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For and about WMU faculty and staff

Medieval Congress starts today



Some 3,000 scholars will be on campus today through Sunday, May 8-11, for the 43rd International Congress on

Medieval Studies. The event will feature more than 2,000 presentations of scholarly papers, panel discussions, roundtables, workshops and performances.

This year's special activities include a gaming workshop with old and new games, readers' theater performances of Middle English texts, three popular film showings, an art exhibition, and a medieval-to-Cajun contemporary concert of French song and dance music. Go to www.wmich.edu/medieval/congress for details and tickets.

Scanning service to relocate

WMU's scanning service for mark-sense forms is moving from the Faunce Student Services Building to the University Computing Center. The transition began May 1 and will be completed by Thursday, May 15. Tomorrow is the final day for scanning service in Faunce. The service will resume May 15 in 1010 University Computing Center.

Oliver Street closed for summer

Oliver Street, which runs between Stadium and Oakland drives, closed today in



preparation for a major reconfiguration. Drivers will need to use detours during the construction project, which is scheduled to be completed in three stages.

Parking lots No. 95, at the Campus Services Building, and No. 10, behind Waldo Stadium, will be closed throughout the construction period. Go to www.wmich.edu/wmu/news/2008/04/065.html for additional access details. Go to www.cf.wmich.edu/construction/oliverstreet.php for maps of the reconstruction.

NCAA recertifies sports programs

The National Collegiate Athletic Association announced April 15 that WMU is one of 35 Division I schools around the nation to be fully certified in the association's second cycle of certification.

The NCAA decision follows a process that WMU began in summer 2006 to ensure the University is in compliance with the NCAA's commitment to integrity in intercollegiate athletics. Eileen Evans, vice provost for institutional effectiveness, led an 18-person steering committee responsible for WMU's response to the NCAA requirements for athletics certification.

Business college opens Career Center

The Haworth College of Business opened its new \$2.6 million Career Center with a formal ceremony April 25 in Schneider Hall, which houses the college.

a state-of-the-art facility for our students, so it's appropriate to have one of our students formally open the center."

Corporate leaders from around West

Michigan and the nation gathered for the grand opening, which included brief remarks by WMU President John M. Dunn as well as a ribbon cutting by Shannon Lapsley of Saline, Mich., a junior sales and business marketing major and member of the business college's Student Leadership Advisory Board.

Also in attendance were several senior leaders of that advisory board, many of whom have helped fund the Career Center.



Front and center for the Career Center dedication were, from left, Dunn, Lapsley and Shields. (Photo by Mike Lanka)

The center was built entirely with private funds and will cater to the needs of both employers and WMU business students.

It has been designed to offer WMU business students and those trying to recruit them the kind of resources commonly found in the nation's leading business schools, says David Shields, dean of the Haworth College of Business.

"This center is really all about jobs and developing the kind of long-term relationships with employers that will serve both them and our students," Shields says.

"Our college is fortunate to have the kind of support from alumni that has made it possible to quickly make this very real need a reality. Our alumni and supporters wanted



Ickes

Linda Ickes, a veteran of WMU's Career and Student Employment Services, has been tapped to head the new center. Ickes has been a career services specialist at WMU since 1998 and has had the business college as one of her

primary areas of responsibility.

She earned a bachelor's degree in business education and a master's degree in communication from WMU.

Shields says the business Career Center will offer such services for students as resume and interviewing skill development and coaching on items that range from dress and

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Friday is deadline to register for WMU Day at the Capitol

Faculty, staff, students, alumni and friends of the University have until tomorrow, May 9, to register online for WMU Day at the Capitol and receive free WMU T-shirts, box lunches and optional bus transportation between Kalamazoo and Lansing.

After May 9, anyone who has not registered at www.wmich.edu/wmuday and is still interested in participating will be placed on a waiting list.

WMU Day at the Capitol is a first-of-its kind event that will be held on the front lawn of the Michigan capitol from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday, May 28, to showcase the University's programs and people and highlight the institution's contributions as a valuable research institution in the state. Members of the WMU community also are planning to meet with legislators.

The day's highlights include an appearance by Robo Bronco, a six-foot tall walking, talking and singing chrome robotic horse who will be demonstrating the University's engineering expertise. Other engineering successes, such as WMU's Sunseeker solar car, will be on display, along with the University's national award-winning chainless bicycle.

The day also will feature a noon flyover by two Cirrus SR-20 planes from WMU's aviation fleet, with a replica of the plane available for viewing; a demonstration of Bronco Biodiesel; and other research projects and interactive displays.

For more details, visit www.wmich.edu/wmuday or contact Donna Marks at donna.marks@wmich.edu or 387-2072.



Around Campus

Lunch reservations due May 9

The annual Awards and Spring Luncheon sponsored by the Administrative Professional Association and Professional Support Staff Organization is set for 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Friday, May 16, in the Bernhard Center's East Ballroom. Reservations are due tomorrow. More information and a registration form are posted on the APA and PSSO Web sites.

Haenicke featured speaker

President Emeritus Diether H. Haenicke will present "After 20 Years at WMU: Memories and Hopes" to Emeriti Council members and friends from 2 to 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 14, in the Heinig Emeriti Lounge on the second floor of Walwood Hall's east wing. The council's next event will be an August Break-Fest the morning of Wednesday, Aug. 6. Contact Mary Cordier for more information.

Annual Poker Walk scheduled

The fifth annual Poker Walk for faculty, staff and graduate assistants will be held Tuesday, May 20. Create a team or walk individually around a 1.5 mile course and collect cards that may earn you a great prize. The registration deadline is Tuesday May 13. Check-in is from 11:15 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. at the Student Recreation Center's indoor tennis courts. Go to www.src.wmich.edu to register.

Emeriti art focus of exhibition

An exhibit showcasing the artwork of two retired faculty members is continuing through Friday, Aug. 1, in the Richmond Center's Monroe-Brown Gallery. "Focus: Three One-Person Exhibitions" features the work of Joseph DeLuca and Paul Robbert, emeriti in art. The show's third featured artist is Richard Koenig, who is currently on the Kalamazoo College faculty.

First-Year Experience Programs slates faculty, staff kickoff event

First-Year Experience Programs will kick off its 2008-09 year with a spirited faculty and staff gathering at 4 p.m. Wednesday, May 21, in 210 Bernhard Center.

The event will include a roll out of the 2008 schedules for the New Student Orientation, Fall Welcome and First-Year Seminar programs. It familiarizes faculty and staff members with FYE Programs and the ways they can contribute to this multifaceted recruitment and retention initiative.

Thousands of prospective and admitted

students, and many of their parents, visit the campus during June, July and August for everything from sports and band camps to week-long orientation programs for select groups of admitted students.

By attending the FYE Programs kickoff event, faculty and staff members can exchange information with those on the front lines, gain information they can pass on to inquiring visitors and rev up for another exciting academic year. For more information, call 387-2167.

Exchange

For sale—2003 Monte Carlo in excellent condition. Low mileage, about 25,000 miles. Silver with black leather interior. Fully loaded, with moon roof. \$14,500 or best offer. Call 323-1885 after 5:30 p.m.

For sale—Upright Hobart M. Cable piano with bench. In very good condition. Serial number: 311437. \$350. Contact Damon at damon.miller@wmich.edu or 276-3158. Visit www.bluebookofpianos.com/agesc.htm for information on the manufacturer.

For sale—Schwin exercise bike. Due to

unrelated injury, used only eight times. Visit www.sears.com/shc/s/p_10153_12605_00623713000P?keyword=schwin+exercise+bikes to view bike. Asking \$250. Call Shirley at 324-0098.

For sale—Beautiful Milwood cape cod with great curb appeal. Large living room, dining room, two bedrooms and two baths. Partially finished basement, two-car garage and large fenced yard with deck. All appliances and window treatments stay. \$123,468. Call 387-5837.

For sale by owner—Charming cape cod at 426 Oakhurst Ave., Kalamazoo. Buyer's market; priced \$18,000 below appraised value at \$107,000. 1,250 square feet, three bedrooms, 1-1/2 baths, central air and large fenced yard. Move-in ready condition with fresh paint throughout. All appliances and window treatments stay. Special features include hardwood floors throughout, an arched doorway, built-in storage. Visit www.forsalebyowner.com/21563715 for more information and pictures. To schedule an appointment, contact Kim at kimberly.ritter@wmich.edu or 385-3892.

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.

College recognizes teachers

The Lee Honors College graduation ceremonies April 17 included recognition of four faculty members.

Selected for the Honors Faculty Fellows Award were Kathi Fuller, interim co-director of the holistic health program in the College of Health and Human Services, and two College of Arts and Sciences faculty members, Harold Glasser, history and environmental studies, and Rand H. Johnson, foreign languages.

In addition, Margaret J. Hamilton, the assistant director for student services in the College of Fine Arts' School of Music, was presented with the Honors College Distinguished Service Award.

The fellows honor was initiated four years ago to recognize WMU faculty members who have made significant contributions to the honors college over the years. The contributions are usually in the form of dedication to teaching honors students, but also include mentoring students when they apply for scholarships or work to complete their honors theses.

Haenicke to be honored May 15

WMU President Emeritus Diether H. Haenicke will be honored for his significant contributions to professional communication in Southwest Michigan at an awards



Haenicke

banquet Thursday, May 15, in the Fetzer Center. InterCom, a Kalamazoo-based association of professional communicators, will present Haenicke with the 10th annual Tony Griffin Golden Word Award at the banquet.

Haenicke, a distinguished professor at WMU, served as the University's president from 1985 to 1998, and also served one year as interim president in 2006-07. Shortly after retiring from the presidency, he began writing a popular weekly column in the Kalamazoo Gazette, which he continues to write today. The award he will be receiving is named for the late Anthony E. "Tony" Griffin, a former news director of WMUK-FM and 25-year WMU employee as well as a founding member of InterCom.

Social worker named fellow

Donna M. Weinreich, social work, was one of just seven gerontology specialists named Association of Gerontology in Higher Education fellows for 2007-08. The honor recognizes achievement in the areas of teaching, research and scholarship at AGHE-member institutions.



Weinreich

Fellow status is granted only to individuals demonstrating a record of excellence beyond routine teaching and recognizes outstanding leadership in gerontological/geriatric education by established scholars and educators.

The AGHE is a membership organization of colleges and universities that offer education, training and research programs in the field of aging. It has more than 280 institutional members throughout the United States, Canada and abroad.



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WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

Trustees approve administrative, coaching appointments



Craig



McDowell

Acting at their May 2 meeting, members of the WMU Board of Trustees approved a number of academic and administrative moves, including the promotion of Carrick Craig to WMU deputy general counsel, effective April 1, and the appointment of Tasha McDowell as the fifth head coach of the WMU women's basketball team, effective April 19.

Craig joined the University's Office of the General Counsel in 2000 as assistant general counsel and was promoted to associate general counsel in December

2002. He previously was a shareholder and partner in a law firm specializing in academic, civil rights and employment matters. McDowell brings to WMU 11 years of coaching experience, the last four as an assistant coach at the University of Wisconsin, where she was the premier development coach, defensive coordinator and co-coordinator of recruiting.

Graduation brings out many multi-generation WMU families

WMU celebrated its 292nd commencement April 26 with President John M. Dunn presiding over four ceremonies in Miller Auditorium, during which some 2,600 degrees were conferred. Among the thousands of proud family members in the audience was Sidney Dykstra, emeritus in educational leadership and a former associate dean of the Graduate College. Dykstra watched as his grandson Jason, a middle school athletic director and dean of students in Grandville, Mich., received a master's degree in sports management. The Dykstra clan has longstanding ties to WMU. Jason's mother, father and one of his triplet brothers all earned bachelor's degrees from the University. And Dykstra himself served WMU with distinction from 1964 to 1988. While at the University, he built a reputation as a tireless campus and community volunteer. Dykstra, who now splits his time between Arizona and Illinois, has been similarly active during his retirement years. Since 1992, he's worked with the Red Cross and other organizations to assist victims of fires in California; flooding in Georgia and Missouri; tornadoes in Illinois, Iowa, North Dakota and Tennessee; and hurricanes in Florida, Louisiana, North Carolina and the Virgin Islands. In addition, he's found the time to take on several board and short-term administrative posts, including superintendent of the Kalamazoo Christian Schools. He's even managed to squeeze in work as a courier for Federal Armored Services, park ranger for an RV resort, and develop his skills to a point that he's now teaching computer classes.



Supporting materials sought for 2008's top staff members

Ten WMU staff members are in the running for 2008 Make a Difference annual awards, which carry a \$1,000 prize.

The candidates, all recipients of 2007-08 fall and spring semiannual awards through the University's Make a Difference program, are now eligible to be considered for one of the four annual awards bestowed by this peer-to-peer staff recognition program.

The deadline for WMU community members to submit information in support of their selections is Saturday, May 31.

The candidates for this year's annual award are:

- Fall semiannual awardees—Laurie Foster, scheduling coordinator in the Registrar's Office; Michelle Hruska, office coordinator in the Department of English; Allan Kern, accelerator engineer in the Department of Physics; Patrick Lem, remodeling services carpenter in physical plant-utilities; Melinda Lockett, academic advisor in the College of Health and Human Services; and Surangi Pradhan, employer relations manager in Career and Student Employment Services.

- Spring semiannual awardees—Gerald Ditto, financial services specialist in the Office of Student Financial Aid and Scholarships; Betty Merrifield, Valley II second cook in WMU Dining Services; Arthur Smith, technician/specialist in the Office of Information Technology; and Margaret Watson, lead classroom technology consultant in the Office of Information Technology.

Go to www.wmich.edu/makeadifference for submission details.

Board of Trustees accepts retirements of 10 faculty, staff members

The retirements of two faculty members and eight staff members were accepted May 2 by the WMU Board of Trustees. The board also accepted the resignations of three faculty members.

Both of the faculty members who are retiring are doing so with emeriti status. Their names, positions, years of continuous service and effective dates of retirement are: **DeWayne Anderson**, chair and professor of teaching, learning and educational studies, 21 years, effective Aug. 31, and **Gary E. Bigelow**, associate professor of Spanish, 30-1/2 years, effective Dec. 15.

The staff members retiring are: **Judith A. Garrison**, coordinator of interlibrary loan in University Libraries, 31 years, effective May 4; **Sue H. Green**, coordinator of Bernhard Center programming, 39-1/2 years, effective May 4; **Alice F. Krepel**, custodian in physical plant-building, custodial and support services, 14-1/2 years, effective June 30; **Jack H. Roach**, electrician in physical plant-

maintenance services, 35-1/2 years, effective April 30; **Ronald Stewart**, women's basketball head coach, 11 years, effective April 30; **Jan G. Tiderington**, academic advisor for the College of Arts and Sciences, 14 years, effective July 17; **Barbara A. Vilenski**, administrative assistant in paper engineering, chemical engineering and imaging, 30 years, effective June 30; and **Patricia M. Willis**, head salad maker in dining services-Davis, 21-1/2 years, effective March 31.

The faculty members resigning, all from



Anderson



Garrison



Green



Krepel



Roach



Stewart



Vilenski

psychology, are: **James E. Carr**, professor, effective Aug. 15; **Linda A. LeBlanc**, associate professor, effective Dec. 31; and **Tina Mason-Hall**, faculty specialist I-lecturer, effective July 18.

Obituaries



Suterko

Stanley Suterko, a leader in the developing blind orientation and mobility curricula around the globe, died April 9. He was 87.

Suterko came to WMU in 1961 to help establish what is now the Department of Blindness and Low Vision Studies. He re-

tired in 1984 as professor emeritus of blind rehabilitation.

The World War II veteran began his professional career at the Hines V.A. Hospital in Illinois, where he was instrumental in creating the first orientation and mobility program for blinded veterans and led a team that devised many innovative long cane techniques.

While at WMU, Suterko helped refine and advance the orientation and mobility

profession and was internationally recognized for spreading the profession around the world. Over his career, he received nearly every major recognition possible in the profession.

Zack York, who died March 17, will be remembered during a memorial service at 11 a.m. Saturday, May 10, in the Westwood United Methodist Church, 538 Nichols Road in Kalamazoo. A luncheon will follow the service at the church.

On Campus with Selena Walker



WHISTLING WHILE SHE WORKS
(Photo by Jeanne Baron)

After more than two decades at WMU, Selena Walker's ready smile and friendly demeanor are as upbeat as ever.

Walker, now a campuswide custodian, came to WMU in 1987 as a food service worker and joined the special projects crew in building, custodial and support services a year later. That job was supposed to last two weeks, but Walker was kept on until the crew was dismantled a few years ago when BCSS reorganized and adopted a task-oriented cleaning structure.

She works primarily in the cavernous McCracken Hall, but also provides cleaning maintenance services in the Bigelow Annex for environmental safety and emergency management, unlocks the doors for Sprau Tower and the Lee Honors College, and delivers mail to BCSS.

Walker arrives at 6 a.m., an hour later than other first-shift workers. After unlocking doors, she teams up with her custodial partner and together they complete their assigned tasks for the day. Walker stays on the job for an hour after her partner leaves, serving as the only on-call custodian during the shift change. In addition, she's usually the custodian called when the Children's Place Learning Center and other general fund buildings need cleaning up after minor accidents involving blood and other bodily fluids.

"That's probably the most challenging part of my job—for the reasons you can imagine," Walker says. "But I don't mind. I work in more than one building and do more than one thing, so I'm not tied to the same routine every day."

She says members of the University community make working on campus enjoyable, although it's sometimes difficult for people to understand that custodians now follow a task sheet and can only do what they're assigned.

"Work goes easier when everybody gets along," she adds. "I come here to do a job and most people are respectful of that. We're all human. It takes everybody to make a university work and be functional."

Walker has two grown children, a son and a daughter, who is WMU alumnus. But the Kalamazoo resident's home life is undergoing big changes right now, as she's in the process of adopting two foster children—boys ages six and nine.

Students on three sports teams rank among nation's top scholars

Three WMU athletic teams are among Division I teams nationwide recently honored by the NCAA for posting Academic Progress Rates in the top 10 percent for their respective sports. A total of only 192 Division I institutions had one or more teams on the top APR list, and all three WMU teams are being honored for the second consecutive season.

The WMU teams honored were baseball, coached by Randy Ford; gymnastics, coached by Terry Karwoski; and volleyball, coached by Colleen Munson. They were among those honored April 25 with public recognition awards for their latest APR scores. The public recognition awards are part of the broad Division I academic reform effort.

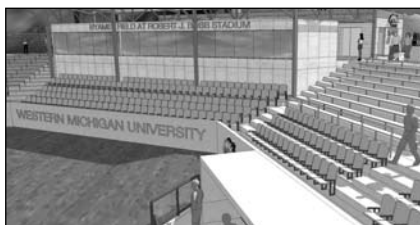
WMU was one of just two programs in the Mid-American Conference to have three teams make the list, sharing that honor with Bowling Green State University. Among Michigan public universities, WMU was second to the University of Michigan, which had four teams honored, and ahead of Michigan State University, which had only two teams recognized.

Historic baseball venue getting privately funded upgrade

Thanks to a \$1 million challenge gift from a Chicago equity investor, WMU baseball fans will settle into a comfortably renovated stadium at historic Hyames Field when they gather to watch the first pitch of the 2009 season.

Robert J. Bobb, chief executive officer of Cardinal Growth L.P. and a 1969 WMU alumnus, has committed \$1 million to a planned \$2 million renovation of the field's baseball stadium as a challenge gift.

University officials already have raised \$600,000 toward the challenge and plan a successful conclusion to the campaign, with fund-raising efforts continuing until the \$2 million goal is met. To date, a number of WMU baseball alumni and supporters have been recognized for their gifts through naming opportunities within the stadium. Additional naming opportunities will be



Drawing of new stadium

available as the campaign continues.

The structure, which will become the Robert J. Bobb Stadium, will significantly enhance the Hyames Field facilities in a way that will allow the historic site—home to the first-ever College World Series in 1947—to continue its role as athletic home to generations of WMU athletes.

Construction will begin this summer. The project is expected to be completed before the start of the 2009 season.



STEPPING UP FOR STUDENTS—Joan O'Bryan, information technology, was among the scores of WMU faculty and staff members who stepped up to the plate April 22 during the University's semiannual Finals Finish. The event, which helps students ease into finals week, takes place in the Student Recreation Center as well as various other venues around campus. Numerous volunteers are needed annually to ensure the event goes smoothly. (Photo by Tammy Boneburg)

Career Center opening

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dining etiquette to aligning students' interests and aptitudes with potential careers.

He says the benefits for employers include recruiting in a situation set up specifically for their needs, where there are few logistical impediments and the quality of their interview schedule is guaranteed.

Shields expects the setting to attract top-flight employers who often maximize return on their recruiting dollars by limiting the number of schools they visit.