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## Western News issue added

An additional issue of *Western News* has been added to the Summer I publication schedule. July 3 is the publication date of the final issue for the 2002-03 academic year.

Publication will resume Aug. 28 at the beginning of the fall semester.

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

## Bailey starts with a gift

President Judith I. Bailey marked her first days in office by formally signing an employment contract and making her first gift to WMU.

Bailey's gift of \$25,000 was made to the Centennial Capital Campaign for WMU: Partnering for Success. That \$125 million campaign is scheduled for completion in December.

## Commencement is June 28

More than 1,400 degrees will be awarded to new graduates in WMU commencement ceremonies Saturday, June 28.

President Judith I. Bailey will preside over two ceremonies in Miller Auditorium, her first since taking leadership of the University.

Beginning at 9 a.m., the first ceremony will include graduates of the Haworth College of Business, General University Studies and the colleges of Education and Fine Arts. The 11:30 a.m. ceremony will include graduates of the colleges of Arts and Sciences, Aviation, Engineering and Applied Sciences, and Health and Human Services.

A total of 1,467 students will receive degrees, including 952 who will earn bachelor's degrees and 515 who will receive graduate degrees.

## Legislature considers \$10 million for WMU center

A \$10 million addition to the University's base funding is being considered by the Michigan Legislature to fund a WMU research center aimed at retaining Pfizer scientists in the state to develop and bring new products to market.

Sen. Tom George announced the news June 11 in Lansing. The proposal was approved that day by the Senate Appropriations Committee as part of the higher education budget. The full Senate approved the measure June 17, and the proposal will be considered next week by the House-Senate conference committees. A final decision on the state's 2003-04 budget is expected in the coming weeks.

If given full legislative approval, the funds will be used to form the Western Michigan University Life Sciences Research and Commercialization Center, the only university research center of its kind in the world.

"I commend the vision and leadership of Sen. George, Rep. Jack Hoogendyk and their colleagues for their efforts to provide the resources to create a world-class life sciences center at Western Michigan University," said WMU President Judith I. Bailey of the initiative. "The Life Sciences Research and Commercialization Center will be instrumental in retaining the scientific talent so essential to furthering our state's position in the life sciences."

Once funded, the center will be immediately formed to serve as an organizational home for displaced Pfizer scientists, as they work to establish new businesses and obtain external funding for their research. The focus will be on retaining those scientists in Michigan to use their expertise for pharmaceutical discovery and commercialization.

The move is a response to the merger earlier this year of Pfizer and Pharmacia. That merger is expected to result in the loss of a number of pharmaceutical research jobs in the state. While the number of research positions that will be lost in Michigan is still unknown, WMU has been working

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## A message from the president

Judith I. Bailey



What a remarkable few days it has been.

Just after Bren and I were warmly welcomed into this community by all of you, we learned that an initiative this University has been working hard to launch may well become a reality. (See story, above.)

From the very early days of the Upjohn Co., until today, this institution has benefited greatly from the existence of the company and its successors in our community. From quality-of-life issues and corporate grants, to the involvement by company executives in University initiatives and research opportunities for our students and faculty, WMU is the

richer for sharing life in Kalamazoo with the pharmaceutical giant.

Now, the state is considering adding \$10 million in funding to help us begin a Life Sciences Research and Commercialization Center. If the center becomes a reality, we will have a chance to do our part to not only continue the Kalamazoo pharmaceutical legacy, but to do so in a way that will pay future dividends to this University.

The center will allow us the luxury of welcoming into our midst a talented group of researchers who will use the seed money to launch promising new research strands in the pharmaceutical arena. Their affiliation with WMU will result in new research partnerships for our already-busy science faculty as well as laboratory opportunities for students—particu-

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# Staff service excellence annual winners named

Four outstanding staff members have been chosen from among 15 candidates to receive the 2003 Staff Service Excellence Annual Award, which comes with a \$1,000 prize.

The winners selected by the Staff Service Excellence Awards Program Selection Committee are: John Disbro, Physical Plant-Landscape Services; Paul MacNellis, Physical Plant-Landscape Services; Sharon Myers, sociology; and Richard H. Welch, physics.

The award is reserved for WMU's most outstanding staff employees, and winners are chosen from among the winners of the semiannual awards of the same name. In addition to the cash prizes, recipients will receive framed certificates and will have their photos displayed in the Siebert Administration Building. A luncheon in their honor is planned for Thursday, July 17.

**Disbro**, a certified arborist, has worked at WMU since 1986. He earned his bachelor's degree in horticulture from Purdue University in 1973. His nominators praised his hard work, expansive knowledge and common sense, lauding him for a variety of volunteer work.

"John is one of the hardest working souls I have ever met," said one supporter. "He is a wealth of information (which I draw from regularly) and the pursuit of excellence is just in his nature."

"Many times his expertise is utilized in landscape designs which I believe are drawn and thought out as good or better than many landscape architects today. John's design talents alone must save WMU thousands of dollars."

Currently away from campus on active duty in the National Guard, **MacNellis** has been a University employee since 1968. He worked his way through the physical plant ranks, earning his bachelor's degree in 1988 and being promoted to his current post as director in 1991. MacNellis was noted for his excellence in organizing, supporting and motivating his staff; dedication to the efficiency and beauty of the campus; and his devotion to the smooth operation of the sculpture tour.

"Paul started with a campus of 'dirt and weeds' and we now have a campus of grass and flowers," wrote one nominator.

"Everyone admires the beauty of our campus and Paul 'goes beyond the pale' to make it so," said another.

**Myers**, a staff member since 1984, worked in psychology and political science before being named office coordinator for the Department of Sociology in 2000. Her nominators applauded her for her budgeting, supply management and space planning skills, as well as for her ability to facilitate positive communication between administrators, faculty and students.

"Sharon's attention to organization, willingness to coordinate and schedule multiple parties, and ability to tackle difficult problems head on are tremendous assets to our units," said one supporter.

"In replacing the department's administrative assistant of almost 30 years, Sharon not only achieved a seamless transition but set the stage for growth with a new chair and a growing turnover in faculty... she maintained the efficiency of past practice while allowing [the chairperson] and the rest of us to put our stamp on the department in a time of change."



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## Supply chain specialists lauded for contributions to journal

In reviewing its 35 years in publication in its spring 2003 issue, the *Journal of Supply Chain Management* took note of the contributions of several Haworth College of Business faculty members.

Richard Plank, marketing, Robert Landeros, management, and Robert Reck, marketing, were all listed among the 20 most productive authors between 1990 and 1999. WMU as a whole ranked number three in the total number of articles submitted during that time, and tied for number four when the journal looked at contributors over its entire 35-year history.

## Fort St. Joseph project lands state preservation honor

Gov. Jennifer Granholm recently applauded the work of WMU researchers in their efforts to document Fort St. Joseph, a 300-year-old site near Niles, Mich., that served as a mission, military post and trading center.

The project, led by Michael Nassaney and William Cremin, anthropology, earned the Governor's Award for Historic Preservation. This award is in its first year and recognizes those working to preserve Michigan's past.

The project, which is the focus of the newly released "In Search of Fort St. Joseph" documentary by WMU Media Production, also involves the City of Niles and Support the Fort Inc. and has been ongoing since about 1998.

## Free HIV counseling, testing to be offered June 27

The Sindecuse Health Center will be offering free anonymous HIV counseling and testing to all WMU students, faculty and staff on June 27 in conjunction with the ninth National HIV Testing Day sponsored by the National Association of People with AIDS. Anyone who has had unprotected sex or shared needles should consider testing.

The day's theme, "Take the Test, Take Control," encourages people to learn about their HIV status so they may obtain appropriate care and treatment. Sindecuse offers the OraSure oral mucosal transudate test, an alternative to the standard blood test. Only those being tested learn the results.

To schedule an appointment or learn more about HIV counseling or testing, call 7-4HIV.

## 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 Professor** (annual year term appointment, ends 8/1/04), I30, College of Fine Arts, 02/03-4000, 6/17-6/23/03

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R= Replacement

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## Exchange

**FOR SALE**—Wooden entertainment center, \$250; tall pantry cabinet, \$40; tall open book cabinet, \$30. Call 7-8417 or 584-1755.

**FOR SALE**—Medicine cabinet, never used, 36 inches wide by 30 inches high by 4 inches deep. White, frameless, beveled glass, tri-mirror front. Asking \$75. Call Jim at 372-8110 or 375-4323.

**FOR SALE**—Home at 6210 Devon St. in Portage. Tri-level, two-car garage, new kitchen floor and tile, oak floors on both levels, and new "Precision Builders" windows. Asking price is \$149,500. Ready for showing 6/21/03. Call 7-3233 or 342-7952.

**FOR RENT**—Studio apartment in Paris. Modern, furnished, one central room (living, bedroom, kitchen) plus large bathroom and shower. Ideal for a couple. Quiet, convenient location in east-central Paris, five minutes from metro and the East Rail Station (Gare de l'Est) and 12 minutes from the North (Gare du Nord). Walking distance to many museums, theaters. Canal St. Martin, five minutes away. \$350 per week, reduction for longer stays. Call 342-0600.

## Obituary

**Joseph "Art" Jevett**, emeritus in health, physical education and recreation, died June 5 in Kalamazoo. He was 73.



Jevett

Jevett, who retired in 1989 after more than 26 years, served in a variety of positions at the University, including athletic business manager, administrative assistant for athletics and director of intramural sports. He also taught and coached at the high school level in Wisconsin and in the Kalamazoo area and organized numerous state high school tournament events in basketball, wrestling and track.

The Chicago native earned a bachelor's degree at Wisconsin State University, a master's degree from WMU and a doctoral degree from Indiana University. He was active in a number of state and national organizations.

Memorial contributions may be made in Jevett's name to the WMU Gary Fund.

## Service

The following employees will be recognized for 30, 25, 20, 15, 10 and five years of service to the University during July.

**30 years**—Yat-Lam Hong, music; M. Jamie Jeremy, Office of Alumni Relations; and W. Wilson Woods, international affairs.

**25 years**—Rita A. Franks, University Libraries; Glenn D. Hall, industrial and manufacturing engineering; Robert L. Johnson, information technology; Vonceal L. Phillips, Office of Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs; and Paul E. Ponchillia, blindness and low vision studies.

**20 years**—Stephanie Armstrong, Center for Academic Support Programs; Joyce A. Fitzstephens, University Counseling and Testing Center; and Joan E. O'Bryan, information technology.

**15 years**—Margurite (Gretta) Clay, human resources; Delores J. Minshall, information technology; Gail A. Orta, marketing; and Roger Y. Tang, accountancy.

**10 years**—Delores J. Huber, Mallinson Institute for Science Education; Cornelius W. Medendorp, physical plant-maintenance service; W. Bryan Stauffer, Sindecuse Health Center; Elizabeth R. Steele, geosciences; and Matthew T. Stoops, paper engineering, chemical engineering and imaging.

**Five years**—Mary A. Choker, Development Office; Mary A. Cutler, College of Arts

## Miller advance ticket specials available for faculty, staff

Faculty and staff ticket packages are on sale now for the 2003-04 season at Miller Auditorium, with prices starting as low as \$82 for a subscription that includes all five Broadway shows scheduled for the season.

Highlights of the upcoming season, which was recently announced, include the Broadway hit "Mamma Mia!," "Riverdance," and appearances by Vicki Lawrence, Michael Bolton and David Copperfield.

Faculty and staff members will receive Miller's Early Bird Brochure and order form through campus mail this week. Faculty and staff members get a special discount for subscribing early, plus 15% off the total order as a WMU employee benefit. After July, they will still receive their 15% discount, but special early bird discounts will no longer be available.

Single tickets go on sale August 16.

Call Miller at 7-2300 for additional information about special offers and benefits for subscribers.

and Sciences; Kurt Haenicke, College of Health and Human Services; Tracee L. Hybel, Sindecuse Health Center; Lisa Joy Jackson, physical plant-building custodial and support services; Glen P. Langworthy, College of Aviation; Robert J. Leneway, teaching, learning and leadership; Richard G. Long, blindness and low vision studies; William E. Pease, music; Alan D. Rhoderick, physical plant-maintenance services; Mary Swart, Extended University Programs; Laura M. Thomas, Registrar's Office; Janice P. Varasteh, teaching, learning and leadership; Gary L. Wegenke, College of Education.

## June 24 reception to honor Edwards' return to faculty

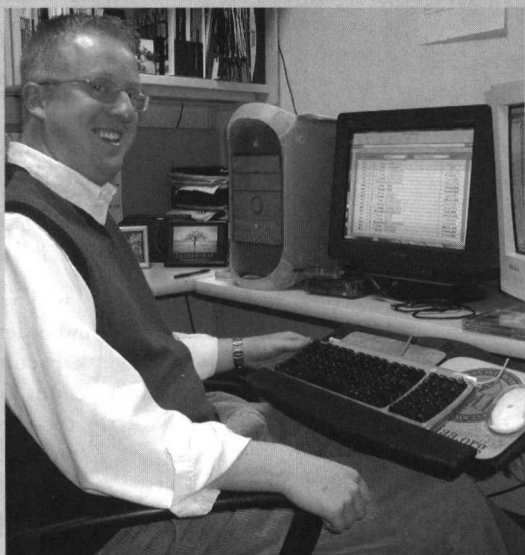
The Department of Finance and Commercial Law invites the University community to a reception honoring Adrian "Ed" Edwards as he returns to the faculty. The event is set for 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 24, in 2150 Schneider.

For the past 11 years, Edwards has served as department chairperson and head of the finance area for the Haworth College of Business.



# On Campus

with Scott Kuykendall



HE'S GOT GAME.  
(Photo by Thom Myers)

When Bronco fans tune in to sportscasters spouting statistics and giving game analysis, few realize that much of what they hear is the work of Scott Kuykendall, intercollegiate athletics.

That's because the assistant media relations director is almost always behind the scenes doing whatever it takes to promote WMU athletics.

"It's not a nine-to-five job," says the University of Wisconsin-Platteville graduate who has been at WMU for about four years. "Sometimes you'll work a game at home on Wednesday night, and leave Friday morning headed to Ohio or Marshall. That night, you might be on a bus headed back."

Kuykendall's turf includes men's basketball, men's soccer, women's soccer, gymnastics, women's golf and softball.

Juggling them is not easy.

"They all have their challenges, but the biggest job is trying to promote them all and promote them well," says Kuykendall, who occasionally finds time for racquetball or a round of golf. "When most people think of us, they tend to think of media guides and sports publications—things they can see."

"We also maintain stats, assist the crews that work at events, meet special media needs, set up press conferences, and more. When questions come up, it's up to us to get that information and relay as many positives as we can."

That extends to preparing student athletes to represent the University, he says. "Our job is to recognize everything they do, including academics and community service."

## A message from President Bailey

larly graduate students, for whom the center could be a magnet.

For instance, our new master's program in molecular biotechnology, which provides training in high throughput screening techniques, was designed specifically to prepare scientists for the pharmaceutical industry and its drug discovery regimen. Having some of that drug discovery take place here on campus could be invaluable for a program like this.

In short, this center could serve to add yet another research area for which this University enjoys international renown. I have been amazed at the number of such specialty areas that WMU already boasts. From medieval studies and creative writing to paper engineer-

ing, evaluation and psychology, the caliber of our programs is incredible. Now we have the opportunity to add pharmaceutical research to the mix. Great universities like this one are made up of such outstanding programs. They are also eager to venture into new areas of inquiry important to both the future of academia and the benefit of humankind.

To be sure, there is an economic development angle to this initiative, and we all know how important it is to our home community to keep these highly educated and involved workers in Southwest Michigan. That is certainly an important element in this initiative. But this is, first and foremost, an academic institution, and we must first

assess any opportunity in terms of how it helps advance our core mission of educating students and adding to the body of knowledge. The Life Sciences Research Center does both.

This is an idea that has been quietly in the works for many weeks and has involved our best administrators in difficult negotiations. It's no longer in the quiet stage of discussion. It's now a real possibility. Please join me in both celebrating and actively supporting this wonderful new opportunity.

## APA scholarship awarded

The Administrative Professional Association's 2003 scholarship has been awarded to Adam Mintz, the son of Donald L. Mintz, telecommunications. The \$500 award provides financial assistance for children of APA members who are attending WMU.

Recipients are selected in a random annual drawing during APA's May general membership meeting. For more information, call Melinda Lockett, health and human services, at 7-2656.

## State

with Kalamazoo officials to develop strategies to keep many of the firm's top researchers in the Kalamazoo community, by providing the support they need to launch new businesses or develop promising new research strands that can be commercialized.

"If the legislation is passed as recommended,

it provides base funding, which means continuous funding to the center," said Jack Luderer, vice president for research. "This level of funding stability is absolutely necessary in order to have the ability to retain these scientists, many of whom have lucrative offers to leave the state."

online Calendar

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