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For and about WMU faculty and staff

Walkway work necessitates detours

Walkways on the central West Campus in the general area surrounding the new chemistry building, will be periodically closed throughout the summer and early fall so that new walkways and landscaping can be installed. The work will be done in three phases, and detours will be clearly marked. PDF files of maps showing the affected areas and planned detour routes are available online at www.cf.wmich.edu/construction/chemistry.

Oliver Street Café closes doors

WMU Dining Services closed its Oliver Street Café in the Linda Richards Building April 28 due to sluggish sales and has put several of its other five campus cafés on summer hours. Café hours are listed online at www.wmich.edu/dining/cafes.html.



In other food news, the Bernhard Center Cafeteria on May 1 began serving breakfast from 7:45 to 9:30 a.m. Monday through Friday. Breakfast offerings include coffee, juice, rolls, fruit and a dish that will vary.

Residence hall rates to go up

April 28, trustees increased 2006-07 room and board rates for the residence hall system, holding the increase to the rate of inflation. Beginning with the start of the fall 2006 semester, room and board rates will rise by 3.4 percent, reflecting increased costs to the system, particularly in the area of utilities. Apartment rental rates will not change.

The residence hall system increase means that a student living in a residence hall and opting for the mid-level, 15-meal dining plan will pay \$6,877, an increase of \$226 compared to the rate for the 2005-06 academic year. The rates for room and board for students opting for dining plans that include 20 meals per week or 10 meals per week will also rise by 3.4 percent, to \$7,053 and \$6,475, respectively.

War casualty to be remembered

An informal memorial service for Army Sgt. Matthew A. Webber will be held at 12:15 p.m. Friday, May 12, in front of the Seibert Administration Building. Webber was a junior marketing major before being called to active service in Iraq with the Army National Guard.



The 23-year-old died April 27 as the result of injuries sustained when an improvised explosive device detonated near his vehicle during combat operations. Funeral services were held May 6 in Michigan's Mecosta County.

Key geological facility for state gets new home

Since 1982, a small group of scientists at WMU has dedicated untold hours to preserving a critical part of Michigan's geological past.

With the help of various students, the group has been collecting and collating rock samples and paper records that trace the history of oil and gas exploration in the state and provide



a wealth of data on what lies below the feet of Michiganders.

Now this unique geological facility, which is the state's preeminent source for data on Michigan's subsurface geology, has a new home and a broader mandate for serving

the state and nation.

The core laboratory has been incorporated into WMU's recently established Michigan

Geological Repository for Research and Education, located on leased property at 5272 W. Michigan Avenue in Kalamazoo, just east of the West Hills Athletic Club.

The new building includes ample storage for the core lab's collections, dedicated laboratory space for faculty and students, a resource library, and a high-tech seminar room for the geosciences department's technology transfer workshops and public outreach work.

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Trustees hear campuswide diversity, multiculturalism plan

Acting at its April 28 meeting, the WMU Board of Trustees accepted a Diversity and Multiculturalism Action Plan that has been in development for two years.

The plan, known as DMAP, was presented to the board by Martha Warfield, assistant vice president for student affairs and director of the presidential initiative on diversity. Warfield has been leading the campuswide effort to develop the plan. It was initiated by President Judith I. Bailey in her February 2004 State of the University Address.

"On behalf of the entire DMAP committee, I want to thank Dr. Bailey who had the vision to determine the need for Western to build a diverse and inclusive community," Warfield told the board. "Our focus on a plan for diversity on our campus comes at a time when unrest is being experienced on college campuses across the nation."

The plan was developed around six general goals and includes recommendations for achieving each goal, as well as a timeline for

implementation and accountability for the next five years, giving direction for the work outlined to achieve the general goals.

Concurrent with development of the plan, Warfield noted, were several accomplishments that are part of the recommendations outlined in the plan. They include the opening of an active Multicultural Center in the Trimpe Building, establishment of a series of faculty and staff discussions groups that have developed a campus diversity programming plan, and creation of a half-day introductory diversity program.

In a related action and to make all University policy consistent with the new campuswide plan, trustees approved a revised non-discrimination policy. They also unanimously passed a resolution urging the University community and all Michigan citizens to carefully study the language and consider the impact of the fall ballot initiative proposed by the Michigan "Civil Rights" Initiative Committee.

Subcommittee proposes 4.1 percent funding increase for WMU

President Judith I. Bailey knew she was speaking to a supportive audience May 3 when she began testifying before the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Higher Education.

The panel, led by Rep. John Stewart of Plymouth, Mich., has recommended that WMU receive a 4.1 percent funding increase for the 2006-07 academic year.

That recommendation would mean an additional \$4.5 million in support from the state and is the largest percentage increase recommended for any of the four public universities whose presidents testified together May 3 in Lansing. The University of Michigan and Michigan State University were slated for 3.5 and 3.6 percent, respectively, while the committee recommended a 1.9 percent decrease for Wayne State University.

The House Appropriations Committee and the full House still need to approve the

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Around Campus

Senate meeting location moved

This afternoon's meeting of the Faculty Senate will begin at 4:30 p.m. in the ballroom of the Bernhard Center. The meeting has been moved from its previously announced location in the Fetzer Center. Also, the starting time for the meeting is 30 minutes earlier than the traditional starting time.

The meeting agenda includes transfer of power to the new senate leadership team led by President Mary Lagerwey. Following remarks by past Senate President Paul Pancella and University President Judith Bailey, Provost Linda Delene will make a presentation on the Graduate Program Review.

Friday is next Bronco Spirit Day

The next Bronco Spirit Day will be Friday, May 12. Members of the University community are encouraged to wear WMU apparel or Bronco sportswear on this day to show pride in the University.

Spring luncheon deadline near

Tomorrow is the deadline to register for the annual Spring Awards Luncheon sponsored by the Administrative Professional Association and the Professional Support Staff Organization. The event, which has a Mardi Gras theme this year, has been scheduled for 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Friday, May 19, in Miller Auditorium.

Organizers invite all APA- and PSSO-eligible staff to attend. In addition to eating lunch, attendees will be able to "Mill Around Miller" and enjoy entertainment provided by a caricature artist, a fortune

teller, musicians and clowns. For cost, registration and other information, go online to www.wmich.edu/apa and click on "Latest News" or visit www.wmich.edu/pssso and click on "APA & PSSO Awards & Spring Social."

WMU network to be offline Sunday

The campus computer network will be down from 1 to 8 a.m. Sunday, May 14, for maintenance. There will be multiple interruptions of service during this time. Some systems may appear to come back online temporarily, but using them during the maintenance period could result in lost work or files. Questions may be directed to the Help Desk at 387-HELP.

Rups' art on display in Waldo Library

Handmade books by local artist Pamela Rups, instructional technology, are on display on the main floor of the Upjohn Rotunda of Waldo Library. The exhibit is open during library hours through Monday, May 15.

Keystone series concludes May 19

A local homebuilding entrepreneur will make the final presentation as the sixth annual Keystone Community Bank Breakfast Speaker Series concludes Friday, May 19.

Greg DeHaan, senior vice president of Allen Edwin Homes, will present a talk titled "Homebuilding 101" at 7:30 a.m. in the Dean's Conference Room (Room 2150) of Schneider. The free event is open to the public. Reservations are required and can be made by calling 387-5050.

Stevens earns life service award

Marie L. Stevens, dean emerita of students, received the top honor at the 2006 Sharing Time and Resources Awards program, sponsored by the Volunteer Center of Greater Kalamazoo and the *Kalamazoo Gazette*. Stevens, now 80, won the Irving S. Gilmore Lifetime Achievement Award.



Stevens

She was recognized for her extensive volunteer work, long service in a variety of leadership positions with the Kalamazoo and national YWCA boards, and exceptional contributions to the local chapter of the American Red Cross, where she served as board chair at the time of the 9-11 terrorist attacks.

Stevens joined the WMU staff in 1957 as assistant dean of women and retired as dean of students in 1987. She was the first woman to hold the latter job at WMU.

Szarmach given top honors

Paul E. Szarmach, director of the Medieval Institute, has received two honors from the Medieval Academy of America in Cambridge, Mass. Szarmach was selected



Szarmach

as an MAA fellow and as the winner of its 2006 Robert L. Kendrick Committee on Centers and Regional Associates Award for Outstanding Service to Medieval Studies.

MAA Fellowships are highly selective.

Szarmach was cited for his prolific scholarship, advancing the field of medieval studies and directing WMU's world-renowned annual international medieval congress.

A professor of English and medieval studies, he came to WMU in 1995 to direct the Medieval Institute. This September, he will begin serving a five-year term as the MAA's executive director. With 4,500 members, it is the largest organization in the world devoted to medieval studies.

Washington getting good billing

Von Washington, professor of theatre, has been having one success after another while on sabbatical. His play "Rosa Parks: More Than A Bus Story" has been performed in three states and he has lined up an impressive array of readings this spring for his work at theatres on the East and West coasts.



Washington

The Lorraine Hansberry Theatre in San Francisco presented a staged reading of one of his scripts in March, the Frank Silvera Writer's Workshop in Harlem presented a public reading of his new play "Brain Storm" in April that was so successful officials invited him back the same month, and New York's New Federal Theatre had a reading of his play "Yesterday."

A director, actor and writer, Washington came to WMU in 1988. He directs the Multicultural Theatre Program.

Sindecuse Health Center temporarily changes main entry location

On May 1, the Sindecuse Health Center began a six-month renovation to expand the pharmacy, improve patient flow and install a drive-through pick-up window for pharmacy customers. Regular visitors to Sindecuse will notice a few changes during the construction period, although all services remain open and normal operating hours are being maintained.

One of the biggest changes is that the health center's main entrance has been temporarily closed, with parking near this entry limited.

A temporary main entrance has been set up on the building's north side. The entrance is located off Gilkinson Avenue on the side of Sindecuse that is closest to Goldsworth Valley Pond. Several spaces are available around this interim entry for Sindecuse patients.

People using the health center are asked to observe the parking signs, parking only in the appropriate spots, and to enter the building through the corner door labeled "main entry." For the duration of the renovation project, patients will register on the same level as the interim main entrance (first level). Signs will direct patients to the registration area.

In addition, the Sindecuse Pharmacy is temporarily being housed on the health center's third floor and is accessible by elevator. The pharmacy will move back to the main level to new and improved accommodations once renovations are complete.

A PDF file showing current construction and parking areas around the health center is available online at www.sindecuse.com. For more information, call the Sindecuse Health Center at 387-3287.



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Board of Trustees signs off on leaves, retirements, resignations

The Board of Trustees approved several personnel actions at its April 28 meeting.

In addition to signing off on the previously announced appointment of **Lewis R. Pynson** as dean of graduate studies, trustees approved professional development leaves for **Stuart J. Dybek**, professor of English, effective July 31, 2006, through April 8, 2007, and **Paul Nwulu**, assistant professor of communication, effective July 31, 2006, through July 29, 2007.



Androustopoulos



Atkins



Ruttinger



Stephenson



Walters

The retirement, with emeriti status, of one faculty member also was granted. **Elaine A. Jayne**, professor of University Libraries, will retire with 10 years of service to WMU, effective April 30, 2006.

Seven staff members are retiring. Their positions, years of continuous service and effective retirement dates are: **Theoni Androustopoulos**, custodian in physical plant-building, custodial and support services, 27 years, effective June 30, 2006; **Michael B. Atkins**, senior advisor to the provost and vice president for academic affairs, one year appointment, effective June 30, 2006; **Joyce D. Becker**, utility food worker in the Bernhard Center Dining Food Service, 19-1/2 years, effective June 30, 2006; **Doris A. Rey**, office associate

in the Department of Health, Physical Education and Recreations, 41 years, effective July 31, 2006; **Jacquelyn Ruttinger**, director of exhibitions in the School of Art, 20-1/2 years, effective June 30, 2006; **Diane L. Stephenson**, office coordinator in the Department of Biological Sciences, 41 years, effective July 31, 2006; and **Judy K. Walters**, ombuds assistant in the Office of University Ombuds, 23 years, effective June 30, 2006.

In other action, faculty resignations were approved for: **Becky M. Kirschner**, assistant professor of teaching, learning and leadership, effective June 30, 2006, and **Adam Sabra**, assistant professor of history, effective April 29, 2006.



NEW MENU ITEMS UNVEILED—Catering Manager Smith Moore, right, and Chef Nick Petruska spearheaded an appetizing Administrative Professionals Day luncheon in the Bernhard Center April 26. The event showcased many of WMU Catering's new menu choices. Some 200 University employees attended the luncheon, taking advantage of the opportunity to sample a wide variety of the new offerings for a reasonable rate. (Photo by Tammy M. Boneburg)

Service

The following employees are recognized for 35, 30, 25, 20, 15, 10 and five years of service during May.

35 Years—Robert R. Lassiter, physical plant-maintenance services.

30 Years—Marilyn V. Duke, Center for Academic Support Programs, and Jon H. VanderMeer, communication.

25 Years—Judith A. Medendorp, geography; Lila J. Paul, Office of the Vice President for Research; Diana L. Sherburn, public safety; and Sally A. Veeder, Office of the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs.

20 Years—Daryl E. Buczkowski, information technology; Linda J. Doremus, Bernhard Center; Jeffery A. Johns, physical plant-maintenance services; and Jo E. Morrisson, campus planning.

15 Years—Patricia A. Evans, University Recreation; Arlen R. Gullickson, Evaluation Center; Andrew C. Huang, Academic Technology and Instructional Services; and Candace E. List, history.

10 Years—Nancy L. Arneson, environmental studies; Jerome Carter, Center for Disability Services; Paul E. Choker, University Dining Services; Michael Eugene Hodgkinson, physical plant-utilities; Tracey Lawie, Miller Auditorium; Janell Elizabeth Svinicki, Center for Disability Services; and Bethany Timmerman, WMU Bookstore.

5 Years—Janet M. Bond, information technology; Michael James Brown, physical plant-building, custodial and support services; Pamela L. Clay, physical plant-building, custodial and support services; Felicia Taylor Crawford, human resources; Mark J. Daniel, West Hills Athletic Club; Marianne E. Di Pierro, Graduate College; Cheri L. Edgar, business information systems; Patrick M. Gorenchan, campus facility development; Darwin Hall, physical plant-building, custodial and support services; Nancy A. McFadden, social work; Gretchen Kauth Morin, Sindecuse Health Center; Angie M. O'Bryant, public safety; Kristie M. Sturmoski, mechanical and aeronautical engineering; and Jean C. Walker, Extended University Programs.

Make a Difference committee names annual award candidates

Nineteen staff members are in the running for four 2005-06 Make a Difference annual awards, which carry a \$1,000 prize.

This prestigious annual award is reserved for the most outstanding employees—those who reach far beyond their assigned responsibilities to give generously and creatively of their time and talents, making the university an even finer place to work and study.

The 2005-06 candidates are: (fall semi-annual awardees) Betty Dennis, University Curriculum; Kevin Hinds, public safety; Pamela McCartney, chemistry; Judy Northey, University Dining Services; Kelley Oliver, Haworth College of Business; Victoria Rose, public safety; Deborah Stanfield, marketing; Michael Walden, physical plant-power plant; and Judy Walters, University ombuds; and (spring semiannual awardees) Donna Kim Ballard, Writing Center; Barbara Caras-Tomczak, Haworth College of Business; Brenda Case-Parris, Career and Student Employment Services; Dori LaChance, registrar's office; Natalia Chris Obreiter; military science; Gail Orta, marketing; Donald Paff, landscape services; Jane Perk, WMU Bookstore; Camela Vossen, environmental safety and emergency management; and Daren Webb, Sindecuse Health Center.

The four winners will be announced in June. Submissions of additional supporting information for candidates should be made by May 31 and include specific examples of the candidates' dedication to outstanding service. Send submissions to Christen Crowley via mail to human resources, e-mail to Make-a-Difference@wmich.edu or fax to 387-3441.

Orientation kick off event set

WMU will brief faculty, staff and administrators on this summer's new-student orientation program during a special 30- to 45-minute kick-off event for the campus community at 3 p.m. Wednesday, May 17, in the Bernhard Center's West Ballroom.

"In the past, some members of the University community have commented that they didn't really know about orientation and weren't sure how to answer people's questions," says Salatha Willis, orientation coordinator. "We're having a campus kickoff so everyone will know what's going on and how they can be helpful and welcoming to our prospective students and their parents."

For details, visit www.wmich.edu/fye or call Willis at 387-2301.

Exchange

For Sale—Sears Proform exercise bike. Barely used; \$300 new. Asking \$150 or best offer. Call (269) 271-0247.

For Sale—1994 Ebbtide Dynatrak 16-foot bass boat. 75-horse Mercury motor, livewell, 2 fishfinders, rod storage. Stored inside, in great shape. Call (269) 626-8581.

For Sale—Cherry wood rough saw. 1,500 board feet of dried, 1 inch-thick, variable-width wood. Buy by the foot or great price if purchasing all. Call (269) 626-8581.

For Sale—1999 S10 truck. Extended cab, 5-speed, 2WD. 1 owner, 16,700 miles, many extras. \$8,900. Call (269) 388-9964.

On Campus with Mat Kanan



A GOOD SPORT
(Photo by Jeanne Baron)

When handed lemons, Mat Kanan is resilient enough to make lemonade.

The associate director of athletic media relations weathered the vagaries of corporate life for five years before being downsized out of a job, then used that predicament as an opportunity to reinvigorate his professional life.

"I went into corporate communications because I thought I was supposed to," says Kanan, who majored in journalism and public relations and joined WMU last fall. "But it never felt like a career; it felt like a job."

That's when he remembered the fun he had working as a student employee in Ohio University's sports information office. With the help of his extraordinarily supportive wife Donna, he decided to make sports his missing career.

Kanan volunteered at a university and "temped" to pay the bills. A year later, he landed a full-time post at the University of Pennsylvania. Now, the Kalamazoo resident is handling the publicity, public relations and publications work for WMU's programs in football, softball and golf. He also manages the intercollegiate athletics Web site, along with its online registrations for sports camps and its subscription-based live audio and video streaming.

"I work closely with coaches, student-athletes, administrators, and local, regional and national media. They're all a top priority, but I do everything I can to make sure everyone gets what they need," Kanan says. "It's awesome working with students, and I get paid to watch and experience NCAA Division I-A sports. For some people, that's a goal. For me, that's a dream come true."

Kanan likes to play golf with Donna and accompany her on road trips to Ohio to visit family and friends. But he hasn't forgotten about his career. May 8, he began working on a sports management graduate degree at WMU—with the intention of one day becoming an associate athletic director.

Bailey testimony _____ continued from page 1
subcommittee's plan before the House and Senate begin to work out the differences in their budget recommendations.

Bailey's testimony focused on WMU's strengths and how the institution differs from the other universities testifying. She pointed to WMU's role in helping advance Michigan into the new economy and noted its growing reputation in translating basic research into commercial enterprise through the Biosciences Research and Commercialization Center.

Her testimony also covered the Business Technology and Research Park's success and such new developments as WMU's growing geosciences research, acquisition of Pfizer's Building 126, and blossoming international education initiatives and local school partnerships.

The testimony of the other three presidents was coordinated to focus on their institutions' special value to Michigan and to support a proposal by Gov. Jennifer Granholm that their funding be based on a formula different from the one used to appropriate funds for the state's 12 other public universities.

Following their presentation, Bailey responded to a question from the panel about how she viewed that proposal. "I have severe reservations about the message that this proposal ultimately sends to Michigan citizens," Bailey said. "WMU's 'high research' designation in the Carnegie classification also translates into a different cost structure. That raises the question of whether universities should be grouped and funded based on their Carnegie research classifications or on a common set of outcome criteria important to the state."



FINISHING STRONG—University Recreation's Amy Seth, right, pops in on veteran Finals Finish volunteers, from left, Sue Green, Bernhard Center, and Margaret Watson, information technology. Solid volunteer support of the event has made it a perennial winner with students. (Photo by Tammy M. Boneburg)

Time to activate SRC membership

Now is a good time for benefits-eligible faculty and non-bargaining staff to activate their Student Recreation Center memberships. Those who do will get nearly a year's membership, valued at \$225, and pay nothing more than the taxes on that amount. Anyone wishing to activate their membership may do so from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday in the SRC office.

However, the year's membership starts at the beginning of the semester or session faculty and staff join, and the Summer I Session began May 8. So sign up now. The SRC is a convenient way to maintain a healthy lifestyle. For more information, call 387-3115 or visit the SRC Web site.

Core lab _____ continued from page 1

The MGRRE is headed by G. Michael Grammer, geosciences, and was created to reflect the core lab's growing body of research and collections. It encompasses the facility's original work, as well as the University's educational, research and outreach activities in related Department of Geosciences areas.

The lab was founded 24 years ago by its current director, William B. Harrison III, emeritus in geosciences, and had been housed in West Hall. Initially, its main goal was to acquire, preserve and use materials from Michigan's oil and gas wells for use in energy research and education. Since then, the lab has amassed tens of thousands of feet of core material and cuttings and thousands of related well drilling documents.

"Our collections have grown and so has our collective expertise," Harrison says. "We have been very fortunate to welcome several well-known research faculty members to our geosciences department, and they have greatly broadened the scope of our research, using the invaluable resources in our collections."

Those resources are important to the state and nation, Harrison adds, noting that they provide one-of-a-kind data researchers can use for such purposes as boosting domestic oil and gas production and converting depleted wells into underground gas storage areas for the U.S. strategic petroleum reserve.

"This facility is doing a tremendous service by bringing so much valuable expertise and information together," Harrison says. "The materials we're preserving here have implications for reducing water contamination, increasing energy production, locating mineral deposits and other uses we can't even imagine yet."