Litynski will detail impact of budget cuts for state legislators

WMU Interim President Daniel Litynski will testify Wednesday, April 2, in Lansing, Mich., during a hearing called by the House Appropriations Committee to discuss the budget for the next fiscal year.

The event, set for 10:30 a.m. in the House Appropriations Committee Room of the Michigan Capitol, is the third in a series of hearings held by the subcommittee to allow university presidents an opportunity to outline their institutions' needs and react to appropriations cuts proposed earlier this month by Gov. Jennifer Granholm. Litynski will appear as a panelist, which also will include the presidents of Grand Valley State, Lake Superior State and Wayne State universities and the University of Michigan-Flint.

The governor has proposed a 10 percent cut to state appropriations for higher education for the 2003-04 fiscal year, a move that would result in a loss of more than $11.5 million in state aid for WMU.

Trustees slated to meet Friday

The WMU Board of Trustees will consider giving final approval for two new doctoral degree programs as well as a new concentration in an existing doctoral program when it meets at 11 a.m. Friday, March 28.

Meeting in the Connable Board Room at the Bernhard Center, trustees also will consider approval of a new graduate certificate program, implementation of a new undergraduate major and consolidation of a number of international area studies programs into a single interdisciplinary undergraduate major. In addition, the board will consider changes to the University's parking fine schedule, a recommendation to award an honorary degree in April and a number of routine business items.

The meeting of the full board of trustees will be preceded by meetings of its two standing committees in 204 Bernhard Center Friday. The Budget and Finance Committee will meet at 9:30 a.m. and the Academic and Student Affairs Committee will begin at 10:30 a.m.

March madness includes MAC honors for Bronco hoosters

WMU's women's basketball team defeated Ball State University, 81-76, March 15 before 3,057 fans at Cleveland's Gund Arena to win its first Mid-America Conference title since 1985. Sophomore guards Casey Root of St. Johns, Mich., and Maria Jiljan of Dearborn, Mich., were named to the all-tournament team. Root was also selected as the tournament's most valuable player. She scored a team-high 20 points in the Broncos' championship win and a tournament-best 80 points in the four-game conference playoffs.

WMU earned an automatic berth in the NCAA tournament and traveled to Stanford University, where the Broncos were defeated in the first round, 82-66, by ninth-ranked Stanford March 22. The Broncos' overall season record of 20-12 was the third 20-win season in program history and the first since 1977-78.

WMU shares grant for research on sensors that detect chemical, biological weapons

WMU and Nevada's Altair Nanotechnologies Inc. will share $1 million in federal funding for joint research aimed at the development of nanosensors to detect chemical and biological weapons and an agent that can be used for the breakdown and concentration of radioactive nuclei. The approximately $1 million grant, for which WMU applied, was approved through President Bush's recent signing of the fiscal 2003 Omnibus Appropriations Bill and should be available by the end of April. Altair and WMU will utilize the funds equally, according to WMU's Subba Muralidharan, chemistry and director of the University's Nanotechnology Research and Computation Center. WMU and Altair also are pursuing additional grants worth $1 million or more per year.

"The monies will fund two related programs," says Altair President Rudi E. Moerck. "Nanosensor development for the detection of chemical, nuclear and biological weapons should have significant use for national defense applications and homeland security programs, while the remediation agent uniquely addresses the on-site reduction of radioactive waste." Moerck says his company's partnering agreement with WMU, "presents an ideal venue to showcase our proprietary nanomaterial technologies." In addition to partnering with WMU, Altair plans to work with the University of Nevada, Reno, for testing and analysis assistance as part of the development program. "This funding is a big win for Western Michigan University," said Rep. Fred Upton. "It will allow WMU to continue to be the leader in nanoscience research, important research investigating problems in biotechnology, national security and environmental areas. Our nation's emphasis upon homeland security makes this funding that much more crucial to WMU's studies. I will continue working in Congress to ensure Western Michigan receives the federal funding that it so deserves." It's important to note, Muralidharan points out, that Altair is one of a few companies with the technology and capacity to economically manufacture large quantities of titanium dioxide nanomaterials, whose capacity will enhance development of nanosensors for detecting chemical and biological weapons and other sophisticated civilian applications. "We evaluated potential research program partners stringently, as our success depends on their capabilities," Muralidharan says. "Altair's proprietary titanium dioxide nanoparticles exhibited the ability to maintain their integrity in extreme environments. We believe these nanoparticles, when melded with our technology, will allow the creation of nanosensors which, when dispersed on military vehicles or military and security uniforms, could quickly sense the presence of warfare agents and instantaneously alert a control center." These same titanium dioxide nanoparticles can be formed in large-surface disposal systems and conjugated with our proprietary molecules," Muralidharan says. The molecules will be used to concentrate radioactive nuclei in nuclear fuel and high-level radioactive waste on site, reducing the volume of such waste. With nanotechnology rapidly emerging as a unique industry sector, Altair Nanotechnologies is positioning itself to become a leading supplier of nanomaterial technology and nanomaterials worldwide. Altair owns a proprietary technology for making nanocrystalline materials of unique quality both economically and in large quantities. The company is currently developing special nanomaterials with potential applications in pharmaceuticals, batteries, fuel cells, solar cells, advanced energy storage devices, thermal spray coatings, catalysts, cosmetics, paints and environmental remediation.

U.S. government tapping WMU physics professor's knowledge of Iraq

The gravity of world events has thrust Emanuel Kamber, physics, into a new dimension.

Murmurian takes to giving classroom lectures on the science of matter and energy, the Iraqi exile has been called upon by the U.S. Department of State to help lay the groundwork for post-war Iraq. A member and deputy chairman of the Iraqi National Council, Kamber has been helping the U.S. government plan for rebuilding Iraq since last June.

His state department activities have taken him around the world, including trips to Great Britain, Italy and in early March to Washington D.C., where he was part of a group that met with Vice President Dick Cheney, National Security Advisor Condoleeza Rice and Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld. On March 3, he was also part of a panel presentation at the American Enterprise Institute on the topic of "Constitutional Issues and Federalism: Ethnicity and Justice in Post-Saddam Iraq." At the same time, Kamber's work has made him a source for such leading media outlets as the British Broadcasting Service and the Boston Globe.

An Assyrian Christian—an Iraqi ethnic group numbering about 2 million—Kamber says it is vital that Iraq build a constitutional government that recognizes civil rights and equality for all citizens. "What we hope for is an Iraqi government that is based on the rule of law," Kamber says. "I think that's very important. We don't want another general controlling Iraq. We don't want to have another military dictatorship." Born in Iraq, Kamber has not returned to his homeland since 1980. He says many people in Iraq support removing Saddam Hussein from power, by force if necessary. A former political prisoner, Kamber has witnessed Hussein's brutality firsthand. He continued on page 4
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Prospective teachers invited to participate in placement event

A variety of job opportunities for teachers will be showcased during the 15th Annual Teacher Placement Day from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. April 1 in the Bernhard Center’s East Ballroom.

The event, which is free and open to the public, is designed to recruit those who want to work in K-12 educational systems for the 2003-04 academic school year. No pre-registration is required.

Sponsored by the Kalamazoo Public Schools and the Michigan Educational Employees Mutual Insurance Co., Employee rent-a-car, and WMU’s Office of the Registrar, Career and Student Employment Services, the event featuring the school will be dressed in appropriate interview attire and bring a sufficient supply of resumes to distribute to employers.

HOBC breakfast lecture Friday

West Michigan firms can become stronger and more competitive by adapting supply chain management strategies, according to a WMU expert who will speak at the Hawsworth College of Business Friday, March 28.

Tom Vedder, a management and director of the Grand Rapids MBA program, will present “Supply Chain Management: Strategies for Competitiveness at West Michigan Firms” as part of the Keynote Community Bank Breakaway Series. The presentation, which includes a continental breakfast, begins at 7 a.m. in room 1300.

Nominations are requested and can be made by calling the business dean’s office at 7-2356.

Take Back the Night on April 2

A Take Back the Night rally and march will conclude WMU’s observance of Sexual Assault Awareness Week, which runs from March 31 through April 4.

The rally will begin at 5 p.m. Wednesday, April 2, in Bernhard Center. Several WMU students will perform during the event, which will be followed by a march to the Goldworthy Pond and a “speak-out” for those who wish to share how they have been personally affected by abuse, rape or other forms of violence.

Details about the communitywide rally and several other Sexual Assault Awareness Week events can be found online at the WMU News Web site.

For more information about any or other campus events, visit the WMU News Web site.

Jabbeh Wesley set to do April 1 reading at Lee Honors College

Panica Jabbeh Wesley, English, will present a reading at 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 1, in the Lee Honors College. The reading is free and open to the public.

Wesley has a newly released prize-winning collection of poems, “Becoming,” which was published in the Missouri Review in 1998.

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Around the Campus

Food industry executives to meet on campus

Continued consolidation, the growing power of superstores, the economy and the impact of excessive cost-cutting measures will be among the hot topics at WMU’s 10th annual Food Marketing Conference.

"An Industry in Transformation: What Lies Ahead" will take place Monday and Tuesday, March 31 and April 1, at WMU’s Bernhard Center.

More than 500 food industry executives from around the nation are expected at the conference, which opens with on-site registration at 4 p.m. Monday and concludes Tuesday at 3 p.m.

The event’s featured speakers include Greg Engles, chairman and CEO of Dean Foods Co.; Tim Hammonds, president and standing Professional and Tony Griffin, scholarship and program operations.

APPA calls for nominations for annual awards, accepting applications for $500 scholarship

The Administrative Professional Association is seeking nominations for its annual Outstanding New Professional, Outstanding Professional and Tony Griffin Scholarship awards as well as the APPA endowed scholarships.

Nominations are due Friday, April 4, for the awards and Friday, May 9, for the scholarship.

More information and nomination forms are available online at the APPA Web site, www.wmich.edu/appa, by visiting the “Latest News” page and clicking on the “APPA Scholarship” link, which features a PDF document that includes nomination forms for the awards and the scholarship.

The $500 APPA Scholarship provides financial assistance for children of APPA members who attend WMU. This year’s recipient will be selected in a random drawing that will take place during the May 21 general membership meeting.

All scholarship and award nominations should be returned to Melinda Lockett, health and human services, by campus mail, fax: 7-2683; or e-mail, melinda.lockett@wmich.edu.

Library to be ‘hoppin’ April 4

Waldo Library will be hopping on the Arts Council of Greater Kalamazoo’s Art Hop, Friday, April 4.

This is the first time the library has participated in the monthly Art Hop. Art enthusiasts are welcome to visit the library from 5 to 9 p.m. and view pieces from the Dowrt B. Waldo Arts and Culture Collection, part of the University’s Permanent Art Collection.

The event is free and features new art exhibits in a casual, comfortable atmosphere. Numerous Kalamazoo galleries, businesses and community organizations display a variety of artwork, and people can hop from one exhibit to the next.

The University’s Native American Art Office is coordinating this year’s spirit drum, opening all grand entries and corn on April 30. The pow-wow will be held at the Snake Island Pow-Wow at WMU from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and at 1 p.m. Sunday.

Dancers also can be seen throughout the weekend performances, and pow-wows will be among the hot topics at WMU’s spring contest Pow-Wow to be held March 29-30 in the South Ballroom of the Bernhard Center.

The heritage of American Indians will be celebrated through song and dance during the annual Native American Contest Pow-Wow at WMU from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, March 29 and 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, March 30, in University Arena.

Now in its 14th year, the spring contest pow-wows attracts more than 4,500 visitors and hundreds of American Indian singers, dancers and drummers to WMU’s campus throughout the weekend.

The pow-wows are intended to invite attendees to the event, which features spectacular regalia, drumming, dancing and a candle-lit “speak-out” for those participating.

Admission to the event is $7 for adults, $5 for senior citizens and children ages 5 to 17 and $5 for children under age 5 and WMU students with valid student IDs. Family price packages also are available.

High school students invited to participate in placement event...
On Campus

Much has changed since Carolyn Cardwell, counselor education and counseling psychology, joined the department in 1978. The number of people in the program has boomed, students today meet in 10 times as many hours for their practicum and coursework requirements are more demanding than ever. But one thing never changes.

"Time," says Cardwell, the administrative assistant for a department of 18 locally members and more than 600 graduate students. "That’s my biggest challenge. There’s never enough time in an eight-hour day."

On any given day, Cardwell may track down data for an accreditation agency, take telephone calls from prospective graduate students or work on the department’s budget. She also assists with dissertation evaluations, registration scheduling and budget meetings, and she draws out of a database of graduate students.

Although her job keeps her very busy, Cardwell enjoys working with and being around WMU’s students.

“I’ve always liked the university atmosphere,” she says. “And I’ve always looked forward to fall and the new students it brings. Her work with students began in the 1970s when she came to WMU as an auditor on the planning for being a counselor major. Cardwell says of her husband, Keith. The two met when he was helping the department’s advisor program. Her persistence paid off. The couple has been together since 1986.

For the past 10 years, they’ve been helping their circa 1920 firm home in Kalamazoo. And when they’re not painting, building or installing something, the two spend time cultivating roses.

Cardwell, who loves a good book and crochets, also does data on her dog and three cats.

WMUK scores Keillor, Prairie Home Companion, set for June 21

“A Prairie Home Companion” with Garrison Keillor will be heard in Kalamazoo for one live performance Saturday, June 21, beginning at 5:45 p.m. The program is presented by WMUK, 102.1 FM, WMU’s public radio station.

Ticket information will be mailed to contributors to WMUK the week of April 21. Remaining tickets will go on sale to the public May 5.

With a goal of $158,000, WMUK’s Spring Pledge Drive runs from Saturday, March 29 to Friday, April 4. Members of the station’s 102.1 Club and other donors who make a pledge by April 4 will automatically be placed on a Prairie Home Companion ticket information mailing list.

Members of the 102.1 Club who usually make their donation in the fall are asked to fill in their pledge card and indicate that they would like to make their payment in the fall.

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A key to rebuilding the country quickly will be minimizing the impact of the current war, both on Iraq's infrastructure and its people, Kamber says. "We call on the coalition forces to make every effort to minimize civilian casualties and damage to the infrastructure during the operation," he says. "That is very important, because when you go to rebuild Iraq, it will be much easier if there is little damage, but not that much. If you destroy the power stations and bridges and every

4.3 Thursday

Darden Convocation Series, Student Musicale, selected student performances, Darden Convocation Recital Hall, 1 p.m.

Softball vs. Toledo (doubleheader), Eberl Field, 2 p.m.

Rally, march, candlelight vigil, "Take Back the Night," program of live music, dramatic readings, and personal testimonies, begins in 208 Bernhard Recital Hall, candlelight vigil concludes at 10 p.m. at Goldsworth Valley Pond.

Concert, WMU Chamber Orchestra, Darden Convocation Recital Hall, 8:15 p.m.

4.3 Friday

Horn 'N Gong Night, Chinese buffet dinner and entertainment, East Ballroom, Bernhard Center, 6 p.m.

Concert, WMU Symphonic Band and All-Star Band from the Conference on World Music and Percussion Music, Miller Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.

4.4 Saturday

Concert, "Women's Chorus Festival," featuring women's choruses from Grand Valley State University, Michigan State University, and WMU, Darden Convocation Recital Hall, 7 p.m.

4.5 Sunday

Concert, "Faculty Follies," Dalton Center Recital Hall, 8 p.m.

4.6 Monday

Concert, University Trombone Choir, presenting a varied program of music, dramatic readings, and personal testimonies, begins in 208 Bernhard Recital Hall, 8:15 p.m.

4.10 Thursday

Concert, OCIL directed by Kelly Ann Westgate, Darden Convocation Recital Hall, 8:15 p.m.

4.9 Wednesday

Darden Convocation Series, Arkady Shilkloper, jazz horn, former member of the Bolshoi Theatre orchestra, Darden Convocation Recital Hall, 1 p.m.

Economics lecture, "Unsolved problems in methods of revealed preference," Kenneth McConnell, University of Maryland, Werner Sichel Lecture Series, 3508 Knauss Hall, 3 p.m.

Softball vs. Indiana-Purdue Fort Wayne, Sorensen Courts, 10 a.m.

Women's tennis vs. Ball State, Sorensen Courts, 1 p.m.

Men's tennis vs. Florida State, Sorensen Courts, 1 p.m.

Women's tennis vs. Florida State, Sorensen Courts, 3 p.m.

Concert, "Vocal Jazz Festival" featuring Gold Company, Dalton Center Recital Hall, 8 p.m.

*Concert, flutist Sir James Galway, Miller Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.

*Concert, world premiere of Fred Hersch's "Leaves of Grass" with Kurt Elling, Norma Winstone and other artists, Dalton Center Recital Hall, 8:15 p.m.

*Performance, "A Flea in Her Ear," University Theatre, Shaw Theatre, April 5-10 and 12-13, 8 p.m., April 6, 2 p.m.

*Concert, Faculty recital, "Faculty Follies," Dalton Center Recital Hall, 8:15 p.m.

*Performance, "Native American Contest Pow Wow" (through March 30), University Theatre, Multiform Theatre, 8 p.m.

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**New high-tech rooms sport wide variety of features to aid faculty**

It's technology so simple that even a president can use it.

That's what WMU Interim President David Livolsi self-scruffily said at a Monday open house for new high-tech classrooms built on several technology upgrades to 13 general purpose classrooms around campus.

Clubs had first held Jan. 6 in the renovated classrooms, which feature such amenities as LCD projectors, laptop projections, VCRs and DVD play backs, capabilities, and document cameras. Touch-screen controls reduce the amount of time a faculty member must spend using the technology to troubleshoot.

Part of an ongoing Classroom Technology Initiative, the upgrades were a joint undertaking of the Provost's Office and the Office of Information Technology.

"Technology is becoming more embedded in the education process," says Brad Morgan, assistant director of faculty support in OIT. "We consulted with the faculty to come up with the best possible design based on their criteria. By getting the users involved early in the planning stage, we've found success with the end product — that's why everyone seems to be so happy."

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