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For and about WMU faculty and staff

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Paul R. Buckman, president and CEO of St. Jude Medical's Cardiology Division, is on campus today to discuss the development and approval of new medical devices in the rapidly growing area of cardiovascular surgery and therapy.

Buckman will speak in Schneider's Brown Auditorium at 7:30 p.m. as part of the Haworth College of Business Distinguished Speaker Series. Reservations are required to attend the program. For more information, call 387-5050.

Still time to support Relay for Life

Members of the WMU community still have time to show their support for Relay for Life, the American Cancer Society walk-a-thon fund-raiser that will take place Friday and Saturday, April 7-8, at Kanley Track. Supporters may join one of WMU's



relay teams and "walk for a cure" and/or make a monetary donation to the effort.

Relay activities will begin at noon Friday and continue through noon Saturday. President Judith I. Bailey will be among those making welcoming remarks at an opening ceremony set for 3 p.m. Friday.

For event details, including how to donate online or sign up for a team, read the Relay for Life article posted at www.wmich.edu/wmu/news or contact Shannon Landis by calling 387-2361 or sending e-mail to shannon.landis@wmich.edu.

Business dean candidates to visit

Three candidates for the position of dean of the Haworth College of Business will visit the campus in the coming weeks to meet with faculty, staff and students and make public presentations. The candidates and the days and times of their public presentations in Schneider's Brown Auditorium are:

- P. David Shields, associate dean for graduate and professional programs at the University of Houston's C.T. Bauer College of Business, from 5 to 6 p.m. Thursday, April 13;
- Michael J. Keller, dean of the University of South Dakota School of Business, from 4 to 5 p.m. Monday, April 17; and
- Mitchell W. Fields, executive director of the Centre for Executive Education at the University of Windsor, from 5 to 6 p.m. Thursday, April 20.

Dean Margaret Merrion, fine arts, is heading the campuswide search committee. For more about the candidates or the search, visit www.hcob.wmich.edu.

New dean selected to lead Graduate College

Lewis R. Pyenson, a scholar at the University of Louisiana-Lafayette with extensive international experience, has been named dean of WMU's Graduate College, effective June 15.



Pyenson

Pyenson served as dean of Louisiana's Graduate School from 1995 to 2001, before moving to his current role as research professor at the Center for Louisiana Studies and professor of history.

Academically focused on the history of science, Pyenson also is an adjunct professor of physics, philosophy, modern languages and cognitive science at Louisiana. The school has some 16,000 students, nearly 1,700 of whom study at the graduate level.

Pyenson's background includes faculty affiliations with such schools as the universi-

ties of Toronto and Montreal and the Virtual University of Quilmes in Argentina. He also has served as a visiting fellow at Princeton; a Suntory lecturer at four Japanese universities; a Rockefeller Foundation Fellow at three Argentinian organizations and the George Sarton Chair at the University of Ghent in Belgium.

"Dr. Pyenson brings with him a successful track record in graduate program leadership as well as a wealth of experience as an active scholar in his own right," says Provost Linda Delene.

"His background is an unusual blend of science and the humanities that I think will be invaluable in his work here at WMU. This University will benefit from his energetic leadership and creativity as well as the unique point of view that comes from his own research and writing. He will also participate in the comprehensive review of graduate programs now under way."

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Additional information technology firm moves to BTR Park

An information technology company that has carved out a national niche in the real estate property appraisal arena is the newest corporate partner to take up residence in WMU's Business Technology and Research Park.

Network Appraisal Services Inc., a division of First American Corp.'s eAppraiseIT group, has opened an office in the park's Initech Building, formerly known as the Pro Line Tech Building. The move brings this multitenant building to full occupancy, with six advanced engineering and IT firms located there. A total of 29 firms with more than 500 employees are now part of the BTR Park community.

Operating under the domain name www.Appraisals.com, NAS is a firm developed by WMU alumnus William Brian Hartman, who is the company president. Using his background in real estate appraisal for financial institutions, Hartman has developed software to be used by the appraisal industry.

His company has seven employees in Kalamazoo and 21 in Romeo, Mich. Four current employees are WMU students with backgrounds in business, education, computer science and business information systems.

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China expert sees higher education in light of global realities

China's rise on the world stage should prompt universities and other institutions

in America to practice strategic engagement, those attending a Haenicke Institute forum March 31 heard. Called "Greater China Forum: Our Relationships with China, Taiwan and Hong Kong," the event focused on developing strategies for increasing relationships between WMU faculty and students and targeted universities in Greater China.

"China wants to be totally integrated in

the global economy. The leaders at the top get it," said Banning Garrett, director of

Asia programs for the Atlantic Council of the United States and kickoff keynote speaker. "The notion that China is a threat to established power should have ended with the Cold War. We're in one world now."

Garrett says some in the United States miss the mark by ignoring the world's interdependence and viewing China as a strategic competitor.

"I tell my students not to look through the lens of the past. They will grow up in a world where they work together and collaborate with people all over the world," he said. "They will have three to four different careers and a dozen different jobs. So as a university, we must ask ourselves, 'How do we train people; how do we collaborate?'"



Garrett

Latino issues to be discussed in upcoming diversity program

A free program called "Crossing Borders—Lessons of a Latino Man," will be presented at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 11, and at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, April 12, in Kalamazoo's Chenery Auditorium, 714 S. Westnedge Ave. The program is part of the annual "Respecting Differences" lecture series, a communitywide collaboration to heighten awareness of diversity issues in the workplace.



Rivers

This year's program will last 90 minutes and be presented by Victor Rivas Rivers, a Cuban-born actor, athlete, activist and author. Rivers will tell his personal story of overcoming a violent upbringing and the challenges of cultural prejudice as well as explore new strategies for changing entrenched stereotypes and confronting divisions within the Latino community itself.

"The University is proud to co-sponsor the eighth annual Respecting Differences diversity event," says WMU President Judith I. Bailey. "I strongly encourage you to attend. The presentations have been scheduled to accommodate various work schedules and to ensure that WMU services are not interrupted."

Rivers attended Florida State University on a football scholarship and went on to become the first Cuban rookie to have a tryout with the Miami Dolphins. He was drafted in 1977 and played with the Dolphins for two years before embarking on an acting career. Since 1999, Rivers has been the national spokesperson for the National Network to End Domestic Violence. His book, "A Private Family Matter: A Memoir," recounts his own violent upbringing.

Although admission to the "Respecting Differences" program is free, WMU faculty and staff should bring to the event the postcard-sized "ticket" they received last month in campus mail. For more information, call Felicia Crawford in the Department of Human Resources at 387-3635 or Sue Oole in the Lee Honors College at 387-3233.

Bronco Spirit Day returns on first Fridays beginning April 7

Thanks largely to the enthusiasm of one student, a campus tradition has been revitalized.

Faculty, staff, students, alumni and friends of the University are encouraged to wear brown and gold or Bronco gear Friday, April 7, and the first Friday of every month thereafter.

"This is a wonderful activity for our campus, because it is something in which all the members of the community can participate equally," says President Judith I. Bailey. "Participating in Bronco Spirit Day reminds us that we are all part of a very special university."

Bronco Spirit Day has been a labor of love for Christopher J. Praedel, president of the WMU Residence Hall Association. Born and raised in Kalamazoo, Praedel says he

can remember when "Bronco spirit echoed throughout the community." In fact, many can remember when wearing school colors

and Bronco sportswear was a regular Friday happening in the 1990s.

Praedel and the Residence Hall Association sponsored two Bronco Spirit days earlier this semester, primarily as residence hall activities.

They proved highly successful, and with Bailey's endorsement, Bronco Spirit Day is going campuswide beginning this month. Various special activities, changing

from month to month, will be planned to coincide with them.



Emeritus professors Ed and Ruth Heinig, WMU's centennial celebration co-chairs, are always prepared to break out their WMU attire. (Photo by Mike Lanka)

Jobs

The following vacancy is currently being posted through the Job Opportunity Program by the Human Resource Services Department. Interested benefits-eligible employees should submit a job opportunity transfer application during the posting period and may contact a human resource services staff member for assistance in securing this position.

Employees may call the Applicant Information Service at 387-3669 to hear the weekly Job Opportunity Program postings, seven days a week, 24 hours a day, from a Touch Tone phone.

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Curwen dance to be performed at festival in Kennedy Center

David Curwen, dance, has had one of his dances selected to represent the East Central Regional Conference at the national American College of Dance



Curwen

Festival May 16-18 in Washington, D.C. This is the first time that a WMU dance has been selected for performance at the national American College Dance Festival conference.

Curwen's dance "The End" will be performed at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts. WMU dance students will perform the work, marking the third time in the past four years that the dance department has been invited to perform at the Kennedy Center.

In 2005, Curwen was named to a two-year term as president-elect of CORPS de Ballet International, a professional organization dedicated to the development, exploration and advancement of ballet in higher education. He teaches ballet technique and is also a member of the Direct Encounter with the Arts faculty.

Ballard-Reid named top woman

Bernadette Ballard-Reid, Biosciences Research and Commercialization Center, has been named "Woman of the Year" by the Galilee Baptist Church. The honor was presented in recognition of Ballard-Reid's work in the church and the Kalamazoo community. She serves as assistant to the executive director of the BRCC.

Merling Trio issues new CD

The Merling Trio has made a new CD called "The Music of Astor Piazzolla and Frank Proto." The trio, an acclaimed strings and piano ensemble, features School of Music faculty members Renata Artman Knific, violin; Bruce Uchimura, cello; and Susan Wiersma Uchimura, piano.

Their new work was featured in a CD-release concert March 31 in the Dalton Center. It combines the sultry tangos of Piazzolla with the cutting-edge jazz-fusion of Proto.



Uchimura, Knific and Wiersma Uchimura

Known both for successful commissions of works by contemporary composers and interpretations of the standard repertoire, the Merling Trio has performed in 29 U.S. states, Canada and Great Britain. Their live concert performances have been broadcast widely on both radio and television.

The trio's "The Music of Astor Piazzolla and Frank Proto" is distributed by Centaur Records and available at www.amazon.com for \$18.98.



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Around Campus

Ruttinger to be feted April 7

Jacquelyn Ruttinger, director of exhibitions in the School of Art, will be honored for her more than 20 years of service to WMU at a retirement reception from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Friday, April 7, in the atrium of the Gilmore Theatre Complex. University colleagues and friends from the community are welcome to attend. Ruttinger officially retires June 30.

Students to host Earth Week

A variety of events have been scheduled for WMU's Earth Week, which starts Monday, April 10. The week will conclude on Thursday with Earth Fest, which is being described as an environmentally focused Bronco Bash. It will feature a celebration from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Fountain Plaza and a concert from 4 to 9 p.m. near the Goldsworth Valley Pond.

Supreme Court focus of lecture

As the Supreme Court debates such controversial issues as enemy combatants' rights, this year's Sam Clark Lecturer will try to make sense of it all. Lawrence Baum, professor of political science at Ohio State University, will deliver the Clark Lecture

from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Monday, April 10, in the Bernhard Center's South Ballroom. Baum also will present a research colloquium for political science faculty and students at 3 p.m. the same day in 3301 Friedmann.

Speakers to address ethics issues

Two talks remain in the spring series of discussions slated by the Center for the Study of Ethics in Society. Edward Goldman, associate vice president and deputy general counsel in the Office of the General Counsel at the University of Michigan, will speak on "Should You be a Subject in Research?" at 11 a.m. Tuesday, April 11, in 3512 Knauss. Jan Narveson, a retired professor of philosophy at the University of Waterloo, will speak on a topic to be announced at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, April 18, in 3014 Moore.

World Bank official to visit

Vinod Thomas, a high-ranking World Bank official and 1971 alumnus, will present "New Directions in Development: Brazil, India and China," at 3 p.m. Wednesday, April 12, in 3508 Knauss as part of the Visiting Scholars and Artists Program.

He has served in several capacities with the World Bank since 1976 and is cur-

rently director-general of operations evaluation. Thomas' expertise includes knowledge sharing and training, trade policy, macroeconomic adjustment, macrosectoral links, environmental policy, agricultural policy, urban economics and poverty measures.

Russian film series ends soon

The final film in the Department of Foreign Languages' Russian Film Series will be shown at 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 12, in 1021 Brown. The free film, 1988's "Heart of a Dog" directed by Vladimir Bortko, will be presented in Russian with English subtitles.

Two poets to give readings

Poets Peter Covino and Paula McLain will read from their works at 8 p.m. Thursday, April 13, in the Little Theatre, as the final installment in the 2005-06 Gwen Frostic Reading Series. For more information, send e-mail to arnie.johnston@wmich.edu.

These and many other campus events are described in greater detail on the WMU News Web site at www.wmich.edu/wmu/news.

Obituaries



Miller

Sharlene M. Miller, supervisor of academic records, died March 27, in Florida, it was recently learned. She was 67.

Miller worked at WMU from 1959-61 as a secretary in the Department of English, then returned to the University in 1975 as a clerk in the academic records office.

She went on to serve as a secretary in the registrar's office from 1979 to 1987, when she was named academic records supervisor. She remained in that post until her retirement in December 1996.

Before coming to WMU in the 1950s, Miller worked for the Travelers Insurance Co. in South Bend, Ind.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, April 8, in Kanley Chapel.



Perkovic

Marc W. Perkovic, chemistry, died April 1 in Kalamazoo. He was 45.

Perkovic, who died from complications of open-heart surgery, joined the faculty in 1996. He came to WMU from Wichita

State University, where he was director of research instrumentation. He also was a Camille and Henry Dreyfus Fellow at the University of North Carolina-Charlotte and a research associate at the U.S. Department of Energy's Notre Dame Radiation Laboratory.

An active researcher in such fields as solar

photochemistry and environmental photochemistry, Perkovic led a team that earlier this year won a President's Innovation Fund award to develop Bronco Biodiesel, an alternative fuel source produced by recycling waste vegetable oil.

Perkovic earned a bachelor's degree from Cleveland State University in 1984 and a doctoral degree from Wayne State University in 1990.

A memorial celebration of his life is scheduled for 1 p.m. Sunday, April 9, in WMU's Lee Honors College, with an open house to follow. A scholarship fund has been set up in Perkovic's memory through the Department of Chemistry.



Robinson

James P. Robinson, manager of the Audiovisual Center in what had been Media Services, died March 20, at Rose Arbor Hospice in Kalamazoo. He was 82.

Robinson came to WMU in 1964 as news director and an announcer at WMUK and later was promoted to Audiovisual Center manager.

Previously, he had worked in commercial radio for eight years and served as a YMCA Boys' Work secretary for two and one-half years. He earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Denver and a master's degree from WMU.

A Nebraska native, Robinson was active in numerous local civic and service groups and served as international president of the Kalamazoo Round Table. He joined the U.S. Air Force during World War II and served as a member of a tank battalion.

Service

The following employees are recognized for 25, 15, 10 and five years of service during April.

25 Years—Jacqueline M. Schley, Sincuse Health Center, and Ronald Schubot, information technology.

15 Years—John Barton, physical plant—building custodial and support services; Jerry W. Fulbright Jr., physical plant—building custodial and support services; Patricia A. Mikowski, campus facilities-development; Stephanie R. Page, physical plant—building custodial and support services; Patricia S. Pulpus, WMU Bookstore; and Sharon K. Wagner, registrar's office.

10 Years—Lois J. Campbell, physical plant—building custodial and support services; Arthur Hudson, physical plant—building custodial and support services; Yolanda

A. Knight, physical plant—building custodial and support services; James Douglas Short, physical plant—building custodial and support services; and Michael A. Walden, physical plant—power plant.

Five Years—Kim Brown, Bernhard Center Dining Services; Alison K. Czlonka, counselor education and counseling psychology; Diane D. DeZoete, Bernhard Center Dining Services; James R. Fulmer, College of Aviation; Annette M. Kemler, Extended University Programs; Michelle L. Lantis, Bernhard Center Dining Services; Robert H. McDonough, Extended University Programs; Jennifer A. Newcomb, College of Health and Human Services; Frank James Schumache, Extended University Programs; and Abhay Sharma, paper engineering, chemical engineering and imaging.

On Campus with Lisa Carnell



TWO ON THE WAY
(Photo by Jeanne Baron)

Organizing the International Congress on Medieval Studies, one of WMU's best known conferences and this year's Discover Kalamazoo Award winner, is akin to giving birth once a year.

But that's nothing new for Elisabeth "Lisa" Carnell, who joined the Medieval Institute staff in 2000 as congress coordinator and will be putting on her sixth congress in May and having her third child in November.

Carnell notes that during congress time, it pays to have a great group of co-workers, a good sense of humor and experience managing a hectic schedule.

The WMU major in history and English enrolled at the University in 1988 and while still a student in 1994, accepted a half-time staff position.

She went on to earn a WMU master's degree in medieval studies and at one point, was working on campus part time, serving as a TA and going to school all at the same time. And she isn't slowing down now, either. Her love of teaching and interest in manuscript digitalization have prompted her to start a second master's degree here in educational technology this fall.

Carnell's current job, which includes acting as office coordinator for the Medieval Institute, dovetails perfectly with her educational background.

"It's the only nonacademic position where I can really use my degree," she says. "I get e-mail and faxes in four languages—and I can read them. But it can be challenging juggling the congress year, the academic year and the fiscal year. It's like I'm working in different time zones and sometimes they collide."

Carnell lives in Kalamazoo with her 3-year-old son, 9-year-old daughter and husband Brian, who also is a WMU employee. In her limited spare time, she reads, takes a ceramics class, and continues to write and present conference papers related to the medieval Latin translation of a voluminous Arabic manuscript on magic that she researched for her master's thesis.

New dean selected

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Pyenson says he's eager to begin his new role and expects to visit campus several times before his official start date. He notes that his recent conversations with colleagues around the world have shown him the breadth of WMU's reputation.

"Western has a strong presence internationally, and I've been pleased at the number of different graduate programs people talk about when I bring up WMU," Pyenson says. "What really strikes me, across the board, is the strength of the programs and the encouraging balance between professional and traditional academic programs on campus. And the quality of the facilities is really impressive."

He adds that he sees great potential for the University as a whole and its graduate programs in particular. "This is a time of great change in higher education, but I think it's also a time of opportunity for enterprising institutions to rise to national prominence."

Pyenson earned a bachelor's degree with honors in physics from Swarthmore College in 1969, a master's degree in physics from the University of Wyoming in 1970 and a doctoral degree in the history of science from Johns Hopkins University in 1974.

Staff award winners announced

Nine staff members have been selected to receive spring 2006 semiannual Make a Difference awards. The awards will be presented during a reception at 2 p.m. Thursday, April 20, in the Fetzer Center.

The University community is invited to attend the event, during which the award recipients will each receive \$250 and a commemorative certificate.

The recipients are: 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.

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.

2006 Finals Finish seeks volunteers

Members of the faculty, staff and administration are asked to help students ease into finals week by volunteering at the 10th annual Finals Finish from 6 to 11 p.m. Monday and Tuesday, April 24-25, in the Student Recreation Center.

This year's program, "Late Night With Finals Finish," will celebrate the event's 10th anniversary.

Volunteers are asked to sign up on either Monday or Tuesday for a two-hour block of time from 6 to 8 p.m. or 8 to 10 p.m. During their shifts, volunteers help distribute snacks, work registration, gather evaluations and support students participating in the event.

Those volunteering or donating \$25 or more will receive a free T-shirt.

To register online, visit www.finalsfinish.wmich.edu (site will go up week of April 10). For more information, contact Sue Oole by calling 387-3233 or sending e-mail to sue.oole@wmich.edu.

BTR Park

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"The BTR Park is really the perfect location for my company because we plan to partner with the University in a number of disciplines," Hartman says. "The location puts us in easy reach of the students and faculty members we plan to engage as we develop and refine our software products."

NAS works with a national network of qualified appraisers who use Web-based tools to generate appraisal reports that are tailored to the needs of customers. They include daily status reports, customized reports and completed appraisal reports.

Services provided allow clients to interface electronically in a secure environment with other parts of the loan origination and servicing systems. The company's appraisal management system is designed to streamline mortgage-processing time by linking financial institutions with their partners in the different parts of the loan approval process.

Stabenow to speak at IT forum

U.S. Sen. Debbie Stabenow will be one of three keynote speakers at an information technology forum focusing on how IT is transforming health care. Her talk is part of the fifth annual WMU-HCoB IT Forum, set for 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday, April 10, in the Fetzer Center.

It also will feature Frank Nauta, director of platform technology strategy for SAS Americas; Robert Herr, senior manager of regulatory and quality standards in Pfizer Animal Health Business Technology; and three panel discussions.

For registration or other information, visit <http://cis.hcob.wmich.edu>.