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Dobney named to provost position

The University has concluded its search for a new provost and vice president for academic affairs with the selection of Fredrick J. Dobney, currently executive vice president and provost at Michigan Technological University.

Dobney's appointment, which is subject to approval by the Board of Trustees at its April meeting, will become effective July 1, 2000.

"Dr. Dobney brings with him a wealth of experience, having served as provost and chief operating officer at Michigan Tech," said President Elson S. Floyd of the appointment. "We will put his talents and experience to good use as we enter a very exciting new phase of our University's history."

Dobney has served in his current position at MTU since 1993. From 1987 to 1993, he was vice provost for extended university services at Washington State University.

Dobney also served at Loyola University from 1981 to 1986 as dean of the City College, dean of continuing education and director of special programs. He began his career at Saint Louis University, where he held a variety of faculty and administrative posts.

"I am delighted to be joining President Floyd's team," said Dobney. "The University is poised to do great things and I am anxious to make a contribution to its continued success."

Outgoing Provost Timothy Light, who was appointed in 1996, will return to the



Dobney

faculty at the end of the current academic year.

"I cannot adequately express my appreciation to Tim Light for all that he has done for this University," said Floyd.

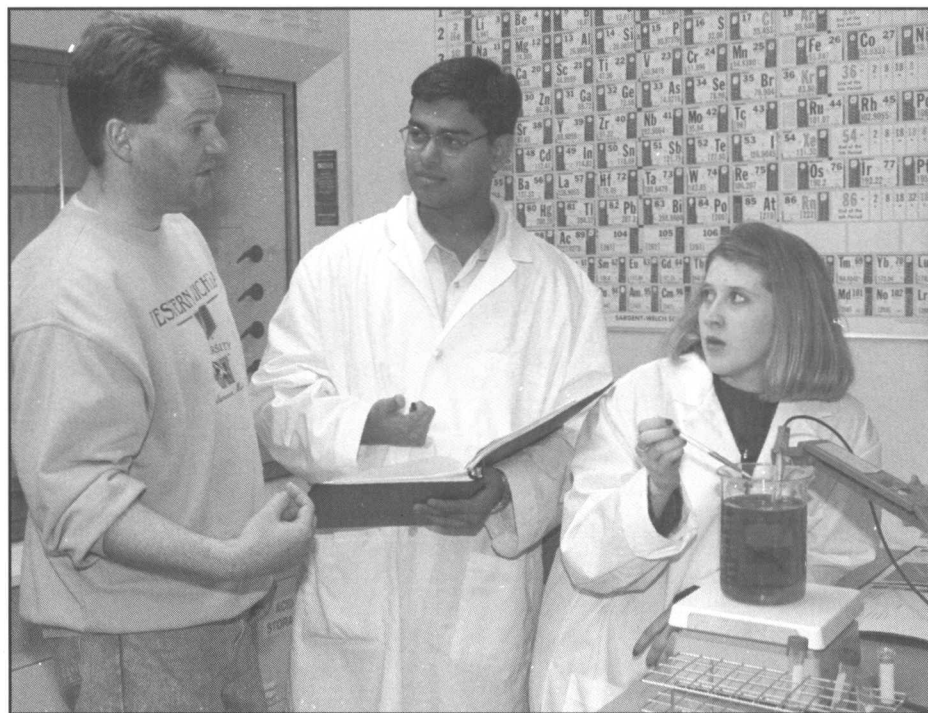
Dobney, a Texas native, earned a bachelor's degree in history from Baylor University and a doctoral degree, also in history, from Rice University. His areas of expertise are recent American history and American technology.

Dobney currently serves as a member of the National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges Commission on Human Resources and Social Change. He has also served as a consultant to the National Science Foundation and the National Endowment for the Humanities and has received more than \$700,000 in grant support for work in the area of humanities curriculum development.

Dobney has served on the Michigan Information Technology Network Board of Directors and the Telecommunications Advisory Committee for the state of Washington. He is chairperson of the State Academic Officers Committee on the Michigan Automotive Institute. In addition, he is on the board of directors of North Coast BIDCO, an economic development initiative in Michigan's Upper Peninsula, and a member of the board of directors for the Upper Peninsula Workforce Development Consortium.

BOT meeting changed

The next meeting of the Board of Trustees, scheduled for April 21, has been moved up a day and will be held Thursday, April 20, in the afternoon. Meeting times for the board and its committees will be announced later.



READY TO TACKLE RESEARCH CAREERS—Battle Creek high school students Melinda Sloma, right, and Seetharam C. Chadalavada, center, have been working with their WMU mentor John Spitsbergen, left, for more than two years. (Photo by Neil Rankin)

Mentor Spitsbergen puts high school students on road to research

Having John M. Spitsbergen, biological sciences, as a mentor has paid off for two Battle Creek high school students who earned national honors and \$30,000 as a result of research they did with him.

Melinda M. Sloma and Seetharam C. Chadalavada, students at the Battle Creek Area Mathematics and Science Center, took first place at the regional Siemens Westinghouse Science Research Competition, earning the pair a \$30,000 scholarship prize and the chance to compete at the national contest.

The Battle Creek Area Math and Science Center, which the students attend half days, requires its students to do research as part of its curriculum. Sloma and Chadalavada both wanted to pursue research on their own and came to Spitsbergen as sophomores, requesting his help as a mentor.

Spitsbergen set the students up working on a project that examines how muscle cells can invigorate nerve cells to help the body repair itself from neurodegenerative disorders like Parkinson's or Lou Gehrig's disease. Sloma and Chadalavada have worked with Spitsbergen for more than two years, doing their research after school and during their summer breaks.

"These kids do a heck of a job," he says. "They do literature searches, experiments in the lab, plan experiments and give presentations. I am amazed by their commitment. They've been here longer than most university students I have in the lab."

Their work resulted in the presentation, "Can the Production of Neurotrophic Factor (GDNF) Be Altered to Control Neurodegenerative Disorders?" which they gave at the Siemens Westinghouse competitions. The pair claimed the regional title at Notre Dame and later competed in the national contest in December in Washington, D.C. While Sloma and Chadalavada didn't claim the top prize in the national contest, they were selected to be featured in national publicity efforts to encourage team research.

"The judges felt that they best exemplified what it means to do team research," says Connie Duncan, director of the Battle Creek Area Mathematics and Science Center. "They were commended for how they worked together as a team and how they acted as a team."

Spitsbergen welcomed the opportunity to work with the high school students to try to interest them in scientific research.

"It is important to involve kids, especially in research. Any chance I get to take up research with students, I will," he says. "Most students in the sciences want to go on to medical schools and don't consider a

WMU joins ranks of Internet2 universities focused on developing next generation of Internet technology

The University has moved onto the express lane of the information superhighway, thanks to its new membership in a group of the nation's leading research universities that is focused on developing the next generation of Internet technology.

WMU was accepted last month as part of Internet2, a partnership involving research universities, industry and government that has been formed to develop the next generation of Internet technology and create a cutting-edge network for the na-

tional research community. The work will enable such applications as telemedicine, digital libraries and virtual laboratories that are not possible with the technology underlying today's Internet.

Founded in 1996 by 34 U.S. research universities, Internet2's members now include 170 universities. It is not a separate physical network, but a consortium that brings institutions and resources together to develop advanced Internet applications that eventually will be deployed globally on the Internet and used for both academic and commercial purposes. Membership will allow extensive collaboration between WMU researchers and those at other member universities.

"If our intent is to be a premier student-centered research institution, it makes perfect sense to become part of this prestigious group," says Viji Murali, WMU's new vice president for information technology and chief information officer. "The major benefit to membership in Internet2 is that it opens up a tremendous number of research funding opportunities for our faculty."

Murali, who spearheaded the drive for WMU's acceptance into Internet2, says there are a host of less tangible, but very real benefits associated with membership. They include the enhancement of the University's reputation and position in the national research community and the re-

sulting ability to attract strong research faculty members.

There also will be, Murali notes, "additional benefits that we don't yet know about. There may be some wonderful new technologies that we can't even imagine yet, but we'll be part of that work and among the first to have access to it."

As part of its membership in Internet2, the University has committed to computing infrastructure investments that will allow the level of connection needed for the advanced Internet applications. As part of its membership application, the University had to outline its current research capabilities as well as the types of research it could undertake with Internet2 research capabilities. Among the goals of the projects outlined were:

- enhanced digital imaging of Anglo-Saxon texts by scholars of the Middle Ages;
- application of new Internet tools to real-time weather data in secondary education science and geography classes;
- completion of photoionization measurements for atomic research being done at the Advanced Light Source at the University of California at Berkeley; and
- downloading of data for study from the Hubble Space Telescope Archive.

"These are projects that could not be done using conventional Internet technol-

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Did you know?

■ There were a total of 91,670 WMU alumni living in Michigan in 1999.

■ The University has alumni living in every state of the nation, with alumni populations ranging from a low of 34 in North Dakota to a high (excluding Michigan) of 4,556 in Illinois.

■ The top five states for WMU alumni are Michigan, Illinois, California, Florida and Indiana.

■ More than 80 alumni live in Guam, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands and other U.S. territories and military installations.

Teleconference to determine agenda

WMU faculty, staff and students are invited to participate in a two-day national teleconference on Monday, March 27, and Wednesday, March 29, that will identify and explore key issues for women in higher education and develop a national action agenda for the 21st century.

The real-time teleconference, "Women's Lives, Women's Voices, Women's Solutions: Shaping a National Agenda for Women in Higher Education," is part of a national conference that will take place simultaneously at the University of Minnesota. The conference and satellite teleconference will provide a forum for women and men in higher education across the country to:

- explore ways to access women's talents by building on the strengths of their diversity, breaking down barriers and creating campus environments that allow all people to work to their full potential;
- develop new ways of working together in a multicultural world;
- share best practices and form collaborations and supportive networks;
- discuss how universities can better support women as teachers, workers, earners and creators of knowledge; and
- create a national agenda for women in higher education.

The teleconference will include three sessions over two days. All sessions will take place in 208 Bernhard Center and are free and open to all members of the campus community. Individuals may choose to participate in any or all sessions.

The first session will be broadcast from

1 to 3 p.m. Monday, March 27. It will be followed by a caucus that will discuss and develop recommended strategies and solutions for improving campus climates for all women in higher education.

Feedback from the caucus groups will form the foundation for an agenda that will be presented and discussed by a second panel of eight women leaders in higher education during the second teleconference broadcast from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday, March 29.

WMU's participation in the teleconference is being organized by Linda Lumley, Student Activities and Leadership Programs, and Gwen Raaberg, Center for Women's Studies. For more information, call Lumley at 7-2995.

Powell twice honored by professional groups

Theresa Powell, vice president for student affairs, has been selected by the faculty of the Higher Education Program at Ohio State University to receive the 2000 Maude Stewart Award.

The award "acknowledges and honors individuals who have made significant contributions to the field of higher education and student affairs."



Powell

Final public feedback sessions in master plan development process set for March 21 and 23

Members of the University community are invited to attend the final open feedback sessions regarding WMU's proposed master plan.

Representatives from SmithGroup JJR (formerly JJR Inc.) of Ann Arbor, the University's master planning consultants, will make presentations on March 21 and 23, detailing a revised version of the plan.

The first session, primarily for the University community, will take place from 10:30 a.m. to noon on Tuesday, March 21, at the Oakland Recital Hall.

A second public session is set for 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday, March 23, at the Fetzer Center. The Greater Kalamazoo Chapter of the WMU Alumni Association will host

a welcoming reception in the Fetzer lobby beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Consultants from Smith Group JJR will focus on the latest version of a composite plan for WMU's main campus. Presenters also will review the planning principles generated during previous campus visits.

Specific discussion topics include vehicle and pedestrian circulation, entrances and open space, future building potential, relocation of campus housing, parking distribution and the development of South Campus.

This month's sessions conclude the information gathering and public input phase of the master planning process. Recommendations on the master plan are expected this fall.

Interested persons may get information and provide feedback by calling campus planning at 7-4082 or visiting their Web site at <www.wmich.edu/masterplan>.

Beech organizes Syria trip

WMU historian George Beech and fellow crusades specialist Robert Huygens of the University of Leiden are organizing a two-week historical/archaeological tour of Syria tentatively set for Sept. 10-24.

The trip is open to interested WMU community members.

The cost of the trip, with departure and return to Amsterdam, is \$1,527. Those interested in more information should contact Beech at 342-0600 or by email to <george.beech@wmich.edu>.

Around the campus

Medicare expert to discuss modernizing program

An expert on Medicare will discuss what it will take to bring the federal health care insurance program into the next century in a lecture on campus Wednesday, March 15.

Len M. Nichols, principal research associate at the Urban Institute, a Washington, D.C., economic and social policy research organization, will address "Modernizing Medicare for the 21st Century," at 3 p.m. in 3508 Knauss Hall. The lecture is free and open to the public.

Nichols' presentation is part of the Department of Economics 1999-2000 Guest Lecture-Seminar Series, "The Economics of Health Care."

Gordon, Scott to read work

University creative writing faculty members, fiction writer Jaimy Gordon and poet Herb Scott, will read from their work at 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 15, in 3512 Knauss Hall.

A reception will follow on the 10th floor of Sprau Tower and books will be available for sale by Athena Bookstore. The reading, sponsored by the Department of English, is free and open to the public.

Final AGE talk March 21

The last in a series of workshops sponsored by Project AGE will be held Tuesday, March 21.

Pharmacist George DeMaagd is presenting the series of lectures entitled "Pharmacology and Aging." In his March 21 lecture, DeMaagd will address diabetes drugs and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease from 3 to 5 p.m. in the Media Room on the concourse level of the University Health Science Building.

Global business is topic

The president of global sourcing for the Grand Rapids company that produces Hush Puppies footwear will visit the campus Wednesday, March 22, to discuss doing business in a global marketplace.

Arthur Croci of Wolverine World Wide Inc. will present his talk "Wolverine World Wide Inc.: A Global Company," at 4 p.m. in 1120 Schneider Hall. He will discuss Wolverine's worldwide operations, focusing on footwear production in the Asian/Pacific region. The free public address is part of the Global Business Lecture Series sponsored by the Haworth College of Business' Asian/Pacific Education Program.

Panel to explore ethical issues in criminal justice

The ethical questions facing the criminal justice field as it moves into the next century will be the topic of discussion Thursday, March 16, by a panel that includes a judge, a prosecutor and a police inspector.

The panel will discuss "Ethics in Criminal Justice: Looking Ahead" at 7 p.m. in 210 Bernhard Center. Sponsored by the Center for the Study of Ethics in Society, the discussion is free and open to the public.

Participating in the panel discussion will be Vincent C. Westra, chief district judge over the Consolidated Kalamazoo County District Court; Karen Hayter, Kalamazoo County assistant prosecutor; Dale DeLeeuw, inspector and director of professional standards for the Kalamazoo Department of Public Safety; and Dick Crites, a supervisor with the Kalamazoo County Circuit Court Probation Office. Steven E. Reifert, a doctoral student in sociology, will moderate.

Four visiting scholar talks set in next two weeks

Talks on topics ranging from global cooling and business logistics to race and tourism and excessive spending will be made in the next two weeks by scholars coming to campus as part of the Visiting Scholars and Artists Program.

• Kate Kirby, acting director of the Institute for Theoretical Atomic and Molecular Physics at the Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics, will address cooling in the upper atmosphere as a result of carbon dioxide buildup in "Global Cooling in the Earth's Upper Atmosphere: Why? And Should We Care?," at 7 p.m. today in 1104 Rood Hall.

• Award-winning expert on African-American political activism Steven Gregory, associate professor of anthropology and Africana studies at New York University, will speak on "Tourism, Trade and Globalization" at 4:45 p.m. Monday, March 13, in 3502 Knauss Hall. A specialist in urban studies and race and class, he is the author of "Black Corona: Race and the Politics of Place in an Urban Community." He will talk about that book at a colloquium from 12:30 to 2 p.m. Tuesday, March 14, in 116 Moore Hall.

• Business logistics specialist Patricia J. Daugherty, the Siegfried Professor of Marketing and interim director of the marketing program at the University of Oklahoma, will present a public lecture on "Global and U.S. Trends in Logistics and Linkages Between Business and Academic" at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 16, in 2000 Schneider Hall. The WMU alumna will address business trends in supply chain management.

• Economist Robert Frank, the Goldwin Smith Professor of Economics, Ethics and Public Policy at Cornell, will explore our country's present fascination with having millions of dollars on Wednesday, March 22. In "Past Behavior as a Frame of Reference," Frank will address how excessive consumption doesn't bring happiness to those who suddenly win millions. That talk is at noon in 2302 Friedmann Hall. His second presentation, "Luxury Fever: Money and Happiness in an Era of Excess," at 3 p.m. in 3508 Knauss Hall, will make the point that people with more money and material things aren't necessarily happier than others.

Annual International Festival set for March 19

Members of the campus and local communities can "see the world" in a single evening during WMU's 11th annual International Festival Sunday, March 19.

The event will be from 4 to 8 p.m. in the East Ballroom of the Bernhard Center. It will feature food, performances and displays from more than 20 countries on five continents. Many of WMU's international students will attend, dressed in traditional costumes and serving authentic ethnic foods.

Admission is free and food will be sold for a nominal fee.

Winners of the "Focus on Your World International Photo Contest," coordinated by Study Abroad and the Office of University Relations, will be announced at the festival and the winning photos will be displayed.

Poet Goldberg to read

Prize-winning poet Beckian Fritz Goldberg will present a reading from her work on campus Thursday, March 23.

Goldberg will read at 8:30 p.m. in 3512 Knauss Hall. A reception will follow on the 10th floor of Sprau Tower and books will be available for sale by Athena Bookstore. The reading is sponsored by the English Department and is free and open to the public.

Hillenbrand will talk on phonetic perception

The University's 1999 Distinguished Faculty Scholar, James M. Hillenbrand, speech pathology and audiology, will discuss his work in the area of speech recognition in the Distinguished Faculty Scholar Colloquium Monday, March 13.

Hillenbrand will address "What Speech Synthesizers Can Tell Us About Phonetic Perception" at 4 p.m. in the Fetzer Center. A reception will precede his lecture at 3:30 p.m. at the same location.

For more details on many of these events, check out the News page on the WMU Web at <www.wmich.edu/wmu/news>.

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Twelve staff members honored for excellence

Twelve outstanding campus employees have been selected to receive semiannual Staff Service Excellence Awards.

Each winner will receive a \$100 prize and a commemorative certificate.

Two award recipients are from the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees group. They are Doreen Cooks, Henry-Hoekje-Bigelow dining service, and Betty Veer, Valley III dining service.

Another five award recipients are from the clerical/technical ranks. They are James Barton, Development Office/Advancement Services; Teri Coburn, Sindecuse Health Center/sports medicine; Lori (Lorinda) Klingele, biological sciences; Cris (Natalia) Obreiter, Rural Health Education Project;

and Debra White, Haworth College of Business academic advising and admissions.

A total of five recipients from the professional/technical/administrative ranks also are among this round of award recipients. They are: Susan Coker, teaching, learning and leadership; Marcia Ellis, Sindecuse Health Center; Thomas Lentz, continuing education/Grand Rapids Regional Center; Julie Scott, Office of Information Technology/statistical computing services; and Ron Stewart, Intercollegiate Athletics/women's basketball.

Staff Service Excellence Award recipients are nominated by their peers, and selected by another group of peers, to recognize excellence in service and performance above and beyond job requirements.

Disease management pilot program will focus on asthma sufferers in University community

Do you, your spouse, daughter or son suffer from asthma?

The University Health Management Group is looking for asthmatics or parents of asthmatics to participate in a focus group regarding an asthma disease management pilot program. Lovelace Healthcare Innovations Inc. of Albuquerque, N.M., a nationally recognized disease management company, will coordinate the focus group meetings.

The asthma focus group session will involve a two-hour early evening meeting, with dinner provided. The meeting date is tentatively scheduled for mid- to late-March. If you are interested in participating or need further information, please contact Linda Spiker, Sindecuse Health Center, at 7-3282.

The asthma disease management program is a top priority for the University Health Management Group during 2000. Disease management is a coordinated ef-

fort to provide health care, support and education to individuals with a specific medical disease or condition. Disease management programs involve the patient, the patient's family, the primary care physician, medical disease specialists and many other health care providers. The main objectives of disease management programs are to provide individuals and their families with information and education about their disease and to prevent the disease from decreasing their quality of life.

Spring food drive set

Start planning now to contribute this spring to the Loaves & Fishes Food Drive.

More information about the March 27-April 7 drive will appear in the next issue of *Western News*. The drive is sponsored by four campus employee groups.

Jobs

The following list of vacancies is currently being posted through the Job Opportunity Program by employment services in the Department of Human Resources. Interested benefits-eligible employees should submit a job opportunity transfer application during the posting period, and may contact an employment services staff member for assistance in securing these positions.

S-01 and S-02 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.

(R) **Systems Specialist Ticketing** (repost; term ends one year from hire date), X-04, Miller Auditorium, 99/00-1184, 3/7-3/13/00

(R) **Production Editor**, P-03, Medieval Institute, 99/00-1193, 3/7-3/13/00

(R) **Secretary I**, S-04, Physical Plant-Building Custodial and Support Services, 99/00-1199, 3/7-3/13/00

Temporary part-time position

Event Staff (Usher/Ticket Taker), Intercollegiate Athletics. For more information about this temporary part-time position and to apply, contact Kraig Schmottlach at 7-8141 by 3/20/00.

N = New

R = Replacement

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Service

These faculty and staff members are recognized for five, 10, 15, 20, 30 and 35 years of service in March.

35 years—Marvin L. Darling, Sindecuse Health Center.

30 years—Kenneth J. Pollack, physical

On campus



COVERING ALL THE ANGLES—Julieen Eichinger can say she knows WMU from every possible angle, as a student, faculty member and staff member. Now the director of communications for the Office of the Vice President for Research and the Graduate College, the Detroit native came here to study the teaching of home economics in 1969 and, by her own admission, couldn't stay away. She left briefly to teach, then returned to WMU in 1979 to get a master's degree. She has the dubious

distinction of being the first, last and only person ever to receive a master's degree in the academic teaching of religion from the University, as that program was discontinued shortly after she graduated. She continued on at WMU, teaching religion courses, working as a secretary in the former Home Economics Department and eventually found herself producing books and journals for the Medieval Institute. But academe continued its magnetic allure and she pursued a second master's degree in medieval studies and a doctoral degree in history, which she received last April. Now, more than three decades, four degrees and several different roles later, she has found a new place at the University in research and graduate education. Her current responsibilities encompass communications and publication activities for those units, including editing and coordinating publication of the Research Magazine, overseeing design and content of Web pages, and preparing recruitment materials for the Graduate College. The path from home economics to publishing may seem convoluted, but Eichinger says when she looks back on her career, it makes sense. "Everything has been consistent. I love books and reading, so it's natural that I would gravitate to publishing. I love the feel of fabrics and color that I learned in home economics, and that is analogous to the different textures of paper and ink in printing. These fields are not as far apart as you think they are." Now that Eichinger no longer spends her free time studying, she finds time to travel. She and her husband, Solomon Samuels, travel regularly to his home country of Burma. "I fell in love with southeast Asia," she says, so much so that she taught for six months at a university in Bangkok. (Photo by Neil Rankin)

IT strategic planning team seeking input

How would the University implement a laptop computer requirement for students? How critical is the need for increased numbers of modems for remote dial-up access to the University network? How would a campus-wide data warehouse to centralize institutional information fit into the current computing structure? Can information technology enhance student recruitment?

These are just a few of the topics that could be addressed in a strategic plan to guide the future use of information technology at WMU. Such a plan is now being developed, and feedback on the plan draft is needed from members of the University community.

Faculty, staff, students and other mem-

bers of the extended University community will have an opportunity to provide that feedback by reviewing the text online and responding to a survey that will be on the Web through Wednesday, March 15. The plan draft and survey can be found at <www.wmich.edu/oit-strategic-planning>. A link to the site also appears on the WMU home page.

Zest for life

The Zest for Life program offers free fitness testing to benefits-eligible employees and their spouses.

Prior to testing, all participants must have their health screening forms complete and up-to-date. The one-hour tests are administered in a private testing room located in the Student Recreation Center.

The fitness test assesses flexibility, cardiovascular endurance, body composition, and muscular strength and endurance. Following the test, a consultation will be scheduled to process your results while considering your specific fitness goals.

If you would like to assess your personal fitness level, contact Tammy Curtis at 7-3543.

Human resources

Clinical Dietician at Lunch & Learn

Nutrition and diet...did you know you have a great resource for help and information here on campus?

Gretchen Kauth, a clinical dietician at Sindecuse Health Center, works in the area of health promotion and education and she specializes in wellness, cardiovascular nutrition, weight management, diabetes, eating disorders and fitness/exercise.

Join Gretchen in a Lunch & Learn discussion about overall health, fitness and how she can help you. The session is set for noon to 1 p.m. Wednesday, March 15, in 157 Bernhard Center. Contact the Employee Assistance Program, 7-3264, with any questions.

"Art of Market Pricing" video available

Thanks go to the many managers and supervisors who attended the Towers Perrin "Art of Market Pricing" presentation on Feb. 22. The presenter, Jan Olson, did a great job of helping us understand market pricing and its role in developing our new compensation system.

If you missed the presentation, it's not too late to find out about Comp 2000 market pricing. To borrow a copy of the presentation on video or to pick up copies of the handouts, call Tracey Willavize,

human resources, at 7-3664.

"The Art of Market Pricing" video is about 60 minutes long and is geared toward managers and supervisors. We encourage departmental group view-

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ing—and will even provide a Comp 2000 team member to facilitate and conduct a question and answer ses-

sion, if requested.

For more information about Comp 2000, visit the Web site at <www.wmich.edu/hr/comp2000.html>.

Compensation 2000 is the University's project to design and implement new compensation and performance management systems for clerical, technical, professional and administrative staff. Towers Perrin is the firm providing professional consulting services to human resources for the project.

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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/wmu/news/events>.

Thursday, March 9

Exhibition (through March 10), work from the American Institute of Architects Southwest Michigan Design Competition, Trimpe Gallery, weekdays, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Computer science colloquium, "SWARC: SIMD Within A Register C: An Introduction with Examples," Randall J. Fisher, Purdue University, 2202 Dunbar Hall, 4 p.m.

*Performance, "Jekyll & Hyde" (through March 12), Miller Auditorium: Thursday, March 9, 7:30 p.m.; Friday, March 10, 8 p.m.; Saturday, March 11, 2 and 8 p.m.; Sunday, March 12, 2 and 7:30 p.m.

Visiting Scholar lecture "Global Cooling in the Earth's Upper Atmosphere: Why and Should We Care?," Kate Kirby, Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics, 1104 Rood Hall, 7 p.m.; reception follows, 2202 Everett Tower.

Faculty recital, Igor Fedotov, viola, Dalton Recital Hall, 8 p.m.

Friday, March 10

Lecture, American Studies Program winter lecture series, "CLR James, the Research Methods of a Caribbean Pioneer in American Studies," William Santiago-Valles, Institute for the Study of Race and Ethnic Relations, Lee Honors College Lounge, 3:30-5 p.m.

Manuscript submission deadline for May 11-13 Third Coast Writers' Conference; call 7-2570 for information.

*Film showing (through March 12), "The Third Man," Campus Cinema, Oakland Recital Hall: Friday and Saturday, March 10-11, 7 and 9:30 p.m.; Sunday, March 12, 2:30 and 5 p.m.

Saturday, March 11

*20th annual Western Invitational Jazz Festival, Dalton Recital Hall, 7:30 p.m.

Monday, March 13

Exhibition (through March 17), MFA Show, In Soon Felch, Rotunda and South Galleries, East Hall, weekdays, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; reception, Friday, March 17, 5-7 p.m.

Exhibition (through March 24), Interior Design Senior Show, Kara Blakely, Harmony Edwards and Jessica Ikera, Trimpe Gallery, weekdays, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Distinguished Faculty Scholar Colloquium, "What Speech Synthesizers Can Tell Us about Phonetic Perception," James M. Hillenbrand, speech pathology and audiology, 4 p.m., Fetzer Center.

Visiting Scholar lecture, "Tourism, Trade and Globalization," Steven Gregory, New York University, 3502 Knauss Hall, 4:45 p.m.

Tuesday, March 14

Visiting Scholar colloquium, "Black Corona," Steven Gregory, New York University, 116 Moore Hall, 12:30 p.m.

*Performance, Young Concert Artist Series, Gwyneth Wentink, harp, Dalton Recital Hall, 8 p.m.

Wednesday, March 15

Exhibition (through April 5), Annual WMU Art Student Exhibition, Multi-Media Room, Dalton Center, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., closed Sundays.

Lunch & Learn series, "Nutrition and Diet," Gretchen Kauth, Sindecuse Health Center, 157 Bernhard Center, noon.

Lecture, Economics of Health Care lecture series, "Modernizing Medicare for the 21st Century," Len M. Nichols, Urban Institute, 3508 Knauss Hall, 3 p.m.

Meeting, Food Addicts in Recovery Anonymous, 3210 Sindecuse Health Center, 5:15-6:30 p.m.; call Dona, 343-8864, for more information.

Faculty recital, David Loberg Code, fiddle, Dalton Recital Hall, 8 p.m.

Reading, Department of English Winter 2000 reading series, Jaimy Gordon and Herb Scott, 3512 Knauss Hall, 8:30 p.m.

Spitsbergen

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career in research. I like having the chance to get them interested in research."

His attentions have paid off, as Sloma hopes to pursue biomedical research as a career. Chadalavada is entering the pre-medical program at University of Michigan in the fall and plans to continue his research activities.

The students say that working with Spitsbergen has been an enlightening experience in many ways.

"In the beginning, it was hard to learn all the scientific terms, but Dr. Spitsbergen made it easier by giving us articles to read and giving us information on anatomy and physiology," says Sloma. "He's open to answer any questions and we can come and talk to him about techniques and experiments, but he gives us space and lets us work on our own."

Chadalavada found that working with Spitsbergen was a little bit different than he first imagined.

"My first impression was from talking on the phone with him and I thought he was going to be some old professor in a lab coat," he says. "He is very energetic and his enthusiasm makes it even more exciting."

While the students have surpassed the work required to earn credit from their program, their efforts continue. They come to the lab nearly every day after school and plan to continue until they both go to college in the fall. Among their activities will be writing and preparing material from their project for publication.

Duncan, of the Math and Science Center, says the students' success can be attributed partly to their mentor.

"John must be very dedicated," she says. "He's been a very good mentor to them."

Nursing care expert to speak

An expert on the latest theories on caring and the art and science of nursing will share her expertise with the nursing community at a presentation on Wednesday, March 16.

Jean Watson, a distinguished professor of nursing and former dean of the School of Nursing at the University of Colorado at Boulder, will speak on "Relationship Centered Caring within Postmodern Nursing" from 2 to 3 p.m. in the Fetzer Center's Kirsch Auditorium. Her appearance is presented by WMU's Bronson School of Nursing and is free and open to the public.

For more information, call 7-8150.

Internet2

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ogy," Murali says. "We are now in step with other research institutions. What we'd like to do next is position the University to take another step forward."

For faculty researchers and staff members, the most immediate impact will be a faster connection to other Internet2 sites.

"If faculty members have been going to Internet2 sites and collaborating with colleagues at other universities," Murali says, "they'll discover they now have a much faster connection and they'll be able to exchange data faster."

Internet2 is focused on increasingly sophisticated applications that have been made possible by broad band technology developments. Murali says current Internet technology works well but is not up to the task of transferring the massive amounts of integrated data the new technology allows.

"The Internet is much like the trains of years ago," she says, "but Internet2 technology is more like the Concorde."

Thursday, March 16

Men's tennis vs. Indiana State, Sorenson Courts, 1 p.m.

Lecture, "Relationship Centered Caring within Postmodern Nursing," Jean Watson, University of Colorado at Boulder, Kirsch Auditorium, Fetzer Center, 2 p.m.; reception, 1055 Fetzer, 3 p.m.

Issues in Education Forum, President Elson S. Floyd, Fetzer Center: dinner, 5:30 p.m.; address, 7 p.m.

Visiting Scholar lecture, "Global and U.S. Trends in Logistics and Linkages Between Business and Academe," Patricia J. Daugherty, University of Oklahoma, 2000 Schneider Hall, 7 p.m.

62nd annual Southwestern Michigan Vocal Festival, guest conductor Axel Theimer, featuring the 1800-voice festival chorus, honors choir and University Chorale, Miller Auditorium, 7 p.m.

Guest artist recital, Daniel Shapiro, piano, Dalton Recital Hall, 8 p.m.

Friday, March 17

Panel discussion, Center for the Study of Ethics in Society, "Ethics in Criminal Justice, Looking Ahead," moderated by Steve Reifert, Kalamazoo Department of Public Safety, 210 Bernhard Center, 7 p.m.

*Film showing (through March 19), "Rosetta," Campus Cinema, Oakland Recital Hall: Friday and Saturday, March 17-18, 7 and 9:30 p.m.; Sunday, March 19, 2:30 and 5 p.m.

Saturday, March 18

*20th annual Gold Company Invitational Vocal Jazz Festival, Dalton Recital Hall, 8 p.m.

Sunday, March 19

Performance, University Symphony Orchestra conducted by Bruce Uchimura, Dalton Recital Hall, 3 p.m.

International Festival, East Ballroom, Bernhard Center, 4-8 p.m.; free admission, nominal cost for food.

Monday, March 20

Exhibition (through March 24), BFA Show, graphic design by Laura Collier, Dan Cowan, Mike Groothius, Sarah Folk and Natalie Zoufal, Rotunda and South Galleries, East Hall; reception, March 24, 5-7 p.m.

Awards ceremony, Annual WMU Art Student Exhibition, Recital Hall, Dalton Center, 4-5:30 p.m.; reception follows, Multi-Media Room.

Lecture, American Studies Program winter lecture series, "Caught between Worlds: Surrealist Women Painters in the Americas," Irma Lopez, foreign languages and literatures, and Gwen Raaberg, Center for Women's Studies, Lee Honors College Lounge, 3:30-5 p.m.

Tuesday, March 21

Project AGE workshop, "Pharmacology and Aging," Media Room, concourse level, University Medical and Health Sciences Center, 3 p.m.

Lecture, Global business lecture series, "Wolverine World Wide Inc.: A Global Company," Arthur Croci, Wolverine World Wide Inc., 1120 Schneider Hall, 4 p.m.

Wednesday, March 22

Visiting Scholar lectures, Robert Frank, Cornell University: "Past Behavior as a Frame of Reference," 2302 Friedmann Hall, noon; "Luxury Fever: Money and Happiness in an Era of Excess," 3508 Knauss Hall, 3 p.m.

Thursday, March 23

*Workshop, "The Oppositional and Defiant Child," Fetzer Center, 8:15 a.m.-4 p.m.; registration deadline, March 17; call 7-4174 to register.

Reading, Department of English Winter 2000 reading series, Beckian Fritz Goldberg, 3512 Knauss Hall, 8:30 p.m.

*Admission charged