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Trustees to meet tomorrow

Acceptance of year-end gift and grant reports and consideration of a recommendation to award an honorary degree are among items that will be on the agenda when the WMU Board of Trustees meets at 9 a.m. tomorrow—Friday, Sept. 12.

The board will meet in the multipurpose room of the Southwest Michigan Innovation Center, which is located on the Parkview Campus.

Panel to discuss 9/11 events

The University will commemorate today's second anniversary of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks with a panel discussion sponsored by the Lee Honors College.

"The Impact of 9/11 in Kalamazoo and Beyond" will take place at 4 p.m. today in the Lee Honors College Lounge. The discussion is free and open to the public.

Panel participants will include Dean Rick Maloney, College of Aviation, who was chief pilot and vice president for flight operations for United Airlines on Sept. 11, 2001; Cindy Goodison, a Kalamazoo photographer who chronicled displays of patriotism in the aftermath of the attacks; Katherine Joslin, English and American Studies Program; and Venus Zarris, Chicago culture commentator.

Human ecology expert to visit

David Orr, chairperson of environmental studies at Oberlin College, will visit the University this evening—Thursday, Sept. 11—to talk about "Human Ecology as a Problem of Ecological Design."

The talk is set for 7:30 p.m. in 2000 Schneider Hall. The lecture is part of the Environmental Studies Sustainability Series and is sponsored by the Wege Foundation. It is free and open to the public.

Orr is known for his pioneering work in campus greening projects.

Engineering complex to be dedicated

The new home of the University's College of Engineering and Applied Sciences will formally open its doors in a ribbon-cutting ceremony set for 2:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 12.

The 343,000-square-foot facility, which is the heart of WMU's new Parkview Campus, was completed this summer. The high-tech academic building is the University's largest and serves as home to a college that has nine departments and a student enrollment of some 3,000.

Participating in the Sept. 12 ceremony will be: Congressman Fred Upton; state legislators Alexander Lipsey and Jack Hoogendyk; Vernice D. Anthony of Detroit, vice chairperson of the Board of Trustees; Kalamazoo Mayor Robert Jones; President Judith I. Bailey; and Dean

Michael B. Atkins, College of Engineering and Applied Sciences. The program also will include representatives of the engineering student body as well as spokespersons for the building's architects and builder.

An open house will follow the formal ceremony. The public may stroll through the building between the hours of 3 and 6 p.m., and tours, led by engineering students and staff members, will be conducted. Parking for visitors is available in a surface lot east of the building and in two attached parking decks.

The new building features two, two-story brick wings—each more than 600 feet long—joined by a central glass hub. The total cost for the building project was more than \$99 million, and the project

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Bailey says WMU values dating back to Waldo's tenure dovetail with the values she'll focus on for the future



PARALLEL PARROT—President Bailey celebrated her inauguration Sept. 3 with a stuffed parrot placed on her shoulder by her husband, Brendon, during the close of the event, which also launched WMU's centennial celebration. The parrot was a joking reference to Dwight B. Waldo.

Judith I. Bailey was officially inaugurated as the seventh president of WMU in a ceremony held Sept. 3 in Miller Auditorium that focused on the University's traditional values and a century of accomplishment.

"Having the opportunity to formally begin my presidency at the same time Western begins its centennial celebration and launches its second century of service is an experience that fills me with pride and humbles me with a sense of responsibility," Bailey told a crowd of around 1,300.

The inaugural ceremony was followed by a gala launching this fall's celebration of the 100th anniversary of WMU's founding. The gala included video and musical presentations.

During a brief inaugural address, Bailey outlined a set of values upon which she will base her presidency and noted they are the same values brought to WMU by Dwight Waldo, WMU's first president. Waldo, like Bailey, came to WMU

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Fall study abroad fair set for Sept. 17

The fall Study Abroad Fair will take place from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 17, in the South Ballroom of the Bernhard Center. The free fair encourages students to consider spending an academic year studying outside of the United States. It is designed for WMU students, faculty and staff as well as area high school students and other interested community members.

Those attending will be able to browse booths and displays and collect helpful information. On hand to answer questions will be students, faculty and staff who are familiar with study abroad programs and services at WMU and representatives from numerous other organizations that provide overseas study opportunities.

For more information, call the Office of Study Abroad at 7-5890 or visit its Web site at <www.wmich.edu/studyabroad>.

Pulitzer-winner Spiegelman is first Centennial Scholar

The fall semester Gwen Frostic Reading Series, sponsored by the English department, kicks off at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 22, with a presentation by Pulitzer Prize-winning author and illustrator Art Spiegelman in the Brown Auditorium of Schneider Hall.



Spiegelman

Spiegelman's visit also is the first in the Centennial Scholar and Artist Series.

Spiegelman, author and illustrator of the Pulitzer Prize-winning graphic memoirs, "Maus I: A Survivor's Tale" and "Maus II," is the co-founder and editor of *Raw*, the acclaimed magazine of avant-garde comics and graphics. His work has been published in many periodicals, including the *New Yorker*, the *New York Times*, *Playboy* and the *Village Voice*.

Spiegelman's drawings have been exhibited in museums and galleries, both nationally and internationally. Honors he has received for "Maus" also include a Guggenheim fellowship and a nomination for the National Book Critics Circle Award. He is currently working on his new book, "The Jews Kiss."

His presentation is free and open to the public.



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Litynski lauded by fraternity

Daniel M. Litynski, provost and vice president for academic affairs, was one of five members of the Sigma Phi Epsilon



Litynski

honored in August at that organization's national meeting.

Litynski received the organization's Citation Award, which is "presented to a small, highly select group of alumni who have achieved uncommon

success and stature in their particular professions and fields of endeavor and brought honor to themselves and to their fraternity."

Since the award was first presented in 1965, only 217 members of the fraternity been honored with the citation. They include leaders of some of the nation's largest corporations; political and judicial figures at both the state and national levels; and well-known academics, professional men and entertainers.

Litynski was an undergraduate member of the fraternity at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

Saillant on advisory group

John Saillant, English and history, has been chosen to serve as a member of the History Content Advisory Committee to review test questions for the Michigan Test for Teacher Certification Program. The voluntary committee is responsible for evaluating test questions for fairness and objectivity. All teachers planning to teach history in Michigan must pass the test to be certified by the state.

A member of the WMU faculty since 1997, Saillant is an expert in colonial history, with an emphasis on black abolitionist literature prior to 1830. He has recently written the monograph, "Black Puritan, Black Republican: The Life and Thought of Lemuel Haynes, 1753-1833."

Western News is now online

Each issue of Western News is now available online. A PDF file of this and back issues for the current academic year can be found at <www.wmich.edu/wmu/western-news>. The page also contains a link to a free download of Adobe Reader.



HONORED FOR SERVICE EXCELLENCE—Winners of the 2003 Staff Service Excellence Awards were recognized at a summer luncheon in their honor. President Judith I. Bailey, center, was on hand to congratulate, from left: John Disbro, landscape services; Gail MacNellis, who accepted on behalf of her husband, Paul MacNellis, landscape services, who is serving in Iraq in the National Guard; Sharon Myers, sociology; and Richard Welch, physics. (Photo by Neil Rankin)

Jobs

The following vacancies are currently being posted through the Job Opportunity Program by the Human Resource Services Department. 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 in securing these positions.

Employees may call the Applicant Information Service at 7-3669 to hear the weekly Job Opportunity Program postings, seven days a week, 24 hours a day from a Touch Tone phone.

For persons interested in faculty positions, there are openings in selected fields. A letter of application should be submitted to the appropriate dean or chairperson.

(R) **Assistant/Associate Professor** (tenure track, academic year), I30/I20, theatre, 03/04-4088, 9/8-9/15/03

(R) **Assistant/Associate Professor** (tenure track, academic year), I30/I20, marketing, 03/04-4089, 9/8-9/15/03

(R) **Supervisor Electronics Lab**, 16, physics, 03/04-4090, 9/8-9/15/03

(R) **HRIS Data Clerk**, 12, Human Resources, 03/04-4091, 9/8-9/15/03

R= Replacement

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United Way

WMU's 2003 United Way campaign will kick off Oct. 1, with a goal of raising \$238,000.

Linda Jones, Office of the President, will lead this year's campuswide effort, which is part of the Greater Kalamazoo Area United Way annual event.

Human Resources

TIAA-CREF offers individual counseling appointments

How have your retirement investments weathered the changes in the stock market? Have you made adjustments consistent with your investment goals and risk tolerance?

TIAA-CREF is making it easy for University employees to review their retirement planning and investments with a professional individual consultant. Employees are invited to make a personal, on-campus appointment with consultant Ema Osaki by visiting the TIAA-CREF Web site at <www.tiaa-cref.org/meetings> and following the online prompts. Appointments are available on Sept. 25 and 26, Oct. 29 and 30, Nov. 13 and 14, and Dec. 17 and 18. All appointments will take place in 2100 Seibert Administration Building.

Faculty/Staff Family Day set for Student Rec Center

Faculty and staff should mark their calendars for Friday, Sept. 26, and be ready to take advantage of a Faculty/Staff Family Day scheduled for the Student Recreation Center.

The event, which will take place from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m., is an opportunity to take a tour, receive membership information and use the facilities. Those attending may bring their families and enjoy the swimming pool, climbing wall and third-floor basketball courts as well as the center's tennis and racquetball courts.

There will be refreshments, door prize drawings and goody bags for those who attend.

Icabone named to two-year post as WMU ombudsman

Dona G. Icabone, educational studies, has been named University ombudsman.

Icabone's two-year appointment was effective Sept. 2 and was made pending approval by the University's Board of Trustees at its Sept. 12 meeting.

The move marks a considerably different step in Icabone's 27-year career at WMU. She will leave her teaching duties to help students, faculty and staff in resolving academic and nonacademic concerns.

As ombudsman, Icabone will provide confidential mediation services to settle disputes and help negotiate solutions to problems. She also will serve as an intervention agent, explain and interpret University policies and procedures, and work with the faculty and the administration.



Icabone

Exchange

FOR RENT—Two-bedroom duplex on quiet, dead-end street in Kalamazoo Country Club/Whites Lake area off Oakland Drive. Central air, fireplace. \$600 per month plus all utilities. Call (269) 964-2198.

FOR SALE—1999 Chrysler Concorde. Excellent condition. \$6,200. Call Rich at 7-1850 or (269) 646-3229.

On Campus with Shirley Swift



A REAL RENAISSANCE WOMAN
(Photo by Gail Towns)

Whether she's churning out hundreds of documents daily for professors, or working weekends with jesters, jugglers and swordfighters, Shirley Swift, College of Education, enjoys a challenge.

"I invite diversity into my life," says Swift. "Otherwise, I'd be bored silly."

But there's nothing boring about her.

By day, Swift coordinates support services for the COE, where she oversees a copy center and assists other staff with creative projects.

"It's not uncommon to generate 250,000 copies in a one-month span," says Swift, who came to WMU two years ago. "The biggest challenge is getting everything done on time."

Despite the constant pressure of meeting multiple deadlines, she enjoys her job.

"I really like being able to help people get what they need to teach students in a timely manner," says Swift, who also designs some printed materials for the college and produces its monthly online newsletter.

Beyond work, she is "Shuvani," a weekend gypsy with the Shiabruk Medieval Re-enactment Association.

While entertaining, the group also educates, says Swift.

"It's not just a bunch of adults running around in old costumes," Swift says. "It's a learning experience."

As "Shuvani," she and other participants remain in character at all times when attending Renaissance festivals and performances—even down to eating from wooden plates, drinking from tin cups and shunning the nearest motel for a primitive campsite instead.

"We want to make the historical lessons a positive experience for people," she explains. "If you're going to show people this way of life, then you've got to feel the flavor of it yourself."

Engineering opening

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was financed through a blend of public and private funds, with the state of Michigan providing the initial \$37.5 million. A number of Kalamazoo and regional organizations played significant roles in financing construction, with more than \$20 million in private cash and in-kind gifts supporting the project. The remaining costs were financed through the issuance of bonds. The support of a number of organizations has been noted in named facilities located throughout the building.

- The building's east wing is named for the Irving S. Gilmore Foundation of Kalamazoo.

- The west wing is named for the Kalamazoo Foundation.

- The upstairs lobby is named for National City Corp.-Southwest Michigan.

- The downstairs lobby is named for Borgess Health Alliance.

- Edwin and Mary Meader of Kalamazoo provided funds for the Center for Integrated Design.

- Steelcase Corp. and Custer Office Environments, both of Grand Rapids, Mich., funded the dean's conference room.

- Armstrong International Inc. of Three Rivers, Mich., provided funds for the dean's office complex.

In addition, a plaque in the main lobby of the building notes the support for the development of the entire Parkview Campus project and the money funneled into the effort by private investors through Southwest Michigan First. Taken together, the eight organizations named contributed more than \$16 million toward completion of the project.

Gala

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from what is now Northern Michigan University.

The values Bailey described were: commitment to student access and student success; a belief in collegiality that allows the campus community to share governance and responsibility; the need for community engagement; and an absolute conviction that education has the power to transform lives.

"Western has embraced these values since the first days of Waldo's presidency," Bailey noted. "...Now, as we begin our second century, we need to pull out, dust off and fiercely promote these values if we are to effectively steward the legacy created by our predecessors."

Bailey pointed out a number of other parallels between herself and Waldo, but she jokingly drew the line at emulating Waldo's habit of strolling through Kalamazoo with a parrot on his shoulder.

"Do not expect to see that," she said.

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Calendar

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