A new partnership with Lake Michigan College and a new home for WMU’s Southwest Michigan Regional Center in the center of the LMC campus could become a model for university/community college collaboration across the state.

That’s the message shared by University, LMC and state officials at a March 17 news conference in Benton Harbor to announce WMU’s planned move to a new $6.5 million building at LMC next year. Authorization to begin planning the new 45,000-square-foot facility was approved Dec. 29 when Gov. John Engler signed a state capital outlay bill.

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First Emirates cadets mark conclusion of IPICT aviation studies

The seven Emirates cadets are now scheduled to go on to the United Kingdom to receive their training in a full-scale, commercial flight training. They then must complete a jet orientation course before they can be admitted to Emirates Airlines to prepare them for the specific types of Emirates planes they will be flying.

The group of seven, gathered here is the first Class of Emirates cadets to arrive at WMU under terms of a 1998 contract with the airline.

Dolan promotes nonfiction work 'Phoenix' on national book tour

Dolan's brother stopped speaking to him, a rift that lasted until John's death in 1985. It was an especially painful silence, as Dolan had idolized the older sibling who taught him to fish and shoot and ride motorcycles.

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Radio station WMUK again will mark the spring season with its annual Spring Fund-raiser. The fund drive’s goal this year is $115,000, with $60,000 in pledges already in. The additional money is needed to cover the rising costs of programming, operational support, and Public Radio and Public International and new equipment.

"It’s the same situation as last fall," says Floyd Peentka, the station’s general manager. "But rather than ask for all the money we need to cover rising costs, we split it between the two campaigns so we’re not trying to get it all in one fell swoop."

In October, the University’s public radio department set a fall campaign goal of $220,000 on the final day of on-air pledging by posting its biggest one-day pledge total in station history.

On-air pledging for the Spring Fund-raiser is set for April 3-7 and will be cut short if the $115,000 goal is reached before the final day.

"I’m hopeful we’ll be able to end this one a bit early," Peentka says. Listeners already have begun to send pledges. As of Friday, March 17, the station had received 500 pledges and $25,500.

"So we’re a third of the way there," Peentka says. "We encourage people to send in their pledges in early and already people have started to do that."

Last spring, the station began on-air pledging with about 60 percent of the goal already reached.

Another 25 percent will be needed to get us to where we were last spring when on-air pledging started, Peentka says. "It’s about $28,500, at this point, to be 33 percent of the way there."

People can mail checks to WMUK, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI 49008, or visit the station’s website at <www.wmuk.org>. For more information, call Vickie Langkem at 7-5719.

Food drive begins next week for local food bank.

A two-week campus food drive is set to help stock the pantry of Loaves & Fishes, a Kalamazoo area food bank.

Sponsored by four campus employee groups, the drive will begin Monday, April 4, and continue through Friday, April 7. Donation boxes will be set up in buildings across campus for members of the campus community to fill.

The most needed items for the drive include meats, canned and vegetables, canned meat, peanut butter, boxed dinner main courses, soups and juices. Those making contributions are asked to avoid items in glass containers.

Monetary contributions also are welcome. For more information on the drive or how to contribute, call 7-4230.

The food drive is sponsored by the Administrative Professional Association, the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, the Fraternal Order of Police and the Professional Support Staff Organization.

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Annual Music and Dance Library sale March 28-29.

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Zest for Life.

The Zest for Life staff at West Hills Athletic Club can support you in your fitness endeavors.

General tours of the facility and fitness equipment orientations are available, by appointment from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., and 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Other appointment times also may be arranged to accommodate those with schedules who won’t permit appointments during scheduled times.

By completing the necessary Zest for Life screening form, members will qualify for additional exercise training. Requests can be made to Zest staff members for assistance in the development of basic weight training and cardiovascular programs. This one-on-one assistance is tailored to your own personal goals and abilities.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, call Tommy Curris at 7-3543.

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**Market pricing results being gathered**

The Comp 2000 team is moving right along with market pricing. Its sure and steady progress is paying off the market-pricing project which is to be completed as soon as early May.

What’s next? The Comp 2000 team will meet with departmental leadership to share its progress.

This will be the first look at how the pay for certain University jobs compares to the pay for similar jobs for which market data are available.

Jobs for which market data are not available will be examined to determine their appropriate placement in the new pay ranges.

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

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**Exchange**

**Sears—Two-bedroom, 750-sq. ft. house, 433 Oakhurst, numerous updates, $67,500. Call 552-4411.**
MAGB award winners
She serves on the board of directors for the Chef Therapeutic Riding Center in August, where she is a member of the American Occupational Therapy Association, the Michigan Occupational Therapy Association, and the National Assembly of School-Based Health Centers.

Pritchard, who also is the director of WMU's Master Planning and Sustainability, has been a faculty member since 1988 and has twice served as chair of the Department of Philosophy. In 1998, he was named the William A. Brown Professor of Philosophy. Specializing in ethics and moral responsibility, Pritchard has written, edited, or collaborated on 10 books, including the widely acclaimed 1991 volume "On Becoming Responsible."

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