Two more News issues in 2006
Two more issues of Western News will be published in 2006. The paper will come on Thursday, Nov 30, and Thursday, Dec 14 (not Dec 7 as previously reported). The deadline to submit items for Western News is 5 p.m. Friday the week preceding publication.

Football team could get bowl bid
With an overall record of 7-3, the WMU football team is near the front of the line for one of several bowl opportunities for Mid-American Conference teams this year. As soon as the Broncos accept a bowl bid, complete information will be available on the Web, including links to purchase game tickets and to make reservations for lodging and pre-game events. Up-to-date information is available now at www.wmich.edu/gobroncos.

Newsletter survey due Nov 17
The Office of the Provost is seeking input on its newsletter, PRISM. Now in its second year, PRISM has been a successful way of sharing and celebrating academic accomplishments—due largely to reader submissions and support. Now, Provost Janet I. Pisaneschi is giving readers a chance to assess the publication and suggest changes.

The deadline to complete the survey, which is available online at www.survey.atis.wmich.edu/other/prism/prism.htm, is Tuesday, Nov. 21. The newsletter is not published in December. The January issue will incorporate survey changes and suggestions.

New graduate catalog goes online
WMU debuted a new Web-based graduate catalog early this month that is completely searchable by program, course and other criteria, any time from anywhere with Internet access. A similar version of the undergraduate catalog went online in July.

The Web-based catalogs, which will be updated each year in May, completely replace the paper catalogs that had been published every two years. Both catalogs are available at www.wmich.edu/catalog.

The e-catalogs are easy to search, are formatted for easy printing, and have a feature that allows users to save information on a particular program or other listing to a personal portfolio for future use.

WMU gets cutting-edge aviation training devices
WMU’s College of Aviation will be the launch site for Aerosim Technologies’ new line of advanced flight training devices.

The University will receive two Aerosim AATDs—Advanced Aviation Training Devices—which are also known by the name “Aviator.” In addition, Aerosim’s Circuit Avionics Systems Trainer is already in use in several WMU classrooms.

“We are pleased to have Western Michigan University’s prestigious aviation training program as our launch customer,” says Eduardo Carrasco, Aerosim business development manager.

“Industry reception to this line of trainers has been strong.”

The Aerosim AATD replicates the Cirrus SR22 aircraft by using computers along with specialized hardware and software. Students use the device to develop the psycho-motor skills associated with manipulating the controls in the cockpit. The cockpit’s specific design, combined with an innovative desktop training compliment, is what sets the Aerosim trainers apart, says Capt. Steve Jones, WMU’s director of safety and simulations.

“We were looking for an innovative training device, and the Aerosim AATD, combined with the Avionics Systems Trainer, really fit our requirements,” Jones says. “The Aerosim team has been very responsive to our extremely pleased to see them as a key vendor for training products.”

Aerosim Technologies, based in Burnsville, Minn., designs, manufactures and markets line of advanced flight training devices.

Extends event proposal deadline
MLK celebration committee selects kick-off speaker
A dynamic motivational speaker and innovative educator has been selected to kick off a two-week, communitywide observation Jan. 14-26 honoring the late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. that is being sponsored by WMU, the Northside Ministerial Alliance and the city of Kalamazoo.

This is the fifth year that WMU and the ministerial alliance have teamed up to honor the slain civil rights leader and the first time the city has joined the partnership.

WMU departments, programs and registered student organizations have been invited by the Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration Committee to participate by submitting proposals for their own activities, programs and workshops.

A list of these special events, which are to be relevant to this year’s theme of “Empowering the Dream: Living, Engaging, Connecting,” will be announced later and posted on the MLK Web site at www.wmich.edu/mlk. The deadline for submitting proposals has been extended to 5 p.m. tomorrow. For more information or a proposal form, contact Eva Jerome at eva.jerome@wmich.edu or 387-8191.

Presidential search process emphasizes gathering broad input
Students, staff, faculty and alumni, as well as members of the Kalamazoo community, helped launch the University’s search for its eighth president by offering their views Nov. 1 on the qualities the ideal candidate will have.

In three public sessions, attendees expressed their views to members of the University’s Presidential Search Advisory Committee; Trustee Ken Miller of Kalamazoo, the committee’s leader; and representatives of Baker Parker Associates of Atlanta, the firm the University has hired to help coordinate the search process.

Those attending called for a broad range of skills and qualities, including sterling academic credentials, international experience, a respect for the institution’s traditions, an appreciation for the complexity of the institution, the ability to offer a leadership vision the campus can embrace, and a demonstrated love for higher education and for meeting student needs.

The committee and search firm representatives posed follow-up questions throughout each forum and made it clear they want the campus engagement to continue.

“This is not a search firm-driven process. This will be a committee-driven process,” said Miller in introducing the Baker Parker representatives. “WMU is a large, complex
Around Campus

Work by Ovid subject of talk

Kristopher Fletcher, foreign languages, will present "Metaphor in the Metamorphoses: Ovid as Translator of Greek Myth" from 11 a.m. to noon Friday, Nov. 17, on the 10th Floor of Sprau Tower. Fletcher will speak about the process of translation and interpretation in Ovid's "Metamorphoses."

The work is a diverse yet unified collection of myths in Latin inspired by the Greek mythological tradition, but reflecting Roman values. Fletcher's talk is part of the Department of Foreign Languages' Faculty Colloquium Series.

Two more physics colloquia set

Bruce A. Bunker and Kristopher Fletcher, both of the Department of Physics, will present talks titled "Environmental Science on the Molecular Scale: How Can a Physicist Help?" Monday, Nov. 20, and "From Dark Matter to Superheated Fluids," Tuesday, Nov. 27. The talks will take place at 4 p.m. in 1110 Rood Hall. For more information, call 387-8205.

Judi. Bren Bailey establish endowed jazz studies scholarship

Former WMU President Judith I. Bailey and her husband, Brendon, have established an endowed fund designed to provide scholarships for students in the University's internationally renowned Jazz Studies Program. The Judith J. Bailey and Brendon S. Bailey Scholarship will be awarded annually thereafter.

The Bailey family's gift is the latest one to be awarded an endowment. A gift from the Morris K. and June K. Baileys with cash gifts. The endowment will provide scholarships for students in the University's internationally renowned Jazz Studies Program. The scholarship will be awarded annually thereafter.

Candidate presentation slated

A second Evaluation Center director candidate will make a public presentation Thursday, Nov. 30. Stephen Magura will speak at 4 p.m. in the Bernard Center's Brown and Gold Room. Magura is director of science research at the National Development and Research Institute in New York City. This is his second public presentation.

Search for Dark Matter with Superheated Fluids

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Poetry slam takes Center Stage

WMU student poets will participate in a poetry slam at 8 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 29, on the Bronco Mall Center Stage. The free, public event is being sponsored by the Student Entertainment Team.

Ethics series eyes gay marriage

The next talk in the Center for the Study of Ethics in Society fall lecture series is titled "In Defense of Gay Marriage" and will be presented by Russ Shaffer-Landau from the University of Wisconsin-Madison at 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 30, in 242 Bernard Center.

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The scholarship amount and selection process will be in the hands of the School of Music, but the Baileys outlined "talent as determined through the audition/interview process" as the trait upon which they would like scholarship recipients selected.

"Bren and I have become great fans of this wonderful program, and as we leave Kalamazoo, we wanted to do something that would help ensure its continuing success," Bailey said.

"We'll watch the program now from afar, but always with great interest and wonderful memories of performances by incredibly talented students."

Bailey will begin a one-year appointment in January as a senior fellow with the American Association of State Colleges and Universities.

Ethicist heading research effort

Fritz Allhoff, philosophy, is leading WMU's part of a collaborative research project with Dartmouth College that has received $250,000 from the National Science Foundation. The project will delve into the ethical issues of using nanotechnology to boost the abilities of humans—one of the most important debates in science and society for the 21st century.

The NSF funding was awarded in two grants, with $155,000 going to WMU and $115,000 to Dartmouth. The project, which will take three years to complete, will include a series of closed workshops featuring experts from around the world. One of the workshop stops will be at WMU in spring 2009. When the research is completed, project participants will issue their recommendations through an NSF-sponsored report in summer 2009.

Artist invited to lecture worldwide

Caroline Gore, art, was invited to make presentations around the globe earlier this year, including at the Studio Art Centers International and Fuji Studios in Florence, Italy; Metropolitan University in London; and Sydney College of the Arts in Sydney, Australia. She also had work reprinted in "The Art & Craft of Making Jewelry," published by Lark Books.

Gore serves as WMU's area coordinator for the metals/jewelry program and as faculty director of its Studio Art Centers International Study Abroad Program in Florence. The outcomes of her studio practice vary in media, scale and implementation and range from small-scale jewelry to environments to large sculptural installations. Her work has been widely exhibited in national and international venues since 1996.

Haworth duo co-write new book

Andrew Targowski and Michael Tarn, business information systems, have co-written a new book titled "Enterprise Systems Education in the 21st Century." The book, which is the first scholarly work in enterprise systems education, presents methods of reengineering business curricula in order to use ES solutions.

Several Haworth College of Business faculty members are among the book's worldwide contributors. They include Kuanchin Chen, James W. Danenberg, Bernard Han, Muhammad Razi, Thomas Rienzo, all of business information systems, and Satish Deshpande and Brent Wagner, management.

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For more information about the book, visit the Web site of Haworth College of Business.
WMU's New Issues Poetry & Prose to release six new poetry collections

The nonprofit, WMU-based publisher New Issues Poetry & Prose, is releasing six new collections of poetry.

One of the books, "The Mending Worm" by Jean Houlihan, won New Issues' 2005 Green Rose Prize, which is awarded for a full-length collection of poetry by an established poet. Houlihan is the founding director of and teaches at the Concord Poetry Center in Concord, Mass.

Also released as part of the Green Rose Series is "The Prayers of Others" by Colorado State University-Pueblo professor David Keplinger. It is the second New Issues title written by Keplinger.

Four additional books will be released. "Nude with Anything" is James D'Agostino's first collection of poetry. WMU's Nancy Eimers, English, lends the poems for "their cathedral-like meditations, their brilliant sentences spiraling like silver necklaces of DNA." D'Agostino, formerly of Kalamazoo, lives in Jackson, Mo.

"Vigil" is the first collection of poetry by Alexander Long, a poet/musician who writes, plays and tours with the band Redhead Betty Takeout. Long teaches at West Chester University of Pennsylvania.

 anecdotal "Murders" by Carrie McGath is also a first collection of poetry. Surrealist artists like Dali and Hans Bellmer make appearances in the strange worlds presented in the poetry of McGath, who works as a librarian and lives in Kalamazoo, Mich.

"Only The Senses Sleep" by Wayne Miller is another first collection of poetry. Although the author is no stranger to publishing, Miller teaches at Central Missouri State University.

For more information about New Issues Poetry & Prose and its numerous titles, visit the press' Web site at www.miwich.edu/newissues or call Marianne Swierenga at 387-8185.

Obituary

Kathy Corder, associate director of the Office of Student Academic and Institutional Research, died Saturday, Nov. 4, in Kalamazoo. She was 52.

Corder had been battling breast cancer for several years. She came to WMU in 1995 with her husband, Kevin Corder, chair of political science. Before joining the University, Corder had spent 10 years managing the social science computing facility at Washington University in St. Louis.

She began her WMU career in the Registrar's Office, then moved to the Office of the Provost, where her technical and social science skills were recognized as being the ideal combination for heading the Office of Academic Planning and Institutional Data.

As director of APID, which was the precursor to the Office of Student Academic and Institutional Research, Corder supervised the collection and release of data about the University. Among her duties were gathering and releasing information to federal and state governmental agencies; completing some 100 surveys each year; assisting faculty in collecting data for research funding proposals; and overseeing data collection for University, college and departmental accreditation surveys.

A graduate of Southern Illinois University Edwardsville, Corder was pastry chef at Pavot in Brentwood, Mo., in the 1980s and was known to Kalamazoo-area family and friends as an avid cook and entertainer.

She was buried Saturday, Nov. 11, in Illinois. A memorial service will be held on WMU's campus at a future date. Donations may be made to Family and Children Services of Kalamazoo or the West Michigan Cancer Center.

WMU faculty awarded state's largest number of 2006-07 Fulbrights

WMU has more 2006-07 Fulbright Scholars than any other college or university in Michigan.

Six of the state's 26 Fulbrights this year are members of the WMU faculty. In all, 14 Michigan schools had faculty members awarded Fulbrights.

The University of Michigan and Michigan State University each received three awards, and the remainder was spread out among institutions around the state.

WMU's 2006-07 Fulbright Scholars are:

- Jeffrey Buckner Abshear, art, who will travel to the Academy of Fine Arts in Venice, Italy, next spring to study historical and contemporary Italian book printing, binding and papermaking; and
- Igor Y. Fedotov, music, who is in Russia at the Moscow State Musical Institute lecturing and conducting research on 20th-century Russian-Soviet viola music; and
- Ann M. Miles, anthropology, whose research took her to the University Cuenca in Ecuador to do research on coping with chronic disease; and
- Susan Pees, economics, who is at the University of Montevideo in Uruguay studying the impact of remigrant remittances on Uruguayan households; and
- Gregory Veeck, geography, who is at the Chinese Academy of Social Science's Rural Development Institute in Beijing examining management practices of livestock-dependent families in inner Mongolia; and
- Lance E. Weldy, visiting English professor, who is at the Johann Wolfgang Goethe University in Frankfurt, Germany, lecturing on American children's literature.

The Fulbright Scholar Program was established in 1946. It is the U.S. government's flagship academic exchange effort, on behalf of the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs.

Recipients are selected based on academic or professional achievement and because they have demonstrated extraordinary leadership potential in their fields.

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

30 Years—Greg J. Brown, physical plant-building, custodial and support services; Charles J. Dineen, physical plant-utilities; and Diana L. Sawyer, Logistical Services.

25 Years—William L. Jones, physical plant-building, custodial and support services.

20 Years—Vimla Bafna, accounts receivable; Shirley J. Campbell, Archives and Regional History Collections; Doreen Cooks, Bernhard Center Dining Service; Steven Cowley, physical plant-maintenance services; Lucile M. Johnson, physical plant-building, custodial and support services; Carol J. Patterson, Logistical Services; Stacy L. Valler, intercollegiate athletics; and Cindy A. VanderWoude, University Recreation.

15 Years—Chad H. Avery, physical plant-landscape services; Timothy R. Cobbs, physical plant-maintenance services; Dr. Franklin Florida II, electrical and computer engineering; Cynthia K. Johnson, physical plant-building, custodial and support services; and Randy A. Russell, physical plant-landscape services.

10 Years—James M. Burgess, College of Aviation; Shirley Franklin, Center for Disability Services; Edward L. Maring, physical plant-maintenance services; Carol A. Oovel, physical plant-building, custodial and support services; Terry Lane Peck, Burnham Dining Service; Kay Rafferty, Center for Disability Services; Carmen Rivera, Valley #2 Dining Service; Dianne Town, Valley #1 Dining Service; and Lisa Lynn York, student financial aid and scholarships.

Five Years—Brian Earl Beridon, physical plant-building, custodial and support services; Tammy D. Bert, Spanish; Erika Ann Carr, King, Chavez, Parks programs; Napoleon Hall, physical plant-maintenance services; and Siobhan Keenan, communication.
On Campus

My son thinks I should get a life,” Rosanna Metoyer admits. “Whenever we go somewhere, I can’t pass a vending machine without checking it out. I’m continually assessing different types of machines and looking for new products to put in them.”

Metoyer serves as coordinator of business operations and vending in Auxiliary Enterprises. She primarily oversees the Oakland’s operations and the University’s contracts and sales for its beverage and snack vending machines as well as its coin- and card-operated laundry facilities in the residence halls.

The Kalamazoo resident joined WMU in 1988 as a fiscal assistant who rotated among such units as telecommunications, plant accounting and University budgets, then worked in purchasing for 13 years before moving to AE in 2003.

“I love my current position because it allows me to use my creative side,” Metoyer says. “I’m able to develop new operating processes, work with marketing to devise new promotional ideas, and attend events like Bronco Bash, where I can get informal feedback and suggestions from students, faculty and staff.”

Metoyer, who has a Master of Business Administration degree from WMU, also actively promotes her unit’s LaundryBUCKS program and Smart Snacks program, which provides healthier food options in campus vending machines.

Plus, she’s been busy with initiatives to improve services at the Oaklands, update AE business procedures, and improve the Web sites for the Oaklands (www.wmich.edu/oaklands) and Vending Services (www.wmich.edu/vending).

The latter site now offers a convenient comments section as well as a reporting section that facilitates making repair, refill and refund requests.

In her off hours, Metoyer focuses on her husband and two sons, one of whom is attending WMU. She also is a movie buff, enjoys walking for exercise and has become more involved in a variety of campus events and committees, especially the University Wellness Committee.

Presidential search

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“We will be working throughout the process to strike a balance between protection and discretion and transparency,” he said. “If you become a finalist, you will be publicly vetted through visits and presentations on campus.”

Dan Parker, a principal with the search firm, will coordinate the WMU effort. During the Nov. 1 forums, he repeatedly asked those attending to send suggestions and candidate nominations to dparker@bpasearch.com.

“We are an inclusive search firm,” he said. “We will consider, on behalf of the committee, any candidate suggested. Our job is to recruit, advise and facilitate. We will deliver a broad and diverse pool of candidates for consideration.”

Miller added that people should feel free at any time to contact him directly to make suggestions about the process and the kind of candidates the University needs. His e-mail address is kmill6835@aol.com.