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For and about WMU faculty and staff

Setback results in big savings

WMU's energy setback over the holiday recess was cool—really cool. By lowering thermostats in buildings across campus, the University saved more than \$430,000. The savings is a result of efforts by administrators and staff members in the physical plant who have been working hard during the past several years to control costs by avoiding energy expenditures whenever and wherever possible.

WMU also has been establishing a national reputation for its energy savings measures. In fact, schools like Notre Dame and Michigan State University have sent teams to campus to learn more about WMU's various efforts.

Trustees meeting rescheduled

The meeting of the WMU Board of Trustees that was canceled due to last Friday's weather closure has been rescheduled for 3 p.m. Friday, Feb. 15, in 157 Bernhard Center. During the meeting, trustees will elect a new board chair and vice chair.

The agenda also includes consideration of a new WMU/Kalamazoo College collaboration, proposed adoption of the Kalamazoo County Hazard Mitigation Plan and a presentation about the American Humanics Student Association, which recently won a national community service award.

Fine arts award nominations due

The College of Fine Arts is accepting nominations for its 2008 Dean's Teaching Award. The honor is bestowed upon one faculty member annually for superior contributions as a teacher-artist or teacher-scholar in art, dance, music or theatre. Anyone may submit a nomination. Nominations are due in writing to Acting Dean Jim Hopfensperger at jim.hopfensperger@wmich.edu by Friday, Feb. 8.

Tajikistanis coming to campus

A group of 10 visitors from Tajikistan will participate in an open luncheon discussion with students, faculty and staff from 1 to 3 p.m. Friday, Feb. 8, in 204, Bernhard Center. The group of Tajikistani business leaders is in Kalamazoo for five weeks studying American business practices.

Time to focus on 'Who's Who'

Faculty and staff members are invited to nominate deserving students by Friday, Feb. 22, for inclusion in "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges." Students who receive the designation will be honored in April at a ceremony in the Bernhard Center. Nominations may be submitted electronically, by fax or by campus mail. For a nomination form as well as eligibility requirements and other details, go to www.salp.wmich.edu and click on "Involvement Zone."

Scholarship bringing scores of Dominicans to WMU

An open-ended agreement signed Jan. 23 is bringing scores of students from the Dominican Republic to WMU.

The agreement formalizes a relationship that began Jan. 7 at the start of the spring semester, when 60 undergraduate Dominican students enrolled at WMU in anticipation that the pact would be signed and they would receive full-ride scholarships from their government.

A delegation of University representatives led by President John M. Dunn traveled to the Dominican Republic for the signing ceremony. Ligia Amada Melo de Cardona, secretary of state for higher education, science and technology, signed the pact on behalf of the Caribbean nation.

"This is a significant partnership with a country that has made a nationwide commitment to higher education," Dunn says. "Our program mix, our

Midwest location and our focus on student success and service fit the needs the Dominican Republic identified for its next generation of leaders. We're looking forward to a strong relationship that will grow over the next several years."

Accompanying Dunn to the Dominican Republic were Juan M. Tavares, senior inter-

national student admissions counselor and a key architect of the WMU-D.R. scholarship agreement, and Donald G. McCloud, dean of the Haenicke Institute for Global Education, which spearheads the University's internationalization efforts.

While in the Dominican Republic, members of the campus delegation met with government officials, WMU alumni and parents of currently enrolled students. They also conferred with the chief executive officers of several large American companies that do business in the country and plan to hire many of the Dominican scholarship



John M. Dunn, WMU president, and Ligia Amada Melo de Cardona, secretary of state for higher education for the Dominican Republic, sign the new WMU-D.R. agreement. (Photo courtesy of the Haenicke Institute.)

students once they graduate.

The WMU-D.R. agreement is based on an ongoing initiative called the Dominican Scholars Program, which was launched in 1996 by Dominican President Leonel Fernandez Reyna.

Fernandez attended grade school in New York. He aims to help some 10,000 of his

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Students compiling 100 University points of pride

The Western Student Association, WMU's student government, is compiling "100 Points of Pride" about the University and is seeking submissions, primarily from students.



WSA President Christopher J. Praedel unveiled the project Jan. 30 and announced that a Web page has been created to accept suggestions for inclusion in the 100 Points of Pride. For each submission they make, WMU students will be entered automatically in a drawing for a \$100 gift certificate to the WMU Bookstore.

Anyone may submit as many points of pride as they wish. The final list, however, will be compiled entirely by students.

A selection committee of nine students will review all submissions and will weigh each based on a variety of criteria, including prominence or uniqueness to the University and number of different people submitting a particular point of pride. Points may be from any period in WMU history. Additional criteria can be found on the submission Web page.

The final pride list will be announced at the March 26 WSA Senate meeting and will be available online in WMU News and through a variety of other print and electronic media.

Go to www.wsa.wmich.edu/100 to submit points of pride. Submissions may be made through Tuesday, Feb. 12.

Around Campus

Program looks at self-injurers

The campus community is invited to attend a research presentation on "The Cyber Worlds of Self-Injurers: Deviant Communities, Relationships and Selves" at 2 p.m. today in the Fetzer Center's Putney Auditorium. The program is being presented by Patricia Adler, professor of sociology at the University of Colorado, and Peter Adler, professor of sociology and criminology at the University of Denver.

Production tackles timely issue

University Theatre will tackle one of the deepest conflicts in contemporary culture with its first production of the spring, Feb. 7-23. Compiled by local playwright and guest director Stephanie Sandberg, "Seven Passages: The Stories of Gay Christians," tells the true stories of more than 100 gays and lesbians living in southwest Michigan. All shows take place in York Arena Theatre at the WMU Gilmore Theatre Complex and will be followed by audience commentary and discussion.

Gold Company celebrates 30th

Miller Auditorium will be buzzing Saturday, Feb. 9, when WMU's internationally known jazz ensemble presents "The Best of Gold Company: The 30th Anniversary Show" at 2 and 8 p.m. Directed by Stephen Zegree, Gold Company will perform the songs that made them famous and take audience members on a

ride through three decades of music and humor. This special performance also will bring 30 years of Gold Company alumni together for one phenomenal finale.

Motivational event scheduled

Andres Lara, a noted motivational speaker, will present a talk and workshop on "How to Move Forward When You Feel Like Quitting" from 4 to 5 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 13, in 209 Bernhard Center. The program, which is free and open to the public, will explore topics such as staying motivated during difficult times, turning setbacks into comebacks, gaining and maintaining momentum, and turning the impossible into the possible.

Israeli to talk on Mideast conflict

A visiting professor from Israel will speak on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 27, in the Fetzer Center. Presenting the free and open lecture will be Neve Gordon of Ben-Gurion University. Gordon, an Israeli and U.S. citizen, is the former executive director of Physicians for Human Rights in Israel.

Gordon also will speak at 2 p.m. in 3502 Knaus on "Human Rights Non-Government Organization Work in Theory and Practice" and at 3:30 p.m. in 3301 Friedmann on "From Colonization to Separation: Making Sense of Israel's Occupation." Both of these events are free and open to the public.

Michigan college recruitment consortium launches jobs portal

Doctors and health-care workers, editors and lawyers, chefs, computer programmers, police officers, postal clerks and professors are all among the wide array of jobs the Michigan Higher Education Recruitment Consortium has gathered in a new central online portal.

The new Web site at www.michiganherc.org opens with more than 1,200 job postings at 24 Michigan colleges and universities, including WMU, although the number of jobs is expected to increase.

Michigan colleges and universities created HERC in part to share information and resources to attract and retain talent. Helping dual career couples find positions at the same institutions or nearby schools also was a major factor.

In addition to the shared Web site, HERC organizes forums where staffers from member institutions can network and interact, sharing successful methods and best practices for addressing recruitment and retention issues, including keeping their staffs diverse.

The site also includes links to resources for learning about Michigan's regions, relocation aids such as finding housing and schools for children, and multicultural and lifestyle resources in the state.

Exchange

For sale—Charming two-bedroom bungalow, 1-1/2 miles from WMU campus. Ready for occupancy. Beautiful oak woodwork. Remodeled bath and kitchen. Appliances. Air-conditioning. Partly finished basement. \$85,000. Call 375-4861.

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.

Two educators pen new book

Two faculty members in the Department of Special Education and Literacy Studies have written a new book that provides fresh insight into self-efficacy, an essential com-



Freedman



Thomas

ponent of motivation. The book, "Building Confidence in Adolescents: Key Elements That Enhance Proficiency," was penned by Lauren Freedman, department chair, and Karen Thomas, professor.

Their book was published this year by Corwin Press, a Sage company. It incorporates interviews and surveys of more than 120 teachers and 300 students in Michigan, Kentucky and Texas,

and discusses classroom conditions and practices that can create more proficient readers in grades six through 12.

Freedman also serves as advisor for education programs at WMU-Battle Creek. Thomas also serves as director of the McGinnis Reading Center and Clinic and as education programs advisor at WMU-Southwest.

Three honored for achievement

Two music professors and one former music faculty member were honored at the American Music Therapy Association's 2007 conference this past November in Louisville, Ky. Brian Wilson and Mary Scovel, who left WMU in 1995, received the AMTA Lifetime Achievement Award while David S. Smith received the association's Award of Merit.



Wilson



David S. Smith

The Lifetime Achievement Award is the AMTA's most prestigious honor. It recognizes a lifetime of commitment and dedication to the profession of music therapy and is bestowed by the AMTA Board of Directors on

individuals to signify their having a primary role in the establishment and continued growth of the profession. The merit award honors AMTA members who have contributed to the development of the profession in a unique and remarkable way.

During a national conference event, Wilson was recognized for his 39 years of contributions as a music therapy clinician and educator, as well as his service as director of WMU's Music Therapy Program, a position he has held since 1975. He is a past AMTA president and received the association's Distinguished Service Award in 2002. Smith, who is graduate advisor of the music education program, was recognized for his leadership as the AMTA's first president and his efforts in guiding the organization through a challenging formative time.



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Technology expo dovetails with Microcomputer Sales opening

Microcomputer Sales at WMU marks the opening of its new Bernhard Center location by bringing in a barrage of the latest computer technology and related products.

The University community is invited to check out a new wave of computers and gadgets at the Microcomputer Sales Grand Opening and TechNOWlogy Expo Thursday and Friday, Feb. 21-22. The expo runs from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday in WMU's Textbook Alley, located on the lower level of the Bernhard Center.

The event will showcase the latest technology products from Dell, Apple, Fujitsu, Lenovo, Toshiba and others, and industry leaders will present seminars on how to use their new equipment in the classroom. Prizes will be given away both days, and include two LG 26-inch flat-screen LCD TVs, a Dell All-in-One printer, iTunes gift cards, WMU Bookstore bucks and more.



Microcomputer Sales, now located in the WMU Bookstore, offers a variety of in-stock computers and computer supplies as well as must-have technological gadgets. (Photo by Tonya Hernandez.)

"This is a great opportunity to see and touch new computer equipment and ask questions directly to the manufacturers about what is on the market and what is coming in the future," says Microcomputer Sales' Mike Strong. "All in all, it will be a fun time with lots of technology and fun things to see and do."

Microcomputer Sales closed its University Computer Center location in mid-December. The store reopened in the WMU Bookstore on the main floor of the Bernhard Center at the beginning of spring semester in January.

"We have much more space than we did in the previous location, and more products on display than ever before, so students, faculty and staff can make more informed purchases," Strong says.

For more information on the Microcomputer Sales Grand Opening and TechNOWlogy Expo, contact WMU Microcomputer Sales at 387-5460.

Staff nominations due Feb. 28

Nominations for the spring round of WMU's semiannual Make a Difference awards are due by Thursday, Feb. 28.

Make a Difference is a campuswide peer-to-peer program that recognizes WMU staff for their accomplishments and daily investment of energy and creativity. It features semiannual and annual awards that go to non-faculty employees who provide exceptional services to the University.

Up to 15 people every fall and spring may receive semiannual awards. Those selected also receive a certificate and a \$250 prize and are recognized at a special reception. They may win the award more than once, but are limited to one award per academic year.

Each year's semiannual award winners are eligible to receive one of four annual Make a Difference awards, which include a \$1,000 prize.

More information and nomination forms are available at www.wmich.edu/makeadifference year round. Nominations may be submitted by e-mail to make-a-difference@wmich.edu or through campus mail to Mail Stop Code 5217.

Grant helps students learn about federal jobs, internships

The Partnership for Public Service announced Jan. 25 that WMU will receive one of five Call to Serve grants to help launch a nationwide public education campaign on campus.

The campaign, called Making the Difference, will carry an important message to WMU students about government service: It's not just making a living, it's making the difference!

Four additional schools were named recipients of the \$3,000 Call to Serve grants. They are Brown University; California State University, Sacramento; the University at Albany, State University of New York; and Washington University in St. Louis.

The Making the Difference campaign is the culmination of two years of research the Partnership gleaned during the Call to Serve Recruitment Initiative, a congressionally funded project with the Office of Personnel Management to identify cost-effective and sustainable ways to promote federal service on campuses. The Call to Serve network consists of more than 600 schools and 74 federal agencies.

Making the Difference resources for WMU students include: a Web site (www.makingthedifference.org) that features an interactive internship directory; the Red, White and Blue Library of guide books on topics ranging from student loan repayment to navigating the security clearance process; and monthly "hot job" and "cool internship" listings.

There are a wide range of options open to the University for sponsoring activities on campus. They include federal career fairs for students, Find and Apply workshops, career services staff training on how to best promote federal job opportunities, and networking opportunities for faculty and federal agency representatives. In addition, WMU has access to the Annenberg Speakers Bureau that brings young federal workers in to talk directly with students.

Ross reception scheduled

Howard Ross, a public safety lieutenant, will be honored for 34 years of service to WMU during a retirement reception from 2 to 4 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 27, in the President's Dining Room of the Bernhard Center.

Service

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

35 Years—Joel A. Jones, physical plant-maintenance services.

30 Years—Leon J. Coleman, physical plant-building, custodial and support services; Sarah E. McChesney, intercollegiate athletics; Deborah N. Newson, Extended University Programs; and Gary L. Snell, physical plant-building, custodial and support services.

25 Years—Vivian L. Locke, biological sciences.

20 Years—Thomas Cook, physical plant-maintenance services; Judith A. Priest, information technology-telecommunications; and William E. St Clair, information technology.

15 Years—Ishmael T. Acker, physical plant-building, custodial and support services, and Amy A. Capelli, Development Office.

10 Years—Mark B. Heineman, physical plant-maintenance services; Christopher J. Karwoski, intercollegiate athletics; Edison G. Macadangdang, physical plant-power plant; Margaret T. Magallon, physical plant-building, custodial and support services; Robert E. Monck, physical plant-maintenance services; Jan Pekarovic, paper engineering, chemical engineering and imaging; and Alexandra Pekarovicova, paper engineering, chemical engineering and imaging.

Five Years—Laura L. Darrah, residence life; Michael O. Davis, physical plant-building, custodial and support services; Bryon J. Glock, Academic Technology and Instructional Services; James B. Hollenbeck, physical plant-building, custodial and support services; Donald J. Layne, Paper and Printing Pilot plants; and Shawn D. Mortimore, Paper and Printing Pilot plants.

Obituary

Leon Edward "Bus" Burgoyne, a WMU staff member for 12 years, died Jan. 27 at Lakeland Regional Hospital in St. Joseph, Mich. He was 91.

Burgoyne came to WMU in 1970 as an assistant in University Placement Services and was named assistant director of career planning and placement the following year. He was promoted to associate director of educational placement in 1975, and retired from this position in 1982.



Burgoyne

On Campus with Janet Rice



STIRRING THE POT
(Photo by Jeanne Baron)

Janet Rice has a lot of hungry mouths to feed.

A utility food worker in the residence hall system, Rice dishes up her specialties for the Davis Dining Service. As many as 500 students use the dining hall during each meal period.

Rice is assigned to the stir-fry line, which is geared toward vegetarians, but has been filling in on the salad line for the past year. The two posts add up to considerable slicing and dicing—some students really like their vegetables, plus, there's much more to WMU's salad bar than mixed greens and Jell-O.

"I love both jobs, but you don't get to see as many people on the salad line," Rice says. "We have a few vegetarians and we get to know them a bit."

Rice's busiest days are Mondays and Fridays, when she does a lot of preparation work for the week as well as the weekend.

Many people don't realize that Davis, like all but three University dining halls, doesn't offer a full menu on Saturdays and Sundays. So, Rice and her co-workers help prepare the continental breakfast, modified salad bar, soup and sandwiches it does offer on weekends.

Rice, who previously worked at Draper, Valley I and Valley II, came to WMU in 1991 after both she and her ex-husband put in applications. During the summer when fewer students are on campus, she's assigned to one of the year-round food operations or areas such as custodial, landscaping and maintenance services.

"It's nice to get a break and do something different, but you miss the kids and are always ready to come back to the dining hall," she says. "This is my home. I'm comfortable here. We have a really good crew, everyone gets along and we have a lot in common."

Before joining WMU's staff, Rice was a security guard, then the assistant supervisor of a kitchen at a nursing home. She grew up in Plainwell, Mich., and has one daughter. She enjoys reading, camping, biking and hiking; stays active in her church; and attends Bible study two days a week. She also likes to pamper her love bird, who she admits is "spoiled rotten."

Dominican agreement

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academically talented countrymen obtain post-secondary degrees by providing comprehensive government scholarships that cover everything from tuition and housing to meals and computers.

The only caveats are that the students must live in on-campus housing and return to the Dominican Republic after they finish their studies. Large groups of Dominican students already are enrolled at the City University of New York, Farmingdale University and Utah State University.

"The Dominican educational system doesn't have as many high-quality programs as we do in specialized fields like engineering, technology and business," says Tavares, a naturalized U.S. citizen and D.R. native.

"Sending students here is all about improving the economy for years to come. U.S.-educated students will bring new skills and new ideas into the work force."

McCloud says WMU's new partnership with the Dominican Republic grew out of connections made last year after Tavares recruited six undergraduate Dominican students, and some of their parents accompanied them to campus in August.

"The parents were so taken with the Haenicke Institute's orientation program for international students that they thought some of their country's national scholarship students should come here too. They told their government that, and a draft agreement was set up," McCloud explains.

"WMU in terms of international education is focused and well structured, so it's ahead of the game. We're unified and have less bureaucracy. The Haenicke Institute houses all of the University's major international offices and initiatives. Officials can get together immediately, so we can move more quickly than other universities."

Plans called for the scholarship agreement to be in place at the start of this semester, but the pact took a little longer than expected to execute. Now that it has been finalized, WMU officials predict that 30 to 60 more undergraduates will enroll this coming fall. As many as 200 D.R. students, including many graduate students, could be enrolling annually within a few years.

Scientist to discuss Mars

A veteran of numerous unmanned missions to Mars will discuss "The Mars Exploration Rover Mission" during a talk at 4 p.m. Monday, Feb. 11, in 1104 Rood.

Presenting the talk will be Raymond E. Arvidson of Washington University in St. Louis. Arvidson will address Mars' geology as it relates to the evidence of water and implications for habitability and life on the Red Planet.

He is deputy principal investigator for imaging and spectroscopy experiments on the 2003 Mars Exploration Rover mission.

Need-based financial assistance available for study abroad

The Haenicke Institute for Global Education has announced a new need-based scholarship program for WMU students participating in summer study abroad programs taught by WMU faculty.

Recipients of study abroad scholarships through WMU are required to assist study abroad staff in promoting study abroad to WMU students upon returning home.

Promotional activities may include class presentations, talking to students at the Study Abroad Fair, or participating in special events.

Recipients are also required to submit an article for the Study Abroad Web site upon returning to WMU.

Complete details and an application form are posted online at www.wmich.edu/studyabroad in this Web site's "scholarships" section.

The site also lists the 17 study abroad programs being offered during the upcoming Summer I and Summer II sessions that are eligible to be funded by the new scholarship.

The deadline to apply for summer 2008 overseas programs is March 1. Notification of scholarship awards will be announced by mid-April.

For more information, contact Brett Berquist in the Haenicke Institute at brett.berquist@wmich.edu or 387-5890.