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Thompson back on campus



Thompson

Longtime WMU administrator Donald E. Thompson, now deputy assistant director for education and human resources at the National Science Foundation, will give an insider's perspective and answer questions about NSF funding issues at 3 p.m. Monday, June 14, in Conference Room D109 of the College of Engineering and Applied Sciences building on the Parkview Campus.

His presentation is open to the campus community. Reservations are requested and may be made by contacting Sally Veeder at <sally.veeder@wmich.edu> or 7-5922.

Energy watchdogs wanted

Hot summer days and periods of low traffic in campus buildings mean employees need to be vigilant and help monitor campus energy usage. Just making sure lights are out when work areas are not in use can save the environment and WMU's bottom line.

"Every kilowatt-hour of lighting conserved saves money and prevents emission of 1.5 pounds of carbon dioxide," says Carl Newton, campus energy manager. "Users are the key to conservation."

Adhering to mandated temperature set points, and turning off computers at night and monitors when not in use are some of the many ways to save energy, Newton says.

Western News to go on hiatus

June 17 will be the publication date for the final issue of *Western News* for the 2003-04 academic year. Publication will resume in the fall.

Over the summer, *Western News* readers are encouraged to keep up with the latest news by visiting the WMU News Web site at <www.wmich.edu/wmu/news>.

Provost Litynski to return to WMU faculty



Litynski has donned numerous hats during his tenure at WMU, including presiding over two commencement ceremonies—one during his tenure as WMU's interim president.

(Photo by Neil Rankin)

Provost Daniel M. Litynski, vice president for academic affairs, announced May 26 that he is stepping down as the University's top academic officer, effective June 30.

Litynski, who is a tenured professor in the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, will return to the faculty to teach and conduct research following a yearlong leave of absence. He has held the

provost post since Sept. 1, 2002, prior to which he served as dean of the College of Engineering and Applied Sciences.

"I have enjoyed tremendously the opportunity to serve the students, faculty and staff of this great institution for the past five years as dean of engineering and applied sciences, and as provost," Litynski said in an e-mail to the campus community. "I now look forward to returning to the faculty, after spending more than 18 years in academic administration."

Litynski said he plans to spend the coming year working with WMU and with national and international organizations.

"I'm looking forward to the next phase of professional life and taking some time to reflect and prepare for education, research and service in many ways," he said.

President Judith I. Bailey thanked Litynski on behalf of the entire University for his service, noting, "Provost Litynski has made many valuable contributions and lasting friendships on campus and in the Southwest Michigan community. I am

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Most U.S. Women's Goalball Team members have WMU ties



U.S. Paralympics, a division of the U.S. Olympic Committee, was created in May 2001 to enhance programs, funding and opportunities for persons with physical disabilities to participate in paralympic sport. (Photo by John Lacko)

The U.S. Women's Goalball Team, members of which have just been nominated to compete in the Paralympic Games in Athens, Greece, has a strong connection to WMU.

Five of six players nominated to the team have WMU ties. In addition, both of the team's two alternates attended WMU sports camps.

Players with connections to WMU are: Jennifer Armbruster, Nicole Buck, Jessica Lorenz, Asya Miller and Robin Theryoung.

Armbruster is a WMU staff member hired to work for the National Sports Education Camps project directed by Paul Ponchillia, chairperson of blindness and low vision

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Music students, Tom Knific pick up numerous honors

The vocal jazz ensemble Gold Company has received a Blue Chip award from the *Jazz Education Journal* for its latest compact disc "25," released in 2003 and named in honor of its 25th anniversary.

Meanwhile, seven students and groups have received awards in *Down Beat* magazine's annual Student Awards Competition and Thomas Knific, jazz studies chairperson, was given an Achievement Award for Jazz Education.

The awards are part of a special section in the June issue of *Down Beat*. They represent the second greatest number of student awards for any institution in North America for 2004 and mark the 12th straight year WMU has won awards in the competition, keeping the University among the top three award-winning schools for the past decade.

In an added twist, Knific's 11th-grade son's group, Nexus, which he coaches in the family's living room, is the first area noncollegiate group to win an award.

Evaluation Center program completing ninth and final year

More than a dozen researchers, educators, analysts and others from around the country are coming to WMU for the Evaluation Center's annual Project MTS Summer Institute. The June 7 through 25 event is unique to the Evaluation Center and aims to improve

Pilot program starts June 14

A group of Kalamazoo middle school students will experience research firsthand this June through a pilot program designed to encourage academically talented students underrepresented in higher education to obtain a post-secondary degree.

The first year of the Research Scholars Program will kick off with 25 Hillside Middle School students attending a two-week summer research institute on campus starting June 14. They will take part in a variety of other activities throughout the 2004-05 academic year.

During the institute, students in the pilot group will participate in hands-on research projects, college preparation seminars and life-skills workshops. In future years, WMU plans to expand the program to include additional area middle school students.

The Research Scholars Program is a new component of the University's existing Martin Luther King Jr./César Chávez/Rosa Parks College Day Program. The college day initiative targets sixth through 12th graders and is administered by the Division of Multicultural Affairs.

evaluation efforts in science, technology, engineering and mathematics education.

The \$1.3 million program, funded three times by the National Science Foundation, is in its ninth and final year.

"It's given us huge national exposure and it's helped science education develop evaluation capacity," says Evaluation Center Director Arlen Gullickson. "The institute also has generated a substantial amount of interest at other institutions looking to do similar things."

Participants from diverse professional backgrounds focus on evaluation standards, design and models before beginning work on an team project. Many are drawn to the institute because of its affiliation with the Evaluation Center, which is known internationally as a leader in the field, and the opportunity to work with standout evaluators and visiting scholars.

Exchange

FOR SALE—Various action figures, including first-issue Spawn figures. Book value. 6 ft. white artificial Christmas tree, never opened. \$30. 4.5 hp Yardman "leaf vacuum" with wood chipper. Demo model, used for 1-1/2 seasons. \$125. Call 7-8433.

Two chemistry faculty honored

Two members of the chemistry department faculty were honored for their outstanding service to the Kalamazoo Section of the American Chemical Society during the section's annual spring awards banquet May 24.



Reinhold



Stapleton

David Reinhold was honored for his dedication and service to the Educational Committee and as coordinator of the area competitive high school exam that leads to annual scholarships for the winners.

Susan Stapleton was honored as a founding member of the Women's Chemistry Committee, which instituted and coordinates the local Chemistry Day for Girl Scouts as well as other programs to promote women in science.

Stapleton also has been the society's career program coordinator and has provided career services to its members.

Staff member writes new book



Williamson

Wendy Williamson, study abroad, has written a new book called "Study Abroad 101" that helps clear up common questions about studying overseas. It is aimed at new study abroad advisors as well as current and prospective college students.

The work, published by Agapy Publishing, sells for \$12.95 and is available through local bookstores, including the WMU Bookstore, and online through Amazon.com and Barnes & Noble.

Staff groups award scholarships

The Professional Support Staff Organization has awarded its Education Assistance Scholarship for the Summer I Session to Lori Kison, Waldo Library.

The Administrative Professional Association has awarded its \$500 scholarship for 2004 to Ryan Asmus, a senior from Kalamazoo majoring in electrical engineering. Asmus is the son of Wendy Asmus, an academic advisor in the College of Education.



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Obituaries



Beck

Roy A. Beck, emeritus in communication, died May 1 in Kalamazoo. He was 76.

Beck retired in 1992 after more than 24 years at WMU. During his tenure, he taught classes in broadcast journalism, radio programming, semantics and interpersonal communication. He came to WMU in 1967 as business manager for the University Theatre.

Previously, he had served a seven-year stint as head of the speech and drama department at Illinois State University's campus high school. He also worked as an announcer at radio stations in Illinois and Kalamazoo.

Beck was active in community theatre and did summer work for Kalamazoo College's Festival Theater and for WMUK, the University's public radio station. A Missouri native, he earned a bachelor's degree from Southeast Missouri University and a master's degree from Southern Illinois University.



Brown

Russell W. Brown, emeritus in music, died May 24 at his home in Harlingen, Texas. He was 88.

Brown was associate professor of trombone at WMU from 1951-86 and was a founding member of

the Western Brass Quintet. The Quintet performed across the United States, playing such high-profile venues as Little Carnegie Hall in New York.

Brown earned a bachelor's degree in 1938 from Oklahoma State University and a master's degree in 1950 from the University of Notre Dame. He also studied at the University of Illinois, University of Michigan and Michigan State University.

Prior to coming to WMU, Brown served as director of instrumental music at Panhandle A&M College from 1938-41, a U.S. Army band leader from 1941-45 and music supervisor of the Conn Vocational School in Elkhart, Ind., from 1945-51.

While at WMU, Brown maintained a very active studio and was principal trombonist of the Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra for some 30 years. After his retirement and in honor of his work, a donor established a \$250,000 endowment fund, creating the Russell Brown Brass Quintet Scholarship. The scholarship yields \$25,000 a year, providing five brass students with \$5,000 scholarships for each of their four years of study at WMU. Memorial donations may be made to the scholarship fund.



Embertson

Richard E. Embertson, emeritus in marketing, died May 28 in at his home in Gig Harbor, Wash. He was 79.

Embertson retired as an assistant professor in 1987 after serving 30 years on the faculty.

Before joining the University, he served as an assistant production manager for the Treasure Masters Co. and as floor manager for the Dayton Co.

For five years in the 1950s, he taught at Northfield High School in Northfield, Minn.

After earning a bachelor of arts degree in 1949, Embertson received a bachelor of science and a master's degree in 1951, all from the University of Minnesota. He completed course work toward a doctoral degree from Michigan State University.

Embertson was past national president of the American Collegiate Retailing Association, past president of the West Michigan Chapter of the American Marketing Association, and past president of the Kalamazoo Sales and Marketing Executives Club.

Jobs

Although 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 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) **Dean** (tenure track, academic year), Z, College of Engineering and Applied Sci-

ences, 03/04-4344, 6/1-6/7/04

(R) **Associate Dean** (term appointment, ends 6/30/05), Z, College of Education, 03/04-4345, 6/1-6/7/04

(R) **Faculty Specialist II**, FS2, Speech Pathology and Audiology, 03/04-4349, 6/1-6/7/04

(R) **Faculty Specialist II**, (tenure track, academic year) FS2, Speech Pathology and Audiology, 03/04-4350, 6/1-6/7/04

(R), **Coordinator Scheduling/Advising**, 15, Mathematics, 03/04-4354, 6/1-6/7/04

(R), **Coordinator Intramural/Recreation**, 16, University Recreation, 03/04-4355, 6/1-6/7/04

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Tristan Brown is WMU's fourth Udall Scholar in five years



Brown

Tristan Brown of Franklin, Mich., a senior majoring in environmental studies who also is creating a Student Planned Major, is WMU's fourth recipient of a prestigious scholarship for environmental studies

from the Morris K. Udall Foundation. Brown is one of 80 Udall Scholars from around the nation who will receive \$5,000 for the 2004-05 academic year.

Four WMU students have now won one of the highly competitive awards in the past five years. He joins three fellow members of the Lee Honors College who picked up Udall Scholarships in 2000, 2001 and 2002.

Brown, who recently became the University's first Lloyd Meeds Policy Fellow, has worked as both an assistant and an NSF-funded intern in WMU's Microbial Aqueous Geochemistry, Biogeochemistry and Thermodynamics Laboratory. He has accumulated an impressive undergraduate research record and earned numerous prominent academic and research honors.

On Campus with Daren Webb



KNOWN FOR HIS PATIENTS
(Photo by Gail Towns)

Daren Webb, Sindecuse Health Center, knows all about stress and strain.

But then, he's supposed to. As a physical therapist in WMU's Sports Medicine Clinic, Webb cares for students, faculty and staff, and area residents whose problems range from bone fractures to back pain.

Patient evaluation and treatment, prescribing special applications and assisting with exercise regimens are all in a day's work for Webb.

It is fulfilling and often challenging, he says.

"Probably the most frustrating thing a health care provider deals with is when things don't heal the way or as fast as you and the patient would like.

"We set goals, and when we as a team (the patient and the therapist) don't reach those goals as expected, it is a disappointment," Webb says. "Thankfully, much of what we do is successful."

The former high school football player was drawn to WMU 10 years ago from a private practice in rural Indiana, a move that has been worth it, he says. It also has allowed him to branch out professionally by assisting in Sindecuse's marketing and communication efforts, a role he took on in 2002.

"I love the atmosphere in which I work. The people I work with at Sindecuse and especially in the Sports Medicine Clinic are caring, supportive and fun to work with," says Webb, who attended Ball State University and earned a physical therapy degree from Chicago Medical School. "We're a family."

Webb also stays busy with his own family.

"I have a great wife, Tammy; two boys, Addison, 12, and McIntyre, 11; and a beautiful little girl, Delaney, who is 7. We enjoy being together, going to places like Cedar Point, boating and all kinds of sports."

Litynski

particularly grateful to him for all that he has done to support me during my first year as WMU president."

Bailey also said she will be consulting with academic leaders prior to naming an interim provost who will work with Litynski on the leadership transition that will become effective July 1. In a message to the campus community, she outlined that plan and set mid-June as a target date for naming an interim provost to allow time for a smooth transition.

"Through a consultative process, I am seeking input regarding the desired characteristics, qualities and skills of the interim provost and possible candidates," Bailey said in her message to the campus. "After consideration of input and continued conversations with possible appointees and campus constituents, I will make an appointment subject to approval by the Board of Trustees."

Litynski came to WMU in 1999 from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, where he held various faculty and research positions before serving as head of the De-

partment of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science. A career military officer, he retired as a brigadier general shortly before coming to Kalamazoo.

Litynski has been active in research and teaching in electrical engineering, optics and physics for more than 25 years, especially in the fields of laser and electro-optic research, and educational pedagogy. His research has been widely published in professional and technical journals, and he holds a patent for his work in developing a method to convert analog signals to digital signals.

In December 2002, when former WMU President Elson S. Floyd assumed the presidency of the University of Missouri System, Litynski was appointed interim president while the national search that brought Bailey from Northern Michigan University was conducted. That same year, he was awarded the Cavalier Cross of Merit by the president of the Republic of Poland, in recognition of his efforts on behalf of Polish-American relations.

Goalball

studies. Buck, Lorenz and Theryoung all participated in WMU sports camps, and Theryoung is also a WMU graduate student, who has taken a break from her studies to train for the upcoming games. Miller is a WMU graduate and also played on a local goalball team, along with Buck and Theryoung.

Team alternates Jaclyn Barnes and Lindsay Sloan both were introduced to goalball through WMU sports camps.

The U.S. Association of Blind Athletes and U.S. Paralympics recently announced the nomination of the six players and two alternates. The team will compete Sept. 17-28 in Athens.

Goalball is a team sport played by blind and visually impaired athletes around the world. All of the women on the U.S. team are legally blind.

The team also distinguished itself in recent months by becoming the first disabled team accepted to live and train in residence at the U.S. Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs, Colo.

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Calendar

Check www.wmich.edu/wmu/news/events
for a complete list of public campus events
and activities