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For and about WMU faculty and staff

Trustees give Dunn high marks

In his first formal evaluation as WMU president, John M. Dunn was unanimously lauded for leadership, accessibility and a successful “nuts-and-bolts” approach to addressing multi-year enrollment and budget challenges, even in the face of statewide economic decline. WMU Board of Trustees Chair Ken Miller delivered the board’s assessment at its Dec. 12 meeting.

Following his remarks, Miller recommended and the board approved a 3 percent increase to Dunn’s base salary. Dunn responded by noting his intent to donate the entire amount of the increase—just over \$10,000—to a student scholarship fund.

Faculty award nominations due Jan. 23

Nominations are due Friday, Jan. 23 for the 2009 Distinguished Faculty Scholar Award. Recipients receive a \$2,000 honorarium and the opportunity to present their work to the University community. Go to www.wmich.edu/wmu/news/2008/10/035 for nomination details.

Lansing Campus numbers corrected

Phone numbers for the Lansing Campus were listed incorrectly in the printed WMU directory distributed last month. The correct phone number is (517) 483-9728 and the fax number is (517) 483-9746.

WMU’s office and department directory pages are posted online as a PDF file and may be updated by request. Go to www.wmich.edu/directories and click “Office Directory (PDF)” in the left column. Check your office listing and send changes to Teresa Ventimiglia at teresa.ventimiglia@wmich.edu.

Student security officer appointed



Hearit

As mandated by federal law, WMU has appointed a student information security officer under the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act.

Tapped for the post was Keith Hearit, interim vice provost for enrollment management and Lee Honors College dean. Hearit will serve as the information security officer until a permanent vice provost for enrollment management is appointed.

New POA contract implemented

In a Dec. 12 vote, trustees authorized the administration to implement a new three-year agreement between WMU and its 18-member Police Officers Association.

The agreement, which is effective July 1, 2008, through June 30, 2011, was ratified by the union Dec. 3. The contract includes language changes, a 3 percent across-the-board increase to base pay in each year of the agreement, and items detailing life insurance and annual eligibility for a fitness bonus.

WMU/KCC sign dual enrollment agreement



KCC President Edward Haring, left, and WMU President John M. Dunn. (Photo by Cheryl P. Roland)

A new joint program between Kellogg Community College and WMU will provide students with the best of both worlds by offering them joint admissions, efficient and flexible class scheduling, and the freedom to move seamlessly from KCC to WMU on their way to earning an associate degree at KCC and then a bachelor’s degree at WMU.

The pact was formalized Dec. 18 during a signing ceremony at WMU’s Kendall Center in Battle Creek. During the event, KCC President Edward Haring and WMU President John M. Dunn inked a two-institution Joint Program Plan.

The first associate-to-bachelor’s degree programs will be in technology and engineering starting in fall 2009. Additional joint programs will be added as student demand grows.

“Kellogg Community College has long been our partner in providing top-notch higher education opportunities to students in this area,” Dunn said. “This agreement improves the way both institutions serve students by ensuring continuity and guaranteeing that every class successfully completed puts a student one step closer to his or her degree goal. Students who enroll in the program will be both Bruins and Broncos from their very first days in college.”

Haring added that “The seamless transition will assure that both the investment of time and money in seeking these degrees is used to their greatest potential. This is a very exciting

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Inauguration to be shown live in Miller Auditorium

Miller Auditorium will be open Tuesday, Jan. 20, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. for viewing live PBS coverage of the inauguration of Barack Obama as 44th president of the United States. The event is open to the public free of charge, and no tickets or reservations are needed.

Preliminary activities for the inauguration begin at 10 a.m. The inaugural ceremony is scheduled to begin at 11:30 a.m. President-elect Obama will take the oath of office at noon, after which, he will deliver his inaugural address.

The 3,500-seat Miller Auditorium will provide a single venue for the campus community to share this historic event. Faculty members are encouraged to bring classes or groups to the broadcast and integrate the event into courses. Sample questions for discussion and reflection will be available.

Advisors from Career and Student Employment Services will be on hand with information about government careers and internships through the Student Educational Employment Program and Student Career Experience Program, as well as AmeriCorps, Peace Corps and other vehicles for employment and civic engagement.

CSES, which is sponsoring the Miller program, received a grant from the Partnership for Public Service in Washington, D.C., to promote federal employment as a career option for WMU students. Throughout spring semester, CSES staff will be available to help students navigate the USAjobs.gov Web services and prepare federal applications.

Alumna donates \$1 million to communication school

Appreciation for lifelong listening and speaking skills garnered in college classes 40 years ago has led a WMU alumna to make a \$1 million commitment to the University’s School of Communication.

The anonymous donor, a 1970 graduate, recently finalized an estate gift that designates \$1 million to WMU. Half of the gift will be used to establish an endowed visiting lectureship and the other half will go to fund an endowed professorship, both in WMU’s celebrated School of Communication.

The donor, whose career has been in academia, sees both the lectureship and the endowed professorship as tools that will enhance the school’s academic offerings. The two parts of the gift will be connected, with the named professor having responsibility for administering the lectureship funding.

This is the second \$1 million gift to the School of Communication in the past year. The school, which is one of the largest academic units at WMU, will receive 20 percent of an anonymous \$5 million bequest announced late in 2007. That gift, which also will be administered after the donor’s death, is intended to boost ongoing faculty recruitment and retention efforts.

Around Campus

Spring welcome debuts today

The campus community is invited to welcome new students to campus at the inaugural Spring Welcome Fest from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. today in the Bernhard Center. The event is a mini Bronco Bash for students beginning their studies at WMU in the spring semester.

It will feature an hour-long program as well as staffed informational displays. Light refreshments will be served.

The program will be held twice to accommodate student, faculty and staff schedules. WMU President John M. Dunn will give the welcome for the program that starts at 10 a.m. while Provost Timothy J. Greene will give the welcome for the program that starts at noon.

Numerous MLK events slated

This year's Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration will kick off Sunday, Jan. 11, with a higher education open house to teach students and parents about the benefits of attending college. A wide variety of other events are taking place across campus through February.

For details about these events or how to pre-register for the higher education open house, go to www.wmich.edu/mlk or call 387-6313.

New Frostic lecture series begins

Kenneth Deffeyes, a famed Princeton geologist who believes world oil production peaked three years ago, will speak at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 13, in the Fetzer Center's Kirsch Auditorium.

Deffeyes will be the first to speak as part of the new Gwen Frostic Environmental

Studies Seminar Series. The talk is open to the public without charge and will be immediately followed by a reception.

Teaching subject of faculty seminar

All faculty members are invited to attend a seminar presented by the Haworth College of Business' College Faculty Enhancement Committee from 9:30 to 11 a.m. Friday, Jan. 16, in 3350 Schneider. The seminar is titled "Do We Teach the Right Stuff in a Time of Crisis and Change?"

It will feature Andrew Targowski, business information systems, as facilitator, and panelists Jerry Kreuze, accounting; Christopher Korth, finance and commercial law; Robert Landeros, management; and Steven Newell, marketing.

Detroit Tigers to visit WMU

Some of the biggest names in Detroit Tigers baseball will be at Miller Auditorium from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 22. Doors will open at 4:45 p.m. for this free public rally, which is part of the 2009 Detroit Tigers Winter Caravan.

The event will feature a variety of Tigers players and coaches who will take the stage to discuss the team's 2008 season as well as its prospects for the coming year. No tickets or reservations are required to attend the event, but anyone who registers by 5 p.m. Friday, Jan. 16, will be entered in a drawing for items autographed by Tigers personnel.

To make a reservation, visit www.wmich.edu/alumni and click "Events," send an e-mail message to alumni@wmich.edu or call 387-8777.

Prof receives national award

Chris L. Coryn, director of the interdisciplinary doctorate in evaluation in the Office of the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, is the co-recipient of the 2008 Marcia Guttentag Award of the American Evaluation Association.



Coryn

The award is given to promising new evaluators, during the first five years after they have completed their master's or doctoral degrees, whose work is consistent with the AEA Guiding Principles for Evaluators.

Coryn was honored by the association along with four other Guttentag Award winners at its national conference Nov. 7 in Denver.

He earned his doctorate from WMU in 2007 and his master's from Indiana University in 2002. An author of numerous publications, he is managing editor of the *Journal of MultiDisciplinary Evaluation*.

Dancer wins choreography competition

Carolyn Pavlik, dance, won the 2008 Maggie Allesee New Choreography Award for her dance "Nothing was left but white fragments." The dance was performed by senior dance majors Tercell Waters and Lonnie Poupard Jr. in the annual competition hosted by the Michigan Dance Council.



Pavlik

Pavlik has been a member of the dance faculty since 2004. She recently produced, choreographed and performed her dance for the camera works Rack3 and Generations. Her concert choreographic works have been presented in Austin, Seattle and New York, and she has performed and toured nationally and internationally with the Austin-based Sharir + Bustamante Danceworks for 13 years.

Technology expert pens new book

Andrew Targowski, business information systems, has written a book that examines in depth the full range of impacts of information



Targowski

technology on civilization and the development of societies.

"Information Technology and Societal Development" looks at the social implications of informational technology and how breakthroughs waiting to be discovered will have a profound impact on the way organizations will cope with the direction civilization is taking.

Published in October by Information Science Reference, "Information Technology and Societal Development" is one of 21 books by Targowski on information technology, history and political science in English and Polish.

A native of Poland, Targowski headed the Polish Computer Development Program in the 1970s. He joined the WMU faculty in 1980, first serving in industrial and manufacturing engineering and later transferring to business information systems.

Exchange

Services provided—Do you need somebody to dog sit or walk or watch your house? Reasonable rates. Call 344-6676.

For sale—Condo in unique setting close to downtown Kalamazoo, WMU and Meijer. Four years old with many construction upgrades. Two bedrooms, den, open floor plan, skylights, three-sided fireplace, transom window in kitchen, large deck, mature pine trees, three full baths, two-car attached garage, ceramic floors and stud-

ded, insulated walkout basement. Ready for immediate occupancy. Priced to sell at \$195,000; low maintenance fees. Call 267-7855 or 267-7855.

For rent—Upscale home for rent in Winchell area. Totally renovated 1,700 square-foot ranch. All wood floors, two wood-burning fireplaces, new windows, three bedrooms, 2.5 baths, three-seasons room, two-car attached garage and large yards. New kitchen with great room, stainless appliances, granite counters and recessed lighting. Lease for \$1,450 per month with \$1,450 security deposit. Dogs negotiable. Long-term lease available. Call 267-7855.

Weight Watchers meeting set

Weight Watchers at Work is holding a free informational meeting Tuesday, Jan. 13, from noon to 12:45 p.m. in 1160 Lawson Arena. The next 12-week session begins Tuesday, Jan. 20 and costs \$168. For more information, contact Jen Bailey at jen.bailey@wmich.edu or 387-3762.

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.



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WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

WMU interior designers win four awards in national collegiate contest



The Student Recreation Center's remodeled service desk has a sleek, modern look. The project also improved functionality. (Photo courtesy of physical plant-remodeling services)



Harper



Philopoulos

Sheri Harper and Eleonora Philopoulos, physical plant-remodeling services, brought home four awards from the 2008 Association of University Interior Designers annual design competition. Harper picked up a first place in the Renovation Over \$150,000 Category for the Haworth College of Business Career Center and second place in the Renovation \$50,000 to \$150,000 Category for that college's student lounge. Philopoulos took top honors in the latter category for the Student Recreation Center service desk remodel and third place in the Specialty Category for remodeling work in the Valley #1 and #2 residence halls.

Six retirements of faculty, staff members included in personnel report to trustees

The retirements of three faculty members and three staff members were included in the personnel report presented to the WMU Board of Trustees at its Dec. 12 meeting.

All of the faculty members listed as retiring will do so with emeritus status. Their names, positions, years of continuous service and effective dates of retirement are: **Elen M.C. Cutrim**, geography, 19 years, effective Aug. 9, 2009; **Gerard T. Nowak**,



Cutrim



Nowak

University Counseling and Testing Center, 39-1/2 years, effective April 30, 2009; and Chair **Cindee Quake-Rapp**, occupational therapy, 28-1/2 years, effective Dec. 31, 2008.

In addition, the previously announced retirement date for **Gary L. Wegenke**, dean of the College of Education, was changed. Wegenke will retire with emeritus status Sept. 30, 2009, after six-1/2 years of service.

The staff members retir-

ing are: **Victoria Beyene**, equipment operator I in physical plant-landscape services, 30-1/2 years, effective Dec. 31, 2008; **Jane Ferguson**, office associate in the School of Social Work, 32-1/2 years, effective March 31, 2009; and **Darwin Martin**, painter in physical plant-maintenance services, 41-1/2 years, effective Jan. 31, 2009.



Quake-Rapp



Ferguson

McAnaw to give political talk

Richard McAnaw, emeritus in political science, will present the next Emeriti Council Wednesdays II program, speaking on "The Fun and the Uncertainty of the November Election and Implications for the New President." His talk will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 14, in Walwood Hall's Heinig Emeriti Lounge.

Service

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

35 Years—Betty A. Kocher, Office of the President.

30 Years—Donna M. Ring, University Libraries; William Squiers, physical plant-landscape services; and Ruby Wilson, physical plant-building, custodial and support services.

25 Years—Lynn C. Kelly-Albertson, Career and Student Employment Services, and Susan E. Oole, Lee Honors College.

20 Years—Joyce A. Alexander, logistical services; Robert E. Fedorchak, physical plant-maintenance services; Michelle E. Hruska, English; Cherie S. Neumann, physical plant-building, custodial and support services; Allan C. Poole, information technology; and John J. Rook, physical plant-maintenance services.

15 Years—Shahla Bryant, dining services-Burnham; Sharon A. Glaser, parent and family programs; Gwendolyn Holmes, physical plant-building custodial and support services; Shannon K. Landis, Office of the President; Tammy M. Miller, physical plant-building, custodial and support services; and Elizabeth Whitten, special education and literacy studies.

10 Years—Mervyn J. Elliott, aviation; Thomas C. Grossman, aviation; Gary N. Hubbard, University Libraries; Kim L. LaViolette, dining services-Valley #1; Jack N. Perlstein, WMUK; Lori A. Prichard, accounting; Ronald S. Robyn, physical plant-utilities; Michael D. Rutz, campus facility development; Ryan C. Seiler, aviation; and Barbara Ann Wygant, Office of the Vice President for Research.

Five Years—Jonathan H. Epstein, Sincuse Health Center.

Obituaries



Burke

John T. Burke, emeritus in accountancy, died Dec. 14 in Fort Myers, Fla. He was 84.

Burke came to the University in 1962 and was head of the Department of Accountancy from 1976 until his retirement in 1990.



Hoy

Joseph T. Hoy, emeritus in health, physical education and recreation, died Dec. 23 in Naples, Fla. He was 90.

Hoy was at WMU for 27 years. He served as athletic director from 1967 to 1978 and prior to that as head of the of physical education department for men and a football, basketball and baseball coach.

Hoy was inducted into the Hall of Fame of the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics in 1979.

Jean C. Neuber, Development Office, died Dec. 10 at her home in Peru, Ill., following a battle with cancer. She was 72.

Neuber was a staff member from 1975 to 1992. After her WMU retirement, she was employed as a test administrator with the Federal Aviation Administration in Florida.

VETERAN EMPLOYEES HONORED—

More than 30 people were inducted into WMU's 25 Year Club Dec. 3. President John M. Dunn, center, recognized the inductees, who included, from left, Lonnie Wesseling, physical plant-building, custodial and support services; Rebecca Beech, English; Bradley Wong, music; and Greg Lozeau, information technology. (Photo by Neil Rankin)



On Campus with Joe Odehnal



A MAN WITH A PLAN
(Photo by Deanne Molinari)

When campus offices shut down for winter and summer recesses and closures, Joe Odehnal's plate is still full. Rows of stand-up files on his desk hold requests for estimates for at least 10 projects on campus, another five awaiting funding approval and more than a dozen in the works.

In the 38 years Odehnal has worked for WMU's Physical Plant, there's been a constant stream of new facility needs—from hanging a bulletin board or laying carpet in an office to a several hundred thousand dollar fire alarm upgrade in three residence halls. Licensed by the state to work with asbestos, he also is frequently called in to navigate repairs or removal of the material.

"Every week it changes. I'm like the project manager, and we have the contractors on call," Odehnal says.

He started his WMU career in 1970 as a custodian, then became a planner and estimator. He's held that job for the past 22 years, except for a five-year stint as a maintenance supervisor from 1990 to 1995. When Odehnal joined the University, he had just earned an associate degree in automotive mechanics and was still attending college full time. With one young child at home and another on the way, he put his education at WMU on hold for 25 years to continue working while helping raise his family. In 1998, after all six of his children had gotten older, he finished his bachelor's degree in general university studies.

Odehnal still uses his mechanic talents to work on his 1958 Ford Skyliner and 1992 Mustang convertibles. An active member of the International Ford Retractable Club, he admits that his garage and basement are full of parts, including the shell of the first Skyliner he purchased in 1968 for \$100.

Back at his office, photos of the cars are interspersed among pictures of some of Odehnal's 11 grandchildren. Three of his six grown children—two daughters and one son—are WMU graduates. He and his wife, Joan, who is retired from Fifth Third Bank, live in Kalamazoo.

Odehnal has been active at WMU as treasurer for five years of the Administrative Professional Association and as United Way fundraiser for the Physical Plant for 15 years. He also has been a bass vocalist for more than 30 years for the Kalamazoo First Assembly of God church.

Activate recreation center membership at little cost

Now is a good time for benefits-eligible faculty and non-bargaining staff to activate their Student Recreation Center membership.

Those who do will get nearly a year's membership, valued at \$225, and pay nothing more than the taxes on that amount.

Spring semester began Jan. 5, and the new annual membership will run through December 24, 2009.

Members may use the recreation center from Sunday through Saturday, anytime the building is open. They are encouraged to bring in their families during specific hours and together maintain a healthy lifestyle.

Activating membership is easy. Just go to www.src.wmich.edu and click "Membership." Print and complete the form and fax it to 387-3766. Your membership will be processed immediately.

For more information or to arrange to have an in-office presentation about the center and the benefits of becoming a member, call Cindy VanderWoude at 387-34115.

Reception set for Johnson

A farewell reception for Darrell Johnson, dean of Extended University Programs, will be held from 3 to 5 p.m. today in 205 Bernhard Center.

WMU, Burgos celebrate longstanding partnership

WMU President John M. Dunn took a whirlwind late fall trip to Spain to help celebrate the anniversary of one of the University's strongest study abroad programs. The celebration at the University of Burgos marked the 10th anniversary of WMU's study abroad partnership with that school.

More than 200 WMU students, including 21 who were studying in Burgos for the fall semester, have taken part in the program since its inception, making the site the most popular destination for WMU students selecting a study abroad location. In turn, the University of Burgos has been sending primarily graduate students to WMU since 1999.

The anniversary celebration included meetings with University of Burgos leaders and the mayor of the city, breakfast with WMU students in the program, and an evening dinner and concert to mark 10 years of partnership between the two universities. In addition to Dunn, the WMU delegation included Dunn's wife, Linda; Mercedes Tasende, chair of Spanish; and Brett Bequest, executive director of international programs.

In remarks delivered during the evening celebration, Dunn praised his Spanish colleagues for the care and hospitality WMU students have experienced in Burgos over the years.



From left, WMU's Linda Dunn, Mercedes Tasende and John M. Dunn and Burgos' Inés Praga, vice rector for international relations. (Photo courtesy of the Department of Spanish)

WMU/KCC agreement

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venture that will likely serve as a model for other types of cooperation in higher education throughout the state."

Students who participate in a joint program will need to meet admissions criteria for each school and will be assigned KCC and WMU advisors who will help them develop a Personal Program Plan that identifies the courses needed and their sequence. Students will be enrolled at both KCC and WMU and will enjoy benefits from both institutions, such as library and computer system use and access to athletic, professional and cultural programming.