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For and about WMU faculty and staff

Register by Friday for free perks

Friday, May 8, is the deadline to register for WMU Day at the Capitol in Lansing and receive a free WMU T-shirt as well as an optional box lunch and bus transportation from Kalamazoo. More than 700 students, faculty and staff have already signed up at www.wmich.edu/wmuday to participate in the event, which is Wednesday, May 27, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the front lawn of the state capitol.

WMU Day at the Capitol will feature interactive and hands-on exhibits and live vocal performances showcasing the talent and success of WMU students, faculty and staff. More than 30 exhibits and activities are planned for the day. For more information, contact Donna Marks at donna.marks@wmich.edu or 387-2072.

TIAA-CREF reps coming to campus

TIAA-CREF representatives will be on campus Tuesday through Thursday, May 12-14. To schedule a consultation for investment or retirement planning, go to www.tiaa-cref.org and click Meetings and Counseling under the Services link. If unable to register online, contact Richard Schaper at richard.schaper@wmich.edu or 387-3580.

Board of Trustees OKs TAU contract

Trustees have approved a three-year contract with the Teaching Assistants Union, increasing both compensation and the number of credit hours of tuition that will be waived for union members. The contract will go into effect Aug. 18. Go to www.wmich.edu/wmu/news/2009/04/055 for details.

Today is key deadline for APA honors

The deadline for applying for the Administrative Professional Association's 2009 Scholarship Award and employee recognition awards is today. APA members may apply to have their children who are WMU students receive a \$500 scholarship. They also may nominate employees for the Outstanding New Professional, Outstanding Professional and Griffin Service awards. Go to www.wmich.edu/apa for more information.

Cancer study open to WMU community

Members of the WMU community have a rare opportunity to participate in an American Cancer Society study. This year only, ASC representatives will be at the Relay For Life of Kalamazoo County to enroll people in a landmark long-term study to help researchers better identify the lifestyle, environmental and genetic factors that cause or prevent cancer.

Enrollment will take place from 1 to 5 p.m. May 30, in the Kalamazoo County Fairgrounds & Expo Center. Anyone between the ages of 30 and 65 who never has been diagnosed with cancer may join the study. Go to www.main.acevents.org/site/TR?pg=entry&fr_id=14509 to learn more.

Aerospace engineer named engineering dean

A Michigan native who was educated at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and went on to build a national reputation in aerospace engineering will become the next dean of WMU's College of Engineering and Applied Sciences.



Vizzini

Anthony J. Vizzini, the Bill and Carolyn Cobb Chair and head of the Department of Aerospace Engineering at Mississippi State University, will take the reins of the engineering college July 1. His appointment, which includes a tenured position as a professor of mechanical and aeronautical engineering, was made pending approval of the University's Board of Trustees.

Vizzini's selection follows a national search for a new engineering dean to replace Timothy Greene, who was chosen last summer to lead WMU's academic operations as provost and vice president for academic affairs.

An Allen Park, Mich., native, Vizzini says he is excited about coming to WMU as well as having the opportunity to return to Michigan and help the state address the challenges it faces during tough economic times. When he visited the campus earlier this year, he said he was particularly struck by how the engineering college focuses on individual students and their success.

Vizzini has led Mississippi State's aerospace engineering department since 2003. In 2005, he was named the inaugural holder of the Cobb Endowed Chair at MSU's Bagley College of Engineering. Before that, he served for 17 years as a faculty member at the University of Maryland, where he was graduate education director for two years and was founding director of the Composites Research Laboratory at the A. James Clark School of Engineering.

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Secretary of State office gets Bronco country makeover



The WMU-themed walls inside the Secretary of State office on West Main Avenue in Kalamazoo have received a major makeover. The work was completed over the course of three months by University Relations staffer Tammy Boneburg, with the assistance of student employees Aaron Coney and Christina Long. In addition to updating the pictures and memorabilia on display, the team created several montages reflecting WMU's history and campus life. (Photos by Tammy M. Boneburg)

New emergency management Web site goes online

WMU unveiled a complete Web site devoted to emergency planning May 4 that includes a major section on planning related to pandemic influenza outbreaks.

President John M. Dunn announced the sites in an e-mail message to employees. In the message, Dunn noted that many faculty and staff members have been asking for more detailed information about the University's emergency plans.

The new site at www.obf.wmich.edu/safety covers a variety of possible emergencies, from fires and tornadoes to bomb threats and workplace violence. It also has a link to WMU's Critical Incident Response Plan. Employees are encouraged to bookmark the emergency planning Web site and check it frequently.

The pandemic flu section focuses on the University's plans for responding to any pandemic, although links are provided for both the avian and swine flu. The section includes FAQs for faculty and staff and for students and families, as well as numerous campus and governmental documents and resources.

To keep the campus community informed about the evolving swine flu situation, another new Web site has been created at www.wmich.edu/flu that consolidates much of the information that previously has been posted online.

The WMU home page and the Emergency Information Line at 387-1001 are the University's official sources for information about campus closings and ongoing emergencies.

Around Campus

44th Medieval Congress starts today

More than 3,000 people from around the world will gather on campus for the 44th International Congress on Medieval Studies Thursday through Sunday, May 7-10. Online registration for the event is closed, but on-site registration is ongoing in the lobby of Fox-Eldridge. Go to www.wmich.edu/wmu/news/2009/04/062 for congress details.

Alumni art featured at Richmond

Two art exhibits by WMU alumni are on display in the Monroe-Brown Gallery at the Richmond Center for Visual Art through Friday, June 26. Both exhibits are open free of charge during the center's summer gallery hours, Monday through Friday, noon to 5 p.m. Go to www.wmich.edu/wmu/news/2009/04/050 for details about the exhibits.

Team to unveil Formula SAE racecar

The student Formula Racing Team will unveil its high-performance racecar tomorrow during a reception and program starting at 3:30 p.m. in front of the College of Engineering and Applied Sciences Building. The car will be unveiled following remarks by speakers at 4 p.m.

The team took first place in the Detroit Section Student Exhibit Competition at the 2009 Society of Automotive Engineers World Congress April 20-23. Members are now preparing for this year's Formula SAE International competition May 13-

16 at Michigan International Speedway in Brooklyn, Mich.

Book-release celebration scheduled

A new book titled "The Journey Begins" by Von H. Washington, director of WMU's Multicultural Theatre Program, will be featured during a book-release celebration from 3 to 6 p.m. Saturday, May 9, in the Trimpe Building.

The book contains three of Washington's most celebrated and treasured storytelling creations, "Seven Stops to Freedom," "The Legend of Sojourner Truth" and "The River to Cross."

Asian weddings focus of emeriti talk

The final installment of the Emeriti Council's 2008-09 Wednesday II programs is set for 2 to 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 13, in the Heinig Emeriti Lounge, which is located on the second floor of Walwood Hall's west wing.

Sandra Edwards, emerita in occupational therapy, will present a talk titled "Swirl of the World as a Guest at Two Asian Weddings in India and South Korea."

May 12 deadline for Poker Walk

The registration deadline for the annual Poker Walk is Tuesday, May 12. Faculty and staff members are encouraged to celebrate National Employee Health and Fitness Day by participating in the walk, which is set for Tuesday, May 19. Go to www.src.wmich.edu for more details about this and other upcoming campuswide wellness events.

Habitat recognizes emerita, students

Dorothea I. Barr, a retired staff member, was honored March 16 by Kalamazoo Valley Habitat for Humanity during the annual meeting of its board of directors.



Barr

Barr, one of five volunteers to be recognized, was cited for providing exceptional administrative support to the organization. An office assistant in political science, she retired in 2005

after 37 years of service to the University.

The WMU chapter of Habitat for Humanity was the lone community organization recognized during the meeting. It was designated KVHH's outstanding community partner for 2008-09, in appreciation for its 20 years of service to helping build affordable housing in the area.

In other business, junior Kevin Key of Portage Mich., was elected to serve on the board as a director.

Russia expert chosen for NEH institute

Dasha C. Nisula, foreign languages, has been selected to participate in "America Engages Russia, Circa 1880-ca. 1930: Studies in Cultural Interaction." This National Endowment for the Humanities' 2009 Summer Institute program will be held June 14 to July 3 in New York.



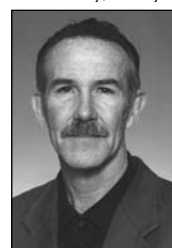
Nisula

It will bring together 25 university teaching faculty, curators and senior bibliographers, and 10 session leaders to consider, investigate and reflect upon the implications of the various forms of cultural engagement between the United States and the Russian Empire/Soviet Union.

Nisula joined the WMU faculty in 1988 and serves as director of the Russian Studies Program. Her research focuses on 19th- and 20th-century Russian literature and culture, Russian language pedagogy, Slavic languages and literatures, and translation.

Department chair to be honored

Steven C. Rhodes, School of Communication director, will receive the 11th Tony Griffin Golden Word Award during a banquet Thursday, May 21, in the Fetzer Center.



Rhodes

InterCom, a Kalamazoo-based professional communicators group, presents the award for significant contributions to professional communication in Southwest Michigan.

The banquet is open to the public and requires reservations with payment in advance. It will begin at 5:30 p.m. with networking. A dinner and an awards program will follow at 6 p.m. The event will include presentation of InterCom's 2009 Memorial Scholarship to Lauren Berry, an interpersonal communication major from Portage, Mich.

Reservations with payment of \$28 per person are due by Monday, May 11. Checks made payable to InterCom should be mailed to Golden Word Award, c/o Lawrence Productions, 25 Ottawa Ave. SW Ste 204, Grand Rapids MI 49503-4099.

Exchange

For sale by owner—Cute lake cottage at 1172 N. Eagle Lake Drive. Five minutes from I-94, 20 minutes from WMU. Beautiful double lot gradually sloping from road to lake with 116 feet of lake frontage. Two bedrooms, one bath and large deck off living room. Natural gas forced-air heat, air conditioning, connected to city sewer, insulated three-car garage, small outbuilding and boathouse, and automated in-ground sprinkling system. Sunset views and lots of elbow room. To be listed with realtor for \$425,000, so make an offer soon. Contact eaglelake1172@gmail.com.

For sale—Charming 1931 home at 430 Pinehurst Blvd. Two miles from WMU in great neighborhood right at the top of West Main hill. Three bedrooms, 1,600 square feet and partially finished basement. New central air unit, dishwasher, water heater, chimney lining, interior paint throughout and much more. Property is well maintained and full of great perennials, fruit bushes and garden spaces. Call 599-3114.

For rent—Single-family ranch in safe neighborhood near Winchell Elementary School. Available starting mid to late July. 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 drier 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. \$1,300 per month, utilities separate. Contact Arvind Sevak at asevak1@gmail.com.



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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.



Reservations due Friday for APA/PSSO luncheon

The APA/PSSO Awards and Spring Luncheon is set for 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Friday, May 15, in the Bernhard Center Ballroom. The deadline for submitting reservations with payment is Friday, May 8.

The annual luncheon includes door prizes and staff recognitions by the two sponsoring organizations: the Administrative Professional Association and the Professional Support Staff Organization.

This year's event, which features Girls on the Run as the service project, has a health and fitness theme. Keynote speaker Becky Argue of Holtyn Associates will address "WMU Wellness at Work" and describe wellness services available on campus at no cost to benefits-eligible employees of the University.

The cost to attend is \$5 for members of APA and PSSO, and \$8 for nonmembers. Go to wmich.edu/apa or wmich.edu/pssso to download a reservation form. Contact APA's Mary Ramlow at mary.ramlow@wmich.edu or PSSO's Terri Culver at terri.culver@wmich.edu for more information.

Trustees approve 10 faculty, staff retirements

The retirements of two faculty members and eight staff members were approved by the WMU Board of Trustees at its April 24 meeting. Trustees also accepted the resignation of one faculty member.

Both 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: **Emily P. Hoffman**, economics, 28-1/2 years, effective Dec. 31, and **Christine M. Smith**, music, 17-1/2 years, effective April 30.

The staff members retiring are: **James N. Adduci**, dining services-Davis, 19 years, effective July 31; **Sharon L. Daughtry**, physical plant-landscape services, 27-1/2 years, effective Aug. 31; **John P. McDevitt**, public safety, 24 years, effective May 31; **Mary E. Metzler**, physical plant-building, custodial and support services, 16-1/2 years, effective July 31; **Rebecca L. Roberts**, physical plant, 24-1/2 years, effective May 31; **Cynthia B. Stineback**, Student Activities and Leadership Programs, 10 years, effective July 31; **Jacqueline Wadsworth**, dining services-Burnham, 22 years, effective June 30; and **Sara L. Wick**, Waldo Library, 23 years, effective May 31.

The faculty member resigning is: David Shields, dean of the Haworth College of Business, effective June 30.



Hoffman Smith



McDevitt Metzler Wick



Wood Hall aptly named for first University tree tour

About 45 employees, students and friends turned out April 17 for the Arbor Day celebration. Attendees had a chance to help plant a tree, take WMU's first campus tree tour and listen to speakers. Event participants included, from left, President John M. Dunn, landscape services Manager Tim Holysz and business Vice President Lowell Rinker. Go to www.pp.wmich.edu/lss and click Tree Tours to obtain a map and descriptions for the Wood Hall Tree Tour. (Photo by Jeanne Baron)

Service

The following faculty and staff members are being recognized for 30, 25, 20, 15, 10 and five years of service to the University during May.

30 Years—Nancy J. Johnson, Office of the Associate Vice President for Finance.

25 Years—Krista J. Cekola, Human Resources.

20 Years—Paul Hildenbrand, Haworth College of Business; Denise A. Richards, Fetzer Center; and Kandeiss-Toi Ross, Human Resources.

15 Years—Gregory P. Anderson, geography; Cheryl Carr, physical plant-building, custodial and support services; Cheryl A. Peters, statistics; and Veronica L. Thomas, residence life.

10 Years—Joan L. Beffel, Internal Audit; Lynn A. Buthala-Plew, Office of the Vice President for Research; Victoria E. Janson, Office of the Vice President for Research; Kristen M. Rose, WMU Bookstore; and Richard H. Welch, physics.

Five Years—Tammi L. Maner, admissions.

WMU sculpture honors artist, naturalist Gwen Frostic

A sculpture created at WMU to honor Michigan artist, poet and naturalist Gwen Frostic was unveiled April 26 in Wyandotte, Mich., at the Frostic Field city park that bears her family name.

Frostic, a 1927 WMU alumna who died in 2001, had a lifelong love affair with WMU. She was widely known for her block print art, and became a successful entrepreneur and businesswoman. The Frostic School of

Art was named in her honor in 2007.

Four students worked with faculty-sculptor John Running-Johnson to create the sculpture. Their 11-foot high, 1,200-pound piece takes its artistic cues from the flora and fauna found in Frostic's work.

The team created its own designs, which they cut into steel plates. The plates were folded to resemble Frostic's famous greeting cards and then welded together.

Obituaries

Georgia C. (Kerby) Bryan, a retired staff member, died April 10 in Kalamazoo. She was 54.

Bryan came to WMU as a student in 1972 and earned a bachelor's degree in 1980. She began working in the Registrar's Office in 1974 and was hired full time as that unit's assistant supervisor in 1978.

Bryan was named registration director in 1982 and associate registrar-scheduling in 2002-03. She retired in 2008 after 30-1/2 years of full-time service to WMU.



Cutrim

Elen M.C. Cutrim, geography, died April 15 in Rose Arbor Hospice, Kalamazoo. She was 62.

Cutrim joined the Department of Geography faculty in 1990 as an adjunct professor and

was appointed a full professor in 2006. Due to her illness, she was scheduled to retire Aug. 9 after 19 years of service to WMU.

Cutrim focused her research on South America, meteorology and global climatic change, and her work garnered numerous important grants.

She was active in a variety of professional organizations as well as on campus, serving on the Faculty Senate and as president of the Phi Kappa Phi chapter.

Annie Dobbs, chemistry, died April 14 in Augusta, Ga. She was 58.

Dobbs came to the University in 1994 and was serving as an office associate in the Department of Chemistry.

The Kalamazoo resident was active in WMU's Professional Support Staff Organization and received WMU's semiannual Make a Difference award in spring 2007 in recognition of her outstanding accomplish-

ments and daily investment of energy and creativity.



Frattallone

Guiseppe "Joseph" Frattallone, emeritus in art, died April 17 in Paw Paw. He was 80.

Frattallone began teaching art and art education classes at the University in 1965 and retired as an associate professor in 1985 after 20 years of service.

He served two stints as chairman of the art education area.

During his tenure, Frattallone was a key player in advancing art education at WMU as well as in Michigan. His efforts helped the University develop into a model institution for Michigan's minimum performance objective in art.

On Campus with Judy Belland



JOB HAS HER DANCING ON AIR
(Photo by Jeanne Baron)

Judy Belland has a dream job—serving as coordinator of the Music and Dance Library in the Dalton Center.

Belland, who grew up near Galesburg, Mich., first came to WMU in 1980 as a double major in music therapy and in bassoon performance. After graduating in 1985, she was employed for the next 20 years as a music therapist, mostly in Philadelphia.

"Much of the time, I worked in institutions for people with disabilities. Unfortunately, the buildings tended to be ugly and noisy, and staff morale was poor," Belland says. "But the library here is such a nice environment in every way. Physically, it's a quiet, pleasant place, and the library staff and faculty are enjoyable and professional."

When Belland applied for her current position in 2007, she already had decided to change careers and was enrolled in a master's program in library science. It didn't hurt either that she had been a student employee in the Music and Dance Library while an undergraduate and knew Gregory Fitzgerald, who now heads the library.

As coordinator, Belland hires, trains and supervises a student staff of seven; keeps the bookshelves in order and the audio equipment in good repair; maintains course reserve materials for music and dance faculty; and provides customer service. The latter role includes showing students how to use older audio equipment that most have never seen, such as record player turntables and reel-to-reel tape players.

"I definitely like solving puzzles or mysteries. That's when customer service is especially fun. It doesn't matter whether the question is why someone was charged an overdue fee or where an item is," Belland says. "A lot of people don't know that we exist or that we have more than classical music. We have books, recordings and musical scores covering many genres of music and dance as well as materials on important artists, such as the Beatles, Bob Marley and Elvis Presley."

Any member of the campus community or resident of the seven-county area around Kalamazoo may use WMU's libraries, Belland notes. Area residents age 18 and up can register as guest borrowers while high school students can get a one-day pass through an interlibrary loan arrangement with surrounding schools.

Belland lives in Kalamazoo and enjoys reading, watching movies and spending time with her two cats. She still plays the bassoon—occasionally as a member of the orchestra for local community and high school theatrical productions.

WMU sets room, board, apartment rental rates

Acting at their meeting April 24, members of the WMU Board of Trustees approved a 2.9 percent increase to both residence hall room-and-board rates and campus apartment rental rates for the 2008-09 academic year.

The new residence hall rates will not affect students who were living in campus residence halls during the 2007-08 year. Two years ago, as part of WMU's Western Edge compact with students, the University pledged to freeze room-and-board rates for up to four consecutive years for students who choose to remain in the residence hall system.

The rates approved by the board April 24 will be in effect for students new to the residence halls in 2009-10, but those students also will have their entering-year rates frozen for up to four years if they opt to continue living in the hall system.

Diane Anderson, vice president for student affairs, notes that in 2008-09, the total savings to students and families who took advantage of having their previous year's rates frozen because of the Western Edge commitment amounted to \$315,818. Savings estimates for the 2009-10 year are pegged at about \$480,000.

Engineering dean

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Vizzini has been principal or co-principal investigator for research projects attracting some \$18 million. He is a fellow and president-elect of the American Society for Composites, and serves as associate editor of the *Journal of Advanced Materials* and a reviewer for the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology.

The registered professional engineer earned a bachelor's degree in mathematics as well as bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees in aeronautics and astronautics from MIT. He also has participated in the Harvard Management Development Programs and the American Council on Education's program on conflict management.

Golf league to start soon

The summer golf season is here, and WMU is again having its Tuesday league at the Prairies Golf Club, 5303 West Main St.

The league will start May 26 and end Aug. 11. The deadline for registering is noon Monday, May 18.

Those interested in joining the league may do so for one of two half seasons that run six weeks each or for one full season of 12 weeks. Tee times will be from 3:50 to 4:16 p.m. or 4:16 to 4:40 p.m.

Complete details and a reservation form are available by visiting www.src.wmich.edu and clicking Upcoming Events.

Questions may be directed to Andy Arnold at raymond.arnold@wmich.edu or 387-3765.

Graduate students honored

Two graduate students have received 2009 Frostic Doctoral Fellowships while 17 others won awards during the third annual Research and Creative Activities Poster Day.

Named Frostic Fellows and receiving \$4,000 grants were Jamie McCandless, history, and Julie Ryan, biological sciences.

The competitive Frostic fellowships assist doctoral students in all fields with dissertation expenses, including tuition and fees, materials and travel. They are given annually by the Graduate College and made possible by a gift from the estate of the late Gwen Frostic.

Held April 10, Poster Day featured displays and posters by faculty members and graduate students from across campus. Go to www.wmich.edu/news/2009/04/047 for a story detailing the 17 winners.

Poster Day was sponsored by the Research Policies Council, Office of the Vice President for Research, Graduate Student Advisory Committee, Graduate Studies Council, and colleges of Arts and Sciences, Education, Engineering and Applied Sciences, and Health and Human Services.

'Idol' contestant to be feted

A celebration honoring alumnus and "American Idol" finalist Matt Giraud will take place today at the Arcadia Creek Festival Site in downtown Kalamazoo.

Go to www.wmich.edu/wmu/news/2009/05/011 for details.

