Tigers CEO Dombrowski to talk business on campus Jan. 22

The president and CEO of the Detroit Tigers will discuss his path from Kalamazoo to the upper echelons of major league baseball when he speaks on campus this month as part of the Haworth College of Business Distinguished Speaker Series.

WMU alum David Dombrowski will present “From Broncos to Tigers: A Life in Baseball” at 5 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 22, in the Brown Auditorium of Schneider Hall. The address will be followed by a question-and-answer session and a reception.

The event is open to the University community. To reserve a seat, call 7-5050.

Now in its seventh year, the Distinguished Speaker Series brings corporate, educational and government leaders to the Haworth College of Business. Christopher M. Korth, professor of finance and commercial law, is founder and chairperson of the series.

Students seek donated lot for centennial Habitat project

To commemorate the centennial, WMU students hope to build a home this year in collaboration with the Kalamazoo Valley Chapter of Habitat for Humanity. But first, they need to identify a suitable vacant lot available at little or no cost.

Habitat for Humanity will consider property anywhere in Kalamazoo County, but prefers to build on lots zoned as “neighborhood/professional business district.” The donated lot should measure 45 to 60 feet wide and about 120 feet deep.

Construction is slated for a formal kick off Oct. 4. In honor of the centennial, organizers plan to construct the home’s framework and exterior in a 10-hour blizzard. The entire house should be completed in eight to nine months.

In addition to students, WMU faculty and students registered student organizations, sports teams and Alumni Association chapters will have a chance to sign up for shifts to help build the house.

For more information or to suggest a suitable lot, contact Kalamazoo Valley Habitat for Humanity by calling (269) 344-2443 or sending email to <habitat@kalamazoo.org>.

Leadership Fair set for Jan. 14

The University’s second annual Leadership Fair will take place from 4 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 14, in 208 and 209 Bernhard Center.

Called “Focusing on Your Future,” the event will allow students to connect with numerous University departments, offices and volunteer organizations. Students will be able to use these connections to learn about the wide variety of leadership development positions available on campus.

The free Leadership Fair is open to all WMU students and is being sponsored by Student Activities and Leadership Programs.

For more information, call 7-2115 or visit <www.sasp.wmich.edu/leadership-fair>.

Elise Jorgens named to interim provost post

Dean Elise B. Jorgens, College of Arts and Sciences, has been named interim provost and vice president for academic affairs. Her appointment, effective Jan. 6, was announced Jan. 8 by Daniel M. Litynski, who moved earlier in the week from the position of provost to the position of University president. He will remain in that role while the University contacts a search to replace former WMU President Elson S. Floyd, who is now the president of the University of Missouri system.

“I thank Elise for her service as dean of arts and sciences and willingness to undertake this responsibility,” said Litynski in announcing the appointment. “We have great confidence in her ability and experience to provide outstanding leadership during this interim period.”

Jorgens, who has served as dean since 1997, first came to WMU in 1977 as a member of the music faculty following a stint at the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C., where she served for a year as a resident associate. In 1978, she joined the Department of English faculty, where she has been a tenured professor since 1989. She directed graduate studies in that department from 1989 to 1992.

In 1992, Jorgens was named associate dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. She became interim dean in 1996 and was named to the position permanently in 1997. Jorgens earned a bachelor’s degree in English literature from Carleton College in 1965 and a doctoral degree in musicology from the University of New York in 1975. She has been the recipient of a number of fellowships and awards, including two Folger Shakespeare Library Fellowships, an Andrew Mellon Fellowship and three Newberry Library Short-term fellowships and two fellowships from the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Jorgens is the author of one book and numerous articles, book chapters and book reviews on English poetry, drama and song. She also edited the edition of a 12-century manuscript.

She has been active with the Council of Colleges of Arts and Sciences and recently completed a term as member of that organization’s board of directors. She is also a member of the Michigan Civic Arts advisory board and a member of the Newberry Library Center for Renaissance Studies Executive Board.

MLK celebration will focus on ‘Moving the Dream into the Community’

WMU will celebrate the life and legacy of Martin Luther King Jr. this month with a slate of campus events.

The headline event in honor of King will be the 2003 MLK Celebration, a community-wide observance to be held at 6 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 12, in Miller Auditorium. Civil rights activist Myrlie Evers-Williams will give the keynote address at that event, a first-time partnership between the University and the Northside Ministerial Alliance. (See related story on this page.)

With the theme “Moving the Dream into the Community: Civil Rights to Social Justice,” this year’s WMU observance features several other major events, including the following:

• "Moving Forward: Turning the Dream into Reality," a three-part series. Part one is a performance and discussion of the film "The Meeting," a one-act play that depicts a fictitious dialogue between Martin Luther King Jr. and Malcolm X. It is set for 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 21, in 157 Bernhard Center. Part two is a showing and discussion of the film "The Medgar Evers Story," an overview of the life and work of Medgar Evers, slain civil rights leader and husband of 2003 MLK Celebration speaker Myrlie Evers-Williams. It is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 22, in the Henry Hall Lounge. Part three is a Birthday Celebration in honor of King, designed to inspire participants to move the lessons of social justice into the community. The celebration is set for 4 to 6 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 23, in the Division of Multicultural Affairs Multicultural Room in Ellsworth Hall.

• MLK Discovery Day, a free fair for children in kindergarten through grade eight will take place from 4 to 6 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 23, at the indoor tennis courts in the Student Recreation Center. A permission slip signed by a parent or guardian is required for each participating child.

• "MLK on War and Peace," a presentation and group discussion, focuses on King’s strong statements against the war in Vietnam, relating his position to the current threat of U.S. attacks against Iraq. It will take place at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 21, in 159 Bernhard Center.

• "School Names as Cultural Arsenals Named U.S. Public Schools after Martin Luther King, Jr." is the title of a lecture by Derek Akereman of East Carolina University that will address the geographic patterns and cultural struggles related to the naming of schools and streets after King. It is set for 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 21, in 242 Bernhard Center.

• "Rage is Not a 1-Day Thing" is a one-woman documentary theatre performance that highlights the age, race, gender and class that complicated our understanding of the Montgomery Bus Boycott. The performance by Awele Mukews is set for 2 to 3:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 24, in the Dallas Commons Recital Hall.

Numerous other events are scheduled, including activities in the campus residence halls. All activities are free and open to the public. A full schedule is available online at <www.wmich.edu/mlkday/> or by calling 7-8423.

WMU’s observance of King’s birthday is being coordinated by the Martin Luther King Jr. Committee. Devera Gardner, Career and Student Employment Services, is chairperson of the committee, which includes students, faculty and staff.

Myrlie Evers-Williams speaks at Miller Jan. 12

The Northside Ministerial Alliance and the University are repping up for their first joint celebration honoring Martin Luther King Jr.

Kicking off Southwest Michigan’s observance of the King holiday, the 2003 MLK Celebration will begin at 6 p.m. Sun- day, Jan. 12, in Miller Auditorium. Myrlie Evers-Williams, activist and widow of slain civil rights leader Medgar Evers, will deliver the celebration’s keynote address. The theme for this year’s collaborative event, which is free and open to the public, is “Moving the Dream into the Community: Civil Rights to Social Justice.”

In past years, the Northside Ministerial Alliance and the University have held their event in Cherryhill Auditorium the Sunday before the MLK holiday, while the University’s annual convocation took place the following week in the MLK Week celebration. The 2003 partnership is believed to be the first of its kind in the state.

“We’re thrilled that our first partnership will be blessed by the presence and wisdom of Myrlie Evers-Williams, an important civil rights figure in this nation,” says Devera Gardner, chairperson of the University’s MLK Planning Committee. “We believe that after this program, people will be inspired to truly move Dr. King’s dream into the community. This is an event people want to miss.”

Myrlie Evers-Williams is the widow of civil rights martyr Medgar Evers and the first woman to serve full time as chairperson of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. She is the author of "For Us, The Living," a book that depicts the life of her late husband and the civil rights struggle in Mississippi. Published in 1999, her memoirs are titled "Watch Me Fly: What I Learned on the Way to Becoming the Woman I Was Meant to Be." Evers-Williams is also featured in the book and exhibit, "I Dream A World, Portrait of Black Women Who Changed America."

In addition to Evers-Williams’ address, the celebration will include performances of the MLK Jr. Celebration Choir and students from WMU’s Department of Dance, a literary tribute to Dr. King’s dream, and remarks from WMU Interim President Daniel M. Litynski and Northside Ministerial Alliance President Pastor Louis Felton.
DENSO gift will boost engineering construction project

DENSO North America Foundation is contributing $100,000 toward construction of a new building for the College of Engineering and Applied Sciences at WMU.

The gift was announced by Dean Michael Atkins, who says that an area called the Student Commons in the center atrium of the new building will be named for DENSO in appreciation of the company's support.

"We are extremely pleased about our continuing relationship with DENSO Manufacturing," says Atkins. "This gift is a premier example of our collaborative partnerships with industries in our region."

DENSO Manufacturing Michigan Inc., one of 25 DENSO companies in North America, is located in Battle Creek, Mich., and contributed toward construction of Schneider Hall, home of the Haworth College of Business a decade ago.

"Many of our engineers are graduates of WMU," says Stan Tooley, senior vice president for corporate affairs at DMI, and a member of the four-founder family. "We at DENSO Manufacturing are excited about the new engineering campus and are very pleased to help enhance the education of engineering students at Western."

Clark-Mendes' art work selected for Georgian show

Hick, by Cydney Clark-Mendes, set, has been selected for a new exhibit at the Museum of Contemporary Art of Georgia in Atlanta.

The exhibit, "Color, Culture, Complexity," features the work of 18 national artists examining aspects of race. It will be on view through Jan. 19.

The show's co-curators are Ed Simpson and Din Talley. Primarily of African and African descent, the artists work in a variety of mediums and styles to grapple with the charged issues that have shaped racial discourse in the United States, especially in the last 20th century.

According to the curators, the exhibit is intentionally eclectic, drawing its strength from a broad cultural question that is answered by a sampling of artists through a wide range of responses. In that sense, the exhibit parallels what might be the most important aspect of race relations in America: the power of the individual voice presenting a persuasive case.

State council honors McConnell with award for lifetime of work

Bob McConnell, public affairs and administration, has received the Lifetime Achievement Award for Disability Services provided by the Michigan Department of Community Health, for his dedication to the organization.

According to the Michigan Development Disabilities Council, McConnell's guidance and support has been key, not only to policy and planning, but also in implementing the details that are needed to put that policy into practice.

Trudy Cobb's work chosen for Washington performance

The concept of a work created by Trudy Cobb, dance, has been selected for performance at the 15th Annual Conference of the International Association of Blacks in Dance.

The excerpt is from "In the Words of the Dance Collection: From Bamboula, a Story for the Soul," which is a multimedia choreography drawn from her experience.

The dance will be performed Jan. 15 at 8 p.m. at the生成的文本内容。
The following vacancies are currently being posted through the Job Opportunity Program by the Human Resources Department. Interested beneficiaries eligible employees should submit a job opportunity transfer application during the posting period, and may contact a human resources service representative for assistance in securing these positions.

Employees may call the Applicant Information Service at 7-3669 to hear the current job postings, seven days a week, 24 hours a day. Grade 10 clinical positions are not required to be posted. 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.

Please call the Applicant Information Service for up-to-date information on the Job Opportunity Program and vacancies available to external applicants.

(R) Assistant/Associate Professor
Academic year, tenure track, 12/07, Educational Studies, 02/03-3537, 1-15/1-1533.

(R) Instructor/Associate Professor
Academic year, tenure track, 12/07, 02/03-3536, 1-15/1-1533.

(N) Assistant Professor
Academic year, tenure track, 12/07, Teaching, Learning and Leadership, 02/03-3535, 1-15/1-1533.

(N) Coordinator, Sindecuse Health Center
(10-month position), 14, Sindecuse Health Center, 02/03-3535, 1-15/1-1533.

N= New
R= Replacement
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Obituaries
Robert Smith Jr., retired assistant financial aid director, died Dec. 1 in Kalamazoo. He was 71. A financial aid administrator for 27 years before his retirement from the University in 1993, Smith was responsible for overseeing aid programs. Prior to joining the WMU staff, Smith served for four years in the U.S. Air Force.

Carl B. Snow, emeritus in teacher education from National Louis University, died Oct. 11 at age 95. Snow joined the WMU faculty in 1946 as an instructor of mathematics and counseling, and was named director of audiovisual services. He remained on the University’s faculty until his retirement in 1972.

Snow was president of the Michigan Audiovisual Association for one year and a member of the national board of the National Education Association. He was the author of several articles on audiovisual instruction and was named many times for his photograph.

Anne O. Szalkowski, emerita in English, died Oct. 12 in Kalamazoo. She was 75. A specialist in children’s literature, Szalkowski was a faculty member of the university’s education division. She was named a master’s degree in audiovisual services. She remained on the University’s faculty until his retirement in 1972.

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The Sindecuse Health Center will present several programs for faculty and staff again this semester through its Office of Professional and Educational Development, including the following four offerings. More information on these programs is available by calling 7-3263 or visiting <www.seneca.edu/uhc> and clicking on the “Healthy Living Workshops” section.

• Four-hour CPR certification course will be offered seven times during spring from 5 to 9 p.m. in 3111 Sindecuse. The course, which also is open to students, will take place on Tuesday, Jan. 14, Thursday, Jan. 25, Tuesday, Feb. 11, Wednesday, Feb. 19, Tuesday, March 4, Thursday, March 13; and Tuesday, March 18.

This American Heart Association course covers adults, infant and child CPR and choking. Participants who successfully complete one of the four-hour sessions will be certified for two years. Advance registration, the reading of a CPR manual and payment of $25 are required.

• A free, 15-hour “Conflict Resolution Competency” workshop facilitated by Kevin Dodd, Theatre for Community Health, will take place from noon to 2 p.m. Monday, Jan. 20, 2013, Sindecuse 3240.

This workshop, which also is open to students, will use participatory theatre techniques to explore power dynamics as they relate to class, gender, sexual orientation, race, ethnicity and age. Participants will view and rehearse scenes, practice conflict resolution styles and use it effectively to enhance their personal and community health. Online registration is available.

• A free, six-week “Intuitive Eating” program facilitated by one or more health center nutritionists will take place once or twice per week from noon to 1 p.m. Jan. 27; Feb. 3, 10, 17, 24; and March 2 23, 2013, Sindecuse.

This program will help participants make peace with food without rigidity counting calories or for grams and recognize that a healthy weight and accepting your body image aren’t mutually exclusive. Participants may attend some or all of the sessions. Online registration is available.

• A free, “Exploring Cultural Competence” workshop facilitated by Mary (Kates) Coppock and Marsha McElroy will take place from noon to 1 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 28, in 3240 Sindecuse.

This workshop will provide strategies that help ensure that health benefits of vegetarian foods and how to add more soy to your food selections. Sample recipes will be available to taste. Online registration is available.

Nanotechnology center gets trustees’ nod

The small stuff is the next big thing at WMU.

Acting at their Dec. 13 meeting, University trustees approved the establishment of the new Nanotechnology Research and Education Center, positioning WMU as a leader in nanoscience and international—indeed, in a field of study that is driving scientific breakthroughs in everything from the environment and health care to manufacturing and the military.

WMU, already a leader in nanoscale environmental chemistry research, will use the center to provide leadership in educational, institutional support and other resources to assist faculty engaged in science, engineering and the technology research at the atomic and nanometer scales. A nanometer is one-billionth of a meter and measures about the size of 10 hydrogen atoms laid side by side—more than 1,000 times narrower than the width of a human hair.

"This center will allow our researchers to work together in interdisciplinary ways that will make them much more competitive in this important new and growing field," said President Dowell M. Lovenick in making the recommendation to trustees. "The center will attract new funded research and dramatically increase educational opportunities for our graduate students and undergraduates."

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Cooley, WMU alliance will bring law degree to Grand Rapids

An alliance between the Thomas M. Cooley Law School and WMU will bring a law school to the downtown Grand Rapids area. The district and give area residents a chance to begin working locally toward earning a law degree as early as May 2003.

The presidents of Cooley Law School and WMU unveiled plans Dec. 10 to open a Cooley branch campus in conjunction with WMU's Graduate Center-Downtown. The facility process will begin this month, with classes offered to current Cooley students in existing classroom space at WMU's East Beltline campus. Class offerings will be expanded to include new students, who will be offered at the Graduate Center-Downtown. By September, Cooley programs will move to the law school's own satellite campus - 13,600 square feet of space leased from WMU and customized to meet Cooley's needs in a $1.6 million buildout of the Graduate Center's fourth floor.

By 2005, Cooley plans to open a full branch campus in a newly renovated building. A 39,000-square-foot facility.

For WMU, the partnership with Cooley is a natural outgrowth of its longtime role of providing the Grand Rapids area with programs to advance professional careers. WMU President Elon S. Floyd told those attending the announcement that the move also builds on a relationship launched by the two schools in Lansing. Students there can earn a joint degree in public administration and the law through Cooley and WMU.

"We've established a dynamic working relationship with Cooley and are working on additional options for offering joint degree programs to Grand Rapids that will serve the needs of the entire West Michigan area," said Floyd. "We have a deep commitment to the professional and business communities here, and we're delighted that this new development will allow us to enhance our existing graduate offerings and expand opportunities for all of the citizens of this area.

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• In January, Cooley will offer three elective classes for current Cooley students from West Michigan at WMU's East Beltline campus, which is located at 2333 East Beltline, S.E.

• In January, Cooley will offer first-semester evening classes at WMU's Graduate Center-Downtown. Applications for admission are accepted.

• By September, Cooley plans to open its satellite campuses at the Graduate Center and will offer first-semester classes in the morning in its fourth-floor space at that facility.

• In January 2004, Cooley plans to open the first portion of its own facility at 38 Oakes, in the block north of the Graduate Center, and will admit afternoon and weekend students.

Winter seasons recently began for snow removal crews at WMU — a 24-hour, seven-day-a-week operation.

The magnitude of this undertaking is not small. More than 23 lane miles of roads, upward of 120 acres of parking and 20 miles of sidewalks, 200,000 square feet of steps, ramps and hundreds of doorways must be cleared, shoveled, scraped and de-iced every time it snows. Even when the skies are clear, Michigan’s freeze/thaw conditions create special ice management challenges on all types of surfaces.

Except in the event of a major storm, most areas will be clear of snow and ice prior to students, faculty and staff arriving on campus each day. Some stairways may be closed for the winter to allow crews to concentrate on major access areas and provide better ice and snow removal service.

Those with special mobility needs during the ice and snow season are asked to call Landscape Services at 7-8557. Schedules can be adjusted to accommodate needs.

Annual snow removal challenge faces crews

THE VERDICT IS IN — Cooley President Don LeDuc announced plans to bring a law degree to Grand Rapids Dec. 10 to the delight of, from left, James Schultz, director of WMU/Grand Rapids, WMU Trustee Robert Van and President S. Floyd. (Photo by Ed McKinney)

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