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AAUP agreement reached

Negotiators for the University and the WMU chapter of the American Association of University Professors have reached a tentative agreement on specific items reopened for the final two years of an existing three-year contract.

Included in the discussions were compensation, health care and a retirement/severance incentive plan. Details of the agreement are not available, pending ratification by vote of the faculty and the WMU Board of Trustees.

Centennial series continues

WMU alumnus and veteran AAA executive James McDowell will discuss "Travel Into an Uncertain Future," the next presentation in the ongoing Centennial Scholar and Artist Series.

McDowell, who earned his B.A. in automotive engineering, will present the free lecture at 7:30 p.m., Friday, Oct. 3, in the Brown Auditorium of Schneider Hall. The discussion will explore the ways technology has changed Americans' quality of life over the past 100 years, including how we travel and spend our leisure time.

The free event is sponsored by the College of Engineering and Applied Sciences and the WMU centennial committee.

Volunteers needed for Classic

Scores of volunteers are needed to help run the Oct. 11 Homecoming Campus Classic. Now in its fifth year, the run and walk event draws upward of 1,500.

Help is needed with everything from handing out bib numbers and T-shirts to collecting timers and cheering runners.

Those who lend a helping hand will receive a free race shirt and brunch, and will become eligible for door prizes. To volunteer, fill out the online form at <www.wmich.edu/race> or call Gail Towns at 7-8428.

Record number of students in graduate programs, enrollment near all-time high

This fall's enrollment at WMU hit its second highest level ever, and the number of students pursuing graduate degrees at the University reached an all-time high.

The 2003 fall enrollment of 29,178 is just 554 students, or 1.4 percent, below fall 2002's record. Undergraduate students accounted for 23,309 of the final tally, while graduate student enrollment stands at 5,869. Of the total, 26,725 students are attending classes at the University's main Kalamazoo campus. Also included in the overall figure are 4,333 beginning freshman students, down 4.6 percent from last year's class of 4,543.

"This year's enrollment is just where we wanted it to be, considering capacity and resource issues we have," WMU President Judith I. Bailey says. "In addition, given our student-centered research mission, I'm quite pleased with the increasing size and composition of our graduate college."

Bailey noted that the University's increased emphasis on graduate education in recent years is reflected in the record number of doctoral students enrolled this fall. The new student census shows 729 people are enrolled in doctoral degree programs at WMU, up more than 17 percent over last fall's doctoral student enrollment of 623. This is the second consecutive year of double-digit percentage increases in the number of WMU doctoral students. In fall 2002, the doctoral numbers increased by 16 percent over the previous year's number.

In addition, the 4,651 graduate students enrolled in degree programs for fall 2003 is the highest level ever, and represents a 2.5 percent increase from 2002's figure of 4,535.



A CUT ABOVE—Flanked by Dean Mike Atkins, left, engineering and applied sciences, and U.S. Rep. Fred Upton, President Bailey officially opened the new College of Engineering and Applied Sciences facility at a ceremony Sept. 12. The \$72.5 million high-tech academic building is the University's largest and serves a total student enrollment of some 3,000.

Opera star to perform here, receive honorary doctorate

A 1975 WMU graduate who has become one of the opera world's top singers will have one more accolade to add to her list of accomplishments: an honorary degree from her alma mater.



Anthony

Acting at its Sept. 12 meeting, the WMU Board of Trustees approved a recommendation to award opera star Susan B. Anthony an honorary doctor of fine arts degree.

Anthony, who will visit WMU Oct. 2-11 as part of the Centennial Scholar and Artist Series, earned her undergradu-

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Around the Campus

Haenicke will be at Waldo

The campus and Kalamazoo communities are invited to chat with the familiar face behind "Wednesdays with Diether" at a book signing Wednesday, Oct. 8.

WMU President Emeritus Diether H. Haenicke will be on campus for the event from 4 to 6 p.m. in the Edwin and Mary Meader Rare Book Room on the third floor of Waldo Library. Copies of "Wednesdays with Diether," Haenicke's collection of columns as published in the *Kalamazoo Gazette*, will be on sale for \$14.95.

Slide show set for tonight

A Chicago artist whose hearing impairment provides subject matter for his creations will visit campus today, Thursday, Sept. 25, through the Visiting Scholars and Artists Program.

Joseph Grigley, a professor at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago, will present a slide lecture about his work at 7 p.m. in 2304 Sangren. The presentation is free and open to the public.

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

Bermo president here Friday

The president of Bermo Enterprises Inc. will detail his business's rise from a campus jeans shop to the Midwest's largest off-price apparel wholesaler when he speaks Friday, Sept. 26, at the Haworth College of Business.

Ed Bernard will present "Only in America—And Only in Kalamazoo" as part of the Keystone Community Bank Breakfast Series. The presentation, which includes a continental breakfast, will begin at 7:30 a.m. in 2150 Schneider. For reservations, call 7-5050.

Poet to read at WMU Oct. 2

The English department's Gwen Frostic Reading Series continues Thursday, Oct. 2, with a presentation by award-winning author Sydney Lea in The Little Theatre. The free presentation is set to begin at 8 p.m.

Lea is the author of seven books of poetry, including "Pursuit of a Wound," a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize, and "To the Bone," the co-winner of the 1998 Poets' Prize.

He is also the author of a novel, "A Place in Mind," and a collection of naturalist essays, "Hunting the Whole Way Home." Lea is founder and former editor of the *New England Review*.

Bate earns award from SHHH



Bate

Harold (Hal) Bate, speech pathology and audiology, has been selected as the recipient of the 2003 Professional Advisory Support Award by Self Help for Hard of Hearing People, or SHHH.

The award was presented during a ceremony this past summer at the 18th International SHHH Convention in Atlanta.

Bate has advised the local SHHH chapter since 1986 and was nominated for the honor by Howard Potrude of the Kalamazoo chapter. Bate has spoken at state and national SHHH sessions.

In nominating Bate, the local chapter cited his active interest in SHHH since its early days. In April 1991, the local chapter sponsored the first SHHH State Conference in Michigan, where Bate was one of three key speakers. In 2002, he received the Outstanding Audiologist Award at the Michigan SHHH State Expo. In addition, many chapter members have been clients in Bate's Aural Rehab Program at WMU.

Saillant set to speak in D.C.

John Saillant, English and history, is slated to speak at the Library of Congress Friday, Oct. 3, about the impact of theologian Jonathan Edwards' writings on those opposing the U.S. slave trade in the 18th and 19th centuries.

Saillant will speak as part of a celebration of the American theologian's 300th birthday. He will discuss how African-Americans used Edwards' writings in their arguments against the slave trade and slavery during the late 18th and early 19th centuries.

Klass, Joyce get paper patent

A patent for a paper technology was recently granted to Charles P. Klass and Margaret K. Joyce, both paper engineering, chemical engineering and imaging.

U.S. Patent 6,616,748 is assigned to ZO Resources LLC, the sponsor of the research that led to the patent. The new manufacturing technology improves the quality and affordability of coated ink jet and digital imaging papers. It also improves the properties of coated paper and paperboard for flexographic and water-based gravure printing.

WMU, Habitat joining forces

WMU students are raising the roof this fall with help from Kalamazoo Valley Habitat for Humanity.

The students and KVHH have teamed up to build a home near campus as part of the University's centennial celebration. The two-story house will be built at 617 Pioneer St. on a lot donated by CARES, Community AIDS Resource and Education Services of Southwest Michigan.

The project will officially kick off with a brief gathering at 3:45 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 27, at the construction site. That also will be the first major build day.

To donate or volunteer, call 344-2443.

Correction to Sept. 11 issue

In the Sept. 11 issue of *Western News*, John Lacko should have been credited for the page 1 photo of Judith and Brendan Bailey, as well as the page 3 shot of the Staff Service Excellence Award winners.



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Obituary



Lee

Hung Peng Lee, emeritus in social studies, died July 4 in Honolulu. He was 89.

Lee was a member of the social studies faculty at WMU from 1970 until his retirement in 1984. In 2002, inspired by a story in *Western News*, Lee donated a 220-year-old Augustine Chappuy violin to the WMU School of Music.

Born in China, Lee received a bachelor's degree in political science from the National Northeastern University of China in 1938. During World War II, he served as an interpreter for the famous Flying Tigers and was a captain in the Chinese Air Force until 1947, when he came to the United States. He studied political science at UCLA in the early 1950s, worked in the international law library at Columbia University from 1958 to 1966, and received a master's degree in political science from New York University in 1965.

Service

The following employees will be recognized for 40, 35, 30, 25, 20, 15, 10 and five years of service to WMU during September.

40 years—Richard Pippen, international affairs.

35 years—Edward L. Britten, physical plant-landscape services; Michael J. Buckner, university libraries; Sue H. Green, Bernhard Center.

30 years—Charles W. Amos, physical plant-building custodial and support services; Robert J. Brown, public safety; Peter Kobrak, public affairs and administration.

25 years—Vena D. Brower, physical plant-maintenance services; Karen Ferrara, Burnham Dining Service; Bettina

S. Meyer, university libraries; Barbara A. Vilenski, paper engineering, chemical engineering, and imaging.

20 years—Tanya Bellamy, Human Resources; Joyce A. Gard, speech pathology and audiology; Terri L. Hageman, Valley #1 Dining Service; Carole J. Lint, human resources; Vicky A. Meinema, accounting; Peninnah S. Miller, Mallinson Institute for Science Education, Deborah L. Richards, University Dining Services; Judy Walters, University ombudsman.

15 years—Lori A. Bell, physical plant-maintenance services; Angela P. Bowers Bowers, research; Dale Eldred, Valley #3 Dining Service; Bonnie Gorham, Center for Teaching and Learning; Patrick L. Lem, physical plant-utilities; Steven F. Thomas, information technology; David D. VanHeulen, information technology; Minnie White, physical plant-building custodial and support services, Thomas R. Wolf Jr., information technology, Ralph N. Yingling, Haworth College of Business.

10 years—Melissa K. Hess, grants and contracts; Robert D. Purk, physical plant-landscape services, Laureen A. Summerville, human resources.

5 years—Kathleen A. Barnes, development; Robert L. Coffman, public safety; Charles F. Ide, environmental studies; Anna M. Jelaso, environmental studies; Karin J. Joyce, WMU Bookstore; Steven D. Miller, College of Arts and Sciences-advising; Eunice Perez Ruiz, cashiering; Peter Saunders, Center for Teaching and Learning; Mark E. Schwerin, university relations; Linda S. Stuu, WMU Bookstore; Catherine Sonia Wardley, health and human services.

Jobs

The following vacancies are currently 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.

For persons interested in faculty positions, a letter of application should be submitted to the appropriate dean or chairperson.

(R) Assistant Director, Battle Creek Campus, 15, Extended University Programs, 03/04-4113, 9/22-9/29/03

(R) Assistant Coordinator Child Care (terminal position, ends 8/31/04), 11, WMU Apartments, Children's Learning Center, 03/04-4112, 9/22-9/29/03

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Human resources

Savings bonds can now be bought by payroll deduction

WMU employees may purchase U.S. Savings Bonds through payroll deduction. There are two types of bonds that can be purchased through the payroll deduction plan: the newer I Bonds and the traditional EE Bonds.

For more information and to obtain an Authorization for Enrollment form, visit the Human Resources Savings Bonds Web site at <www.wmich.edu/hr/savingsbonds.htm>. Employees can also obtain an enrollment form through human resources, 7-3654, or payroll 7-2935.

Completed enrollment forms should be returned to payroll.

Insurance changes announced

All University faculty and staff are encouraged to attend one of several upcoming presentations that will address changes in the University's health insurance plans and options available to employees. The meetings will be held:

- Friday, Oct. 3, noon-2 p.m., 157 Bernhard Center;
- Wednesday, Oct. 8, 3-5 p.m., 209 Bernhard Center;
- Monday, Oct. 13, 8-10 a.m., 157 Bernhard Center;
- Thursday, Oct. 23, 10 a.m.-noon, 1010 Fetzer Center, Putney Lecture Hall; and
- Tuesday, Oct. 28, 9-11 a.m., 157 Bernhard Center.

The information presented will help employees make choices during open enrollment. All employees will receive a mailing at home in early October regarding open enrollment for 2003-04.

Exchange

RIDE/DRIVE SHARE—Looking to share the drive between Grand Rapids and WMU 3 days/week. Work shift is 8 a.m.-5p.m. Call Gladys at 7-3286.

HOUSEMATE WANTED—1/4 mile from campus in quiet Winchell area. \$425/mo. includes all utilities, digital cable modem, 18x10 sq ft. furnished bedroom. Prefer WMU grad student/professional. Available Oct 15. Call Cara at 720-8581.

FOR SALE—Upholstered Danish easy chair with footstool, floor and table lamps, printer stands, ping pong table, exercise bike, computer components, framed art. Call 342-9935.

On Campus with Kristi Zimmerman-Frost



A MATCHMAKER OF SORTS
(Photo by Gail Towns)

Kristi Zimmerman-Frost has a true appreciation for people, many of whom give thanks to her.

The dozens of thank you cards and letters pinned to her office bulletin board are a dead giveaway for the type of work she does: Zimmerman-Frost, the University's student volunteer services coordinator, assists dozens of WMU student organizations as they look for ways to lend a helping hand.

"Often when people think of volunteering, they think of the classic soup kitchen experience, but one of the things we do is educate volunteers about other opportunities and help draw out their interests in other areas," she explains.

"Most of our volunteers say they like to work with kids, but that can take the form of coaching, mentoring, tutoring or some other opportunity."

The Indiana native came to campus in 1997 to pursue a master's degree in counseling education and counseling psychology. After graduation, she looked for a post that would personify her passion for helping college students develop and "find themselves."

In 2000, she found the job that fit. Since then, she's worked with scores of WMU students, pairing them with such groups as Ministry with Community, the YWCA Domestic Assault Shelter and Alternative Spring Break, and the list of needy organizations is growing.

"Because of the economy and budget cutbacks, many social services are underfunded," she said.

To help build longer, better relationships with area groups, Zimmerman-Frost recently launched a new "Adopt-An-Agency" program. Such groups as Alpha Phi Omega, the National Society of Black Engineers and residents from Ackley-Shilling Hall are among those who are working on the new program.

New budget realities reflected in student affairs changes

Due to budget constraints, a variety of changes have taken place in the Division of Student Affairs, including the elimination of some units and reassignment of personnel.

Major changes of interest to the WMU community are as follows. For more information, contact the director of the unit in which the positions currently reside or call Vice President Diane Anderson, student affairs, at 7-2152.

- The Off-Campus Life unit was eliminated. Bonnie Hanson transferred to a position in Residence Life that is dedicated to "community living" and assists students with on and off-campus living issues.

- The Women's Services and Resources unit was eliminated. Linda Lumley transferred to a position in the Sindecuse Health Center's Office of Health Promotion and Education that has expanded its scope to include gender education.

- The Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse

Prevention unit was eliminated. Victor Manzon was named director of the Office of Student Conduct.

- Students Socializing Sober has been fully integrated as a student group under Student Activities and Leadership Programs. The half-time student coordinator position will be continued for 2003-04.

- The Marketing and Development unit was eliminated. Sharon Russell transferred to a business operations position in University Recreation.

- The WMU Parents Association now reports to Residence Life and moved to 3510 Faunce Student Services.

- Lesbian, Bisexual, Gay and Transgender Student Services moved to 3215 and 3905 Faunce Student Services. Its e-mail address was changed to reflect adding "transgender" to the office's name.

- Rebecca Gadson was hired to fill a one-year temporary position in Student Activities and Leadership Programs focusing on Greek life.

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ate degree from WMU, studying with Marcella Faustman. After earning her master's degree from the University of Michigan, she attended the International Opera School in Switzerland.

Since completing her education, Anthony has established a significant presence in the opera world, becoming a favorite of leading theatres in Paris, Tokyo, Madrid, Dresden and Vienna. She was named "Singer of the Year" by *Opernwelt* magazine in both 1995 and 1997, and she has been lauded by critics the world over.

While in Kalamazoo, Anthony will appear as guest soloist with the University Symphony Orchestra under the direction of Bruce Uchimura at 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 5, in Miller Auditorium, an event which is free and open to the public. She also will give a recital at 8:15 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 7, with award-winning pianist Lori Sims, music, in Dalton Center Recital Hall. Tickets for that event are \$10 or \$5 for students and seniors, and can be obtained by calling 7-2300.

online **Calendar**

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