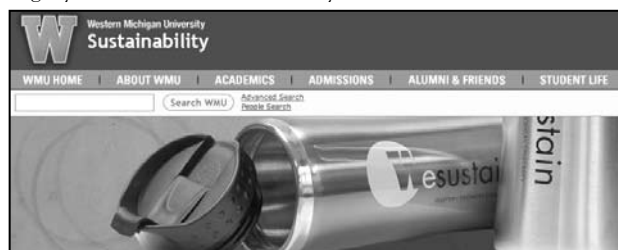
WMU's work was profiled in the Sept. 3 issue of the business magazine, and campus sustainability efforts will be honored today during an award ceremony in Grand Rapids that will

also single out office furniture giant Herman Miller and the city of Grand Rapids.

The award recipients constitute a select group of West Michigan individuals and organizations that "exemplify the spirit of sustainability." The publication cited the past year of work at WMU as "a significant point in Western Michigan University's sustainability journey" and pointed to a number of green awareness initiatives.

Those initiatives included:

- Launching a comprehensive Web site at www.wmich.edu/sustainability.
- Initiating an LED pilot lighting project.
- Purchasing electric vehicles to begin transforming the campus maintenance fleet.
- Committing to the Southwest Michigan Region Sustainability Covenant.



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Top Extended University Programs position filled

A seasoned administrator has been named to head WMU's off-campus programs.

Dawn M. Gaymer has been named associate provost for Extended University Programs, effective Oct. 1.



Gaymer

Gaymer has more than 20 years of experience in such areas as adult student recruiting, graduate program leadership and international education.

In her new post, she will lead the University's six regional sites as well as its online, continuing education and conference programs.

Prior to coming to WMU, Gaymer was at Eastern Michigan University. She joined EMU in 1999 as assistant dean for credit programs in the school's continuing education operations, and since 2005 has been assistant dean of graduate programs in EMU's College of Business.

Gaymer also has been director of international admissions at the University of Toledo, a program coordinator at Golden Gate University and an admissions specialist at Brevard Community College.

She succeeds Darrell Johnson, who left WMU at the end of 2008 to accept a position at Ohio State University. Since his departure, EUP has been led on an interim basis by Craig Kaml.

WMU's 'American Idol' honored at CommUniverCity



Fans and friends attending the CommUniverCity Night football game Sept. 19 were treated to an appearance by "American Idol" star and WMU alumnus Matt Giraud, center. Giraud was recognized during halftime. President and Mrs. John M. Dunn were among the singer's well-wishers. (Photo by Sarah Troup)

Around Campus

Holistic health exhibit opens

An art exhibit depicting new holistic healing methods is on display through Thursday, Oct. 15, in the College of Health and Human Services Building's second-floor art gallery. The exhibit, "Journey to Self: An Illustrated Guide to the Inner Life," stems from a book written by Tom Holmes and illustrated by Sharon Eckstein. It may be viewed from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

Neutron star focus of physics talk

A physics colloquium titled "Journey to the Core of a Neutron Star" will be presented by Edward Brown from Michigan State University. The event will start at 4 p.m. Monday, Sept. 28, in 1110 Rood. Visit <http://tesla.physics.wmich.edu/Colloquia.php?PG=1> for more information.

Provost leads off speaker series

Provost Timothy J. Greene kicks off the 2009-10 Keystone Community Bank Breakfast Speaker Series with an 8 a.m. talk Friday, Oct. 2, in the Dean's Conference Room of Schneider. Titled "WMU—Providing Higher Education Leadership," the free event will begin with a 7:30 a.m. breakfast and requires reservations, which may be made by calling 387-5050.

Study, Intern Abroad Fair scheduled

The world view that today's employers are seeking in new hires is one of the many benefits of traveling overseas that will be highlighted during the 2009 Study and Intern Abroad Fair. The free fair will be held from 4 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 6, in the Bernhard Center's South Ballroom.

The event also will showcase the more than 60 WMU programs in 35 countries that allow students in all majors and minors to earn academic or internship credit. The event is open to the public. Go to www.wmich.edu/studyabroad for details.

Foundation to hold 50th meeting

The Paper Technology Foundation is celebrating its 50th annual meeting Thursday, Oct. 15. Activities observing this milestone include a keynote address by James A. Buzzard, president of MeadWestvaco Corp.; meetings as well as internship and employment interviews with WMU students; and a luncheon showcasing Paper Tech Foundation scholarship recipients.

Most activities related to the celebration will take place in the Fetzer Center. Visit www.wmich.edu/wmuptf and click Annual Meeting for more information or to register for various activities.

BIS prof earns coveted certification

William Bonofiglo, business information systems, has been awarded the Microsoft Certified Trainer title. This prestigious certification from Microsoft recognizes trainers as being technical and instructional experts in Microsoft solutions and the only individuals authorized to deliver training for Microsoft certification.



Bonofiglo

Bonofiglo had to pass three exams, two covering Dynamics CRM information and a third covering operating systems and networking.

Students taking the Customer Relationship Management class this fall will benefit by having unrestricted access to the Microsoft Learning Library and will pay a reduced price for the corresponding Microsoft Certification Exam.

Counselor elected to national board

Lonnie Duncan, counselor education and counseling psychology, has been elected to a three-year term on the Council of Counseling Psychology Training Programs Board of Directors.



Duncan

CCPTP is the national organization of counseling psychology training programs, and its membership includes the training directors of U.S. and Canadian counseling psychology doctoral programs.

Duncan is co-training director for WMU's counseling psychology doctoral program and a recipient of the University's Griselda Daniel Award.

His professional interests include the role of race, class and gender on personality development; Christian psychology; black male development; outreach and prevention; scale development and validation; minority mental health; and supervision and training.

Coach named to national group

Head men's soccer coach Stu Riddle has been selected as one of nine NCAA Division I head coaches to serve on the National Soccer Coaches Association of America



Riddle

Men's National Rankings Committee.

The NSCAA conducts the most widely recognized national and regional soccer ranking system in the country as a service to the general public and its members.

Based in Kansas City, Kan., it is the largest coaches' organization in the United States.

The 203 participating NCAA Division I schools are broken down into eight regions. Riddle will serve as committee head for the 61-team Great Lakes Region, reporting weekly to National Chair Carl Rees with a national top 25 and regional top 10 vote.

Riddle has been at WMU since early this year. He has worked at institutions such as the University of Evansville, served as head coach for the Kalamazoo Kingdom PDL and developed the Kalamazoo Outrage soccer program.

Dedication event showcases new Statistical Consulting Center

The Department of Statistics will showcase its new Statistical Consulting Center with a dedication and open house from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Friday, Sept. 25, in 3379 Rood. The

center provides statistical services to local businesses and organizations as well as WMU students and faculty and staff members. It grew out of trial sessions during spring semester that were well received.

Jeffrey Terpstra, statistics, is directing the center and its staff of doctoral students, who are available to the University community by appointment from 1 to 3 p.m. for free one-hour consultations. For more information or to request materials regarding the center's services, contact Terpstra at jeffrey.terpstra@wmich.edu or 387-2852.

Exchange

For rent—Single-family ranch home in safe neighborhood near Winchell Elementary. Three bedrooms, one bath, kitchen with tile floors, hardwood floors in drawing/dining room area and three-season porch. Range, microwave, refrigerator with ice maker and dishwasher. Washer and dryer as well as laundry hook up can be made available. Two-car garage, fenced backyard with deck, nice front lawn and finished driveway. May be rented for one or two years, two-year lease preferred. References needed, deposit required, pets not allowed. \$1,200 per month, utilities separate. Contact Arvind Sevak at asevak1@gmail.com.

Jobs

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

Art classes open to area youths

The Frostic School of Art is offering Saturday morning art classes to youths ages 7 to 18 from Oct. 10-Dec. 5. The deadline to enroll is Monday, Oct. 5, or until classes fill.

Bill Charland, art, is overseeing the student-taught courses. The registration cost is \$35 per child, and the instruction will be topped off with a public exhibition of students' work.

For enrollment information, go to <http://cfa.wmich.edu/art> or contact Charland.



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WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

Board of Trustees approves several faculty, staff retirements

The retirements of three faculty members and seven staff members were approved by the WMU Board of Trustees at its Sept. 17 meeting. Trustees also accepted the resignations of four faculty members and one staff member.

All of the faculty members who are retiring are doing so with emeritus status. Their names, positions, years of continuous service and effective dates of retirement are: Joseph J. Belonax Jr., professor of marketing, 31-1/2 years, effective Dec. 31; Jaimy Gordon, professor of English, 32-1/2 years, effective April 30, 2014; and G. Gwen Raaberg, professor of English, 22-1/2 years, effective Dec. 31, 2011.



Belonax



Britten



Sadler

The staff members retiring are: Edward L. Britten, grounds/trades in facilities management—landscape services, 41 years, effective Dec. 31, 2009; Robert R. Lassiter, refrigeration repairperson in facilities management, 38 years, effective Aug. 31; Kenneth J. Pol-

lack, grounds/trades in facilities management—landscape services, 39-1/2 years, effective Sept. 30; John Running-Johnson, sculpture technician in the Frostic School of Art, 20 years, effective Aug. 7; Kim D. Sadler, manager in facilities management—building and support services, 12 years, effective Jan. 4, 2010; Terry G.

Spencer, manager of corporate reporting and taxation in accounting, 22 years, effective Sept. 6; and Connie L. White, second cook in Dining Services—Burnham, 19 years, effective Dec. 31.

The faculty members resigning are: Rebekah Farrugia, assistant professor of communication, effective Aug. 9; Herb Fynewever, assistant professor of chemistry, effective Aug. 14; Paul Nwulu, associate professor of communication, effective Aug. 8; and Sybil Rhodes, associate professor of political science, effective Aug. 9.

The staff member resigning is: Michael E. Haines, head women's soccer coach, effective Sept. 30.

Enrollment dips slightly overall; up in some categories

More than 24,500 students have enrolled at WMU for the fall 2009 semester.

The University's official total enrollment is 24,576. That figure includes a main campus enrollment of 22,623. The fall total also includes an enrollment of 3,616 in online programs and at regional sites.

The enrollment data is from WMU's fall census, conducted Sept. 15. This fall's numbers are within 1 percent of the previous year's enrollment of 24,818 and show:

- A 1.3 percent increase in graduate enrollment, including a 4.7 percent increase in the number of doctoral students. At 900, the number of students pursuing doctoral degrees reflects an increase of more than 65 percent in the past decade.
- An 18.2 percent increase in the number of nonresident undergraduates, pointing to successful recruiting initiatives in out-of-state areas such as Chicago and other countries. The overall increase in the number of nonresident students at both the graduate and undergraduate levels is 11.2 percent.
- A Universitywide increase in minority and international students by more than half a percent. Minority student enrollment stands at nearly 13 percent and international student enrollment at just over 5 percent.

Beginning freshman enrollment this fall is 3,267, down in size from last year's large entering class. The decrease was predicted by campus enrollment officials because of the economic downturn and the decreased number of graduating high school seniors in Michigan.

University accelerating flu prevention efforts

WMU has placed signs at all entrances to its buildings urging those with flu symptoms to stay home and follow the instructions posted on the University's Flu Information Web site.



The Stop Flu signs are a recommendation of the Centers for Disease Control and are not optional. They should remain in place until further notice.

In related news, the Fox-Eldridge residence halls have been readied to isolate students with the flu from others living in University housing.

Some students are questioning the seriousness of the situation, since H1N1 has many of the characteristics of seasonal flu, and the treatment is largely the same.

"What most people don't seem to understand is few of us have any immunity to H1N1," says Lisa Marshall, WMU medical director, "while many of us have built up considerable resistance to seasonal flu. Unless those with the H1N1 virus are isolated from others, this could spread very rapidly and affect a much larger percentage of the campus community than we have ever experienced with seasonal flu."

Employees and students with obvious flu symptoms are being asked to voluntarily stay home. If they do not, supervisors and instructors are asked to send those individuals home.

Visit the Flu Information Web pages at www.wmich.edu/flu for more information and instructions for employees and students.

Service

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

35 Years—Wil B. Emmert, research.

30 Years—Guy R. Barks, Miller Auditorium, and Deborah K. Withee, College of Education.

25 Years—Marcia Ellis, Sindecuse Health Center; Charlotte G. Kelley, research; Tammy Kiel, facilities management—landscape services; Annie Marton, facilities management—building custodial and support services; Phyllis A. McDowell, facilities management—building custodial and support services; Kelley Oliver, Haworth College of Business; Christine A. Paver, information technology; Ellen Pestoor, facilities management—landscape services; Donnie L. Phelps, Bernhard Center; Mark E. Tomlinson, WMUK Radio; and Nancy C. Watson, facilities management—building custodial and support services.

20 Years—Kristina Berns, facilities management—building custodial and support services; Pamela Emery, Extended University Programs—Grand Rapids; Judith

Jones, admissions; Deanna L. Mergen-Henry, West Hills Athletic Club; Joyce A. Parsons, Development Office; Alison K. Thor, University Libraries; and Carla S. Truppa, facilities management—building custodial and support services.

15 Years—Natalia C. Obreiter, military science; Terry W. Shaffer, residence life; and Alonzo Wilson, information technology.

10 Years—Massood Zandi Atashbar, electrical and computer engineering; Elisa R. Dely, West Hills Athletic Club; Derek L. Diget, information technology; Deno S. Frier, West Hills Athletic Club; Robert S. Kennedy, West Hills Athletic Club; Kim A. Livock, West Hills Athletic Club; Jody J. McBain, West Hills Athletic Club; Richard C. McNorton, facilities management—landscape services; Tyler H. Norman, West Hills Athletic Club; Betsy Sell, West Hills Athletic Club; Lee E. Smith, West Hills Athletic Club; Lana Stier, Sindecuse Health Center; Chad W. Ward, West Hills Athletic Club; and Evelyn Winfield, University Counseling and Testing Center.

Five Years—Stephanie DenHamer, public safety.

WMU marking 100th year in Grand Rapids with event



Next month will mark the 100th anniversary of WMU providing academic offerings in Grand Rapids.

To celebrate its centennial milestone, an open house for prospective students will be held from 4:30 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 7, in the Graduate Center-Downtown, located at 200 Ionia Ave. SW. Visit www.wmich.edu/grandrapids/100 to make a reservation to attend the open house. WMU-Grand Rapids will pay the application fee for attendees who apply to a program by Oct. 16.

On Campus with Kathy Rix



BRIDGING THE GAP
(Photo by Jeanne Baron)

Helping to keep WMU's student information systems running efficiently occupies much of the day for Kathy Rix, who has been associate registrar since 2000.

Rix is responsible for generating reports for clients across campus and chairing the Institutional Security for Student Information Systems Committee, which oversees institutional security related to student data. She's well versed in Banner, Cognos and WMU's other key information management software, and uses her knowledge of the SQL programming language to tailor reports to meet specific client needs.

"Our primary purpose is to serve campus constituents, be they student, faculty or staff, and ensure that University and federal policies are enforced," Rix says of the Registrar's Office, adding that information security is becoming increasingly important. "I encourage everyone to regularly review WMU's security policies. To find them online, login to GoWMU and click the Security Access Policies link in the My Work tab."

Rix has taken college-level programming courses, but developed her computer expertise in a roundabout way after serving a three-year stint in the Navy as a photographer's mate. During that time, she worked on everything from official portraits to reconnaissance photos, but the high point was printing pictures of America's astronauts as they took their first steps on the moon.

Next came several years of temporary work, then eight more as an administrative assistant in the Kalamazoo schools, where Rix started training her co-workers on the district's software enhancements. She came to WMU's Extended University Programs in 1996 as a secretary and worked her way up to publications coordinator. That job moved to the Registrar's Office in 1999, and has morphed considerably since then.

"I'm now what you call a funky tech—a functional person with a lot of technological understanding, someone who can bridge the gap between the really functional and the really technical," Rix says. "The Registrar's Office is a great place to work. Everything we do helps to maintain the integrity and value of a WMU degree."

Rix resides in Kalamazoo with her two cats, Siri and Tanner. In 1999, she earned an MBA from WMU and last year, she completed a doctorate in higher education administration. In her free time, Rix enjoys working on puzzles and watching tennis and golf. For many years, she was "instrumental" in various church services, sometimes playing the guitar and singing and sometimes planning the musical program.

Three to receive Distinguished Alumni Awards

The WMU Alumni Association has selected three prominent WMU graduates to receive its most prestigious honor, the Distinguished Alumni Award.

The 2009 award recipients are: Susan Martin Bunda, executive vice president of content development and strategy for CNN Worldwide in Atlanta; Nancy J. Diehl, recently retired chief of the Felony Trial Division for the Wayne County (Mich.) Prosecutor's Office; and Kenneth V. Miller, vice president, chief operating officer and

co-owner of Havarco in Kalamazoo and chair of the WMU Board of Trustees.

This year's recipients will be recognized during an on-campus reception and dinner starting at 6:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 23, in the East Ballroom of the Bernhard Center.

Reservations may be made by visiting www.wmich.edu/alumni and clicking Events or by calling (269) 387-8777. On-line reservations will be accepted through Friday, Oct. 9, and phone reservations through Oct. 16.

Campus community invited to Tom Friedman simulcast



Friedman

WMU students and employees are invited to view a live broadcast of a Wednesday, Oct. 7, lecture by Pulitzer Prize winner and best-selling author Thomas L. Friedman.

The free simulcast is set for 8 p.m. in the Fetzer Center's Kirsch Auditorium. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. for the event, which is not open to the public.

Friedman will discuss his best-selling 2008 book, "Hot, Flat and Crowded: Why We Need a Green Revolution—And How It Can Renew America." His previous works include 2005's "The World Is Flat: A Brief History of the Twenty-first Century."

Go to www.worldmichigan.org to order tickets for the Grand Rapids dinner.

Large bequests reported

WMU received more than \$12.7 million in gifts during this past fiscal year.

The largest, \$2.25 million, came from the estate of Edwin E. Meader. His wife, Mary, donated about \$500,000 and left a bequest valued at \$2.75 million.

Two anonymous deferred bequests valued at \$16 million combined were also confirmed.

Green initiatives

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- Achieving LEED-EB gold certification for the Health and Human Services building and transferring the practices and materials used in that building to facilities campuswide.

The Green Award honor follows closely on news received in August that *Princeton Review* named WMU one of Michigan's three most sustainable universities.

That publication gave the University 92 points out of a possible 99 in measuring and analyzing its academic and operational commitment to sustainability. Grand Valley State University and Michigan State University were ranked as No. 1 and No. 2 in Michigan, respectively.

Among other recent green initiatives are the introduction of an EcoMug and the elimination of print versions of the Univer-

sity's media guides for its 16 varsity sports.

The EcoMug will reduce the \$32,000 the University annually spends on disposable cups and lids, plus reduce the environmental and energy costs associated with manufacturing and disposing of those products.

The mug is sold in the WMU Bookstore and enables users to receive discounts at campus and local businesses. It was provided free to incoming first-year and transfer students. Go to the Sustainability Web site for details about the stainless-steel container.

The decision by intercollegiate athletics to improve its media guides and exclusively post them on the Web also will reduce costs and favorably impact the environment. Visit www.wmubroncos.com to view the guides, which are posted as PDF files for all fall sports on the left side of each sport's home page.