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University community invited to talk on state of universities

The WMU community is invited to attend a special telecast Wednesday, Nov. 12, of the inaugural State of the Public Universities address.

Wayne State University President Irvin Reid, chair of the Presidents Council, State Universities of Michigan, will deliver the address on behalf of the presidents of the state's 15 public universities. His presentation will focus on "Quality in Times of Adversity."

Provost Daniel Litynski will host the WMU telecast gathering from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. in the Fetzer Center.

AFSCME, POA contracts OK'd

Acting via conference call at its Oct. 31 meeting, the WMU Board of Trustees approved a three-year labor agreement with Local 1668 of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, and authorized changes to a reopened contract with the University's Police Officer Association.

Details on both contracts can be found online at <www.wmich.edu/wmu/news>.

Investor to talk about markets

The head of one of the nation's largest mutual fund managers will offer insights on whether the markets really can be beaten when he speaks on campus next week as part of the Haworth College of Business Distinguished Speaker Series.

Rex A. Siquiefield, co-chairman of Dimensional Fund Advisors, will present "Miraculous Markets: Can Anyone Beat Them?" beginning at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 11, in Schneider Hall's Brown Auditorium. The address is co-sponsored by the West Michigan Analysts Society.

The event is open to the University community. To reserve a seat, call 7-5050.

NSF grants \$10 million for math center

Mathematics education faculty at WMU have joined colleagues at two other major research universities to launch a national research center aimed at improving the teaching and learning of mathematics in K-12 schools.

Earlier this month, the National Science Foundation announced funding for the Center for the Study of Mathematics Curriculum with a five-year, \$10 million grant. The center is a collaborative effort involving WMU, Michigan State University and the University of Missouri. Also contributing to the work of the center are: the University of Chicago School Mathematics Project; Horizon Research Inc., which is a private research firm in Chapel Hill, N.C.; and educators in four school districts, including the Kalamazoo Public Schools and Battle Creek Public Schools.

Co-directors of the new center are: Christian Hirsch, mathematics; Glenda Lappan, MSU professor of mathematics; and Barbara Reys, Missouri professor of mathematics. WMU's work in the center will be under the direction of Hirsch and WMU co-directors Kate Kline and Steven Ziebarth, both mathematics. The center has three main goals:

- increase the number of doctoral students in mathematics education;
- conduct research on mathematics curricula; and
- collaborate with K-12 teachers to improve the teaching and learning of mathematics for all students.

The center will formally begin its work in January. Together, the universities involved have a long history in mathematics curriculum development, implementation and evaluation.

"Mathematics is fundamental to the success of students in so many ways, and an award of this magnitude recognizes the national reputation that our universities have established in mathematics education," says Daniel Litynski, WMU provost and vice president for academic affairs.

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ANYTHING FOR THE CAUSE—Centennial co-chairperson Ruth Heinig, above, had a vein tapped in support of the annual Blood Challenge, which runs through Nov. 14. Drive locations can be found online at the WMU News Web site.

Governor taps Bailey for new technology committee

Gov. Jennifer M. Granholm has created a Technology Tri-Corridor Steering Committee and has selected WMU President Judith I. Bailey to serve among the 19 charter members of the group.



Bailey

Made up of representatives from the life sciences, higher education, homeland security, and emerging automotive industries, the committee will chart the strategic direction of Michigan's newest

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Around the Campus

Dinosaurs topic of Trefil talk

Noted author and scientist James Trefil, professor of physics at George Mason University, will be on campus next week to give a public lecture as part of the Visiting Scholars Program.

Trefil will present "Who Killed the Dinosaurs?" Thursday, Nov. 13, at 7:30 p.m. in 1120 Schneider.

The lecture is sponsored by the University's Theta Chapter of the Phi Beta Kappa Society and the Department of Physics.

Frostic series wrapping up

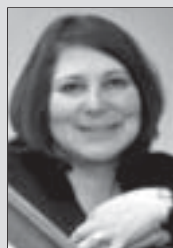
The fall Gwen Frostic Reading Series concludes this month with two readings by two noted authors.

Pulitzer Prize winner Tracy Kidder, author of "The Soul of a New Machine" and "Mountains Beyond Mountains," will speak at 8 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 11, in the Little Theatre.

Z.Z. Packer, whose stories have appeared in *The New Yorker*, *Harper's*, *Story* and "The Best American Short Stories 2000," will talk at 8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 20, in the Little Theatre.

For more information about these or any other campus events, visit the WMU News Web site at <www.wmich.edu/wmu/news>.

Centennial series continues



Fisher

The WMU Centennial Scholar and Artist series continues next week with presentations by Pewabic pottery expert Marcy Heller Fisher and composer Peter Boyer.

The author of "Fired Magic," a new book about a young girl's discovery of the famous Michigan-made tiles, will discuss the historic art pottery at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 12, at the Kalamazoo Institute of Arts. Her talk is free to members of the Art League; admission is \$10 for others.

Acclaimed conductor and composer Peter Boyer also will speak Wednesday, Nov. 12. His 7:30 p.m. discussion in Dalton Lecture Hall is entitled, "Oral History and the Orchestra: Creating Ellis Island: The Dream of America." The free talk is sponsored by the College of Fine Arts and university archives.

The Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra will present Boyer's dramatic account of the immigrant experience beginning at 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 14, in Miller Auditorium. Tickets can be obtained by calling 7-2300.

Music faculty to conduct clinics

Stephen Zegree and Sunny Wilkinson, music, have been invited to conduct vocal clinics with several high school vocal groups on Tuesday, Nov. 11, in Orchestra Hall in the Max M. Fisher Center in Detroit.

The workshops are part of a new program offered through Artserve Michigan's Governor's Awards for Arts and Culture.

"It's quite a nice honor that the two guest vocal clinicians are from the vocal jazz program at Western Michigan University," Zegree says.

Curtis-Smith, Adams honored



Curtis-Smith

For the 26th time, the American Society of Composers, Authors & Publishers has selected WMU's Curtis Curtis-Smith, music, as a winner of its ASCAP Award, while Richard Adams, music, has been named an ASCAP

Award winner for the sixth consecutive time.

ASCAP presents the awards to reflect the organization's continuing commitment to assist and encourage ASCAP composers. The awards are granted by an independent panel and are based on the unique prestige value of each writer's catalog of original compositions, as well as recent performances in areas not surveyed by the society.

Massie here to sign books



Massie

The historian behind the book that chronicles WMU's first 100 years will be on campus Wednesday, Nov. 12, to sign copies of the publication.

Alumnus Larry Massie will return to his alma mater for a book signing from 4 to 6 p.m. in the Edwin and Mary Meader Rare Book Room on the third floor of Waldo Library. Copies of "Brown and Golden Memories: Western Michigan University's First Century" will be on sale for \$35.

Published this fall as part of the University's centennial celebration, the 276-page book includes more than 250 historical photos. It is Massie's 17th book on Michigan history.

Saillant gets nod from NEH

A WMU professor has received a rare "We the People" designation for research he is doing with a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities.

John Saillant, history and English, won the designation for his work on the "Black Antislavery Writings Project: 1760-1829." Saillant and his project co-director Roy Finkenbine, professor of history at the University of Detroit Mercy, will produce a two-volume hardbound and electronic edition of various antislavery writings with introductory interpretations.

"We the People" is an initiative sponsored by the NEH that encourages the teaching, study, and understanding of American history and culture. Saillant's project is one of just 41 selected from around the nation and the only one from Michigan.



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Service

The following employees are being recognized during the month of November for 25, 20, 15, 10 and 5 years of service to the University.

25 years—Linda Jones, physical plant-maintenance services; Jane E. Kramer, teacher certification; Cynthia Town, University Counseling and Testing Center.

20 years—Daisy Lipsey, customer account services; Gregory G. Roseboom, physical plant-utilities; Ruth Wagner, physical plant-maintenance services; Cindy L. Zimmerman, accounting.

15 years—Brenda A. Brewer, history; Anthony DeRose, Extended University Programs; Susan L. Eberstein, health and human services; Esther Guilbault, physical plant-building custodial and support services; Rosanna F. Metoyer, Auxiliary Enterprises; Penelope S. Schellenberg, Lewis Walker Institute for Race and Ethnic Relations; Perry L. Scrivener, university libraries.

10 years—Anita H. Lester, physical plant-building custodial and support services; Cleandress Murphy, Center for Disability Services; Connie L. Peruchietti, Bernhard Center.

Five years—Jin Abe, International Student and Scholar Services; Karen Bowling, Valley #1 Dining Service; Diane Briggs, Burnham Dining Service; Diana M. Carpenter, Bernhard Center Dining Service; Donna Lee DeVries, dining services-cash operations; Mary E. Escobedo, Sindecuse Health Center; Jayne P. Fraley-Burgett, Lawson Ice Arena; Jerry R. George, development; Scott M. Keeler, physical plant-maintenance services; Peter K. Knight, aviation; Harold L. Landen, physical plant-maintenance services; Stephan L. Macomber, physical plant-maintenance services; Pamela K. Ponicki, Bernhard Center Dining Service; Michelle L. Ray, Valley #3 Dining Service; Kim D. Sadler, physical plant-building custodial and support services; Sandra Schwab, Extended University Programs; Nathan S. Stonerock, Bernhard Center; Leta Ann Thurmond, physical plant-building custodial and support services; Rebecca Winkle, Valley #2 Dining Service; Stephen R. Winquist, Mallinson Institute for Science Education.

Human resources

TIAA-CREF meetings still open

Employees can still take advantage of the opportunity to meet with a TIAA-CREF representative to discuss personal retirement and investment planning.

Employees are invited to make an on-campus appointment with Ema Osaki Nov. 13 or 14, or Dec. 17 or 18. To schedule a time, visit the TIAA-CREF Website at <www.tiaa-cref.org/meetings> and follow the online prompts. All appointments will be held in 2100 Seibert Administration Building.

MPSERS announces changes in service credit purchases

The Michigan Public School Employees Retirement System has announced changes in service credit costs, effective Jan. 1, 2004:

- The Variable Percentage Buy-In Table will change. This table is used to determine the cost of actuarial based service credit purchases.
- Tax-Deferred Payments agreements started after Dec. 31, 2003, will be charged 8 percent interest. Existing agreements remain exempt.
- All buy-ins that use earnings in the calculation require that wages were reported to the Michigan Public School Employees Retirement System during the previous fiscal year (July 1-June 30). If you have no reported wages from the immediate preceding fiscal year, you are required to wait until the start of the next fiscal year to apply and be billed for the purchase.
- Employees who are considering purchasing MPSERS service credit may want to evaluate the benefits of acting before Jan. 1, 2004. For more information, visit the Web site <www.michigan.gov/ors>, call Richard Schaper, manager of retirement services, at 7-3580 or send e-mail to <richard.schaper@wmich.edu>.

Book sale slated for Nov. 13

The Friends of the Western Michigan University Libraries will hold its annual fall book sale from 9 a.m. to midnight Wednesday, Nov. 12, and from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 13.

The event, which will take place on the second floor of Waldo Library, serves as a fund-raiser for the libraries.

King committee soliciting proposals for 2004 events

The Martin Luther King Jr. Committee is accepting proposals for activities that will be held during King Week 2004. The events, which will take place Jan. 19-23, should be relevant to this year's theme of "Reflecting the Faces of Change: Courage, Character and Collaboration."

Guidelines and a downloadable form for the sponsored activities, which are eligible for up to \$200 in assistance, are available online at <www.wmich.edu/mlkday/events>.

Whether or not they are seeking funding, departments, programs and organizations are encouraged to submit their plans by Friday, Nov. 7, for inclusion in the 2004 King Week schedule of events.

For information, contact Ineke Way, social work, via e-mail at <ineke.way@wmich.edu> or by calling 7-3195.

Exhibit, events focus on impact of slavery in U.S.

A traveling exhibit of 18th- and 19th-century slavery-related artifacts is the focal point of a series of events designed to shed light on the history of slavery in America and promote a community dialog on racism today.

The Middle Passage and African American History Museum exhibit, which is based in Gulfport, Miss., will be on campus through Friday, Nov. 14, on the third floor of Waldo Library. The display can be viewed from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Thursday and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Admission is free to the exhibit, which is sponsored by the Graduate Student Advisory Committee and the Lewis Walker Institute for Race and Ethnic Relations. The display features some 250 slavery objects and documents dating back to the late 1700s. It was on exhibit elsewhere in Kalamazoo in September.

A series of other related events, "The Legacies of Slavery," also is being sponsored by the Walker Institute and Africana Studies Program through Nov. 14. They include think tank discussions; a film and discussion; lecture; and theatrical, musical and oratorical performances. A complete list of "The Legacies of Slavery" events is available online at <www.wmich.edu/wmu/news/events>.

On Campus with Steve Darrell



HE PLEASES STUDENT PALATES
(Photo by Gail Towns)

Steve Darrell recalls the time when there was a marked difference between cafeteria food and restaurant food.

But as student palates have changed, people have higher expectations for what is served at a university, he says.

"Over the last 10 to 15 years, more customers have been brought up with commercial meals," says Darrell, general manager of Bernhard Center Dining Services. "Overall, there's more eating out. They've come to expect the same type of service on campus."

Darrell, his staff of four managers, 28 full-time employees and about 200 part-time workers are the force that feeds upward of 1,000 students on the University meal plan at Henry/Hoekje/Bigelow Dining Service.

In the Bernhard Center public cafeteria, they serve an estimated 230 people each day. "We're hoping those numbers increase as faculty and staff are encouraged to use their new 'Dining Dollars' option," he says.

"One of our challenges is striking a balance in serving nutritious, wholesome food versus what people like," he says. "Our most popular dishes remain hamburgers, pizza and fried chicken fingers."

Pleasing finicky tastes is nothing new to Darrell. The Purdue University graduate came to WMU in 1985 after working in commercial restaurants and with Marriott hotels.

In the business, recipes, trends, equipment and personnel are subject to change, but the environment—which he loves—remains the same.

"It's fast-paced, lively and busy," says Darrell, father of an 11-year-old son. "Every day I play beat-the-clock to get it all done."

A veteran triathlon participant, Darrell enjoys swimming, biking and running. He lives in the Arcadia neighborhood with his wife and son.

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Over the five years of the effort, the new center will support 30 doctoral fellowships; 30 curriculum interns; 100 K-12 school, district and state curriculum leaders; and more than 200 teachers in the four partner school districts. At WMU, that will translate to an immediate recruitment of new doctoral students to fill as many as four full-time doctoral fellowships annually for all five years of the effort. Center fellows will have opportunities to work closely with faculty and engage in a range of projects and research activities related to mathematics curricula.

The local school districts involved with WMU will serve as sites for research and professional development for teachers. Both the Battle Creek and Kalamazoo public schools have utilized curricula to move their districts forward in mathematics. Over the past several years, the Battle Creek system has collaborated with WMU on a number of curriculum development efforts. Work with the new center will focus on continued collaboration, sustaining the district's efforts and supporting teachers' continued professional efforts.

The three core universities and the University of Chicago School Mathematics Project each have established track records in the development and/or implementation and evaluation of high-quality mathematics curriculum materials, Hirsch says.

WMU has been a center for the development of Core-Plus Mathematics, an integrated high school mathematics curriculum. MSU has served as a development site for a middle school mathematics curriculum called Connected Mathematics, and the University of Chicago Mathematics Project is the development site for both elementary and secondary mathematics curricula. For the past seven years, the University of Missouri has been a center for the implementation of NSF-funded middle school mathematics curricula.

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economic development initiative. To date, 17 members have been appointed by the governor. Two additional members will be named by the Speaker of the Michigan House of Representatives and the majority leader of the Senate.

The Technology Tri-Corridor was created by the governor to continue the growth of the Michigan Life Sciences Corridor, while also focusing on the emerging homeland security and critical advanced automotive technology sectors.

The MEDC is charged with administering the Technology Tri-Corridor program. In the months ahead, the corporation will be working with the steering committee members in developing a request for proposals and establishing general guidelines for funding. For more information on the Technology Tri-Corridor and the MEDC's other programs and initiatives, visit their Web site at <www.medc.michigan.org>.

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