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Trustees to convene Dec. 10

The University's Board of Trustees will meet at 9 a.m. Friday, Dec. 10, in 157-159 Bernhard Center.

The board is expected to go into closed informal session at the start of its meeting. The formal public session will begin at approximately 10 a.m.

Agenda items include a formal evaluation of President Judith I. Bailey, consideration of a number of personnel items, a proposal to approve a new master's degree program and updates on both the new chemistry building and the First Year Experience being implemented for beginning students.

Three commencement times set

The University will confer more than 2,400 degrees during commencement ceremonies Saturday, Dec. 11.

President Judith I. Bailey will preside over three ceremonies in Miller Auditorium, during which 1,782 bachelor's degrees, 611 master's degrees, three specialist degrees and 54 doctoral degrees will be awarded.

The 9 a.m. ceremony is for graduates of the colleges of Arts and Sciences, Fine Arts, and Health and Human Services. The 11:30 a.m. ceremony is for graduates of the College of Education and Extended University Programs. The final ceremony at 2 p.m. is for graduates of the College of Aviation, College of Engineering and Applied Sciences, and Haworth College of Business.

Chinese consul to discuss higher education in his nation

Tonzeng Bao, consul and director of the education section for the Consulate General of the People's Republic of China in Chicago, will visit the campus Thursday, Dec. 2, to give a "General Review of Higher Education of China."

The talk is set for 4 p.m. in 2708 Wood. The event, sponsored by the Department of Geography and the Office of International Affairs, is free and open to the public.

Bao will be joined by two additional members of his nation's Chicago consulate, Hongqing Zhu and Zhigang Zhang. The trio will meet with a number of faculty members and University administrators during their visit.

Next issue of *Western News* will be published Jan. 6

This issue of *Western News* is the last issue for the fall semester.

Western News will resume publication Jan. 6, at the beginning of the spring semester. Additional spring publication dates are Jan. 20, Feb. 3, Feb. 17, March 10, March 24 and April 7.

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Faculty standouts honored with new appointments to named professorships

Two WMU professors with international renown in their respective fields have been honored with named professorships, President Judith I. Bailey announced Nov. 10.



Hirsch

Christian R. Hirsch, a national leader in the field of mathematics education, was named the James H. Powell

Professor of Mathematics, and Nickola W. Nelson, recognized by colleagues around the country for her research, teaching and clinical work, was named the Charles



NAMED FOR A LEADER IN HER FIELD—President Bailey congratulates Nickola Nelson Nov. 10 after naming her to the Van Riper professorship. (Photo by Cheryl Roland)

Van Riper Professor of Speech Pathology and Audiology.

Bailey announced both appointments during her State of the University address. The designations are part of a program launched in February that is designed to honor faculty members for outstanding performance in teaching, research or creative activity. Each person honored through the

initiative is named to a professorship that bears the name of a significant member of the University community.

"Both are outstanding teachers with extensive publication records and significant research accomplishments," Bailey said of Hirsch and Nelson in announcing the professorships. "They extend the reputation of this University in the national arena."

Named professors receive an annual sti-

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Two engineering programs are among best in the nation

The University's graduate and undergraduate programs in engineering management have been singled out as being among the nation's best by the American Society for Engineering Management.

WMU's graduate program in engineering management is ranked as one of the top three in the nation, while its undergraduate program in engineering management technology enjoys a top-five designation. Announcements of the placings were made at ASEM's annual meeting in Washington, D.C., in late October.

"David Lyth and Larry Mallak lead our engineering management programs, and we are intensely proud of our engineering management students and alumni," says Paul Engelmann, chairperson of industrial and manufacturing engineering, where both programs are housed. "The alumni from these programs have consistently held key positions throughout a variety of industries. Their contributions are important to the health and well-being of Michigan and our nation."

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We wish each of you a holiday season filled with happiness and harmony and a new year graced with both the joy of great accomplishment and the warmth that comes from special relationships.

— Judi and Bren Bailey

Campus welcomes new faculty members

Caroline Gore, art, comes to WMU from the Interlochen Arts Academy,



Gore

where she had taught metalsmithing and photography courses since 2001. Previously, she taught at East Carolina University for three years. Her work has been included in exhibitions in St. Louis, St. Petersburg, Fla., Olympia, Wash., and at the World Competition for Arts and Crafts in Kanazawa City, Japan. Gore earned a bachelor's degree in fine arts from Virginia Commonwealth University in 1998 and a master of fine arts degree from East Carolina in 2001.

Jennifer A. Machiorlatti, communication, came to WMU from the University of Windsor, where she had taught since 1999. Previously, she taught at the University of Michigan-Flint, and she was an adjunct faculty member at Wayne State and Michigan State universities.



Machiorlatti

A media production specialist, Machiorlatti has worked extensively as a corporate communications trainer and as a video consultant. She is a board member for the University Film and Video Association. Machiorlatti earned bachelor's and master's degrees from Michigan State in 1984 and 1989, respectively, and a doctoral degree in media and cinema from Wayne State in 1996.

David W. Montgomery, music, came to WMU from Kansas State University, where he was a graduate teaching assistant while completing a master's degree in music earlier this year. Director of the Bronco Marching Band and coordinator of sports band operations, Montgomery also teaches music education methods and conducts the University Concert Band. A 1998 graduate of the University of North Carolina-Greensboro, Montgomery was an award-winning director of bands at East Gaston High School in Holly, N.C., for four years before moving on to Kansas State.



Montgomery

Michael Scriven, the Evaluation Center, is internationally known in evaluation circles. He comes to WMU from the University of Auckland, New Zealand. Previously, he was director of the Evaluation Program at Claremont Graduate University. He also has held faculty and administrative positions at the University of Western Australia, Indiana University, the University of California-Berkeley, Stanford University, University of San Francisco and Swarthmore College. Scriven earned bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Melbourne and a doctoral degree from Oxford University.



Scriven

Editor's note: This is the fifth installment in the *Western News* series that offers brief profiles of new members of the WMU faculty. In each issue, several of the more than 80 new faculty members will be profiled.

Szarmach praised by Polish president for building bridges



Szarmach

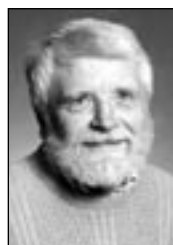
Paul Szarmach, Medieval Institute director, has been commended by the president of Poland for his efforts to build bridges between American and Polish Medievalists.

A letter from the president's office cites Szarmach's "outstanding service in developing a collaboration with the Polish scientific institutions" and confers upon him an Officer Cross of the Medal for Services for Poland. Also honored in the letter is fellow American Frank Turaj, a professor at American University in Washington, D.C.

Szarmach was to accept the award while in Poland for the Third Medieval English Studies Symposium Nov. 27-28 in Poznan. Szarmach also was to visit and lecture Nov. 30-Dec. 3 in Lublin.

Ponchillia one of five in state lauded for work with children

Paul E. Ponchillia, chairperson of blindness and low vision studies, has been named one of five recipients of the Caring for Children Angel Award by Blue Cross-Blue Shield of Michigan.



Ponchillia

Ponchillia was presented the award on Nov. 12 at the insurer's offices in Detroit. He received the honor after being nominated for his intensive work with children who are blind or visually impaired.

Among his many activities, Ponchillia has organized sports camps for young people who are blind and visually impaired. His sports camps have become a national model.

An accomplished carver, Ponchillia also has organized summer art camps for children with visual impairments.

Woloszyk honored by national group for lifetime achievement

Carl A. Woloszyk, emeritus in family and consumer sciences, was honored with a Professional Education Award from the Marketing Education Association recently, when the group met for its annual conference in Virginia Beach, Va.



Woloszyk

The award recognizes Woloszyk's lifetime achievement in the field of marketing education.

In addition, the state chapter of the association has established a scholarship in Woloszyk's name for high school seniors who intend to pursue a career in the teaching of marketing education.

Woloszyk retired in April after more than 17 years at WMU as an educator and doctoral advisor for students enrolled in career and technical education programs.

First set of Make A Difference awards go to 10 staff members

Ten University staff members have been selected to receive fall 2004 WMU Make a Difference awards, and they will be formally recognized at a reception set for 2 p.m. Friday, Dec. 2.

The University community is invited to attend the awards reception in the Bernhard Center's Faculty Lounge. During the event,

the award recipients will each receive \$250 and a commemorative certificate.

The fall recipients are: Amy Burns, College of Education; George Eskro, Career and Student Employment Services; Marilyn Johnson, Haworth College of Business; Donna Mearing, Center for Academic Support Programs; Natalia Obreiter, military science; Robert Purk, landscape services; Kathleen Springsteen, College of Education; Chad Stec, student affairs information services; Sandra Stephens, College of Education; and Judy Tice, Haworth College of Business.

The winners were selected by a committee of peers from the participating employee groups of AFSCME, APA, MSEA, POA, and PSSO.

The WMU Make A Difference awards program was announced this fall by President Bailey. The program is a campuswide peer-to-peer program that recognizes University staff members for their outstanding accomplishments and daily investment of energy and creativity.

Up to 15 staff members may be selected in each of two semiannual award periods. Semiannual winners are eligible for one of four annual awards, with a \$1000 prize.



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United Way 2004 campus campaign surpasses its goal

A Nov. 28 coffee on campus signaled the successful conclusion to WMU's 2004 United Way campaign, which raised more than \$218,000 for Kalamazoo County and neighboring communities.

The campus campaign surpassed its \$210,000 goal by more than \$8,000, and gifts and pledges are still coming in, according to Linda Jones, Office of the President, who served as WMU campaign chairperson.

"Gifts that are received through the end of this calendar year will count toward the University's 2004 campaign total," she says.

During the Nov. 28 event, WMU President Judith I. Bailey praised the campus community for its support of much-needed human services in the community.

"It is heartwarming to see the high level of support and caring that exists at Western," Bailey said. "I am pleased to see so many faculty and staff, emeriti faculty and retirees, and students participating in our campaign."

The efforts of AFSCME Local 1668 members who gave to the campaign and participated in United Way Day of Caring projects won particular praise from Bailey and Donald Weaver, chairperson for the AFSCME United Way leadership team.

Two student organizations that held United Way fund-raisers also were lauded. The Student Employee Board raised funds in support of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Kalamazoo, and business fraternity Alpha Kappa Psi held a United Way fund-raiser at an exhibition basketball game.

PSSO holiday event will have a Hawaiian theme

The Professional Support Staff Organization—PSSO—will turn to a tropical holiday motif for a "Hawaiian Social" Wednesday, Dec. 15.

All faculty and staff members are invited to come and share the joys of the holiday season. The event is set for 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the Fetzer Center. Additional details and a formal invitation are available on the PSSO Web site at <www.wmich.edu/pssso>. Those with questions should contact Carrie Soule at 7-3625.

Exchange

FOR RENT—Large, very nice two-bedroom apartment in downtown Kalamazoo. Garage with power door, laundry, storage, soft water. \$690 per month. Call (269) 345-1454.

FOR SALE—Quad-level home on Kalamazoo's west side. Four bedrooms, one and one-half baths. Family room has a walkout with a large backyard. Two-car attached garage. \$134,900. Call (269) 349-9526.

FOR RENT—Townhouse in Portage. Three bedrooms, two baths, fireplace, basement and fenced yard. \$825 per month. Call (269) 217-1374 or (269) 873-1324.

FOR RENT—House in historic Vine district. Call (269) 217-1374 or (269) 873-1324.

FOR SALE—2002 Saturn SL1. 32,000 miles, four cylinder, excellent condition. \$6,500. Call 7-4501.

Service

The following employees are celebrating 35, 30, 25, 20, 15, 10 and five years of service to the University during December.

35 years—Umar F. Abdul-Mutakallim, physical plant-building custodial and support services; and Jerry F. Fuss, Accounts Payable.

30 years—Robert J. Dlouhy, Career English Language Center for International Students; Kathleen A. Goyer, management; and Carole A. VanDyken, physical plant-building custodial and support services.

25 years—Janice S. Clevenger, physical plant-landscape services; Stacie J. Dineen, physical plant-maintenance services; Tracie L. Sherburn, accounting; and Danny L. Sluss, physical plant-maintenance services.

20 years—Sharon M. Van Dyken, Haworth College of Business.

15 years—Ray T. Cool, health, physical education and recreation; James C. Cotton, information technology; Petronia R. Douglas, University Libraries; Nancy Eimers, English; Timothy A. Ender, telecommunications; Susan R. Stapleton, chemistry; Sharacene R. Sutton, physical plant-building custodial and support services.

10 years—Jerry G. Horn, Evaluation Center; Pamela Mottley, Office of the Vice President for Research; and Patti J. VanWalbeck, Accounting Services.

Five years—Bradley J. Bazuin, electrical and computer engineering; Amber L. Lawrence, Center for Disability Services; Timothy B. Palmer, management; Kenneth A. Randt, physical plant-building custodial and support services; Michael P. Smith, Public Safety; Ineke F. Way, School of Social Work; Jennipher Wiebold, blindness and low vision studies; and Li Yang, computer science.

Check Web for closing info

With winter weather in play, faculty and staff members are reminded that campus closings are rare, and when they do occur, are immediately publicized online in WMU News, <www.wmich.edu/wmu/news>; on the campus emergency line, 7-1001; and in the local media.

Jobs

While a campuswide job freeze remains in effect, the following vacancies have been approved for posting as positions that are essential for the continued operation of the unit represented. All position authorizations must have the approval of a WMU vice president to be posted during the hiring freeze.

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.

(R) **Parking Enforcement Officer**, 10, Public Safety, 04/05-4584, 11/29-12/6/04

(R) **Director, Printing Pilot Plant**, 19, Paper and Printing Pilot Plants, 04/05-4596, 11/29-1/14/05

(R) **Office Associate**, 13, College of Engineering and Applied Sciences, 04/05-4606, 11/29-12/6/04

(R) **Assistant Professor** (term appointment, academic year, ending 8/01/2005), 130, Occupational Therapy, 04/05-4607, 11/29-12/6/04

(R) **Parking Clerk**, 10, Public Safety, 04/05-4608, 11/29-12/6/04

R = Replacement

WMU is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer.

The last internal job posting period for December 2004 is Monday, Dec. 13, through Monday, Dec. 20. To be included in the year's last posting, position authorizations must be received in human resource services by 5 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 8.

The first internal job posting period for January 2005 is Monday, Jan. 3, through Monday, Jan. 10. To be included in that posting, position authorizations must be received in human resource services by 5 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 21.



JUST PLANE GENEROUS—

Alumnus and Oakland County businessman Robert Gustafson, center, got his start on a lifetime of flying at WMU in the 1950s. He decided to put something back into the program by donating his personal Sabreliner jet to the College of Aviation Nov. 17. On hand to thank him were President Judith Bailey and Dean Rick Maloney, aviation. (Photo by Cheryl Roland)

On Campus with Patrick Daniel



LEADING THE WAY
(Photo by Jeanne Baron)

A love of sports and a desire to help young people led Patrick Daniel to WMU, and now he's leading the University's efforts to facilitate the growth and development of its 28,000 students.

Daniel came to WMU and the Division of Student Affairs in 1999. He was named director of Student Activities and Leadership Programs this past February, after serving University Recreation first as assistant director of intramural sports then as associate director of facilities and recreation programs.

The Kalamazoo native lived in Three Rivers until the sixth grade, then moved to the East Coast, where he attended Towson State University. He says it was a mentor at Towson who showed him how he could mix his love of sports with a career in higher education.

"Every day in University Recreation was a new day, with issues that needed to be taken care of for a patron or facility," Daniel says. "While every day is still a new day, now I have much closer interaction with students. It's very rewarding to work with students, be a part of their development and help them in whatever we can as an office and staff."

Daniel says the active role he and his office play in the success of students and student organizations keeps him busy well beyond 40 hours a week. He's says that's a fair trade off though, because "I love doing whatever I can to help students."

When not on the job, Daniel enjoys spending time with his family and girlfriend as well as participating in basketball and playing golf and sports video games.

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pend of at least \$12,500 for the first three years following their appointments. The stipend is derived from the earnings of an endowment from private donations put at the discretion of the president. Up to one-half of the stipend may be used to augment the faculty member's salary. The balance is to be used for expenditures on appropriate professional endeavors.

Hirsch, a faculty member since 1973, is the director of the Core-Plus Mathematics Project, a research and development project launched in 1992 with funding from the National Science Foundation that has now exceeded \$10 million. The CPMP curriculum, which is focused on improving students' mathematics preparation, is currently in use in urban, rural and suburban school districts nationwide.

The professorship Hirsch was appointed to bears the name of the late James Powell. Powell was a 33-year member of the faculty who served as dean of the College of Arts and Sciences from 1966 to 1969 and as chairperson of the Department of Mathematics and Statistics from 1960 to

1967 and from 1977 to 1984.

Nickola W. Nelson, a faculty member since 1981, also serves as associate dean for research in the College of Health and Human Services. She has had a distinguished career as a teacher, clinician and researcher. Her special areas of expertise include language and learning difficulties in children, classroom amplification and the use of computers to address language disorders. Nelson's research has been supported by the U.S. Department of Education and the National Institutes of Health.

The professorship Nelson was appointed to bears the name of Charles G. Van Riper, who came to WMU in 1936 to develop a curriculum in speech correction and to establish a reputable, scientifically-based speech clinic. During his WMU career, Van Riper built and ran not only the speech clinic, but also the internationally recognized Department of Speech Pathology and Audiology. One of his textbooks remains a primary teaching tool in today's classrooms. He retired in 1976, following four decades at WMU, and died in 1994.

Engineering rankings continued from page 1

Each year since 1991, ASEM has named programs at both the graduate and undergraduate levels as tops in the nation. The top program at each level wins the Founders Award for Academic Excellence for Leadership in Engineering and Technical Management, and ASEM lists the other top contenders for the prize.

This year, graduate level honors went to the University of Alabama-Huntsville, with WMU and Old Dominion University as the top contenders. At the undergraduate level, the University of the Pacific took top honors, while WMU, the U.S. Military Academy, the University of Missouri-Rolla

and Stevens Institute of Technology were top contenders.

"Our students are pretty excited about this," says Mallak, industrial and manufacturing engineering and one of the program's faculty advisors. "They know we have a top-notch program here and they're glad that it's being publicly recognized."

The top-program selections are based on academic reputation and a body of material submitted on behalf of each program. ASEM examines faculty statistics, enrollment figures, student involvement in the programs and alumni letters of support.

Engineering management is a discipline

Retirement events set for two veteran staffers

Retirement receptions for two longtime staff members have been scheduled to take place before the holiday break.

James Schaper, who is retiring from his position as director of auxiliary enterprises Jan. 3, will be honored at an event from 4 to 6 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 15, at the Oaklands. Schaper has been a staff member for more than 34 years and oversees such campus operations as the Bernhard Center, Miller Auditorium, the Fetzer Center and the Oaklands.

One day later, Thursday, Dec. 16, **Joan Ashley**, manager of the WMU Apartments and the Children's Learning Place Center, will be lauded in an event set for 3 to 5 p.m. at the Oaklands. She will also retire Jan. 3, after more than 23 years of service to the University.

that integrates technical engineering and project systems management skills to prepare students to lead people, projects and teams. In addition to traditional engineering course work, students focus on business, economics, systems management and supervision. Approximately 100 students are enrolled in the programs.

"Mixing engineering and management has helped our alumni focus on managing systems and projects with a technological perspective," says Lyth, industrial and manufacturing engineering, who also advises the program. "It's a program that has served our alumni and their employers well."