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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 alumnus David Dombrowski will present "From Broncos to Tigers—A Passion Pursued," beginning at 7:30 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, education 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 100-hour blitz. The entire house should be completed in eight to nine months.

In addition to students, WMU faculty and staff, 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 e-mail to <mailbox@habitatkalamazoo.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 across 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.salp.wmich.edu/leadershipfair>.

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 that of interim University president. He will remain in that role while the University conducts a search to replace former WMU President Elson S. Floyd, who is now the president of the University of Missouri system.



Jorgens

"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 the following year.

Jorgens earned a bachelor's degree in English literature from Carleton College in 1965 and a doctoral degree in musicology from the City 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, 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 is the editor of a 12-volume series of books.

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 also is a member of the Michigan Civics Institute 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" is a three-part series. Part one is a performance and discussion of "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 1:30 to 3 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 eighth grade 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 Arenas: Naming U.S. Public Schools after Martin Luther King Jr." is the title of a lecture by Derek Alerman 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.

- "Race is Not a 1-Day Thing" is a one-

woman documentary theatre performance that highlights the age, race, gender and class issues that complicate our understanding of the Montgomery Bus Boycott. The performance by Awele Makeba is set for 2 to 3:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 24, in the Dalton Center 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. Deveta 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 revving 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. Sunday, Jan. 12, in Miller Auditorium.



Evers-Williams

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 ecumenical community held their event in Cheney Auditorium the Sunday before the MLK holiday, while the University's annual convocation took place during its 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 Deveta Gardner, chairperson of WMU's Martin Luther King Jr. 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 won't 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, Portraits of Black Women Who Changed America."

In addition to Evers-Williams' address, the celebration will include performances by the Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration Choir and students from WMU's Department of Dance, a litany tribute to Dr. King's dream, and remarks from WMU Interim President Daniel M. Litynski and Northside Ministerial Alliance President Pastor J. Louis Felton.



75 YEARS OF INSTITUTIONAL MEMORY—Then-President Elson Floyd was on hand to welcome 44 new members to the WMU 25 Year Club during a Dec. 3 campus event. Among those inducted were, from left, Mushtaq Luqmani, marketing; Griselda Daniel, Graduate College; and William Cochran, physical plant/maintenance services. (Photo by Neil Rankin)

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 DMMI and a member of the foundation board. "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."



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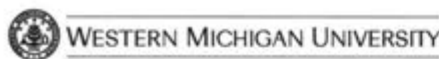
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Department of English spring reading series set to launch with award-winning authors

Two critically acclaimed authors will read from their works when they visit campus this month as part of the Spring 2003 Reading Series, sponsored by the Department of English's Creative Writing Program.



Hicok

Award-winning poet Bob Hicok will kick off the series with a reading on Tuesday. Hicok is the author of three collections of poetry: "Animal Soul," a finalist for the National Book Critics Circle Award, "Plus Shipping" and "The Legend of Light," winner of the 1995 Felix Pollak Prize in Poetry and an ALA Booklist Notable Book of the Year.

Hicok is currently a visiting poet at WMU and lives in Ann Arbor.

The reading series continues with a presentation Thursday, Jan. 23, by S.L. Wisenberg, author of the short story collection "The Sweetheart Is In," which was named a favorite book of 2001 by the Chicago Tribune, and an essay collection, "Holocaust Girls: History, Memory and Other Obsessions."

Wisenberg's fiction and essays have appeared in numerous journals and anthologies. She has been awarded fellowships and stipends from the Illinois Arts Council, the National Endowment for the Humanities, the Fine Arts Work Center and the Ragdale Foundation. She also won a Pushcart Prize in 1997.

Wisenberg lives in Chicago and is the creative nonfiction editor of *Another Chicago Magazine*.

Both presentations are at 8:30 p.m. in 1301 Wood Hall.

Future Reading Series presentations for the spring semester will feature Mary Morris, winner of the Rome Prize for Literature, on Thursday, Jan. 30; Campbell McGrath, winner of the Kingsley Tufts Prize and fellowships from the Guggenheim and MacArthur foundations, on Wednesday, Feb. 5; Claudia Allen, recipient of two Joseph Jefferson Awards, on Tuesday, Feb. 11; a New Issues Poetry reading with Myron Hardy, Sarah Messer and Martha Serpas on Tuesday, March 11; and Patricia Powell, recipient of the Lila Wallace Reader's Digest Writer's Award, on Thursday, March 20.

Faculty, staff achievements

Brinkley earns MCTE honor

Ellen Brinkley, English, has been awarded the Charles Carpenter Fries Award by the Michigan Council of Teachers of English for her leadership and long-standing service to the profession of teaching English.



Brinkley

Brinkley is founder and director of the Third Coast Writing Project, a National Writing Project site that provides summer institutes for teachers, school-based professional development programs and a camp for young writers. Brinkley also helped establish the grassroots organization Michigan for Public Education and served as president of the MCTE in 1994 and 1995. She is an acknowledged expert in school censorship issues, and is known for her 1999 book, "Caught Off Guard: Rethinking Censorship and Controversy."

Former winners of the Fries award from WMU's Department of English include Constance Weaver, emeritus Kenneth Macrorie and the late Jean Malmstrom.

Geisler honored by alma mater as distinguished alumnus

In recognition of his extensive contributions to the fields of counselor education and counseling psychology, Adrian College officials recently honored WMU's John Geisler, CECF, with their 2002 Distinguished Alumni Award.

Adrian officials describe Geisler as "a true scholar and leader in his field" who has not limited contributions to the classroom, but as one who also has extended his service to humanitarian and community service efforts.

In addition to being a licensed professional counselor, Geisler also is a certified social worker and an approved clinical supervisor. He has published dozens of professional articles and recently served as president of the Michigan Association for Counselor Education and Supervision. He has held leadership positions in several other professional organizations, including the Association for Counselor Education and Supervision.

Geisler has served on the board of directors for Pretty Lake Adventure Center and Hospice of Kalamazoo. He also works with Habitat for Humanity.

Clark-Mendes' art work selected for Georgia show

Work by Cybele Clark-Mendes, art, 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 Spriggs and Dan Talley. Primarily of African and European 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 half of the 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 Award from the Michigan Developmental Disabilities Council, a branch of the Michigan Department of Community Health, for the dedication he has shown to the organization.

McConnell, who contributes time and expertise to the council's employment and program evaluation efforts, specializes in increasing multicultural participation and improving cultural relevance in disability organizations.

In 1992, he represented the council at the Multicultural Institute for the federal Administration on Developmental Disabilities. He then went on to create the council's first multicultural work group.

More recently, McConnell has been instrumental in the establishment of a multicultural standing committee. The committee now is responsible for multicultural outreach and cultural competence within the council.

According to the Michigan Developmental Disabilities Council, McConnell's guidance and support has been key, not only in 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

An excerpt 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 Collector: From Bamboula to Ballet," which is based on the life of dance historian and archivist Joe Nash. Cobb interviewed Nash while on sabbatical in 2000-01 and created a multimedia choreodrama drawn from her experience.

The dance will be performed Jan. 15 at Cramton Theatre on the campus of Howard University. The conference takes place Jan. 15-19 in Washington, D.C.

Two named APA Fellows

Two WMU professors have been elected as fellows to the American Psychological Association. Bradley Huitema and Patrick Munley, psychology, were elected by their peers based on their exceptional contributions they have made to research, teaching and the practicing of psychology.

The APA represents the largest organization of psychologists in the world, and includes more than 155,000 members. It works to advance psychology as a science, as a profession and as a means of promoting human welfare.

Krawutschke is chosen by MLA to chair awards committee

Peter W. Krawutschke, foreign languages and literatures, has been appointed chairperson of a Modern Language Association selection committee that recognizes exceptional literary translators.

The committee is responsible for selecting recipients of the Aldo and Jeanne Scaglione Prize for a Translation of a Literary Work and the Lois Roth Award for a Translation of a Literary Work. The two are awarded during alternate years during the annual MLA convention and honor the outstanding translation into English of a book-length literary work.

Chosen as chairperson for 2003 by the MLA's Committee on Honors and Awards, Krawutschke has been a member of the selection committee for one year.

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.

Grade 10 clerical 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), I20/I30, Educational Studies, 02/03-3252, 1/6-1/13/03

(R) **Instructor/Associate Professor** (academic year, term ends 8/1/04), I40/I30, College of Arts and Sciences, 02/03-3256, 1/6-1/13/03

(N) **Assistant Professor** (academic year, tenure track), I30, Teaching, Learning and Leadership, 02/03-3257, 1/6-1/13/03

(R) **Manager, Information Systems**, 18, Sindecuse Health Center, 02/03-3259, 1/6-1/13/03

(N) **Coordinator, Sindecuse Health Center Theatre** (10-month position), 14, Sindecuse Health Center, 02/03-3260, 1/6-1/13/03

N= New

R= Replacement

WMU is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer.

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 several 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 and former director of Audiovisual Services, died Oct. 11 at age 95.

Snow joined the WMU faculty in 1946 as an instructor of mathematics and counseling, and later 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 International Division Board of the National Education Association. He was the author of several articles on audiovisual instruction and received many awards for his photography.

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 at WMU for 33 years prior to her retirement in 1989.

A teacher at the high school and college level before joining the WMU faculty, Szalkowski was active in many professional organizations and served as a judge for the National Council of Teachers of English Achievement Awards program. Szalkowski earned a bachelor's degree from WMU and a master's degree from Michigan State University.

On Campus with Shauna Thieman



SHE PLAYS MULTIPLE THEATRICAL ROLES.
(Photo by Neil Rankin)

When the curtain opened on her new job almost four years ago, Shauna Thieman might not have been expecting to wear so many hats. But like a veteran stagehand or actor, she has learned to play many roles.

Thieman is the Department of Theatre's director of audience services. There's a lot of ground to cover, but Thieman couldn't be happier. She handles public relations, including writing news releases for shows; all department publications, including show programs, postcards, recruitment and season brochures and newsletters; both creating ads to publicize events and soliciting ads to go in programs; ticket sales; house management and ushering; and working with the University Theatre Guild.

"Sometimes you're juggling 10 plates at once," Thieman says, "but they all manage to stay up somehow. Nothing has crashed so far."

Ask her what she likes most about her job and her answer is simple: the people. From patrons of theatre productions to students to faculty and staff, Thieman likes interacting with them. Actually knowing and remembering the person calling for tickets is a personal goal for her.

"I remember that Mr. and Mrs. Foote like to sit at the end of Row G," Thieman says. "Those are the sorts of things that make us special to them, that give our patrons the sense of being known as a person, not as a ticket buyer, but as unique, individual people."

In particular, Thieman enjoys working with members of the University Theatre Guild, the department's nonprofit community support group, whose members are often faculty and staff.

Before coming to WMU, Thieman was director of the forensics program—essentially the speech and debate coach—at the University of Central Arkansas, a job she held for two years after obtaining a master of fine arts degree at the University of Memphis.

Thieman enjoys being part of a prolific theatre department like WMU's.

"The number of productions we do in an eight-month span is huge," she says. "There are professional theatres that don't do as much as we do. And the quality is so high."

Thieman is busy off the WMU theatre stage as well. She teaches communication part time at KVCC and also has taught communications for WMU. When taking it easy, she enjoys traveling, reading and baking.

Recently engaged, Thieman will marry Paul Fitzgerald, a doctoral candidate at the University of California-Davis, in May. The ceremony will be in the Gilmore Theatre Complex atrium, and the reception in the Multiform Theatre.

The two met at a freshman orientation and have carried on a long-distance romance through much of their relationship.

"It's very unusual," Thieman says. "It's like a movie script or book. My friends tell me I should write a book. Maybe I'll write a book about it someday."

Sindecuse

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

- A 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. 23; Tuesday, Feb. 11; Wednesday, Feb. 19; Tuesday, March 4; Thursday, March 13; and Tuesday, March 18.

- This American Heart Association course covers adult, 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 "Exploring Cultural Competency" workshop facilitated by Kevin Dodd, Theatre for Community Health, will take place from noon to 2 p.m. Monday, Jan. 20, in 3230 Sindecuse.

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 invent and rehearse culturally competent, caring strategies to address the effects of these dynamics on individual 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 over six

Mondays from noon to 1 p.m. Jan. 27; Feb. 3, 10, 17, 24; and March 24 in 3230 Sindecuse.

This program will help participants make peace with food without rigidly counting calories or fat grams and recognize that achieving a healthy, natural 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 "Joy of Soy and Other Vegetarian Food Choices" workshop facilitated by one or more health center nutritionists will take place from noon to 1 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 28, in 3240 Sindecuse.

This workshop will explain the 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.

Exchange

FOR SALE—Bronson Boulevard home at end of quiet cul-de-sac. This 87-year-old home is solidly built. An eye for style and some updating will turn it into a treasure and make it a great investment. \$165,000. Call 345-3682.

Lunch & Learn session looks at CEDRS and conflict resolution

Learning to identify your own conflict resolution style and use it effectively to resolve problems will be one of the topics covered in a special Wednesday, January 15, Lunch & Learn session for campus employees.

Dale Anderson, coordinator of the Campus Employee Dispute Resolution Service—CEDRS—will lead the discussion beginning at noon in 159 Bernhard Center. Anderson will also discuss different conflict resolution styles, CEDRS' new policy statement and procedures, and give tips on how his office can help with conflict resolution.

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 Computation Center, positioning WMU as a key player—nationally and internationally—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 nanobioenvironmental chemistry research, will use the center to provide leadership, institutional support and other resources to assist faculty engaged in science, engineering and 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 then-Provost Daniel M. Litynski

in making the recommendation to trustees. "The center will attract new funded research and dramatically increase educational opportunities for both our graduate students and undergraduates."

Currently, several WMU faculty members from such disciplines as biological sciences, chemistry, physics and engineering are pursuing discoveries in the fields of nanoscience and nanoengineering.

In establishing the NRCC, the University is expected to attract more funded research and increase undergraduate and graduate student educational opportunities, University officials say. Subra Murali, chemistry, who has extensive research experience in the emerging field and in analytical, inorganic, organic and physical chemistry, will direct the center.

Murali has led several nanoscience and nanotechnology projects with multiyear funding in excess of \$2 million, including awards from the U.S. Department of Energy and the Michigan Life Sciences Initiative. His work also has attracted support from Pharmacia Corp. and the Argonne National Laboratory.

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 Arena 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 four-step 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 in May and 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.



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 Birgit Klohs and then-President Elson S. Floyd. (Photo by Ed McKinney)

By 2005, Cooley plans to open a full branch campus in a newly renovated building at 38 Oakes, adjacent to WMU's downtown center, which is located at 200 Ionia Ave., S.W. At that point, Cooley will offer

a complete degree program that could lead to the first law degrees being awarded to area residents in 2007.

"For 30 years, students from West Michigan have commuted to Lansing or moved there to attend law school," said Don LeDuc, president of Cooley. "Today, some 700 Cooley graduates—about 7 percent of our alumni—practice law in the Grand Rapids/Kalamazoo area. Legal education is clearly a priority for this community and we intend to fill the need that has long been expressed by members of the Grand Rapids bar."

LeDuc said his school's Grand Rapids plans have been in the works for more than a year. Since 1986, Cooley has offered occasional elective courses in Grand Rapids for its students, but the area is one with a need for a full degree program and he said he expects the new campus to attract students from across West Michigan.

"The Grand Rapids metropolitan area is one of the most vibrant in the nation and is comparable in population to a number of cities, such as Providence, Memphis and Austin, that are home to thriving law schools," LeDuc noted. "Because the downtown location is so accessible, we expect our new campus to attract students from Kalamazoo and from as far north as Traverse City."

For WMU, the partnership with Cooley is a natural outgrowth of its longtime role of providing the Grand Rapids area with graduate and professional education, former WMU President Elson S. Floyd told those attending the announcement. 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 plans to bring 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."

The plans unveiled by LeDuc and Floyd will take place on the following timetable:

- 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 May, Cooley will offer first-semester evening classes at WMU's Graduate Center-Downtown. Applications for admission are now being accepted.
- By September, Cooley plans to open its satellite campus 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 portions of its own facility at 38 Oakes, in the block north of the Graduate Center, and will admit afternoon and weekend students.

Full renovation of the five-story, 80,000-square-foot Oakes building will be completed when Cooley secures permission from the American Bar Association to operate the new facility as a full branch campus. Cooley already has filed an application with the ABA for permission to offer the first two years of its standard curriculum as a satellite operation in Grand Rapids. That approval is expected to take place in 2003. At that point, Cooley will apply for approval of the campus as a branch of the law school that will offer a complete degree program.

The Cooley branch campus will include the completely renovated Oakes building, the nearby Durfee Building, a two-story parking structure and a skywalk connecting the Cooley and WMU buildings. The entire project will be completed by the same firms responsible for development of the WMU Graduate Center-Downtown.

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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1.9 Thursday

Student exhibition (through Jan. 10), "Fetal Position," multi-media by Amy Czajkowski and Angela Yonke; and the Annual Western Herald Photo Show, East Hall Galleries, weekdays 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; reception Friday, Jan. 10, 5-7 p.m.

Visiting artist exhibitions (through Jan. 29), painting and photography by Patrick Schmidt and Ginger Owen-Murakami, Sangren Hall Gallery II, weekdays 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; reception Thursday, Jan. 9, 4-6 p.m.

*Miller Movie, "xXx," sponsored by Campus Activities Board, Miller Auditorium, 9 p.m.

1.10 Friday

*Kalamazoo Film Society screening (through Sunday, Jan. 12), "The Kid Stays in the Picture," Little Theatre, Friday and Saturday, 7 and 9:30 p.m.; Sunday, 2:30 and 5 p.m.

1.11 Saturday

*Men's basketball vs. Eastern Michigan, University Arena, 2 p.m.

*Women's basketball vs. Miami, University Arena, 4 p.m.

*Hockey vs. Michigan, Lawson Ice Arena, 7 p.m.

*Comedian Lewis Black, sponsored by CAB, Miller Auditorium, 9 p.m.

1.12 Sunday

MLK Celebration, keynote speaker Myrlie Evers-Williams, Miller Auditorium, 6 p.m.

1.13 Monday

Geology seminar, Eliot Atekwana, Indiana University at Purdue, Indianapolis, 1118 Rood Hall, 4 p.m.

Student exhibition (through Jan. 17), "Reformation of Definition," Mixed Media Group Show, East Hall Galleries, weekdays 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; reception Friday, Jan. 17, 5-7 p.m.

1.14 Tuesday

Leadership Fair for WMU students, 208 Bernhard Center, 4-7 p.m.

Master class, guest artist Andrew Glendening, trombone, Dalton Center Lecture Hall, 8 p.m.

Poetry reading, visiting writer Bob Hicok, 1301 Wood Hall, 8:30 p.m.

1.15 Wednesday

Final day for students to submit entries for the MLK Essay Contest. More information available at <www.wmich.edu/mlkday>.

Dalton Convocation Series, Schubert's 10th and Funereal Beethoven, Dalton Center Recital Hall, 1 p.m.

1.16 Thursday

*Women's basketball vs. Northern Illinois, University Arena, 7 p.m.

1.17 Friday

*Western Film Society screening (through Sunday, Jan. 19), "Igby Goes Down," Little Theatre, Friday and Saturday, 7 and 9:30 p.m.; Sunday, 2:30 and 5 p.m.

*Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra, "Piano Power," Miller Auditorium, prelude 7 p.m., concert 8 p.m.

*Hockey vs. Miami, Lawson Ice Arena, 7 p.m.

1.18 Saturday

*Concert, Michael Flatley's "Lord of the Dance," Miller Auditorium, 2 and 8 p.m.

*Hockey vs. Miami, Lawson Ice Arena, 7 p.m.

1.19 Sunday

Vocal jazz concert, GC II, sponsored by Student Entertainment Team, Bronco Mall Center Stage, Bernhard Center, 6:30 p.m.

1.20 Monday

Martin Luther King Day. WMU offices closed. No classes.

1.21 Tuesday

Student exhibition (through Jan. 24), "Blue Corridor," installation by Caleb Larsen, and Art Education Group Show, East Hall Galleries, weekdays 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; reception Friday, Jan. 24, 5-8 p.m.

MLK celebration event, "The Meeting," a one-act play that depicts a fictitious dialogue between Martin Luther King Jr. and Malcolm X, 157 Bernhard Center, 11 a.m.

MLK celebration event, "School Names as Cultural Arenas: Naming U.S. Public Schools after Martin Luther King Jr.," 242 Bernhard Center, 2:30 p.m.

MLK celebration event, "MLK on War and Peace," 159 Bernhard Center, 7:30 p.m.

*Disney's "Beauty and the Beast," stage production (through Sunday, Jan. 26), Miller Auditorium, Tuesday through Thursday, 7:30 p.m.; Friday, 8 p.m.; Saturday, 2 and 8 p.m.; Sunday, 1 and 6:30 p.m.

1.22 Wednesday

MLK celebration event, "Criminal Justice Reform in Kalamazoo County," Dr. Paul Clements, 3301 Friedmann Hall, 12:30 p.m.

Dalton Convocation Series, "20th-Century Chamber Music," Dalton Center Recital Hall, 1 p.m.

MLK celebration event, "WMU's Affirmative Action Plan," Dr. Emily Hoffman, 3508 Knauss Hall, 3 p.m.

MLK celebration event, "Teaching about Martin Luther King Jr.," for prospective teachers, 2304 Sangren Hall, 3:30 p.m.

MLK celebration event, "The Medgar Evers Story," Henry Hall Lounge, 6:30 p.m.

*Men's basketball vs. Bowling Green, University Arena, 7 p.m.

1.22 Thursday

MLK celebration event, "The Way Home," film showing and discussion, 2513 Faunce Student Services, noon.

MLK celebration event, "Birthday Celebration," Multicultural Room, Ellsworth Hall, 1:30 p.m.

MLK celebration event, "MLK Discovery Day" for children, indoor tennis courts, Student Recreation Center, 4 to 6 p.m.

*Women's basketball vs. North Carolina, University Arena, 7 p.m.

Reading, fiction author S. L. Wisenberg, 1301 Wood Hall, 8:30 p.m.

***Admission charged**

Annual snow removal challenge faces crews

Winter hours 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 100 acres of parking, 30 miles of walks, 200,000 square feet of steps, ramps and hundreds of doorways must be plowed, 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 these 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 have been 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.