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WMU is hosting a public forum tonight for Kalamazoo-area residents and officials to discuss the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency’s plans to excavate and locally dispose of toxin-contaminated wastes from the Kalamazoo River. The forum will be from 7 to 9 p.m. in 209 Bernhard Center.

Panels will include WMU’s Duane Hampton, geosciences, and Charles Ide, biological sciences and Environmental Institute; EPA and Michigan Department of Environmental Quality representatives; A. Lee Kirk, Kalamazoo city attorney; Bruce Merchant, Kalamazoo public services director; Jeff Spowestra, Kalamazoo River Watershed Council coordinator; and Dwayne Harrison, Kalamazoo River Protection Association president.

Four graduation ceremonies set
The University will hold four spring commencement ceremonies Saturday, April 28, in Miller Auditorium. The ceremony times are: 9 a.m., College of Aviation and Haworth College of Business; noon, College of Education and Extended University Programs; 3 p.m., colleges of Engineering and Applied Sciences, Fine Arts, and Health and Human Services; and 6 p.m., College of Arts and Sciences.

Board of Trustees meet this month
The next meeting of the WMU Board of Trustees will take place Friday, April 27. Board meetings also are scheduled for June 7, July 13, Sept. 14, Oct. 12, Nov. 16 and Dec. 14. The meetings generally are held in the Bernhard Center. Agenda highlights and additional information will be posted online in WMU News in advance of each meeting.

Coffee house to open in mall
WMU has signed a lease agreement to open BEANER’S Coffee in the Bronco Mall. The gourmet coffee house, set to open before June 1, will serve a full range of specialty coffee drinks, brewed coffees, assorted teas and pastry selections. The facility will feature a comfortable seating and lounge area, plus an inviting fireplace. For more information about BEANER’S, visit www.beaners.com.

Last Western News for spring
This is the last issue of Western News to be published this semester. Western News will resume its regular publication schedule on Thursday, May 10, after the start of the Summer 1 session. During the hiatus, faculty and staff can keep up with everything happening around campus by visiting the WMU News Web site at www.wmich.edu/wmu-news.

Three presidential candidates visiting campus
Senior administrators from three Midwest universities began arriving on campus last week in their bids to be selected as WMU’s eighth president.

The candidates are John Dunn, interim chancellor of Southern Illinois University, Carbondale; John Folkins, chief executive officer of the Bowling Green State University Research Institute; and Avijit Ghosh, dean of the College of Business at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. A fourth contender, Bruce Shepard, chancellor of the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay, withdrew his candidacy on April 9.

Both Dunn and Folkins already have met with members of the University and local communities and participated in an on-campus “meet the candidate” forum.

Ghosh will make his presentation at 5:15 p.m. Friday, April 13, in Brown Auditorium of Schneider Hall.

Those who missed the earlier presentations were able to view them later on both WMU EduCable Channel 28 and on various Community Access channels. Ghosh’s forum appearance will be televised at 11:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. April 16 and 17 on EduCable, 7 p.m. April 16 on Community Access Channel 95, and 2 p.m. April 17 on Community Access Channel 19.

The final candidates were selected from among more than 80 early candidates who were considered by the search committee, which is made up of representatives of the campus and extended University community. The four were chosen after a round of off-campus interviews conducted earlier this month.

Richmond Center dedication taking place at 2 p.m. today
A dedication ceremony and ribbon cutting at 2 p.m. today will mark the completion of the University’s $13 million art building. The ceremony will take place in front of the new James W. and Lois I. Richmond Center for Visual Arts. Tours of the building will begin immediately after those speaking at the event conclude their remarks.

The 44,000-square-foot art center was designed by SmithGroup’s Detroit office to be a vessel that brings together light, art and people.

Deans appointed for Lee Honors College, Haenicke Institute
Provost Janet I. Pisanoichi has announced two dean appointments, pending approval by the WMU Board of Trustees.

Keith M. Hearit, interim dean of the Lee Honors College, has been named to a two-year appointment as the college’s dean, effective July 1, while Donald Grant McCloud Sr., executive director of the Malaysian-American Commission on Educational Exchange in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, has been selected to head the Haenicke Institute for Global Community Access channels. Ghosh’s volume 33, number 15 APRIL 12, 2007 continued on page 4

Among the Richmond Center’s many special features are new gallery spaces like this, a graphic design floor and an Outdoor Sculpture Garden. (Photo by John Givoy)

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A Staff Appreciation Luncheon will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 25, in the Bernhard Center Ballroom. The festive dining experience gives staffers a chance to sample Executive Chef Nick Petruska’s menu at a reduced price. The cost is $10 per person in advance. Reservations must be made by April 13, 12:30 p.m., in the Fetter Center’s Kirsch Auditorium.

• There will be a free, public showing of the award-winning documentary “Forgiving Dr. Mengele,” by WMU alumnus Bob Hercules, at 7 p.m. in the Fetter Center’s Kirsch Auditorium.
• Igor Fedorov, music, will perform music written for viola and piano by 20th-century Russian-Soviet composers at 8:15 p.m. in the Dalton Center Recital Hall. Visit www.millerauditorium.com for ticket costs.

Chemical society rep to speak

W. Christopher Hollinsed, director of the Office of Research Grants for the American Chemical Society, will speak about “Preparing for Research and Development Employment in the 21st Century” at 4 p.m. Friday, April 13, in 1260 of the Chemistry Building.

Diversity program coming up

The annual “Respecting Differences” program will take place at 1:30 p.m. Monday, April 16, and 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, April 17, in Kalamazoo’s Cherny Auditorium. The 2007 presentation, “Indigenous PC: Political Correctness or Plain Courtesy,” is free but faculty and staff should bring the postcard-size “tickets” they received in campus mail earlier this month.

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Finals Help desk available

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Make a Difference award recipients to be honored

Seven staff members have been selected to receive spring 2007 semiannual WMU Make a Difference awards.

The awards will be presented at a reception at 2 p.m. Monday, April 23, in the President’s Dining Room of the Bernhard Center. The University community is invited to attend the reception, during which the award recipients each will receive $250 and a commemorative certificate.

The seven recipients are: Rebecca Beech, English, Luzann Bigelow, accounting; Frances Buell, physical plant-landscape services; Laura Ciccantell, Academic Support Services; Margaret Coughlin, economics; Annie Dobbs, chemistry; and Bethylann Sanders, English.

The WMU Make A Difference awards program is a campuswide peer-to-peer program that recognizes University staff members for their outstanding accomplishments and daily investment of energy and creativity. Up to 15 staff members may be selected in each of two semiannual award periods. Semiannual award winners are eligible for one of four annual awards, which carry a $1,000 prize.

University sets aside day to showcase scholarly endeavors

The scholarly work of some 50 graduate students and 20 faculty members will be showcased during a Research and Creative Activities Day set for Friday, April 20, at the Fetzer Center.

The free public event will include poster presentations of research from 9 to 11 a.m. in Rooms 1035, 1045 and 1055 of the center. Keynote addresses by Mitch Kachun, history, and Kirk Korista, physics, two of the three winners of this year’s new Emerging Scholar Awards, will follow from 11 a.m. to noon in Kirsch Auditorium.

Lunch will be at noon, and an awards presentation will take place from 12:30 to 1 p.m. Awards recognizing the outstanding graduate student poster presentations are being sponsored by the College of Arts and Sciences, Office of Grants and Contracts, Office of the President and Office of the Vice President for Research.

The event is sponsored by the Faculty Senate Research Policies Council and Graduate Student Advisory Committee, in collaboration with the Graduate College and Office of the Vice President for Research.

Evaluation Center study finds segregated, unequal schools

A final report in a three-year, $150,000 evaluation of Delaware’s charter school movement shows the schools have resulted in resegregation and disparities between mostly white and minority charter schools, the WMU Evaluation Center has found.

The report was presented recently to the Delaware State Board of Education by Gary Minon, the Evaluation Center’s chief of staff and the study’s project director. It is one of the most rigorous studies of student achievement in charter schools in the nation.

The full final report along with an executive summary can be downloaded at www.wmich.edu/evalctr/charter.

Career fair scheduled

Job opportunities for teachers will be featured during the 18th Annual Teacher Education Career Fair from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday, April 18, in the East Ballroom of the Bernhard Center.

The event, which is free and open to the public, is designed to recruit teachers for K-12 educational systems for the 2006-07 school year. No pre-registration for teaching candidates is needed.

Helpful hints to prepare for the event and a complete listing of school districts attending are available in the Career and Student Employment Services office on the first floor of Ellsworth Hall and online at www.broncojobs.wmich.edu.

For more information, contact Deveta Gardner or Grisel Puertos in Career and Student Employment Services at 387-2745.

Job market looking up for WMU students graduating in April

Students graduating with a bachelor degree this month will have some good things to look forward to, according to the University’s leading employment specialist.

“On our campus, we have signs of similar improvements in the market. Our annual Career Fair was the largest in history, with many companies recruiting for out-of-state positions. The Teacher Education Job Fair planned for (Wednesday) April 18 also has seen an increase in employer participation, with 142 school districts registering so far. And for the first time, a Chinese organization will be at the fair recruiting our graduates to teach English in China.”

Kelly-Altberton says regardless of the discipline, employers agree on some of the skills and traits their ideal job candidates must have, such as teamwork skills, verbal and written communications skills, integrity, initiative and a strong work ethic.

“Jobs are not just about making a living, and our students are hard workers,” Kelly-Altberton says.

“Many of our undergraduate programs require or recommend an internship or co-op experience as part of a degree. This puts our graduates in the starting gate as soon as they graduate.”
Three presidential candidates

Folkins, who took over as head of Bowling Green’s Research Institute in January, served for seven years as provost and vice president for academic affairs at BGSU. He also is a tenured professor in the Department of Communication Disorders there.

Prior to moving to Bowling Green, Folkins held a variety of positions at the University of Iowa, beginning as assistant professor of speech pathology and audiology in 1977 and ending in 2000 as associate provost for undergraduate education, a position he held for three years.

Dunn was named provost and vice chancellor of Southern Illinois in 2002 and elevated to interim chancellor in 2006. Prior to that, he served the University of Utah for seven years as dean of the College of Health and served Oregon State University for 20 years in several positions, including that of associate provost from 1990 to 1995.

In addition, Dunn has completed stints as Oregon’s assistant dean of Health and Human Performance, chair of the Department of Exercise and Sport Science, and director of the Special Physical and Motor Fitness Clinic.

Ghosh has been dean of business at the University of Pennsylvania placed third in nation at the AMA Collegiate Conference.

A team from WMU’s AMA chapter was posted on the presidential search Web site www.wmich.edu/president/search/.

Marketing team third in nation

WMU marketing students placed third March 29 in a national American Marketing Association competition held in New Orleans to showcase ways to bring back tourism to the Crescent City.

A team from WMU’s AMA chapter was one of eight groups chosen earlier this year to present its plan before representatives of the McCann Erickson global advertising agency network, which has offices in more than 130 countries.

A curriculum vitae for each candidate is available on the presidential search Web site www.wmich.edu/president/search/.

Richardson Center dedication

“The Richardson Center was constructed almost entirely with private funds, more than any building in WMU history, and will help draw in the public as well as raise the stature of both the School of Art and the College of Fine Arts.”

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