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WMU gets another 'top-100' national nod

For the second consecutive year, the University has been named one of the nation's top 100 public universities in U.S. News & World Report's annual ranking of U.S. colleges and universities.

The 2001 ranking, which appeared in the magazine's online edition Sept. 1, lists WMU as one of the top 98 public institutions among its list of 228 "national universities." This is the 11th consecutive year WMU has been included in the magazine's national university grouping and the second year it has placed among the top 100 public universities on the list.

“These latest U.S. News & World Report rankings, along with our recent top-tier classification by the Carnegie Foundation, are further proof of the excellence of Western Michigan University,” says President Elenon S. Floyd. "This is indeed a compliment to the scholarship and creative activity of our faculty, students and staff.

In August, the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching included the University in its highest classification level—Doctoral/Research Universities-Extensive. In that prestigious classification, WMU is surpassed only by Michigan State University and the University of Michigan as the destination of choice for this year's winners of the $5,200 awards.

Enrollment at WMU is up in a number of categories, with major gains registered in international, domestic transfer student, beginning graduate student and students enrolled in the University's continuing education programs.

The number of international students enrolled at the University soared more than 15 percent from 1,567 last year to 1,812 this year, reversing a downward trend in recent years that had been attributed to economic slumps in many of the University's key recruiting countries.

The 1998 winner of the Pulitzer Prize for Poetry, Charles Wright, will present a reading of his work on campus Thursday, Sept. 21. Wright will also receive the prize for his book "Black Zodiac." The reading will be at 8:30 p.m. in 3508 Knauss Hall. A reception for Poetry, Charles Wright, will present the Souder Family Professor of English and poet-in-residence at the University of Virginia.

Social work re-accredited

The School of Social Work earned high marks from the Council on Social Work Education in a recent right-year re-accreditation of both its bachelor's and master's degree programs.

Preparing for the re-accreditation was a major focus for the school's faculty over the past two years and included a thorough and intensive self-study in which both programs' strengths and weaknesses were assessed. The result was a 400-page report submitted to the council in advance of a campus visit by a team of social work educators experienced in evaluating educational programs.

The site team listed several strengths in the two programs. Among them were the school's supportive administrative structure, faculty responsiveness to students, the high level of involvement by faculty in leadership positions in the community and professional organizations, and the encouragement of student participation in school operations.

Olympian Boonzaayer is '94 engineering, UHC alumnus

A Bronco alumnus will be competing in the 2000 Olympic Summer Games in Sydney, Australia, this month.

Martin Boonzaayer, a 1994 Lee Honors College graduate with a degree in engineering, will compete as a member of the United States Olympic Judo Team. After graduating summa cum laude from WMU, the Kalamaoo native completed a master's degree at Arizona State University and took a post in Chicago with Motorola.

Described by the media as a "gentle warrior" and a "thinking man's bodybuilder," Boonzaayer currently holds the nation's number one ranking in the +100 kg judo weight class.

BOT to consider three items

There will be a brief meeting of the Board of Trustees at 9 a.m. tomorrow in the Boardroom of the Board of the Bernhard Center.

Trustees will consider approval of a new $1.6 million contract with Local 1668 of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees. They also will consider approval of the general fund budget for 2000-01 and the purchase of property.

The meeting is open to the public. No board committee meetings will be held.

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Host of activities lead up to CommUniverCity Night on Sept. 16

A variety of special events are taking place this year in conjunction with the eighth annual CommUniverCity Night on Saturday, Sept. 16.

The event kicks off the first home football game of the 2003 season and has become one of Southwest Michigan’s biggest yearly athletic events. The focal point of the festivities will be the 6 p.m. gridiron contest between the Broncos and the Indiana State University Sycamores.

The past two CommUniverCity nights have set school and Mid-American Conference single game attendance records. The 1999 game drew 35,874 fans. As in past years, this year’s event will feature private tailgate parties before the game and a spectacular fireworks display after the game.

Lere L. Bracken, intercollegiate athletics, says the 55-cent “Corporate Village” that the University sets up next to Waldo Stadium for the private tailgates will once again be filled to capacity for CommUniverCity Night.

“This will be the third straight year the village has been sold out,” Bracken says. “About 13,000 people now attend the private tailgate parties for our home opener each year. We’re thrilled about how enthusiastic the community is supporting our football program.”

Numerous community-wide activities have been planned leading up to this year’s CommUniverCity football game, including an American Heart Association effort to “walk all over heart disease and stroke.”

The non-competitive three-mile and one-mile walks will start 9 a.m. Saturday near WMU’s Miller Auditorium. There will be snacks and door prizes for all walkers and T-shirts for those who raise more than $100 in sponsorships. Proceeds will go to medical research and education.

Several of the other activities preceding CommUniverCity Night involve the Americitech Invitational volleyball tournament Friday, Sept. 15, and Saturday, Sept. 16, at WMU’s University Area.

• Have lunch while the Broncos play Liberty University at noon on Friday. Food may be bought in or brought on site, and tickets for the match also may be used for admission to the evening volleyball game with the University of Connecticut.

Cotton named AEDC fellow

William H. Cotton has been named a fellow of the American Economic Development Council, the nation’s largest and oldest economic development society.

The Fellow Member designation honors AEDC members who have made extraordinary contributions to the economic development field.

Cotton is director of the Office of Business Development Services in the Worthing College of Business, a post he assumed in 1985. He also directs the Michigan Economic Development Course and was recently elected to the national board of directors of the AEDC.

In late May, the Michigan Open Space Association presented him with his John Corby award for outstanding contributions to the Michigan open space cause. Cotton is a Certified Economic Developer.

Floyd discusses first two years of presidency on ‘Forum’

President Ethel S. Floyd will reflect on his first two years at the University during a special edition of the WMU “Forum” series which can be seen on EduCable and Community Access television beginning today.

During his interview with host Frank Janison, Floyd examines the mutual importance of a strong partnership between the community and the University and discusses her rapidly expanding role as a major research university. Floyd also points to a few of his aspirations for WMU as the University approaches its centennial anniversary in 2003.

Forum can be seen at 4 p.m. today and at 10 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 15, on Community Access channel 30 and at 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 15, on Community Access channel 33. The program also may be viewed online at www.wmich.edu/forum.

Kehew textbook published

Prentice Hall has published a textbook on “Applied Chemical Hydrology” by Alan Kehew, chairperson of geosciences.

Kehew says the book provides an introduction to hydrogeology, offering cusing on applied examples and case studies to illuminate theory. It is designed for students who later will work as consultants or regulators in the environmental field.

This is Kehew’s second textbook. The first, “Geology for Engineers and Environmental Scientists,” was published by Prentice Hall in 1988 and is in its second edition.

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WOLLENTINE ADVOCATE—Middle blocker Amanda Fry (left) and the 14 other members of the 2000 Bronco volleyball squad paid a visit to the Douglass Community Center last month to introduce about 60 local youngsters to the basics of the sport. Fry and her teammates will launch their home season this weekend with matches against Liberty, Connecticut and Ohio State Universities.

(Volleyball advocate picture)
The following list of vacancies is current as of the posting date through October 6.

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Arms control and seismology are Phi Beta Kappa speaker's topics

What does seismology have to do with the global nuclear arms control debate? Plenty, according to University geophysicist who will be visiting the University Monday and Tuesday, Sept. 25 and 26. Paul Richards, the Mellon Professor of Natural Sciences at Columbia, uses seismological methods to study underground nuclear explosions and has explored the implications of these explosions in the scientific and political worlds.

"There were 1,000 such explosions—one a week for 40 years—under the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty was signed in 1996," says Richards, who served as a member of the U.S. delegation to the 1994 Conference on Disarmament in Geneva where the treaty was negotiated. "They questions of how such explosions are detected, identified and located and how big they have been important in the evaluation of present and prospective nuclear arms control treaties."

As part of his campus visit, which is sponsored by the WMU's Theta of Michigan chapter of the Phi Beta Kappa, Richards will visit classes and present a free public lecture. He will discuss "The Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty," his research, Status and Prospects" at 8 p.m. Monday, Sept. 25, in 2100 Hool Hall. An internationally known seismologist, Richards was instrumental in the 1996 discovery that the Earth's inner core has an discontinuity, a change in properties inside the core. He has been a visiting physicist at the Livermore and Los Alamos National Laboratories and was the recipient of a MacArthur Fellowship.

Lori Sims...A native of Colorado, she has been turning heads in classical music in recent years. Her Lincoln Center concert comes two years after she won first prize in the prestigious Gina Bachauer Piano Competition in Salt Lake City, Utah. Sims also won the prize for the best performance of a work by Beethoven at that international competition. More than 250 pianists from around the world were considered in the pre-screening of the Bachauer competition, 47 of whom were selected to compete. Sims' prize included $10,000, a new Steinway grand piano, the release of a CD recording from performances at the competition and four years of concerts and residencies around the world.

Free conflict resolution service introduced for faculty and staff

University faculty and staff have a new— and free—campus service called Campus Employee Dispute Resolution Services. CEDRS is a confidential and private mediation service that helps employees resolve interpersonal disputes. For those having a dispute with another employee, CEDRS provides employees with trained mediators to help find a solution that is comfortable for both parties. Emphasis is placed on allowing the parties to find their own solution, in a fair, non-judgmental setting. Mediators are highly-trained volunteers from the WMU work force who represent all faculty and staff and reflect the diversity of the University community.

CEDRS mediation is informal and neutral, as well as absolutely free and confidential. Mediation will help the parties involved identify issues, communicate, brainstorm solutions and reach an agreement—without assigning blame or finding faults. And, the parties retain the right to pursue other dispute resolution processes.

To find out more or to get started using CEDRS, contact the Employee Assistance Program at 7-3524.

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 Calendar of Events. You can also link directly to the calendar at <www.wmich.edu/emu/news/events>.

SEPTEMBER

9, 14 Thursday

General meeting, Administrative Professional Association, 157-159 Bernhard Center, noon

Organizational meeting, gay, lesbian and bisexual staff, 1104 Gates, 5:30 p.m.

15 Friday

*Volleyball vs. Liberty University, Arena, 7:30 p.m.

Entertainment Explosion series presented by the Student Entertainment Team, prop comic Bobby Hunt, Center Stage, Bronco Mall, noon and 8 p.m.

9.19 Saturday

*Volleyball vs. University of Wisconsin, Arena, 7:30 p.m.

Entertainment Explosion series presented by the Student Entertainment Team, Bronco Mall Center's Stage: Dancer, Tex-Mex/Mariachi musical extravaganza, noon; the Flow, Latin, African, bluegrass, jazz and funk music, 4 p.m.; *Volleyball vs. Connecticut University, Arena, 7:30 p.m.

9.16 Saturday

*Volleyball vs. Ohio State, University Arena, 1 p.m.; *Meet the Team reception and Comm/UniverCity tailgate follow the match.

*Football vs. Indiana State, Comm/UniverCity Night, 6 p.m.

9.19 Monday

Exhibitions (through Sept. 22), BFA Painting Candidates Group Show, Rotunda and South Galleries, East Hall; reception, Friday, Sept. 22, 5-7 p.m.

9.21 Thursday

Reading, Charles Wright, poet, 1508 Knapps Hall, 8:30 p.m.; reception follows, 10th floor of Sprau Tower.

9.22 Friday

"Kalamazoo Symphony, "New Beginnings" concert, Miller Auditorium, 8 p.m.

9.23 Saturday

Workshop, "Effective Grant Seeking: Practical Tips for Graduate Students," presented by David G. Bauer, 242 Bernhard Center, 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Call 7-8298 to register.

*Football vs. Toledo, Southwest Fest, Walden Stadium, 6 p.m.

9.24 Sunday

Student Entertainment Team presentation, Keith Scott Trio, electric blues, Center Stage, Bronco Mall, 6:30 p.m.

9.25 Monday

Exhibitions (through Sept. 29), Into the Void, Photography Show, Rotunda Gallery, and Our Terroirino, 2D & 3D Group Show, South Gallery, Walden Hall, reception, Friday, Sept. 29, 4-6 p.m.

Presentation, "The Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty—Its History, Status and Prospects," Paul Richards, Mellon Professor of Natural Sciences at Columbia University, sponsored by Phi Beta Kappa, 1104 Knapps Hall, 7:30 p.m.

9.28 Thursday

Welcome reception for Marie F. Gates, director, Bronson School of Nursing, Ferret Center, 4-6 p.m.

9.29 Thursday

*Performance (through Oct. 11), "The Scarlet Pimpernel," Miller Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.

Admission charged

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Sims' other awards include first prize co-winner of the 1994 Felix Bartholdy-Mendelssohn Competition in Berlin, winner of the 1993 American Pianists' Association Competition with outstanding distinction, and the silver medal in the 1987 Koszorek Foundation Chopin Competition.

While a student, Sims was a recipient of the Dean's Prize for most outstanding student at the Yale School of Music and a Deutsche Akademische Austauschdienst two-year scholarship from the Federal Republic of Germany.

Sims has performed throughout America, Europe and China, including engagements with the Israel Philharmonic, the Indianapolis Symphony, the Utah Symphony, the Spokane Chamber Orchestra, the Denver Chamber Orchestra, the Yale Philharmonic and the Kalamazoo Symphony. She appeared as a recitalist and master class artist at the 2000 Gilmore International Keyboard Festival.

Sims, who joined the WMU faculty in 1997, is excited by the prospect of supporting the WMU community is giving to the upcoming concert. A gathering of WMU faculty, administrators, alumni and friends is being organized to attend the event.

"I'm very pleased at the tremendous support of the faculty and administration at Western," she says. "Not only have they been very flexible in allowing me to do these kinds of things, but also that so many of these coming concerts represent a tremendous amount to me. As usual, I've been quite overwhelmed by their support."

Welcome reception set to welcome new nursing school director Gates

The University community is invited to attend a reception, Tuesday, Sept. 26, in reception to welcome Marie F. Gates, the new director of WMU's Bronson School of Nursing. The reception is sponsored by the WMU Office of University Advancement and is open to all faculty, students and staff.

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