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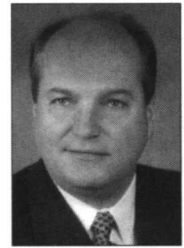
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Former DaimlerChrysler CEO Holden named to WMU board

James P. Holden, former president and chief executive officer of DaimlerChrysler AG, has been appointed by Gov. John Engler to the WMU Board of Trustees.



Holden

The Bloomfield Hills, Mich., resident replaces Richard Haworth of Holland, Mich., for a term that expires Dec. 31, 2006. Haworth, a WMU trustee since 1991,

resigned in December.

Holden earned a bachelor's degree in political science from WMU in 1973 and an MBA from Michigan State University in 1990. He began his career in the auto industry with Ford Motor Co. shortly after graduating from WMU.

After eight years at Ford, Holden joined the Chrysler Corp. in 1981 as a fleet development manager for truck operations and began a rapid rise through the Chrysler ranks. By 1996, he was one of six executive vice presidents at Chrysler and in 1998, he helped create the new corporate structure for DaimlerChrysler, ultimately emerging as president in 1999 of the entity created from the merger of Chrysler with Daimler Benz. By June 2000, Holden had added the role of CEO to his responsibilities. He held both titles until late that year, when he left the firm during a management shakeup.

Floyd to address 'State of the U'

President Elson S. Floyd will deliver a "State of the University" address this evening as part of WMU's annual Academic Convocation, set for 5 p.m. in the Fetzer Center's Kirsch Auditorium.

The Faculty Senate will act as host to the event, which is intended to recognize excellence and academic achievement at the University. Alumni Teaching Excellence Awards will be presented to Mary L. Dawson, health, physical education and recreation, and Carolyn Harris, foreign languages and literatures. The Distinguished Faculty Scholar Award and a Distinguished Service Award also will be presented. (See related stories on this page.)

WMUK-FM (102.1), the University's public radio station, will broadcast Floyd's address at 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 8.

Career Fair 2002 is today

New graduates and intern candidates as well as seasoned professionals will be able to learn about a wide range of employment opportunities during the 24th annual Career Fair from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. today in the East and West ballrooms of the Bernhard Center.

The free event is designed for area university students and WMU alumni, but members of the general public also are invited. Some 140 employers will be on hand for the event, which is expected to draw about 2,500 people.

This year, greater emphasis has been placed on attracting employers who are seeking job candidates with advanced degrees. A detailed list of participating employers is available in the "Career Fairs" section of the <www.bronco-jobs.wmich.edu> Web site.

Wireless campus computing now a reality

A year after pledging to make the WMU campus a totally wireless computing environment, President Elson S. Floyd teamed up with U.S. Rep. Fred Upton Jan. 28 for a campus "wire-cutting" ceremony to mark the project's success.

More than 600 wireless access ports have been installed in campus buildings, and nearly 30 outdoor units are being placed to



CUTTING THE TIES—Congressman Fred Upton, far left, joined Viji Murali, vice president for information technology; Chris Donathan, president of the Western Student Association; and President Elson S. Floyd for a ceremonial "wire-cutting" ceremony Jan. 28 to mark the completion of WMU's wireless initiative. (Photo by Neil Rankin)

carpet the campus with wireless capability that will allow students, faculty and staff to access University networks and the Internet from virtually every corner of the campus.

The initiative makes WMU one of the first major research universities in the nation, and the only one in Michigan, to offer campuswide wireless computing.

From Waldo Library to Waldo Stadium, students will be able to use laptop computers and personal digital devices to interact with instructors, surf the Web, check their e-mail or locate research sources. The system also is designed to make technology use both in and out of the classroom more convenient for faculty.

Wireless access is now available in academic buildings, faculty and staff offices, major student gathering places, parking lots, the

central campus pedestrian corridors, and in such common areas of residence halls as student lounges and dining areas. Residence hall rooms already offer complete wired access. A total of 65 campus buildings have been outfitted with wireless access points.

"We seized an opportunity that will allow our faculty and students to immediately enjoy the kind of computing access that will one day be commonplace," said Floyd in describing the project. "It's an initiative that puts information in their hands whenever and wherever they may need it, and it will have a major impact on research and other scholarly activities at this University. It is also a fiscally responsible move that has allowed us to transform existing buildings into state-of-the-art information portals, without having to undertake costly retrofitting."

Upton, who is chairman of the House Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet, has been a supporter of WMU's wireless initiative.

"Western Michigan University plays a key role in our region's economy and economic future," said Upton. "We need to give our best and brightest not only the book knowledge they need, but also the hands-on skills that are critical to attracting economic development for our region. The wireless campus is but another example of WMU setting the trend in what will someday be the national standard."

Work began with campus computing and engineering surveys

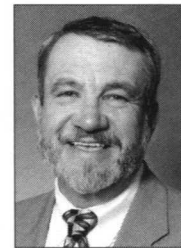
WMU has been working with Cisco Systems Inc. on the project since last February after Floyd announced the initiative in his annual "State of the University" address. Cisco completed an extensive engineering site survey of campus facilities, and WMU's information technology staff did a survey of campus computing needs, meeting with faculty, staff and students as part of the process. Installation of access points began last summer, using Cisco's Aironet 350 Series equipment. By early last fall, about 80 percent of campus classrooms were equipped for wireless work. The remaining indoor installations have just been completed, and

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Hanley and Smith among those honored at convocation tonight

Hanley lauded for organizational skills, service to communication sciences profession

John M. "Mick" Hanley, chairperson of speech pathology and audiology and a researcher in communication sciences and disorders, is the recipient of the 2001 Distinguished Service Award. Hanley will be presented with the award during ceremonies this evening.



Hanley

Hanley, who was recommended for the honor by his colleagues at both WMU and at other institutions around the nation, has been on the WMU faculty since 1980, serving as department chairperson since 1990. An authority in the areas of stuttering and fluency disorders in children, Hanley was chosen to receive the award from campuswide nominations. Selection is based on such criteria as: service through innovative and effective programs; service in areas that contribute to the growth and stature of the University; and service that extends the impact and presence of the University into the larger community. He will receive a plaque and a \$1,500 honorarium.

Hanley's management of WMU's speech pathology and audiology program was singled out by two departmental colleagues in a letter nominating him for the award.

"As chairperson of this department, Dr. Hanley consistently exhibits the attributes of a fine administrator," they wrote. "He has a firm grasp on all aspects of departmental operation—academic, research and clinical—and provides just the right

amount of support to faculty members who have responsibilities in these areas.

"He maintains a clear sense of all important principals and developments without losing track of procedural details, thus achieving a view of the forest and the trees at the same time," they continued. "Dr. Hanley also has an excellent understanding of how to accomplish group goals, and he has the drive and enthusiasm to keep a

project moving."

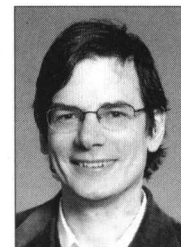
Nominators from other institutions cited Hanley's research and his many activities in professional associations, including his service as president and board member for the Council of Academic Programs in Communication Sciences and Disorders.

"Dr. Hanley's research garners national attention," wrote one nominator. "He is

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Smith's Distinguished Faculty Scholar award is 'about time'

Described by a colleague as exhibiting "dynamic, relentless brilliance," a WMU faculty member who is considered to be one of the world's leading and "most prolific" philosophers will receive the University's highest faculty honor this evening.



Smith

Quentin Smith, philosophy, has been named the University's 2001 Distinguished Faculty Scholar. The award will be presented during the University's joint Faculty Senate meeting and Academic Convocation at 5 p.m. tonight in the Fetzer Center.

The Distinguished Faculty Scholar Award, established in 1978, recognizes those whose work constitutes a significant body of achievement, most of which has been accomplished while a faculty member at WMU. Nominations are sought campuswide for recipients, who also must

have a wide body of recognition beyond the University. The award includes a plaque and a \$2,000 cash award. As an award recipient, Smith also will have \$2,000 added to his base salary.

Smith, who joined WMU's faculty in 1993, is recognized internationally for his pioneering theories of the philosophy of time. According to Smith's nominators for the award, his 1993 book, "Language and Time," established him as a "world-class authority on the philosophy of time."

"Every philosopher working on theories of time must take into account his theory and the novel arguments he has invented to support it," one nominator wrote.

Smith has branched out from the philosophy of time and become as renowned for his work in the philosophies of language and religion and cosmology. He is the author or co-author of six books, including "The Felt Meanings of the World: A Metaphysics of Feeling," "The New Theory of Time," and "Theism, Atheism

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Around the Campus

Wright to be feted at Feb. 19 reception set for Oaklands

A reception Tuesday, Feb. 19, will honor Richard A. Wright, who recently stepped down after a two-year stint as dean of the College of Aviation.

Members of the University community are invited to attend the event, which will be held from 3 to 5 p.m. in the Oaklands.

Wright, who has been at WMU since 1993, came to the University as professor of philosophy and associate vice president for academic affairs, a position he held for seven years. During his tenure at WMU, he also has held a number of other administrative posts, including interim registrar, interim director of financial aid, interim academic computing director, interim vice president for information technology and associate vice president for research.

Impact of women's suffrage on nation is subject of IGP event

Women's voting patterns, once they attained suffrage, and the impact of their electoral choices will be the focus of a presentation at WMU Wednesday, Feb. 20.

Kevin Corder, political science, and Christina Wolbrecht, the Packey J. Dee Assistant Professor of Government at the University of Notre Dame, will address "Women's Turnout After Suffrage: New Answers to Old Questions" from 3:30 to 5 p.m. in 3301 Friedmann. Sponsored by WMU's Institute of Government and Politics, the presentation is free and open to the public.

Corder's and Wolbrecht's address is based on their award-winning research examining women's voting behavior and its impact on the American political system in the period immediately following the granting of women's suffrage in 1920. Their project has received funding from the National Science Foundation and was awarded the Carrie Chapman Catt Prize for Research on Women and Politics from the Carrie Chapman Center for Women and Politics at Iowa State University.

For more details on these events and others, check out the WMU News Web page at www.wmich.edu/wmu/news. Expanded versions of news releases on each of these events is available on that site.

Women in sports honored

In recognition of National Girl and Women in Sports Day, the University and Kalamazoo College will showcase women who have been involved in athletics from the 1940s to the present as well as current female student athletes who are achieving excellence in their classrooms and communities.

The national theme, "Celebrating 30 Years of Title IX," is the focal point for the two-part program that begins at noon Saturday, Feb. 9, in the Stone Room of the Hicks Center on the Kalamazoo College campus. Members of the public will get a chance to recognize honorees at 2 p.m. the same day, when the WMU women's basketball team takes on a team from the University of Toledo in WMU's University Arena.

Established by Congress in 1986, National Girls and Women in Sports Day is celebrated each February to acknowledge the achievements and importance of women in sports and fitness. The 2002 theme draws attention to the progress female athletes have made since 1972, when only one in 27 girls participated in high school sports. Today, one in three girls is active in high school athletics.

Among them are 26 local high school seniors, who were nominated by principals, athletic directors and coaches for their accomplishments in athletics, academics and community involvement and for their leadership potential. The honorees will be recognized during halftime at the basketball game.

Purchasing fair will match entrepreneurs, opportunities

A workshop designed to match public sector buyers with minority and women entrepreneurs will be held from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 20, at the Fetzer Center.

"Working Together—How to do Business with the Public Sector" will continue a dialogue initiated at a similar workshop last year. Event organizers aim to educate minority and women business owners about public sector policies and procedures, and to identify roadblocks facing minority- and women-owned business enterprises seeking participation in public-sector bidding.

The cost of the workshop is \$25, which includes a continental breakfast and buffet lunch. The registration deadline is tomorrow, Friday, Feb. 8. For more information or to register, contact Cheryl McCaffery at 383-8967.

Gospel music is minifest focus

A spirited and moving minifestival exploring traditional gospel music is planned for the campus this weekend.

"The Old Landmark: Traditional Gospel in the 21st Century," is the title of the Exposition VII Minifest, which will blend lectures with live performances to both educate and entertain audiences Friday and Saturday, Feb. 8 and 9, in the Dalton Center Recital Hall. Events begin at 7:30 p.m. each night and are free and open to the public.

An annual event, this year's minifestival will explore gospel music in the southern style, says organizer Benjamin Wilson, Africana studies program. Gospel was born in 1906 out of the praise of ecstatic worshippers in Pentecostal churches where traditional European hymns were "gospelized" through jubilant and forceful singing; dramatic testimonies; hand clapping; foot stomping; and the beating of drums, tambourines and triangles.

The festival format for both evenings will begin with a 7:30 p.m. lecture, followed by a question-and-answer period and a live musical performance. Lecturers will be Horace Boyer, professor emeritus of music theory at the University of Massachusetts, and Gloria Gibson, associate professor of ethnomusicology at Indiana University. Performances will be offered by the Boyer Brothers and Myron Cobbs & A New Song.

For more information, persons should contact Wilson at 7-2667.

Well-being is ethics topic

In the pursuit of happiness, many people subscribe to the sentiment expressed in the lyrics of a popular Sheryl Crow song, "If it makes you happy / It can't be that bad." When it comes to personal well-being, however, a University philosopher says the real question is, "How do you define good?"

Insoo Hyun, philosophy and associate director of the WMU Center for the Study of Ethics in Society, will offer a philosophical look at the determination of what is good for individuals in his presentation, "What Is Personal Well-being?" Wednesday, Feb. 13. The discussion begins at 7 p.m. in 210 Bernhard Center and is a part of the winter lecture series sponsored by the Center for the Study of Ethics in Society. It is free and open to the public.

Nominations sought for winter staff awards

Nominations are now being sought for the winter 2002 semiannual Staff Service Excellence Awards.

The SSEA program is a peer-to-peer program designed to recognize outstanding University personnel. Nominations of non-faculty staff members will be evaluated on those employees' record of performing in true service excellence, far out-performing normal job expectations. Winners are selected by representatives of the participating employee groups: AFSCME local 1668, the APA, MSEA, POA and PSSO.

Up to 12 staff members may be selected to win a semiannual award with a \$100 prize.

Redwood activist to speak on campus Feb. 14

The woman who perched in the top of a California redwood for two years in a crusade to save the 1,000-year-old tree and other ancient forests will speak about her efforts and the impact they had when she visits WMU on Valentine's Day.

Julia Butterfly Hill will speak about how "One Makes the Difference" at 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 14, in 2000 Schneider.

She also will meet with WMU students from 2 to 4 p.m. that day in the Lee Honors

The winners of the 2001-02 semiannual awards will be the only employees eligible to win an annual award—with a \$1,000 prize—in spring 2002.

All semiannual nominations will be considered solely on the basis of nomination content. Nominations should consider specific examples of service excellence. Nominations may be submitted through Feb. 16 to Kitty Scheffers, human resources, by memo or e-mail sent to hr-ssea@wmich.edu or by using a nomination form obtained by calling human resources at 7-3620.

Winners will be announced in March.

College lounge and will be available after the evening program to sign copies of her book "The Legacy of Luna."

In 1997 near Stafford, Calif., Hill climbed to the top of an ancient redwood tree that she called Luna and lived in a tent there for 738 days to protest the plight of ancient forests. She only came down after negotiating to permanently protect Luna and a nearly three-acre buffer zone from deforestation.

Curtis Curtis-Smith wins coveted music commission

The Fromm Music Foundation of Harvard University has awarded a coveted commission to Curtis Curtis-Smith, music, to create new works for piano.

Curtis-Smith, winner of a recent commission from the Barlow Endowment for Music Composition and more than

20 American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers Awards, will receive \$10,000 from the foundation to compose a set of 24 preludes for piano.

In addition to the commission, the foundation also provides funds to premiere the work. New York pianist Bruce Levingston plans to premiere the compositions at Lincoln Center's Alice Tully Hall during the 2002-03 season. The venerable concert hall is becoming a regular staging ground for Curtis-Smith's work. On April 1, Levingston will perform four of Curtis-Smith's recently composed "Twelve Etudes for Piano" in the hall, while Lori Sims, music, premiered seven of the etudes there in September 2000 in her Lincoln Center debut.

Curtis-Smith says Levingston asked him to write a new set of piano pieces for him to be performed at a Tully Hall recital. Curtis-Smith envisioned a continuation of the writing of shorter, interconnected forms that he found so appealing in composing his "Twelve Etudes."

Since their completion, the etudes have been enthusiastically received. A group of four etudes were among pieces selected for performance by last year's Van Cliburn competitors in Fort Worth, Texas. Sims' performance of seven of the etudes in her Lincoln Center debut led New York Times critic Bernard Holland to warmly praise Curtis-Smith's composition.

New Zegree book wins praise

Stephen Zegree, music, has written a book that, according to critics, could become an indispensable tool for others teaching vocal jazz.

Drawing on more than two decades of experience as a vocal jazz instructor and

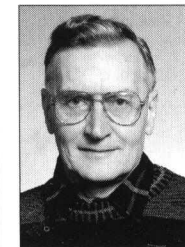
director, Zegree has compiled "The Complete Guide to Teaching Vocal Jazz (Including Pop and Other Show Styles)." The book provides an abundance of helpful information that will be of use to a wide

range of vocal jazz instructors, from novices just starting their own vocal jazz groups to more experienced professionals wanting to improve their choir program or expand its repertoire.

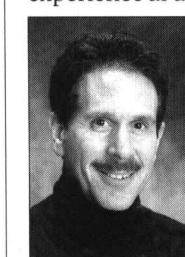
Published by Heritage Music Press, the book explores a litany of topics, including jazz traditions, styles, theory, improvisation, rehearsal techniques, solo singing, sound reinforcement systems and staging.

In addition, 27 sound samples are included on a compact disc accompanying the book, while a glossary explains the lingo of the business. A discography also will help readers begin their own CD collections and covers jazz artists over the past 100 years.

Critics have given Zegree's new book a warm reception. A reviewer for the upcoming issue of *Jazz Educators Journal* calls it "a superlative vocal jazz pedagogy guidebook for getting music educators into contemporary music instruction with emphasis on the organizational and pedagogical techniques that are essential fundamentals for directing a vocal jazz program at the middle school, high school and college levels."



Curtis-Smith



Zegree



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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.

(N) **Assistant Academic Career Specialist** (re-post), D30, Communication, 01/02-2788, 2/4-2/11/02

(R) **Assistant Academic Career Specialist** (re-post), D30, Bronson School of Nursing, 01/02-2807, 2/4-2/11/02

(N) **Assistant Academic Career Specialist** (re-post), D30, Statistics, 01/02-2810, 2/4-2/11/02

(R) **Assistant Professor** (tenure track, academic year), I30, Educational Studies, 01/02-2811, 2/4-2/11/02

(R) **Associate Professor** (tenure track, academic year), I20, Construction Engineering, Materials Engineering and Industrial Design, 01/02-2812, 2/4-2/11/02

(R) **Benefits Clerk**, 12, Human Resources, 01/02-2814, 2/4-2/11/02

(R) **Office Assistant**, 11, Counselor Education and Counseling Psychology, 01/02-2816, 2/4-2/11/02

(N) **Database Administrator**, 19, Office of Information Technology, 01/02-2817, 2/4-2/11/02

(N) **Academic Advisor**, 15, College of Aviation, 01/02-2819, 2/4-2/11/02

(R) **Clerk**, 10, Registrar's Office, 01/02-2820, 2/4-2/11/02

(R) **Assistant Professor** (tenure track, academic year), I30, Teaching, Learning and Leadership, 01/02-2821, 2/4-2/11/02

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Human resources

Feb. 21 Lunch & Learn topic will be motivation for actions

Author Mary Blakely will lead a discussion based on her book, "Why Not You?... Why We Do What We Do," at the Thursday, Feb. 21, Lunch & Learn session.

Consultant and owner of Azuray Learning Inc., Blakely has been a guest on numerous radio shows and hosted her own radio show. Her book is currently used as a textbook in the Haworth College of Business.

Employees who would like to get a glimpse of why we do the things we do, should attend this brown-bag session scheduled from noon to 1 p.m. in 157 Bernhard Center. Questions about the event can be directed to the Employee Assistance Program, the sponsor of Lunch & Learn, at 7-3264.

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FOR SALE—Electric range, GE, self-cleaning, four burners, two side-by-side ovens, 40" wide, excellent condition, \$325. Call 342-9935.



ENGINEERING JOB WAS LIKE COMING HOME
(Photo by Neil Rankin)

On Campus with Cathy Smith

For Cathy Smith, joining the WMU staff 15 months ago was almost like coming home. But the 1986 alumna, who earned a BBA in marketing, was never very far removed from events on campus before she returned in late 2000 to take on the role of communication and marketing coordinator for the College of Engineering and Applied Sciences.

After graduating, Smith went to work for Kalamazoo landscape architects O'Boyle, Cowell, Blalock and Associates. Her next position was with the Grand Rapids-based engineering firm Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr & Huber. Both firms have played a major role in developing the University's Parkview Campus, the site that will be home to both the Business Technology and Research Park and, in 2003, the new College of Engineering and Applied Sciences campus. Some of her former colleagues at FTC&H will even have an office at the BTR Park.

"I have been involved with the Parkview Campus since its conception and felt a real connection to the site," Smith says. "When I saw this job advertised, I thought, 'This job is made for me.' It will be very rewarding for me to look out my window in the near future and see the dreams of so many realized in the Parkview Campus."

The duties of her job include writing, editing, producing and publishing all collegewide marketing and communication materials, such as the college newsletter, biannual senior design project brochures, advertisements and materials for the Web. She also is in charge of planning and executing special events for the college and acts as liaison between the college and student organizations. The latter role constitutes one of her favorite parts of the job.

"I have a lot of contact with students and am really enjoying that," she says. She also is struck by the fact that, despite her short time on the job, she feels like she's been part of the college for years.

The faculty and staff have been incredibly welcoming," she says. "It feels like I've been here forever and that's a very nice feeling."

When not on the job, Smith can be found in Richland, where she and her husband make their home and ride herd on two daughters, ages 6 and 8. Hers is a family of campers, and their recent trips have taken them to campgrounds around Michigan. Last summer, after traveling to Chicago to watch the college's Sunseeker team depart on a cross-country race, the family continued on to Wisconsin to sample the camping fare in that state as well.

Obituary

Irene V. Storoshenko, emerita in Russian, died in Dec. 23 in Kalamazoo. She was 83.

She was a faculty member from 1964 until her retirement in 1983. Prior to coming to WMU, she taught at South Dakota State University. She also taught at the University of Michigan during the summers of 1964-66.

Storoshenko earned a diploma from Kiev State University in Russia and a master's degree from Indiana University. She was a member of the American Association of Slavic Studies and that organization's Michigan chapter.

Wireless computing

about 50 percent of the outdoor units are now operational.

Project manager George Kohrman, information technology, says the wireless capability does not replace, but rather augments, the existing wired access points. Wired connections will remain the preferred choice for computing-intensive areas such as engineering and computer science. While wireless access is not as fast as wired access, it is significantly faster—about 200 times faster—than access through a dial-up modem.

Cost is one-fifth that of hard wiring

The cost savings of using a wireless network to extend computing capability is substantial. Wiring an existing building can cost from five to 10 times as much as installing wireless access points, Kohrman says. Last October, a *Chronicle of Higher Education* estimate pegged the cost of a wireless installation at about one-fifth that of hard wiring a building. Kohrman calls that "a very conservative estimate," and points to locations on the WMU campus where the hard wiring would have been 10

Payroll check information changes to show up Feb. 26

New and revised paycheck information will be reported beginning with paychecks received on Feb. 26.

- Paychecks will now include the employee ID number, below the employee's name in the upper left corner of the paycheck, on the same line as the Social Security number.

Employees should use their employee ID number when requesting personal assistance from Payroll or human resources. PeopleSoft cannot locate data using a Social Security number.

- Salaried employees will no longer see gross wages attributed to used annual or sick leave in their earnings breakdown.

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times the cost of providing wireless access.

Viji Murali, chief information officer and vice president for information technology, says the size and scope of the University's undertaking will allow it to develop wireless "best practices" that will have applications for other higher education systems as well as for corporate entities, communities and individuals.

"There is a tremendous sense of excitement on our campus about what we know wireless will allow us to do," Murali says. "Even more exciting is the certainty that this is going to bring about cultural changes we haven't even begun to dream about yet. WMU is going to be a resource for all kinds of organizations out to expand our perceptions and challenge the computing status quo."

Members of the WMU campus community who use the new wireless system will need computing equipment that is configured with wireless cards. Faculty recipients of laptops through a faculty computing initiative begun last year by Floyd also are set for wireless computing.

Feb. 12 Innovation Forum will offer look at firms' start-up process

Local economic development agency Southwest Michigan First will hold one of its three 2002 Investing in Innovation Forums on campus Tuesday, Feb. 12, giving students, faculty and staff an opportunity to get a feel for how investors and start-up firms connect.

The event at the Fetzer Center is an investment forum focused on promoting early-stage investment opportunities for

the life sciences and information technology in Michigan.

The full-day agenda will begin at 9:30 a.m. with a seminar on perfecting pitches to investors. The schedule also includes a lunch, technology exhibition, six entrepreneur presentations and an evening reception.

Co-hosts of the Investing in Innovation Forum are Southwest Michigan First,

The "Leave Accrual Hours" area is not changing and will continue to report type, used and available leave.

- Bargaining unit employees will see more detailed information in their earnings breakdown, with up to eight different earning sources being reported on the new paycheck. Current paychecks show only up to four different earning sources—and the fourth earnings line combines gross wages from all earning sources not covered in the first three lines.

- Paychecks will have room for a short memo line, which payroll will use at its discretion. If your department has a message for all employees that would be appropriate to send via paychecks, contact payroll at 7-2935 for consideration.

Snow removal challenges, schedules now in effect

Winter hours for WMU snow removal crews went into effect in January, covering snow and ice removal activities on the campus 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

According to Paul McNellis, director of landscape services, the crews' goal is to have most areas under control before students, staff and faculty arrive each morning—providing they are not dealing with a major storm.

Crews concentrate on major access areas of the University, but they are dealing with a tremendous coverage area. Areas that must be cleared include more than 23 miles of roads, 100 acres of parking lots, 39 miles of walks, 200,000 square feet of steps and ramps, and hundreds of doorways to be cleared and salted each time it snows.

Students, faculty and staff with special mobility needs should call landscape services at 7-8557. Schedules can be changed to accommodate those needs.

WMU and the Michigan Small Business Development Center. The Michigan Economic Development Corp., Michigan Radio, Great Lakes Venture Quest and Digital Detroit are the other sponsors for this event.

For registration and further information, visit the forum Web site at <www.southwestmichiganfirst.com>.

Calendar

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2.7 Thursday

Exhibition (through Feb. 8), Richard Wozniak, "The Islands," East Hall Galleries, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; reception, Friday, Feb. 8, 5-7 p.m.

Exhibition (through Feb. 25), "Dutch Graphic Design: Simplicity, Mentality, Wit," Sangren Hall Gallery II, weekdays 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Career Fair 2002, East and West Ballrooms, Bernhard Center, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Academic Convocation and Faculty Senate meeting, Kirsch Auditorium, Fetzer Center, 5 p.m.

Concert, University Jazz Lab Band directed by Scott Cowan, Dalton Center Recital Hall, 8 p.m.

*Performance (through Feb. 9), University Theatre production, "For Colored Girls Who Have Consided Suicide/When the Rainbow is Enuf," York Arena Theatre, 8 p.m.

*Comedy, Michael Dean Ester, sponsored by CAB, Shaw Theatre, 9 p.m.

LBGT Awareness Days event, Annual Drag Show and Contest, 158 Bernhard Center, 9 p.m.; call 7-2123 for more information.

2.8 Friday

*Men's hockey vs. Northern Michigan, Lawson Ice Arena, 7 p.m.

*Film showing (through Feb. 10), Kalamazoo Film Society's "Innocence," The Little Theatre, Friday and Saturday, 7 and 9:30 p.m.; Sunday, 2:30 and 5 p.m.

Exposition VII Minifest of gospel music festival (and Feb. 9), includes lecture, discussion and live performance, Dalton Center Recital Hall, 7:30 p.m.

*LBGT Awareness Days concert, singer-songwriter Tamara Bedricky, Wesley Foundation, 8 p.m.; call 7-2123 for more information.

Concert, Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra, "Scottish Splendor," Miller Auditorium, 8 p.m.

2.9 Saturday

*Women's basketball vs. Toledo, University Arena, includes ceremony "Celebrating 30 Years of Title IX" for National Girls and Women in Sports Day, 2 p.m.

*Men's hockey vs. Northern Michigan, Lawson Ice Arena, 7 p.m.

*Concert, Compania Espanola de Antonio Marquez, Miller Auditorium, 8 p.m.

2.10 Sunday

Concert, University Symphony Orchestra directed by Bruce Uchimura, with award-winning violin soloist Judith Ingolfsson, Miller Auditorium, 3 p.m.

2.11 Monday

Exhibitions (through Feb. 15), Bill Taylor and Eric VanSingel, BFA Painting Degree Shows, East Hall Galleries, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; reception, Friday, Feb. 15, 5-7 p.m.

Exhibition (through Feb. 28), Interior design students Senior Design Showcase, Interior Design Gallery, 1016 Trimpe Building, weekdays 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; reception, Saturday, Feb. 16, 2-4 p.m.

LBGT Awareness Days auction, silent auction to benefit OUTspoken, 207 Bernhard Center, bidding open 11 a.m.-5 p.m.; call 7-2123 for more information.

LBGT Awareness Days lecture and brown-bag lunch, "Michigan's Political Environment for LBGT People," Sean Kosofsky, director of policy for the Triangle Foundation of Michigan, 157 Bernhard Center, 11:30 a.m.; call 7-2123 for more information.

*Women's basketball vs. Indiana-Purdue, Fort Wayne, University Arena, 7 p.m.

Guest Artist Recital, Arthur Greene, piano, Dalton Center Recital Hall, 8 p.m.

2.12 Tuesday

LBGT Awareness Days discussion and brown-bag lunch, LBGT panel members share their personal stories, 157 Bernhard Center, 11:30 a.m.; call 7-2123 for more information.

Master Class with violist Michael Kugel, Dalton Center Lecture Hall, noon.

*Concert, Leigh Howard Stevens, Marimba, Dalton Center Recital Hall, 8 p.m.

2.13 Wednesday

LBGT Awareness Days discussion and brown-bag lunch for Safe On Campus members, light refreshments provided, 157 Bernhard Center, 11:30 a.m.; call 7-2123 for more information.

Dalton Convocation Series, Leigh Howard Stevens, Marimba, Dalton Center Recital Hall, 1 p.m.

Workshop, "How to Access Census 2000 Data," Waldo Library Classroom B, 3 p.m. Contact Michael McDonnell, 7-5187, <michael.mc-donnell@wmich.edu>.

Ethics lecture, "What is Personal Well-Being?," Insoo Hyun, philosophy, 210 Bernhard Center, 7 p.m.

Benefit Concert for Twin Towers Relief Effort, violist Michael Kugel, Dalton Center Recital Hall, 8 p.m.

2.14 Thursday

Master class with violist Michael Kugel, Dalton Center Lecture Hall, 2 p.m.

Master class with jazz vocalist Mike Campbell, 1130 Dalton Center, 3 p.m.

Environmental studies lecture, "One Makes the Difference," Julia Butterfly Hill, author and environmentalist, 2000 Schneider Hall, 7 p.m.

*Performance (through Feb. 17), University Theatre production of "Space," Multiform Theatre; Thursday through Saturday, Feb. 14-16 and Feb. 21 23, 8 p.m.; Sunday, Feb. 17, 2 p.m.

Reading, poet William Olsen, 2302 Sangren Hall, 8:30 p.m.

2.15 Friday

LBGT Awareness Days lecture and brown bag lunch, "LBGT People in the Bible" by the Rev. Shawn MacDonald, doctoral student in counseling psychology, Faculty Dining Room, Bernhard Center 11:30 a.m.; call 7-2123 for more information.

Women's Studies Program Susan B. Anthony birthday celebration, high-lighting Anthony's lifetime work to gain the vote for women, followed by birthday cake and party, Lee Honors College lounge, 1 p.m.

Black History Month forum on student issues, Student Recreation Center, 7 p.m. Friday-7 a.m. Saturday

*Film screening, Western Film Society presents "Novocaine," The Little Theatre, Friday and Saturday, 7 and 9:30 p.m.; Sunday, 2:30 and 5 p.m.

Concert, "Bob Marley Reggae Nite," sponsored by SET, Center Stage, Bronco Mall, Bernhard Center, 8 p.m.

2.16 Saturday

Men's tennis vs. Purdue, West Hills Tennis Club, 1 p.m.

*Concert, Gold Company, Miller Auditorium, 2 and 8 p.m.

Concerto competition finals, student competition for the honor of performing as soloists with the University Symphony Orchestra in April, Dalton Center Recital Hall, 4 p.m.

2.17 Sunday

Men's tennis vs. Butler, West Hills Tennis Club, 1 p.m.

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

Men's tennis vs. Valparaiso, West Hills Tennis Club, 6 p.m.

Faculty recital, Western Brass Quintet, Dalton Recital Hall, 3 p.m.

2.18 Monday

Exhibition (through Feb. 22), Printmaking Group Show, East Hall Galleries, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; reception, Friday, Feb. 22, 5-7 p.m.

Workshop and brown-bag lunch, "The Black Eden: The Idlewild Community," with Benjamin Wilson, black Americana studies, and Lewis Walker, Lewis Walker Institute for the Study of Race and Ethnic Relations, 301A Ellsworth Hall, noon.

Black History Month gospel concert, Dalton Recital Hall, 7 p.m.

2.19 Tuesday

*Women's basketball vs. Central Michigan, University Arena, 7 p.m.

*Faculty recital, The Merling Trio featuring selections from the trio's new CD, "Piano Trio Classics," Dalton Recital Hall, 8 p.m.

2.20 Wednesday

Dalton Convocation Series, selected outstanding student performances from area recitals, Dalton Recital Hall, 1 p.m.

Economics lecture, Werner Sichel Lecture-Seminar Series, "Risk and Agriculture: Issues and Evidence," Rulon Dean Pope, Brigham Young University, 3508 Knauss Hall, 3 p.m.

Lecture, "Women's Turnout After Suffrage: New Answers to Old Questions," Kevin Corder, political science, and Christina Wolbrecht, University of Notre Dame, 3301 Friedmann Hall, 3:30 p.m.

*Miller Movie, "Monsters, Inc.," sponsored by CAB, Miller Auditorium, 7 and 9:30 p.m.

*Men's basketball vs. Ball State, University Arena, 7 p.m.

2.21 Thursday

*Concert, Boys Choir of Harlem, Miller Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.

***Admission charged**

John Hanley

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well known and respected for the thoroughness and excellence of his work in fluency disorders. He collaborates with Western Michigan colleagues and shares his expertise with them, but he also has a strong national network of the most respected researchers in the area of fluency with whom he presents and publishes. Mick has earned the respect of scientists and clinicians in communicative sciences and disorders nationally and internationally. ... His reputation is so strong that WMU's presence is constantly felt and regarded also as a strong national institution."

Another nominator noted Hanley's work to help improve the lives of others.

"Professor Hanley has established himself as a thinking, active, positive contributor to the discipline of communication sciences disorders. He brings the perspective of a clinician with considerable experience in the treatment of stuttering, the unique knowledge gained from over a decade of services as a department chair and a passion for human causes befitting a caring individual who believes the world around him can be improved."

Quentin Smith

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and Big Bang Cosmology." Smith has six more books under contract. In addition, he has had more than 100 articles published in leading philosophical journals, which, according to one supporter, have 90 to 95 percent rejection rates.

"Professor Smith, in my opinion, is one of the leading philosophers in the world today," wrote a colleague in support of Smith's nomination. "He is barely at the midpoint in his career and has already accomplished more than most would accomplish in five lifetimes."

Smith also has been lauded for his contributions to his peers. One supporter stated that "Smith brings out the best in others." "He is willing to carefully read, comment on and encourage philosophers to write the best possible articles for the anthologies he had commissioned them for," the supporter wrote. "He is dedicated not only to consistently writing philosophy at the highest level he is capable of, but also exhorting (and helping) others to do the same."

Smith is the current editor in chief of *Philo: The Journal of the Society of Humanist Philosophers*. He received Rockefeller awards in both 1984 and 1986, as well as a \$20,000 award from the American Council of Learned Societies. He has garnered media attention and has been featured in four PBS television and radio programs in recent years.

"The sheer quantity of his work is simply staggering," wrote a nominator and departmental colleague of Smith's. "Many of us are experiencing the effect of being in contact with dynamic, relentless brilliance, becoming ourselves better philosophers. And yet, [Smith] somehow conveys the feeling that we are all his equals and, indeed, his betters. It's a pleasant illusion he creates."

As part of his award, Smith has been invited to give a presentation to the University community at a Distinguished Faculty Scholar Colloquium. The date, time and location of that event will be announced later.

Medallion Scholarship Competition set for this month

About 800 of the brightest high school seniors in Michigan and 13 other states will gather on campus over two Saturdays, Feb. 9 and 16, for the 18th annual Medallion Scholarship Competition. These academic stars from some 300 high schools will be competing for more than \$4 million in four-year scholarships to attend WMU beginning this fall.

The annual competition, which also draws 1,000 parents, is one of the biggest events of its kind in Michigan. Since it began in 1984, about \$80 million in four-year scholarships has been offered to more than 11,000 students.

The funds are awarded through Medallion Scholarships worth \$32,000, Board of Trustees Scholarships worth \$24,000 and WMU Academic Scholarships worth \$4,800. This year's awards will be offered by March 31.

Event registration will take place from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. each Saturday in the first floor lobby of the Bernhard Center. Representatives from more than 30 University departments and offices will be available both days to meet with competitors and parents.