Earthquake jolts Seattle, but gymnasiums refuse to be rattled

Members of the WMU gymnastics team don't get shaken easily. Just hours after surviving a major earthquake, team members defied Seattle's Space Needle earlier that day when the region was hit by an earthquake measuring 6.8 on the Richter scale.

The rest of the travel party was on the ground at the time. "Being in the Space Needle during an earthquake was not something on our itinerary," coach Terry Casperson told the Cable News Network (CNN). Casperson said the Needle Needle "did a great job keeping people calm."

There were no injuries reported among any of the students or staff from WMU, and university officials in the tower returned to the ground about 30 minutes after the earthquake and following a safety inspection of the tower elevator system.

Virtual tour new to WMU site

The newest addition to the WMU Web site is a "virtual reality" campus tour, featuring 360-degree views from some prominent areas.

The new tour uses QuickTime VR technology to provide full-circle views that are scrollable up, down, left and right. It can be found on the Web at <www.wmich.edu/vrto/>. The tour, created by Bryan Hank, university relations Web manager, offers visitors the opportunity to see places that are not easily accessible to the public, including the College of Aviation Flight line and Boeing 747, Wald Stadion from the field at the 50-yard line, and the campus valley from atop Spaes Tower. Additional panoramas will be added during the summer.

"The virtual picture postcard" tour of campus will remain available and will continue to be updated periodically with new photographs. It contains more than 70 sites on campus and various activities. The traditional picture tour can be found on the Web at <www.wmich.edu/wmu-tour/>.

Future of voting in electronic age is lecture topic tomorrow

The future of voting in the electronic age will be the topic of a presentation by a political scientist visiting the University tomorrow.

Richard G. Niemi, the Don Alonso Watson Professor of Political Science at the University of Rochester, will address "Electronic Democracy: Considering the Future of Voting" from 3 to 5 p.m. in 3508 Knauss Hall. Sponsored by WMU's Institute of Government and Politics and the Political Science Graduate Association, the presentation is free and open to the public.

Niemi is the co-author of a number of books on voting patterns, legislative districts and public opinion, including his most recent work, "Civic Education: What Makes Students Learn." For more information, contact the WMU Institute of Government and Politics at 7-3572.

Increased funding needed to manage rapid growth, Floyd tells state

Floyd's testimony was one of a series of presentations in recent weeks by the presidents of Michigan's 15 public universities. Legislators are considering whether or not Gov. John Engler's proposed 2 percent across-the-board increase in appropriations for higher education will meet the needs of the state's public colleges and universities. The governor has proposed an additional 1.5 percent be added if the state's tuition tax credit is repealed.

Floyd told the committee WMU needs a 5.1 percent increase to bring it to the...
Prospective students offered WMU Preview

Some 1,200 prospective students and their parents are expected to attend WMU Preview, the annual open house for high school seniors and community college students, which will take place Saturday, March 17, and Saturday, March 24. Registration for WMU's largest on-campus recruiting event will begin at 8 a.m. each day. Informational sessions will start at 9 a.m. and the day will wrap up by 3 p.m.

The three-day event will enable students to be able to meet with academic college representatives; tour the campus, residence halls and Student Recreation Center; and meet with staff members from Student Financial Aid and Scholarships, Residence Life, Student Affairs and other departments.

CELCIS

States and we're among the first 12 to receive accreditation," says Laura Lanigan, CELCIS. "What a wonderful birthday present. This accredi-
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Communication expert to focus on gender, leadership

One of the leading national experts in the field of communication, Judy C. Pearson, will explore the links between gender and leadership in the new century during a lecture at 7:30 p.m. Wednes-
day, March 21, in the West Ballroom of the Bernhard Center.

"Gender and Leadership: The Perils and Promises for the New Millen-

About 75 students from more than 20 countries participate in CELCIS each se-

CELCIS graduates have included mem-

The program really gave us confidence

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Curtis-Smith composition tapped for Van Cliburn event

The academy’s environmental responsibility will be explored in March 15 ethics lecture

Does higher education have a responsi-

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More than a year ago, the Van Cliburn invited some 40 com-

Expert on touch is visiting scholar in March

The commission is co-sponsored by the

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The March 24 event will showcase the colleges of Arts and

Shen named to national service learning position

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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 on a Touch Tone phone.

Grade 10 clerical positions are not required to be posted. For persons interested in faculty positions, complete listings are found in selected fields. A letter of application should be submitted to the appropriate dean or chairperson.

Please call the Applicant Information Service at 7-3669 for up-to-date information on the Job Opportunity Program and vacancies available to external applicants.

(R) Director, Student Support Program (term ends 8/31/01, 17, Academic Skills Center, 00/01-2290, 3/6-3/12/01

(R) Custodian (third shift), M1/M2, Physical Plant-Building Custodial and Support Services, 00/01-2292, 3/6-3/12/01

(R) Custodian (third shift), M1/M2, Physical Plant-Building Custodial and Support Services, 00/01-2295, 3/6-3/12/01

(R) Custodian (third shift), M1/M2, Physical Plant-Building Custodial and Support Services, 00/01-2296, 3/6-3/12/01

(R) Custodian (third shift), M1/M2, Physical Plant-Building Custodial and Support Services, 00/01-2297, 3/6-3/12/01

(R) Manager of Conferences (renewable up to 5 years, effective Jan. 1, 2001), 16, Caucasian

(R) Clerk, 10, Admissions and Orientation, 00/01-2300, 3/6-3/12/01

(R) Office Assistant (term ends 8/31/01, possibility of renewal), 11, Academic Skills Center, 00/01-2301, 3/6-3/12/01

(R) Instructor (term ends 8/4/02), 1-40, Mathematics and Statistics, 00/01-2302, 3/6-3/12/01

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(R) Utility Food Worker (in Food and Support Services, 00/01-2304, 3/6-3/12/01

(R) Utility Food Worker, FF/Fl, Dining Services, 00/01-2306, 3/6-3/12/01

(R) Utility Food Worker, FF/Fl, Dining Services, 00/01-2307, 3/6-3/12/01

(R) Utility Food Worker, FF/Fl, Dining Services, 00/01-2308, 3/6-3/12/01

(R) Utility Food Worker, FF/Fl, Dining Services, 00/01-2309, 3/6-3/12/01

Contact the Personnel Office at 7-3669 to apply for these positions.

Diet and nutrition are focus of March 20 Lunch and Learn

Did you know there is a great resource for help and information about diet and nutrition right here on campus? Gretchen Kashi, a dietitian in health promotion and education at Sindreuce Health Center, specializes in wellness, cardiovascular nutrition, weight management, diabetes, eating disorders and fitness/education.

Join Kashi from noon to 1 p.m. Tuesday, March 20, in the Faculty Dining Room of the Bernhard Center for a Lunch and Learn discussion about overall health and fitness and how she can help you. Contact the Employee Assistance Program at 7-3664 for more information.

TIAA-CREF schedules personal financial counseling sessions

TIAA-CREF colleagues recently mailed invitations to the homes of faculty and staff announcing their financial education seminars, scheduled to begin March 12, and offering one-on-one financial counseling appointments. If you would like to have a personal financial counseling session with a TIAA-CREF representative, please telephone Linda Baker at 1-800-842-2044 to schedule an appointment.

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The banquet, which is open to the public, will take place at 7 p.m. Saturday, March 17, in the Fine Arts Center. AMBS and the Division of Multicultural Affairs are the primary co-sponsors for the event.

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Human Resources

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2001 Platinum Awards event set for March 23

About 65 WMU students will be recognized for their academic achievements and leadership abilities during the 2001 Platinum Awards celebration at 5:30 p.m. Friday, March 23, in the Bernhard Center’s Parking Lot Ballroom.

The WMU community is invited to join the students and their families for this event, which is being sponsored by the Division of Multicultural Affairs to honor and encourage students who participate in the division’s programs.

Music, gift giveaways and a variety of ethnic food will add to the evening’s festive atmosphere. Tickets for the event cost $5 per person.

Following the welcoming address by Theresa A. Powell, vice president for student affairs, several named scholarships and leadership awards will be presented and 56 freshmen and sophomores who have attained a 3.0 or better grade point average will be recognized.

The named awards will include the Kimoko Bosomanso and Martin Lother King Jr. scholarships, the Liderazgo and Ogimaawiwin leadership awards, and the Mentor of the Year Award.

For more information, call Elizabeth Richardson in the DMA at 7-3334. To reserve a ticket to attend the event, call the DMA at 7-3317.

Anti-gay harassment program is March 14

The student group OUTspoken and the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Gay Students Affairs office will sponsor a program on “How to Respond to Anti-Gay Harassment” at 8 p.m. Wednesday, March 14, in 210 Dalton Center. The program is designed to teach lesbian, bisexual, gay and transgendered students, faculty and staff allies, how to respond should they be harassed while on campus. It will be presented by Mary Brumage, Residence Life, David Parrott, Division of Student Affairs; and Sgt. Ronald Wade, public safety.

John Martin, vice president of WMU, said a survey found that 99 percent of WMU’s LGBTQ students said they had been harassed at some point during their college career, but only 1 percent officially reported the harassment.

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Renowned Indian classical musician to play on campus

The campus community will get a sample of South Indian classical music of the chitravina, considered one of the world’s oldest instruments and the precursor for the slide guitar, when nationally acclaimed Indian musician Ravikiran performs at the University Wednesday, March 14. His performance, at 7:30 p.m. in 1110 Dalton Center, is sponsored by the Dierer H. Haenicke Institute for International and Area Studies and the School of Music. It is free and open to the public.

Ravikiran, from Chennai in southern India, is considered by many the undisputed master and most significant proponent of the chitravina. His performance will be a sample of the unique atmosphere created by the chitravina, which is known as “a perfect instrument.”

Ravikiran performs an extensive repertoire of Western and Indian classical music, and has created and directed numerous ballets and orchestras. In addition, he has worked with musicians from around the world.

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