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EUP candidate to speak today

The second of two internal candidates for the position of dean of Extended University Programs will make a public presentation to the campus community today, June 2.

Nicholas Andreadis, counselor education and counseling psychology, will speak at 2 p.m. in 1060 Fetzer Center. Andreadis, who directs WMU's master's degree program in human resources development, is a medical doctor with an extensive background in the medical and leadership development fields.

Darrell Johnson, director of the WMU-Lansing campus and interim director of the WMU-Battle Creek campus, is the second internal candidate for the position. He made a public presentation to the campus community May 27. He has a higher education background that includes work in recruitment and retention and student services.

Korea panel tackles nuclear issues

A panel of diplomats from Washington, D.C., will be on campus today, June 2, to discuss U.S.-Korean relations, including the dispute over North Korea's efforts to develop its nuclear capabilities.

The "Future of Korea" luncheon program will begin at noon in the Fetzer Center on WMU's main campus in Kalamazoo and culminate with a panel discussion from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. The cost to attend the event is \$20.

Scheduled to participate are: Susan Bremner, political unit chief for the Office of Korean Affairs in the U.S. State Department; Chonghee Ahn, economic counselor at the South Korean embassy; and Joseph Winder, a 30-year U.S. Foreign Service veteran who now is president of the Korea Economic Institute.

Panel members will discuss all aspects of U.S.-Korean relations and the situation on the Korean peninsula, including political, economic and security issues. Participants will give opening remarks and take questions from the audience following the discussion.

The program is being organized by WMU and sponsored by the World Affairs Council of Western Michigan, which is based in Grand Rapids.

For more information or to make a reservation for the event, call the council office at (616) 776-1721.

June 16 issue of the *Western News* is last until fall semester

The next issue of the *Western News*, which will be published June 16, is the last issue of the 2004-05 year. Publication will resume at the start of fall semester.

To stay on top of what's happening at the University over the summer, visit WMU News, the University's online news site, at <www.wmich.edu/wmu/news>.

Close to 1,000 bassists from around the globe set to convene on campus next week

Close to 1,000 bassists from across the globe are expected to strum their way into town next week when the International Society of Bassists stages its biennial convention at WMU.

The convention, June 6-11, is the largest, most comprehensive gathering of its kind. More than 900 bass players are expected to attend from more than 30 countries.



KNIFIC SET TO 'PLAY TO HIS BASS'—Tom Knific, music, played a key role in bringing the International Society of Bassists to Kalamazoo and will perform during the event. (Photo by Jeff Mitchell)

"It is a tremendous honor to bring one of the world's great musical gatherings to Kalamazoo and WMU," says Tom Knific, music, who directs the University's Jazz Studies program. "Our past sites have been the likes of Houston, Indianapolis, Chicago, Los Angeles and other major cities."

Knific, who serves as ISB president-elect, played a key role in bringing the convention here and says a litany of activities is planned.

More than 100 events are scheduled during the convention, while six competitions will be staged, including solo, orchestra, young bassists and jazz division, as well as a competition for makers of basses and bows. Event offerings include performances and master classes by international and local luminaries alike. They include Franco Petracchi, Ron Carter, Nico Abondolo, John Clayton, Thomas Martin, Drew Gress, Barre Phillips, Rufus Reid, Larry Gray, Mark Helias, Francois Rabbath, Knific, Mark Dresser, Rodney Whitaker, Kristin Korb, Bill Mays, Jerry Bergonzi, Tim Froncek, Brian Bromberg, Gene Bertoncini, Glen Moore,

Nancy King, Sunny Wilkinson, Dennis Trembly, Daniel Marillier, Catalin Rotaru, Frank Proto and the Western Jazz Quartet.

But that's not all. Ten world premieres will be presented, and a young bassists program will feature instruction by the convention's elite faculty. Afterglow sessions will be held nightly at the Union Cabaret and Grill on the Kalamazoo Mall.

The ISB was founded by the world-renowned virtuoso Gary Karr in 1967. With some 3,000 members in more than 40 countries, the ISB is an organization for those who teach, study, play, repair, build and enjoy the double bass. The ISB is a forum for communication among bassists throughout the world and across a wide variety of musical styles. Every two years, the ISB holds an international convention with multiple double bass competitions, a composition contest and now a maker's competition.

Members of the general public can feast on any or all of the performances. A \$15 ticket for any evening June 6-11 will give the holder access to both the 8 and 9 p.m. concerts. Tickets to a choice of either of two 5 p.m. concerts, running June 7-11, are \$10 each. An all-day pass is \$50, and an all-week pass is \$255. Reduced prices are offered to seniors and students. Most performances are in Dalton Center Recital Hall, while some 5 p.m. concerts are in Dalton Center's Multi-Media Room.

For more concert information, go to WMU News on the Web or call 7-5815.

Charter school research finds wide disparity among states

A just-released comparison of charter schools in six states reveals a wide disparity in how well the schools are functioning, and Michigan charter schools fared especially poorly overall, University researchers have found.

The findings are summarized in a paper presented at the American Educational Research Association's annual meeting April 11-15 in Montreal, Canada. The paper was written by Gary Miron, Evaluation Center. The six states hired the center to examine how their charter schools are performing. Three recently released studies examined

charter schools in Ohio, Connecticut and Delaware. Earlier studies were conducted on charter schools in Michigan, Illinois and Pennsylvania.

The comparison shows that charter schools in Michigan and Ohio are performing poorly overall, while schools in Connecticut and Delaware consistently outperform traditional public schools. Results for Illinois and Pennsylvania were mixed, with Pennsylvania charter schools showing a very small advantage over traditional public schools.

From this comparison, Miron concludes

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Campuswide training effort focuses on sexual harassment

The Office of Institutional Equity and the Department of Human Resources are providing online training to all faculty and staff members that is designed to identify and prevent behaviors that fall under the classification of sexual harassment.

All employees will be required to complete the training and, after completion of the course, should be able to:

- identify behavior that might be considered sexual harassment;
- explain the legal or other consequences of sexual harassment;
- describe an employee's roles in creating an environment free of harassment;
- know what actions can be taken against sexual harassment; and
- describe WMU's policies and procedures on sexual harassment.

The interactive, online program takes about an hour to complete. Upon completion, each employee has the option of taking a brief mastery test and printing out a completion certificate.

The training is being rolled out to different units each month, beginning in May and ending in November. Faculty and staff may complete the training prior to their scheduled month by clicking on the "Harassment Prevention E-Training" link on either the institutional equity or human resources Web sites.

APA names 2005-06 officers, new scholarship recipient

The Administrative Professional Association announced its 2005-06 officers and selected the winner of its 2005-06 scholarship during a general membership meeting May 19.

The officers are: president, Julie Scrivener, Medieval Institute; treasurer, Joe Odehnal, physical plant—utilities; corresponding secretary, Joan O'Bryan, information technology; and recording secretary, Jo Morrisson, architecture and interior design.

The APA Scholarship went to Nicolas Stafford, a junior and Lee Honors College member from Portage majoring in integrated supply management. Stafford is the son of Ruth Hurd, University Libraries. The \$500 scholarship provides assistance to children of APA members who study at WMU.



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WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

Music students snag nine awards in annual *Down Beat* magazine jazz competition

Music students at the University hit another high note this year in *Down Beat* magazine's student awards competition.

WMU students brought home nine awards in *Down Beat*'s 28th Annual Student Music Awards, the premiere student competition in jazz open to students throughout North America. WMU was second only to the University of Miami in the number of awards. The next closest school, the University of Texas, had three awards, while the only other school in Michigan to win an award, the University of Michigan, received one.

"To receive nine, prestigious *Down Beat* awards in a single year makes us delirious," says Tom Knific, music, who directs the WMU Jazz Studies program. "This puts us second only to the University of Miami in all of North America. It is triple the number of our next closest competitor.

"This reflects on our talented and dedicated faculty. And, as we have stated all along, our best students are as good or better than those at any other university."

Results were announced in the magazine's June issue, now on newsstands. In addition to WMU's nine awards, two articles mentioned or were about events and ensembles at WMU, one of which touted the considerable and unique talents of members of the Kruziki Transatlantica Sextet. The extracurricular group, headed by WMU senior and saxophonist Aaron Kruziki, won two awards in the competition.

The other article was about Bobby McFerrin's most-recent performance with Gold Company, WMU's award-winning vocal jazz ensemble, in February. In that article, McFerrin heaps praise on Gold Company and its director, Stephen Zegree, music.

Former St. Aidan's Chapel now known as Woodlawn Place

The Children's Place Learning Center and Disabled Student Resources and Services are now located in Woodlawn Place, but neither has moved, only the name of the building has changed.

Located next to the Sindecuse Health Center, the building has been known unofficially for the past decade as the Children's Place. That name failed to recognize its dual role as home for WMU Disabled Student Resources and Services.

Use of the name Woodlawn Place was authorized by the University Space Allocation Committee, chaired by Vice President Robert M. Beam.

Originally known as Canterbury Center—Chapel of St. Aidan, the building was completed in 1966 with support from members and friends of St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Kalamazoo and was owned by the Episcopal Diocese of Western Michigan. By the mid-1980s, the Canterbury Center name had fallen from common use and thereafter most of the campus community knew it as St. Aidan's Chapel.

The chapel was used less and less frequently in the early 1990s, and the Episcopal Diocese sold the property to WMU in 1994.

Szarmach chosen to lead group

Paul Szarmach, English, Medieval Institute and medieval studies, has been selected as the president of the International Boethius Society.



Szarmach

Szarmach, a former member of the society's board of trustees, now leads the nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting the study of all aspects of the work of Boethius, a Christian who wrote during the late Roman Empire about the existence of evil among men and the suffering of good people. A philosopher, poet, politician and statesman, Boethius is best known for "The Consolation of Philosophy," which became an important book for medieval and early Renaissance Christianity.

The Boethius Society produces an annual peer-reviewed journal and holds two major gatherings each year—one during the Modern Language Convention and the second during the International Congress on Medieval Studies held each May at WMU.

Borish tapped for history entries

Linda Borish, history, has recently finished several entries for a new edition of Encyclopedia Judaica.



Borish

Judith R. Baskin, editor for the Gender/Women section of the new edition, invited Borish to contribute biographical entries about Jewish women in American sport. The new encyclopedia will provide important material about women in Jewish life.

The second edition of Encyclopedia Judaica will be published in 20 to 22 volumes toward the end of 2006 in Israel by Macmillan in conjunction with Keter and the Jerusalem Publishing House in Israel.

The Encyclopedia Judaica was published in 16 volumes in 1971. Like its predecessor, the second edition has enlisted hundreds of contributors from among the front ranks of modern Jewish scholarship under the supervision of dozens of editors.

Johnston work in Chicago revue

A new musical revue of works by Belgian-born composer Jacques Brel, with translations by Arnie Johnston, chairperson of English, opened Friday, May 13, at the No Exit Cafe in Chicago.



Johnston

"A Jacques Brel Revue: Songs of Love and War" is a musical journey exploring the passion and intensity of love and war. Songs include many new translations, as well as popular Brel pieces such as "Son of," "When We've Nothing but Love," "Don't Leave Me," and "Marieke."

"A Jacques Brel Revue" was conceived and directed by Fred Anzevino, with musical direction by Michael Miller. *The Chicago Reader* has placed the show on its "highly recommended list" for readers.

Community garden event is June 4

Students from WMU and neighboring Kalamazoo College will be joined by area residents to plant a new community vegetable garden beginning at 3 p.m. Saturday, June 4, at Gibbs House for Environmental Research and Education on the Parkview Campus. The event is free and open to the public.

Master gardeners and members from the Kalamazoo Community Garden Initiative will provide their expertise. Participating students and community members will have the opportunity to learn about sustainable organic home gardening. All plants, tools and supplies will be provided free of charge.

Following the planting activities, which are expected to last about one hour, there will be an outdoor potluck dinner with live music. Guests who stay for the potluck are encouraged to bring a dish to share.

Human Resources

The WMU Leave Committee invites non-bargaining staff members to attend one of two sessions designed to solicit feedback for the work the committee is doing.

Sessions are set for:

- 1 to 2 p.m. today, June 2, in 1001 Wood Hall; and
- 11 a.m. to noon Wednesday, June 8, in 2000 Schneider Hall.

Interested staff members can link to the presentation handouts from the Department of Human Resources Web page at <www.wmich.edu/hr/>.

The WMU Leave Committee is composed of representatives from the Administrative Professional Association and the Professional Support Staff Organization, with support provided by staff members from human resources.

Jobs

The following vacancies are posted through the Job Opportunity Program by human resources. 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.

Employees may call the Applicant Information Service at 7-3669 to hear the weekly job postings 24 hours a day, seven days a week from any TouchTone phone.

Those interested in faculty positions should submit a letter of application to the appropriate dean or chairperson.

(R) **Manager, Architectural Projects**, 18, Campus Facility Development, 04/05-4773, 5/31-6/6/05

(N) **Manager, Network Architecture**, 21, Office of Information Technology, 04/05/4783, 5/31-6/6/05

(R) **Dean, Z2, Graduate College**, 04/05-4784, 5/31-until filled

N= New

R= Replacement

WMU is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer.

Exchange

FOR RENT—Rooms in nice house with pool. Prefer professional adult or graduate student. Please call (269) 998-1349.

Campbell is coordinator for young alumni, student outreach



Campbell

Heidi Campbell is the University's new coordinator of young alumni and student outreach, effective April 27. She replaces Erin Czelada, who has been hired as assistant director of alumni relations at Oakland University.

In her new post, Campbell will help engage more young alumni in the life of the University and heighten awareness of the WMU Alumni Association among current students.

Her duties will include developing and implementing activities and programs to accomplish those missions as well as serving as advisor for the Student Alumni Association, coordinator of the Alumni Association's Legacy Award program and staff liaison to the Alumni Association Board of Directors' Scholarship Committee.

"I believe that ties to the college experience are a lifelong bond that begins the student's very first day on campus, whether they are 18 or 50," Campbell says. "Working in this new position has opened the door to developing this theme, and I'm ready to get things started."

Campbell is a graduate student at WMU who will earn a master's degree in student affairs in higher education administration in August. She earned her undergraduate degree in 2003 from Michigan State University.

Grants for fiscal year top \$25 million at end of third quarter

WMU received \$5,327,212 in grants during January, February and March, WMU trustees learned during their April 22 meeting.

The new awards bring the total of grants received since the July 1 start of the 2004-05 fiscal year to \$25,489,911. Notable awards during the period included grants from the National Science Foundation, the U.S. Departments of Energy, the U.S. Department

of Defense and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration as well as the Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Growth, the Wallace Foundation and Haworth Inc.

Major awards included a \$1 million grant to Dr. Clement Burns, associate professor of physics, to build a dedicated beamline at Argonne National Laboratory's Advanced Photon Source.

Board approves retirements of 20 longtime faculty members

The retirements of 20 faculty members were approved by the WMU Board of Trustees at its April 22 meeting. Trustees also accepted the resignations of two faculty members and three staff members.

(Editor's note: For space considerations, the first half of the list of retirees was reported in the May 19 issue of *Western News*. Ten more retiring faculty members are listed below.)

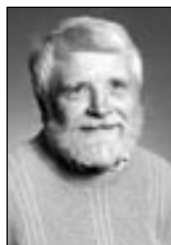
All of the faculty members who are retiring are doing so with emeriti status. Their names, departments, years of continuous service and effective dates of retirement are: **Paul E. Ponchillia**, blindness and low vision studies, 29 years, effective June 30, 2007; **Mary E. Ross**, University Libraries, 26-1/2 years, effective Aug. 31, 2005;

Daniel L. Stufflebeam,

the Evaluation Center and educational studies, 34 years, effective June 30, 2007; **Paul E. Szarmach**, Medieval Institute, English and medieval studies, 13 years, effective June 30, 2007; **Larry J. tenHarmsel**, Lee Honors College and English, 33 years, effective June 30, 2007; **Linda Trotter-Heger**, music, 15-1/2 years, effective April 30, 2006; **Thomas L. Van Valey**, sociology, 30 years, effective June 30, 2007; **Arthur T. White**, mathematics, 38-1/2 years, effective Dec. 31, 2008; **D. Terry Williams**, theatre, 25-1/2 years, effective June 30, 2007; and **Lawrence A. Williams**, College of Engineering and Applied Sciences and industrial and manufacturing engineering, 38 years, effective June 30, 2006.

The faculty members resigning are: **Hideko Abe**, foreign languages, effective April 4, 2005, and **Pamela K. Stone**, anthropology, effective July 31, 2005.

The staff members resigning are: **Charles F. Nawrot**, executive director of the Biosciences Research and Commercialization Center, effective March 25, 2005; **James K. Nelson**, civil and construction engineering, industrial design, and materials science and engineering, effective June 30, 2005; and **Peter Saunders**, Center for Teaching and Learning, effective June 30, 2005.



Ponchillia



Ross



Stufflebeam



Szarmach



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Van Valey



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On Campus with Pearl DeVries



ENGINEERED TO HELP STUDENTS
(Photo by Jeanne Baron)

Pearl DeVries has been devoted to WMU students for the past 28 years.

"I love working with students," says DeVries, office assistant in the College of Engineering and Applied Sciences Advising and Admissions Office. "I couldn't be in a job that doesn't have contact with students."

DeVries is on the front line when it comes to both prospective and incoming CEAS students. Her duties include scheduling appointments, helping students with paperwork, conducting all graduation audits, and assisting with collegewide events.

She came to WMU and the registration staff in 1977 as a part-time employee then took a full-time job there. She later became a graduation auditor in the Graduate College. University budget cuts in 1981 led her to be transferred to the Department of Mathematics. She served as a department secretary until May 2004, when current budget cuts resulted in her transfer to CEAS.

"I loved the math department, but I also love working here," DeVries says. "This is an office that really cares about the students. We're all very in tune to what they need."

Another perk is that DeVries gets to use the skills she's been building while pursuing WMU's bachelor's degree in organizational communication. "I can understand the concerns our students have," she says. "They know they can talk to me about anything, and I've gotten close to some of them."

DeVries has been on the Professional Support Staff Organization board for more than a decade and has twice served as PSSO president. She and her husband are local theatre aficionados and avid supporters of Bronco hockey as well as active members of its Blueline Club.

A Kalamazoo resident, DeVries frequently sings the National Anthem at hockey games and other WMU athletic events. She also enjoys spending time with her four sons and eight grandchildren and singing for her church and at local functions.

Charter schools

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that a significant contributor to the success or failure of each state's charter school initiatives stems from the laws passed that allow them and the political environment in which those laws were created. The paper, titled "Strong Charter School Laws are Those That Result in Positive Outcomes," contends that charter school laws should be judged by their positive outcomes rather than by the amount of autonomy they grant.

Both Michigan and Ohio, spurred by a heated political atmosphere, jumped headlong into their charter school initiatives. Connecticut and Delaware have been much more deliberate in their entry into the charter school realm.

"That's a big lesson for both Michigan and Ohio," Miron says. "Ohio started later, but they scaled up their reform very rapidly and now they've had to impose a moratorium for a bit. When you rush into a reform the way Michigan did, there isn't time for charter school authorizers to get the tools or the mechanisms in place to do effective oversight."

Recently released Evaluation Center studies of charter school movements in Delaware and Connecticut paint a different picture. Delaware officials eased into the movement, saw there were some problems and imposed a moratorium until better safeguards were put in place. The moratorium was then lifted, and Delaware now has 13 charter schools. By contrast, the number of charter schools in Michigan exploded in the late 1990s until a cap of 150 university-authorized charter schools was reached in 1999.

Connecticut also stepped more carefully into its charter school initiative by providing better oversight, Miron says. The state currently has 14 charters, and in cases where low-functioning schools arose, Connecticut

officials have either forced or persuaded those schools to close.

"In Connecticut, they have clear expectations and a willingness to act when those expectations are not met," Miron says.

Both Delaware and Connecticut have been highly selective in approving charter applications, which is one of the best ways to ensure strong charter schools, Miron says.

Lack of accountability also was a problem both in Michigan and Ohio. Performance data and other pertinent information some-

times were not available because large numbers of schools do not submit this information as required by law in their annual reports, says Carolyn Sullins, Evaluation Center senior research associate and the lead author of the center's recently released study on four charter schools in the Cleveland area. Still other schools do not submit annual reports at all because the Ohio State Board of Education lacks the personnel to review them.

The situation is similar in Michigan, Miron says.



EMERGENCY DRILL TESTS SINDECUSE HEALTH CENTER'S COMMUNITY ROLE—The emergency wasn't real, but the sight of ambulances and emergency vehicles turned more than a few heads May 26 when Sindecuse Health Center was the scene of an emergency drill for medical professionals who are part of the 5th District Medical Response Coalition. Sindecuse became the treatment center for the "walking wounded" in a scenario based on a major accident at the county fairgrounds in which a monster truck plowed into the viewing stands. Seriously wounded victims would have been taken to area hospitals, but Sindecuse, as a designated Neighborhood Emergency Health Site, became the treatment location for victims with less serious injuries. A series of emergency vehicles off loaded victims at the rear



entrance of Sindecuse, lower left, and they were processed through the center by WMU medical staff. Representatives from some 18 agencies in a nine-county area were on hand to take part in the drill or observe the event. They included health department and emergency management personnel from Branch, Calhoun, Eaton and St. Joseph counties. (Photos by Cheryl Roland)