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## 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 Subcommittee on Higher Education.

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 part of a panel, 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 \$12.5 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. 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 hoopsters

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-American Conference title since 1985.

Sophomore guards Casey Rost of St. Johns, Mich., and Maria Jilian of Dearborn, Mich., were named to the all-tournament team. Rost 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-record 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 nuclides.

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 Subra 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."

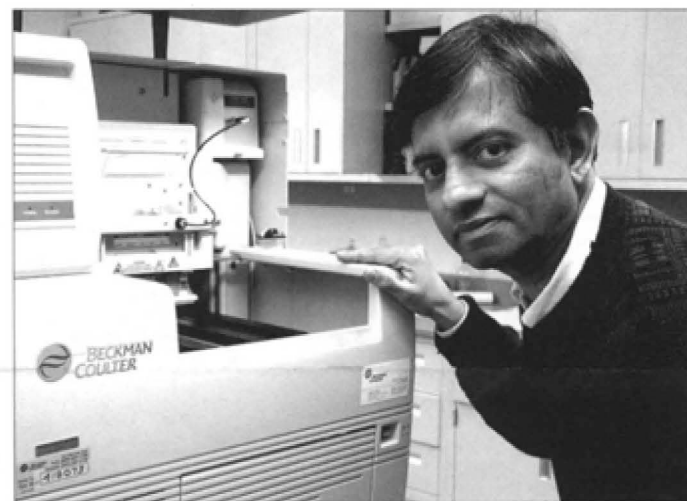
It's important to note, Muralidharan points out, that Altair is one of a few companies with the technology and capacity to economically manufacture large quantities of titanium dioxide nanoparticles. Such capacity will enhance development of nanosensors for detecting chemical and biological weapons and 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 delivery systems and conjugated with our proprietary molecules," Muralidharan says. The molecules will be used to concentrate radioactive nuclides 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



Muralidharan in his nanotechnology laboratory (photo by Thom Myers)

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.

More accustomed 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 Iraq 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 Condoleezza 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

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### FLIGHT OF FANCY—

A team of WMU students will travel to a beach near Kitty Hawk, N.C., next week to test their paper wings and celebrate the centennial of flight. Faculty member David Peterson, second from left, is shown here with seniors (L-R) Ben Hansen, pilot Greg Smith and Ryan Lentini, who are among eight WMU paper science students assembling a hang glider with a paper sail to compete against nine other colleges and universities April 5 in an event sponsored by the U.S. Department of Energy as part of the 100th anniversary celebration of the Wright brothers' first successful flight. (Photo by Cheryl Roland)



# Around the Campus

## 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. Tuesday, April 8, 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.

Sponsors for this year's fair include the Michigan Educational Employees Mutual Insurance Co., Enterprise rent-a-car, and WMU's College of Education and Career and Student Employment Services office.

Those attending the event should be dressed in appropriate interview attire and bring a sufficient supply of resumes to distribute to employers.

## HCOB breakfast lecture Friday

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

Tom Scannell, management and director of the Grand Rapids MBA program, will present "Supply Chain Management: Strengthening the Capabilities of West Michigan Firms" as part of the Keystone Community Bank Breakfast Series. The presentation, which includes a continental breakfast, will begin at 7 a.m. in 2150 Schneider. Reservations are required and can be made by calling the business dean's office at 7-5050.

## 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 8 p.m. Wednesday, April 2, in 208 Bernhard Center. Several WMU students will perform during the event, which will be followed by a march to the Goldsworth Valley Pond and a candle-lit "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 these or any other campus events, visit the WMU News Web site at [www.wmich.edu/wmu/news](http://www.wmich.edu/wmu/news).

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

Patricia 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 Ebony," from Southern Illinois University Press. Her 1998 book, "Before the Palm Could Bloom," was published by WMU's New Issues Press. That collection of poetry tells of her experiences in the Liberian civil war.

## Students in the College of Arts and Sciences to present research

WMU's mission as a "student centered research university" will be highlighted Friday, March 28, when some of the University's brightest will be on hand to present their research projects at the Arts and Science Research Celebration at 3 p.m. in the South Ballroom of the Bernhard Center.

Posters will be presented by winners of the Monroe Brown Foundation Award and the Research and Creative Activities Award, two programs that give students the opportunity to participate with faculty mentors in professional activities outside the classroom.

## Annual Native American Contest Pow-Wow to be held March 29-30

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 9 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-wow attracts more than 4,500 visitors and hundreds of American Indian singers, dancers and traders to WMU's campus during the weekend. The public is invited to attend the event, which features spectacular regalia, drumming, dancing, singing, food and artwork as well as Native American dance competitions.

This year's pow-wow, "Honoring Past, Present and Future Generations," is an "open drum" with a variety of drum groups participating. It is being sponsored by the Native American Student Organization,

## Library to be 'hoppin' April 4

Waldo Library will be a stop 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 Dwight B. Waldo Native American Art Collection, part of the University's Permanent Art Collection.

Art Hop is a free event that features new art exhibits in a fun, casual 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 Collection grew out of a movement in the late 1920s to establish a museum collection. President Waldo, a Native American art enthusiast and collector of Abraham Lincoln artifacts, was a driving force behind the movement.

Native American beadwork and apparel items will be on display on the first floor of the library, while the second floor will feature paintings, a rug and a basket, among other items. In addition to these pieces, several items from the Waldo and Lincoln collections will be on display on the library's third floor, where refreshments also will be served.

Division of Multicultural Affairs and Office of Admissions and Orientation.

Snake Island will serve as the "host drum," opening all grand entries and concluding the pow-wow ceremony. The grand entries, which feature dancers, singers, drummers and flag bearers, are the only time all dancers are on the floor together. They will take place at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday and at 1 p.m. Sunday.

Dancers also can be seen throughout the weekend performing in categorical dance competitions and inter-tribal dances. In addition, pow-wow memorabilia, traditional foods, and Native American jewelry and arts and crafts will be on sale.

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

## 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 38th 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 Gregg Engles, chairman and CEO of Dean Foods Co.; Tim Hammonds, president and

CEO of the Food Marketing Institute; Bill Shaner, executive vice president and chief operating officer of Save-A-Lot Stores; and Greg Duppler, senior vice president and general merchandise manager for Target Consumables.

The conference is sponsored by WMU's Food Marketing Program in the Haworth College of Business and by Sigma Phi Omega. All proceeds support food marketing scholarships and program operations.

The cost to attend the conference both days is \$325, and single-day registration is also available. Reservations and detailed information can be obtained by calling 7-2132, or participants may register on site.

## APA 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 Service awards as well as the APA endowed scholarship. 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 APA Web site, [www.wmich.edu/apa](http://www.wmich.edu/apa), by visiting the "Latest News" page and clicking on the "APA Scholarship" link, which features a

PDF document that includes nomination forms for the awards and the scholarship.

The \$500 APA Scholarship provides financial assistance for children of APA 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](mailto:melinda.lockett@wmich.edu).

## HPER's Frauenknecht, Liu made fellows in research consortium

Two WMU associate professors have been named research fellows by the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance Research Consortium.

Marianne Frauenknecht and Yuanlong Liu, health, physical education and recreation, join the ranks of about 375 researchers who have achieved fellow status, one of the most prestigious honors the Research Consortium can bestow on a member.

As fellows, Frauenknecht and Liu may hold elected office in the Research Consortium, serve on selection committees for honors, awards and grants; vote on governance matters; and serve on the editorial board of the *Research Quarterly for Exercise and Sport*.

The AAHPERD Research Consortium is made up of about 4,000 research scholars who contribute to and promote research in the disciplines of health, physical education, recreation and dance. AAHPERD's 26,000 members represent six national associations.

## Cobb back from Portugal visit

Trudy Cobb, dance, recently returned from Portugal, where she was a visiting artist through an exchange program with dance faculty from the Technical University of Lisbon.

This is the first exchange of its kind for WMU's Department of Dance. Portuguese dance professors Ana Macara and Ana Paula Batalha visited WMU Jan. 8-10. Both are professors at Faculdade de Motricidade de Humana - Universidade Tecnica de Lisboa (College of Human Movement of the Technical University of Lisbon). While here, they worked extensively with WMU students.

In addition to teaching jazz technique classes, Cobb, who was in Portugal March 1-15, conducted several workshops, one of which was open to the community and students. She also assisted faculty with planning for an upcoming international conference and with English translation of their newly revised curriculum.

Cobb met the Portuguese professors at a 1998 conference for which the two were hosts. Plans for an exchange were laid during a subsequent conference in summer 2000 in Washington, D.C.

"We were surprised we got the exchange to work in the same academic year," Cobb says. "We would like to continue to have a longer, ongoing exchange and begin involving our students. We're now trying to make this happen."

## Che plans to present ecotourism research at Rutgers conference

Deborah Che, geography, is one of 11 scholars nationwide selected to participate in "Political Ecology at Home," a conference sponsored by Rutgers University.

The conference will explore new developments applying political ecological concepts normally used to study environmental problems in the Third World to similar issues in advanced industrialized countries. Research themes include land tenure and resource access, property disputes, communal and local management, environmental justice, natural resource dependence, and environmental protection.

Che will present research on ecotourism development in northwestern Pennsylvania, an area whose forests are dominated by successional hardwood species that thrived following industrial clearcutting 100 years ago.



Che



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## Service

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

**30 years**—Rodney Wade, physical plant-building custodial and support services.

**25 years**—Carol L. Farrance, WMU Apartments; Michael P. McDonnell, University Libraries; Michele C. McLaughlin, English.

**20 years**—Patricia M. Guenther, business development services; Janice J. Van Der Kley, business and finance.

**15 years**—Francine L. Adams, information technology; John M. Barney, physical plant-utilities; Mary J. Grant, political science; Willie J. Harrell, physical plant-maintenance services; Hans J. Kruissel, physical plant-maintenance services; Elaine C. Potgiesser, cashiering; Yvonne R. Rumery, information technology; Richard A. Santman, physical plant-maintenance services; Barney Stockwell, physical plant-maintenance services; Albert C. Whitlock, physical plant-maintenance services.

**10 years**—Mary L. Brooks, blindness and low vision studies; Dale A. Hagens, physical plant-utilities; David A. Locke, physical plant-maintenance services; Dawn M. Nelson, financial aid; William G. Rantz, College of Aviation; Laura Rietkerk, financial aid; Andrea B. Smith, teaching, learning and leadership.

**Five years**—William A. Ainsworth, Fetzer Center; Cristine L. Barrons, information technology; Ken A. Fisher, physical plant-landscape services; Jeffrey Johnson, physical plant-building custodial and support services; Terry L. Karwoski, intercollegiate athletics; Syncerae Mathews, physical plant-building custodial and support services; Bethlynn Sanders, English; Sally J. Vliem, Bronson School of Nursing; Lisa J.M. Walker, Career and Student Employment Services; Stacy I. Weber, Center for Disability Services.

## Exchange

**FOR SALE**—One-of-a-kind home located in quiet, safe, family neighborhood close to WMU. 2,750 sq. ft. with 4 bedrooms, 2 full baths w/ Jacuzzi whirlpool. Also 2 fireplaces, 2-car garage; kitchen w/ custom cherry cabinets, formal dining room w/ beamed ceiling and pegged-oak floors, sunken livingroom with bay window, family room opens to patio; large deck running length of home, detached workshop. Overlooks 1.1 wooded acres. \$245,500. Call 343-2130.

**FOR RENT**—Summer vacation rentals in South Haven, Mich. Charming in-town cottage one block from the beach, near Kids Corner Park and downtown, large fenced-in yard. \$800/week. Also available, new three-story lake front home with breath taking views in quiet neighborhood with secluded beach association access, short drive to South Haven. \$2,500/week. Both sleep six plus screened sleeping porches, decks, A/C and full kitchens. No pets or tobacco, please. Call (269) 637-2887 or 7-2051.

## Week of April 7-11 set aside to honor University's graduate students

WMU will honor its more than 6,000 graduate students during National Graduate and Professional Student Appreciation Week, designated by the National Association of Graduate-Professional Students to run from Monday through Friday, April 7-11.

The week will be celebrated at WMU as the sixth annual Graduate Student Appreciation Week and will recognize graduate students for their exceptional scholarly and creative achievements as well as the valuable contributions they make to furthering WMU's educational mission.

The Graduate College and the Graduate Student Advisory Committee are sponsoring this year's appreciation week activities.

As a precursor to the week, the Graduate College will hold a presentation ceremony for the 2003 Graduate Student Research and Creative Scholar Awards and Graduate Student Teaching Effectiveness Awards from 2 to 5 p.m. Thursday, April 3, in 157-159 Bernhard Center.

The highlight of this year's appreciation week will be an open reception for all graduate students from 4 to 6 p.m. Wednesday, April 9, in the Bernhard Center's North Ballroom. The Graduate Student Advisory Committee will serve as host for the event.

In addition to the two universitywide events scheduled, several other special recognition events will take place throughout

the week, with academic departments acting as hosts. These include a Department of Computer Science recognition ceremony Friday, April 4; a Department of Counselor Education and Counseling Psychology awards reception Tuesday, April 8; a Department of Geography awards banquet Wednesday, April 9; a Department of Sociology graduate student recognition dinner Friday, April 11; and a Department of Chemistry awards luncheon Thursday, April 24.

For more information on Graduate Student Appreciation Week's Universitywide activities, call 7-8207. For details about a department event, call the appropriate department.

## On Campus with Carolyn Cardwell



HER ANALYTICAL MIND KEEPS ORDER.  
(Photo by Gail Towns)

Much has changed since Carolyn Cardwell, counselor education and counseling psychology, joined the department in 1978.

The number of people in the program has ballooned, students today must put in 10 times as many hours for their practicum and curriculum requirements are more demanding than ever.

But one thing never changes.

"Time," says Cardwell, the administrative assistant for a department of 18 faculty 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 instructor evaluations, registration scheduling and budget meetings, and she churns out a "multitude" of charts and reports.

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 in the Graduate College.

After several years of poring over transcripts and assisting students to ensure they met graduation requirements, Cardwell returned to school to finish her degree in secondary education.

Then it was back to work, this time in counselor education and counseling psychology.

"I moved into this area with the intention of checking out the program," she says. "It just so ended up that I kept working."

Not only did Cardwell snag a challenging job, she also landed a husband.

"He was persistent—almost to the point of being a nuisance," Cardwell says of her husband, Keith. The two met when he enrolled in the department's master's program.

His persistence paid off. The couple has been together since 1986.

For the past 10 years, they've been renovating their circa 1920 farmstead home in Kalamazoo. And when they aren't painting, building or installing something, the two spend time cultivating roses.

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

## WMUK scores Keillor, 'Prairie Home Companion' visit, set for June 21

"A Prairie Home Companion" with Garrison Keillor will visit Miller Auditorium 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.

Because of the war in Iraq, National Public Radio has suspended coordinated on-air phone pledging. As a result, WMUK will not have on-air volunteers taking pledges, but in brief statements will remind listeners to send in their pledges.

Donors who have not yet sent in their pledge may donate online by visiting the station's Web site at <www.wmuk.org>.

Contributions also may be mailed to WMUK, 1903 W. Michigan Ave., Kalamazoo, MI, 49008-5351.

"The staff at WMUK is extremely pleased to have this opportunity to present Garrison Keillor and 'A Prairie Home Companion' in Kalamazoo," says Floyd Pientka, station general manager. "It's the ultimate celebration of completing the station's new tower and broadcast studio renovations."

Tickets are \$60, \$45 and \$35. Special VIP packages cost \$150 and include a \$60 ticket, VIP parking, a donation to WMUK and admission to a "Kick Back and Relax" party after the show in the ballroom of Kalamazoo Radisson Plaza Hotel, the sponsor of the show. The party will feature entertainment, hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar.

"A Prairie Home Companion" features the talents of Sue Scott and Tim Russell, "the man of many voices," with sound effects by Fred Newman. Fans can also

count on keyboardist Rich Dworsky, who heads up The Guy's All-Star Shoe Band, and stories from Lake Wobegon, "the little town that time forgot and decades can't improve," from Keillor, one of America's foremost humorists.

Special musical guests scheduled to perform include Rock and Roll Hall of Fame



Keillor, far right, and his cast on stage (Photo by Cheryl Walsh Bellville)

inductee and founder of Jefferson Airplane, Jorma Kaukonen, Barry Mitterhoff and Cindy Cashdollar.

The June 21 broadcast from Kalamazoo is co-presented by Minnesota Public Radio and WMUK and is produced by Prairie Home Productions.

Since 1974, "A Prairie Home Companion" has entertained audiences with a variety-show format featuring unforgettable comedy sketches; eclectic music ranging from acoustic, classical and folk to jazz, rhythm and blues, and international; and Keillor's signature monologue, "The News From Lake Wobegon."

Locally the show can be heard on WMUK, 102.1-FM, Saturday evenings at 6 p.m. Those with access to the Internet can listen to the live netcast of "A Prairie Home Companion" online at <www.prairiehome.org> where they can also listen to past shows, find information on the numerous performers who've appeared on the show, read actual APHC scripts, and view photos of broadcasts and behind the scenes at APHC.



supports military action to remove the Iraqi dictator from power.

"I think the Americans are really there to disarm Iraq," Kamber says. "I don't believe it's about oil. It's about disarming Iraq and bringing peace to the region."

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 a little damage, but not that much. If you destroy the power stations and bridges and every-

thing else, then it will be much harder and take much longer to stabilize the country."

Kamber says high-ranking U.S. government officials have assured him and other opposition members that damage from the war will be contained as much as possible.

But, Kamber adds, much of the war's final impact depends on what Hussein does to his own country.

"We don't know what Saddam is going to do," he says. "We don't know if he is going to fire his chemical and biological weapons on coalition forces or even his own people. Or he may hold the Iraqi people in Baghdad as hostages with him. There are all these rumors, but nobody can predict what Saddam Hussein is going to do."

Calendar

The master calendar maintained by the Office of University Relations for use in Western News is available through WMU's home page on the World Wide Web. Select WMU News and then look for Events. You can also link directly to the calendar at <www.wmich.edu/wmu/news/events>.

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**3.27 Thursday**  
Annual Art Student Exhibition (through April 2), Dalton Center Multimedia Room, Mondays through Saturdays, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Student exhibition (through March 28), Graphic Design BFA Degree Shows, Jacob Kidd, Annie Berstein, Errin Ironside, Kristy Feldpausch, Marjorie Conroy, East Hall Galleries, weekdays 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; reception Friday, March 28, 5-8 p.m.

Interior design exhibition (through March 28), Senior Design Show for Lesley Blades, Yvonne Blodgett, Linaea Chilson, Jethany Rutledge, Interior Design Gallery, Trimpe Building, weekdays, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Visiting artist exhibition (final day), paintings by WMU art alumna Mary McDonnell, Sangren Hall Gallery II, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Lecture in conjunction with observance of Cesar Chavez Day, Maria Echaveste, former deputy chief of staff for President Bill Clinton, 157 Bernhard Center, 10:30 a.m.

"Fahrenheit 451" discussion, a discussion of the Ray Bradbury science fiction classic, Meader Rare Book Room, Waldo Library, 3 p.m.

Computer science colloquium, "On the Synthesis of Cryptographic Protocols," 3301 Friedmann Hall, 4 p.m.

\*Performance, "The Marriage of Figaro" (through March 29), University Theatre, Multiform Theatre, 8 p.m.

**3.28 Friday**  
Business breakfast, "Supply Chain Management: Strengthening the Capabilities of West Michigan Firms," Tom Scannell, Keystone Community Bank Breakfast Series, 2150 Schneider Hall, 7 a.m.

Board of Trustees meeting, Connable Board Room, Bernhard Center, 11 a.m.; committee meetings, 204 Bernhard Center, 9:30 and 10:30 a.m.

Men's tennis vs. Indiana-Purdue-Ft. Wayne, Sorensen Courts, 10 a.m.

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

Men's tennis vs. Ferris State, Sorensen Courts, 3 p.m.

\*Performance, "Cats" (through March 30), Miller Auditorium, Friday, 8 p.m.; Saturday, 2 and 8 p.m.; Sunday, 2 and 7:30 p.m.

**3.29 Saturday**  
Men's and women's track and field, WMU Invitational, Kanley Track.

\*Native American Contest Pow Wow (through March 30), University Arena, Saturday, 11 a.m.-9 p.m., Sunday, 11 a.m.-6 p.m.

Women's tennis vs. Bowling Green, Sorensen Courts, 1 p.m.

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

**3.30 Sunday**  
\*Faculty Artist Concert, Igor Fedotov, viola, with John Marco, clarinet, and Gary Hammond, piano, Dalton Center Recital Hall, 3 p.m.

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

**3.31 Monday**  
Student exhibition (through April 4), BFA Photography Degree Shows by Nicole Kohmesche and Kathryn Schregardus, East Hall Galleries, weekdays 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; reception Friday, April 4, 5-8 p.m.

Interior design exhibition (through April 11), Senior Design Show for Meghan Mohny, Erin Ochs, Sandra Wigginton, Interior Design Gallery, Trimpe Building, weekdays, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Sexual Assault Awareness Week rally, "Shout Out!," student-organized rally to draw attention to the issue of sexual violence, information tables, Miller Auditorium Plaza, noon-4 p.m.

Food Marketing Conference (continues through April 1), Bernhard Center, on-site registration begins at 4 p.m.

Geosciences seminar, "Microbial Controls on Electrical Properties," Estella Atekwana, University of Missouri-Rolla, 1118 Rood Hall, 4 p.m.

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**4.1 Tuesday**  
Visiting artist exhibition (through April 18), sculpture by Kenneth Thompson, Sangren Hall Gallery II, weekdays 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; reception Monday, March 31, 5-6 p.m.

Softball vs. Michigan (doubleheader), Ebert Field, 2 p.m.

Reading, Patricia Jabbeh Wesley, English, Lee Honors College lounge, 7 p.m.

Workshop, "What You Can Do to End Violence Against Women," for men who want to learn how they can make a difference in stopping violence toward women, 205 Bernhard Center, 7 p.m.

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

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

**4.2 Wednesday**  
Dalton Convocation Series, Student Musicale, selected student performances, Dalton Center Recital Hall, 1 p.m.

Softball vs. Toledo (doubleheader), Ebert 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 Center, 8 p.m.; candlelight vigil concludes at 10 p.m. at Goldsworth Valley Pond.

Concert, WMU Chamber Orchestra, Dalton Center Recital Hall, 8:15 p.m.

**4.3 Thursday**  
Awards ceremony, 2003 Graduate Student Research and Creative Scholar Awards and Graduate Student Teaching Effectiveness Awards, 157 Bernhard Center, 2 p.m.

Softball vs. Michigan State (doubleheader), Ebert Field, 4 p.m.

Faculty Senate meeting, Fetzer Center, 5 p.m.

\*Performance, "A Flea in Her Ear," University Theatre, Shaw Theatre, April 3-5 and 10-12, 8 p.m.; April 6, 2 p.m.

**4.4 Friday**  
\*Hong Kong 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 Wind and Percussion Music, Miller Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.

**4.5 Saturday**  
Concert, "Women's Chorus Festival," featuring women's choruses from Grand Valley State, Michigan State, Illinois and WMU, Dalton Center Recital Hall, 7 p.m.

**4.6 Sunday**  
Softball vs. Kent State (doubleheader), Ebert Field, 1 p.m.

Concert, WMU Concert Band, Miller Auditorium, 3 p.m.

Concert, WMU Collegiate Singers with faculty soloists Monica Griffin and Carl Ratner, Dalton Center Recital Hall, 5 p.m.

**4.7 Monday**  
Graduate Student Appreciation Week (through April 11).

Student exhibition (through April 11), BFA Photography Degree Show by Greg Slimko and BFA Ceramics Degree Show by Sherrie Styx, East Hall Galleries, weekdays 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; reception Friday, April 11, 5-8 p.m.

Geosciences seminar, "Geochemical Energy and the Subsurface Biosphere," Everett Shock, 1118 Rood Hall, 4 p.m.

\*Guest jazz artist concert, Christian McBride, featuring works from his latest recording, "Vertical Vision," Dalton Center Recital Hall, 8:15 p.m.

**4.8 Tuesday**  
Teacher Placement Day, East Ballroom, Bernhard Center, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Concert, GCII directed by Kelly Ann Westgate, Dalton Center Recital Hall, 8:15 p.m.

**4.9 Wednesday**  
Dalton Convocation Series, Arkady Shilkloper, jazz horn, former member of the Bolshoi Theatre orchestra, Dalton Center 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 (doubleheader), Ebert Field, 3 p.m.

Graduate student reception, for all WMU graduate students, North Ballroom, Bernhard Center, 4-6 p.m.

Rally and march, "Breaking the Silence," marks the end of "A Day of Silence" to protest the prejudice and harassment of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender students, remarks by Rep. Alexander Lipsey, 208 Bernhard Center, 5:30-8 p.m.

German Film Series, "Lola Rennt," with subtitles, Brown Hall Auditorium, 7 p.m.

Concert, University Trombone Choir, presenting a varied program of music from the Renaissance to the present in observance of International Trombone Week, Dalton Center Recital Hall, 8:15 p.m.

**4.10 Thursday**  
Concert, Jazz Lab Band, featuring guest artist Arkady Shilkloper, jazz horn, former member of the Bolshoi Theatre orchestra, Dalton Center Recital Hall, 8:15 p.m.

**\*Admission charged**

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 Daniel Litynski self-effacingly said at a March 14 open house unveiling technology upgrades to 13 general purpose classrooms around campus.

Classes were first held Jan. 6 in the renovated classrooms, which feature such amenities as LCD projectors, laptop projection, VCR and DVD playback capabilities, and document cameras. Touch-screen controls reduce the amount of time a faculty member must spend using the technology and troubleshooting.

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."

Happy indeed, says Vice President and Chief Information Officer Viji Murali. One faculty member, she reports, told her that the rooms are "the answer to our prayers for teaching."

"We haven't done that many yet, only as budget allows," notes Murali, "but the faculty seem to absolutely love what we have done. Our aim is to make it easier for our faculty to teach."

"The eventual goal is that this technology will be so ubiquitous across campus that faculty members won't even have to ask for it—every classroom will be a technology classroom."

Some 35 technology-enhanced classrooms were already located around campus, but the 13 new additions all use identical technology to ease the learning curve for users. The idea, OIT officials say, is that a professor who has used one technology classroom can use them all. Trouble shooting for the new classrooms is centralized and can be controlled remotely, so in most cases, a tech doesn't need to be dispatched to the room if there's a problem.

The new technology classrooms are located in Brown, Dunbar, McCracken, Moore, Rood, Schneider and Knauss. Two Level One classrooms designed for up to 50 students each include an LCD projector, a sound system, laptop projection capability and VCR/DVD playback ability; eight Level Two classrooms each include seating for 50-100 students, everything contained in a Level One classroom plus a wireless microphone and an infrared system for ADA hearing compliance; and three Level Three classrooms each include seating for more than 100 students, everything contained in a Level Two classroom plus a document camera and a large projection screen.