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## Haenicke to give House testimony

Interim President Diether H. Haenicke is scheduled to testify in front of the Michigan House Appropriations Subcommittee on Higher Education when it holds its hearing from 9 a.m. to noon Friday, March 2, on the campus of the University of Michigan-Flint. The hearing is one of several being held on the topic of higher education appropriations for next year. Joining Haenicke at the hearing will be the presidents of UM-Flint, Eastern Michigan University, Oakland University and UM-Dearborn.

## Gift of Life Challenge ends soon

The University is nearing the end of its contest with nine other Michigan universities to save lives by participating in the Fourth Annual Gift of Life University Challenge.

The competition, which ends Monday, Feb. 26, gives hope to the 3,200 Michigan patients currently waiting for a life-saving transplant by increasing the number of citizens who are registered to become organ donors when they die. Led by the Beta Alpha Psi accounting honor society, WMU won the competition in 2005 and finished second to MSU last year. To register, visit [www.giftoflifemichigan.org/](http://www.giftoflifemichigan.org/).



## Western News to skip a week

This is the last *Western News* until after the spring semester recess, which runs from Monday, March 5, through Sunday, March 11. There will be no classes during the break, but WMU offices will be open during normal business hours. The next issue of *Western News* will be distributed Thursday, March 15.

## Help needed for goalball event



Visually challenged athletes from across the United States and Canada will converge on the Student Recreation

Center Saturday and Sunday, March 3-4, for the First United States Association of Blind Athletes John Bakos Memorial Goalball Tournament.

Goalball is a fast-paced sport for blind athletes. People are welcome to watch the tournament and cheer on the competitors or volunteer to assist with the event. Volunteers do not need to know anything about goalball prior to signing up. To volunteer, contact Sherry Gordon at [sgordon@voyager.net](mailto:sgordon@voyager.net) or 381-4144 or Paul Ponchillia, blindness and low vision studies, at [paul.ponchillia@wmich.edu](mailto:paul.ponchillia@wmich.edu) or 387-3449.

## Academic Convocation to honor campus achievement

An awards ceremony and remarks by President Diether H. Haenicke and Provost Janet I. Pisaneschi will be among the highlights when WMU holds its Academic Convocation at 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 28, in the Dalton Center Recital Hall.

The event marks WMU's 50th anniversary as a university and is a return to the previous campus tradition of convening in February to celebrate achievement and look ahead to the future. During the celebration, award presentations will be made to the winners of WMU's Distinguished Teaching (see story in the Feb. 8 *Western News*), Emerging Faculty Scholar and Distinguished Service awards (see stories below). Complete details about this year's award-winning faculty members are available online at [www.wmich.edu/wmu/news](http://www.wmich.edu/wmu/news).

The 2007 convocation will revolve around its latest anniversary observance. On Feb. 26, 1957, Michigan Gov. G. Mennen Williams signed a bill into law designating what was then Western Michigan College as Michigan's fourth public university. The designation came less than a year after Wayne State University became a university and less than two years after Michigan State University was designated Michigan's second university. The University of Michigan was established in 1817, before Michigan was a state.

While Michigan's higher education system has grown to 15 public universities, WMU remains the state's fourth largest university and one of only five state institutions recognized nationally by the Carnegie Institution for the Advancement of Teaching as research universities with high levels of research activity. The fifth is Michigan Technological University, which attained university status in 1964.

## Service award winner

David L. Rozelle, accountancy, has won WMU's 2007 Distinguished Service Award for his history of campus service, outstanding reputation as a mentor to accounting professionals and track record as an advocate for organ donation.



Rozelle

The Distinguished Service Award recognizes exceptional service to WMU through innovative and effective programs, service in areas and organizations that contribute to the growth and stature of the University, or service that extends the impact and presence of the University into larger communities.

Rozelle has been a faculty member for nearly 37 years. He is former accounting department chairperson, a past recipient of the WMU Alumni Association's Teaching Excellence Award and a past winner of the Michigan Association of CPAs Educator of the Year honor.

As this year's Distinguished Service Award winner, Rozelle was lauded for his work in the classroom, having taught an

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## Scholar award winners

The first professors to earn a WMU Emerging Faculty Scholar Award are Mitch Kachun, history; Carla M. Koritsky, geosciences and environmental studies; and Kirk T. Korista, physics.



Kachun

The new program, launched this year to acknowledge the accomplishments of academia's rising stars, celebrates the contributions of faculty who are in the first decade of their WMU careers and who have achieved national recognition as well as demonstrated outstanding promise to achieve renown in their continuing work.



Koritsky



Korista

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**CORE VALUES**—WMU's celebrated high school mathematics curriculum, developed in the Core-Plus Mathematics Project, received some international attention last week when two Japanese scholars toured CPMP high school sites around the state and met with Core-Plus staff at WMU. Seated, from left, Yasufumi Saruwatari of the University of Tsukuba and secondary teacher Masanao Ozawa met with Core-Plus director Christian Hirsch after a session with WMU faculty and graduate students. (Photo by Cheryl P. Roland)



# Around Campus

## Free entertainment scheduled

The College of Fine Arts is offering several free performances in the Dalton Center Recital Hall yet this February and March, starting at 5 p.m. tonight with the Music Theatre Showcase, during which first-year music theatre performance majors will showcase their talents. Other upcoming events include a concert by all three of WMU's traditional choirs—the University Chorale, Cantus Femina and Collegiate Singers—at 8:15 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 24, and a concert by the Western Winds at 8:15 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 28.

## Speaker to focus on elder care

James Kneen, president and chief executive officer of Heritage Community of Kalamazoo, will discuss “Older and Better,” at 8 a.m. Friday, Feb. 23, in 2150 Schneider. The talk is the fifth presentation in this year's annual Keystone Community Bank Breakfast Speaker Series. Heritage Community is the region's largest and oldest not-for-profit senior living center, providing independent living, assisted-living, rehabilitation services and Alzheimer's disease and dementia care services.

## Brass quintet slates concert

The Western Brass Quintet, the School of Music's resident faculty ensemble, will perform at 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 25, in the Dalton Center Recital Hall. Now in its

41st season, the quintet is among the longest-lived brass ensembles in North America. Cost and ticket information for its upcoming performance is available by visiting [www.millerauditorium.com](http://www.millerauditorium.com) or calling 387-2300.

## Lecture series date changed

The date for one of the presentations in the Education for Social Justice Lecture Series has been changed due to it falling during the public school spring break. The William Ayers talk titled “Emancipate Yourself from Mental Slavery” that was scheduled for Wednesday, April 4, has been changed to Wednesday, April 18. All lectures in the series take place from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Fetzer Center's Kirsch Auditorium.

## Reknowned political scientist to discuss Pakistan, terrorism

Larry Ziring, emeritus in political science, will present a lecture on “Pakistan, Islamic State or Secular Republic” for the March Wednesdays II program sponsored by the Emeriti Council. Ziring will trace the origins and evolution of Pakistan from a secular model with religious appeal to a secular experience gone wrong, and will seek to explain how and why Pakistan became the seedbed for contemporary terrorism. Wednesdays II takes place from 2 to 4 p.m. in the Heinig Emeriti Lounge on the second floor of Walwood Hall's west wing.

## Designers receive national recognition

Two interior designers, Sheri Harper, physical plant-remodeling services, and Julie Lenczycki, campus facilities-architecture and interior design, have been recognized by the Association of University Interior Designers.



Harper

Harper received a first place design award in the renovations under \$50,000 category for her work on the lounge near the Campustrends apparel store in the Bernhard Center. This is the second consecutive year she received an AUID design award. Harper also was elected to serve a two-year term as publicist.

Lenczycki, who has been a member of the professional association since 1987, was elected this year to serve a two-year term as 1st vice president. She has served as AUID's publicist for the last four years and was a board member prior to that.

## Fulbright Scholar focusing on health

Ann Miles, anthropology, has been awarded a four-month Fulbright Scholar grant to conduct research on the social and cultural dimensions of experiencing a debilitating illness. Miles, whose teaching concentration is in medical anthropology, recently returned from her first in a pair of two-month trips to Cuenca, Ecuador, where she is studying how chronic illnesses like lupus are affecting the lives of people in the region.

By examining how individuals in different social and economic situations understand, manage and cope with prolonged disease and disability, she hopes to help physicians improve in their understanding and treatment of patients living with sickness. Miles also is preparing for three upcoming lectures that have already been scheduled for her return trip to Ecuador, where she plans to discuss patients' perspectives and their health care challenges with the academic and medical communities.

## Staff member cited for leadership

Leonard Seawood, director of WMU-Southwest in Benton Township, was honored Jan. 14 at the 20th annual Benton Harbor Community Celebration held in honor of Martin Luther King's birthday. The celebration honors the works of civic leaders, community officials, pastors and other



Seawood

community humanitarians who have proved to be enlightening and uplifting in the Twin Cities community.

Seawood received the 2007 Dr. Martin Luther King Leadership Award. He is president of Band of Brothers for Christ, a new organization composed of some 65 African American men who have pledged to make a positive difference in the Twin Cities community.

A Benton Harbor native, Seawood came to WMU in 1999 as director of the southwest branch campus, which is located on the campus of Lake Michigan College.

## Evaluation Center wins federal Kalamazoo Promise grant

The Evaluation Center has been awarded a two-year, \$348,000 federal grant to form a three-way partnership to study the impact of the Kalamazoo Promise.

The grant is from the U.S. Department of Education and will fund a partnership between WMU, Kalamazoo Public Schools and the W.E. Upjohn Institute. Also taking part in the effort at WMU is MERC—the Midwest Education Reform Consortium—which operates WMU's GEAR UP program, helping prepare students for college.

The partnership seeks to assess the short-term and intermediate outcomes of the Kalamazoo Promise.

“The federal grant we have been awarded will allow us to do a thorough evaluation of the Kalamazoo Promise to determine its impact on schools and identify strategies that could improve this kind of scholarship program,” says grant proposal author Gary Miron, Evaluation Center.

Miron believes one of the big reasons the Department of Education funded the study is because there's been so much interest in replicating the program.

## Counseling expert presents talk

Brian S. Canfield, president-elect of the American Counseling Association, will give a free, public presentation on “Trends in the Profession and Practice of Counseling” from 4 to 5:15 p.m. Monday, March 19, in the Fetzer Center. With ACS, he serves as the chief leadership officer elect of the largest professional association representing counselors and the counseling profession.

## Exchange

**For sale**—Baby gear, \$100 for all or Arm's Reach mini co-sleeper, \$60; exersaucer, swing, bouncy seat, \$15 each; inflatable tub (new), \$5. Call 553-9536



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## Walker named interim director of research institute

Lewis Walker, emeritus in sociology, has been appointed interim director of the Lewis Walker Institute for the Study of Race and Ethnic Relations—the University research center that was named in his honor in 2000.

In tapping him to lead the institute, President Diether H. Haenicke charged Walker with reinvigorating the center and heading the search for a permanent director.

His appointment, effective Jan. 15 through June 30, is subject to approval by WMU trustees.

“We hope to have a permanent director on board by July 1, 2007,” says Walker, who helped found the institute and is a past president of its advisory board. “In the meantime, I’m working hard to implement some changes that will improve the institute’s visibility, restore its vibrancy on campus and strengthen its ties to the local community.

“In brief,” he adds, “I want to put in place over the next few months an institute that has the potential of dynamically addressing everything from local issues such as the Kalamazoo Promise to global issues such as the dreadful poverty in post-apartheid South Africa. I firmly believe this is possible with interdisciplinary teams of scholars who understand the role they can play in making the Walker Institute a world-class institute.”

In keeping with the institute’s mission, Walker already has launched two initiatives that he hopes will become annual activities.



Walker

First is a competitive, merit-based Research/Creative Activity Awards Program to support work in the areas of race and ethnic relations by WMU graduate and undergraduate students as well as faculty members. The second new initiative is a survey of WMU students to collect information about on-campus racial and ethnic diversity attitudes as well as resources and expertise the Walker Institute can draw upon down the road.

The Walker Institute is located in Welborn Hall and open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information, visit [www.wmich.edu/isrer](http://www.wmich.edu/isrer) or call Penelope Schellenberg at 387-2141.

## Capt. Carpenter reception set

A retirement reception for Capt. Wesley R. Carpenter, public safety, will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. Friday, Feb. 23, in the Bernhard Center President’s Dining Room. Carpenter is retiring, effective Feb. 28, after 33 years of service to the University.

## Jobs

Current job opportunities at WMU are announced every Monday on the human resources Web site at [www.wmich.edu/hr/job.htm](http://www.wmich.edu/hr/job.htm) and the Applicant Information Service phone line at 387-3669. Applications are accepted for posted jobs only and must be submitted by the stated deadline. Complete application procedures are included on each posting.

## NPR legend Diane Rehm to speak at WMU in March

Diane Rehm, host of a popular National Public Radio talk show that attracts the nation’s top newsmakers, will speak at WMU in a free public lecture at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 13, in the East Ballroom of the Bernhard Center.



Rehm

Seating is limited and available on a first-come first-served basis.

“The Diane Rehm Show” is distributed internationally and heard by some 1.65 million listeners weekly.

Named by *Washingtonian* magazine as one of the “100 Most Powerful Women” in the nation’s capital, Rehm is known for her signature voice and interview style and the caliber of the guests who appear on her show. Recent guests have ranged from Bill Clinton, Jimmy Carter, Sandra Day O’Connor, Hillary Clinton and Desmond Tutu to Julie Andrews, Toni Morrison, Salman Rushdie and Maya Angelou.

Rehm’s visit is primarily being sponsored by the WMU Graduate Student Advisory Committee. Rehm will speak about her background, her career as homemaker and mother; her 25 years as host of a daily NPR talk show; the political, foreign policy, economic and medical issues of the day; her voice difficulties; her views on graduate education; and her take on the Kalamazoo Promise.

She is expected to take questions from the audience as time permits.

## Obituaries

**Charles A. Davis**, emeritus in electrical engineering, died Feb. 7 in Bronson Methodist Hospital. He was 70.



Davis

Davis served WMU as a faculty member and in other capacities for 27 years. He joined the faculty in 1967, teaching at WMU while continuing his graduate studies at Michigan State University.

The Petersburg, Va., native completed his doctorate at MSU in 1975 and was promoted to full professor in electrical engineering in 1976.

While at WMU, Davis also served as associate director of the Office of Faculty Development from 1986 to 1987 and was director of campus planning, extension and engineering from 1987 to 1989, when he returned to the faculty.

In his spare time, Davis was an avid golfer, maintained a presence on the local political scene and enjoyed writing poetry. His first book of poems, titled “Poems in the Key of Life,” was published in 1994. Earlier that year, one of his poems was selected for the anthology, “The Space Between,” published by the National Library of Poetry.

Davis worked as an engineer at Ford Motor Co. from 1964 to 1967 and Bendix Corp. from 1963 to 1964. For three years prior to that, he was a research associate at the University of Michigan, where he obtained his master’s degree in 1963.

**Robert H. Barstow**, emeritus in and former director of social work, died Feb. 9 at his home in Portage, Mich. He was 87.



Barstow

Barstow joined the University faculty in 1965 and served as director of the School of Social Work from 1974 to 1977 and as associate director from 1968 to 1974. He returned to full-time teaching in 1977 and retired from the University in 1983.

A native of Ithaca, Mich., he interrupted his studies at WMU to serve in the U.S. Army from 1941 until the end of World War II. He returned to WMU, earning a bachelor’s degree in 1948, then earned a master’s degree in social work at the University of Michigan in 1953.

Barstow was an advocate for both children and the elderly. His professional experience from 1946 to 1965 included service as deputy director of the Children’s Charter of Courts of Michigan, state director of the Michigan Children’s Aid Society, director of the Kalamazoo Council of Social Agencies and director of the Kalamazoo Branch, Michigan Children’s Aid Society. He also had been a caseworker, a juvenile agent and child welfare worker in Kalamazoo County.

In 1978, Barstow was appointed by Gov. William G. Milliken to a 15-member task force on crime prevention for the elderly in Michigan. Additionally, he served on the

Kalamazoo County Social Services Board of Directors for more than a decade.

Barstow wrote and produced many service articles, guides and studies for the use of organizations or for social planning and spoke before many professional groups engaged in social services and in juvenile-court functions. He was an active volunteer for the American Association of Retired Persons and traveled throughout Michigan’s lower peninsula to talk with businesses about the retirement needs of employees.

**Edwin E. Meader**, a Kalamazoo philanthropist and major WMU benefactor, died Feb. 1. He was 97.

Born in Benton Harbor, Edwin Meader came to the Kalamazoo area in 1925. He attended WMU and the University of Michigan, from which he graduated in 1933. His legacy at WMU includes the W.E. Upjohn Center for the Study of Geographical Change and Waldo Library’s Edwin and Mary Meader Rare Books Room.

Meader, a former adjunct professor of geography at the University, is survived by his wife, Mary. In 2005, the couple gave WMU \$4 million and 1,800 aerial photographs of Africa and South America, taken by Mary Meader in the 1930s, for a one-of-a-kind center that creates digital versions of maps and aerial photography.

Additionally, the Meaders provided a leadership gift for the expansion and complete renovation of Waldo Library in the early 1990s.

# On Campus with Frances Morrow



WHO YOU GONNA CALL?  
(Photo by Jeanne Baron)

Fran Morrow is the right person to call for a number of thorny issues. As the Sindecuse Health Center's medical social worker, she knows how to find health-related resources on and off campus and how to navigate through mounds of medical insurance and prescription drug paperwork.

"A lot of students are uninsured or underinsured, so I serve as their advocate and case manager," says Morrow, who earned a master's in social work from WMU. "You become their connection with campus and community organizations. And at least once a semester, I work with a homeless student."

Much of Morrow's day is spent providing counseling, primarily on health, financial and emotional issues. She counsels students, faculty, staff and retirees as well as alumni, who may continue using Sindecuse for a semester after they graduate, and non-WMU college students who buy into the Sindecuse health plan.

She often sees faculty and staff who have work-related injuries and need help with benefits or emotional issues, need help investigating nursing home care or are care givers for aging parents—a situation she finds herself in—or for chronically ill spouses.

A medical social worker in Battle Creek, Morrow started teaching part time in WMU's School of Social Work in 1996. In 2003, she helped develop Sindecuse' medical social work unit. By 2005, that had translated into what amounts to a full-time job, with Morrow serving as the staff social worker and on-site supervisor for social work students doing their required field work.

"The people at Sindecuse are great, and they've embraced the medical social work service. It's rewarding to work here because we can make a big difference," she says. "Knowing how to think through the various issues that come up is key. I don't hear 'no' well. You go to the next step and the next. You don't have to be confrontational, just tenacious."

Morrow lives in Kalamazoo and enjoys reading, gardening, traveling and spending time with her son and daughter-in-law, who are both WMU alumni.

## National organization honors three WMU faculty members

The American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance will honor three health, physical education and recreation faculty members during its 2007 National Convention and Exposition Tuesday through Saturday, March 13-17, in Baltimore.



Ayers



Berkey

**Suzan Ayers** has been named an AAHPERD Research Consortium Fellow. The designation is one of the most prestigious honors the consortium can bestow on its members. Fellow status recognizes contributions in the areas of research publications, presentations and professional service and signifies that recipients have demonstrated an ongoing commitment to research and a high level of achievement in their fields.



Zhang

**Debra Berkey**, HPER chairperson, has received the AAHPERD Honor Award, which recognizes meritorious contributions in the alliance's two membership categories "college and university" and "non-college and university." The award goes to people of personal integrity who exemplify the spirit of devoted service to the professions and who have, by their leadership and industry, made an outstanding and noteworthy contribution to the advancement of health, physical education, recreation or dance.

**Jiabei Zhang** has received the Adapted Physical Activity Professional Recognition Award from the American Association for Physical Activity and Recreation, an AAHPERD affiliate. The award recognizes significant contributions to the promotion of physical activity to individuals with disabilities.

AAHPERD is the largest organization of professionals supporting and assisting those involved in physical education, leisure, fitness, dance, health promotion and education and all specialties related to achieving a healthy lifestyle.

## Service award winner

estimated 10,000 students over his WMU career; his quarter century of work as advisor to the University's award-winning chapter of the accounting honorary Beta Alpha Psi; and his years of campus service on various advisory boards, curriculum review panels and other committees.

In addition, he was cited for his service in the broader community and his adoption of organ donation through Michigan Gift of Life as a personal cause, after his own experience as the recipient of a heart transplant.

## Emerging Scholar Awards

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**Kachun**, a faculty member since 2001, has focused his research and scholarly publications on American history. He is recognized as a leading scholar on the topic of African American historical memory. Among his recently published books is last year's "The Curse of Caste; or the Slave Bride: A Rediscovered African American Novel," which has generated national attention for changing the timeline of the development of African-American literature.

**Koretsky**, who joined the WMU faculty in 2000, is a scientist who specializes in the biogeochemistry of aquatic environments, mineral surface geochemistry and the thermodynamic properties of aqueous metal-organic complexes. She is the advisor for WMU's geochemistry major, which she established. Her federally supported research is focused on addressing fundamental questions on the biogeochemistry of coastal and inland wetlands that are increasingly impacted by human activities.

**Korista** has been a WMU faculty member since 1997. His field of research is observational astronomy, and his focus is on the acquisition, measurement, analysis and interpretation of the spectra of cosmic gas clouds that hold the keys to the chemical evolution of the universe and the history of star and galaxy formation. Korista is widely published and the recipient of major research grants from the NSF, NASA and the Hubble Telescope Mission. He routinely works in collaboration with scientists across the United States and around the globe.