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## Name change approved but mission remains same for School of Nursing

The program is the same but the name has changed. The University's innovative community-based nursing school has a new name — the Bronson School of Nursing.

Acting at its April 23 meeting, the Board of Trustees approved naming the school to recognize the long-standing relationship between WMU and the Bronson Healthcare Group. The board also approved a second recommendation to accept the role of legal successor to the Bronson hospital-based nursing program in Kalamazoo that ceased operations in 1998.

"What a wonderful way to signal the partnership we've forged with Bronson to bring community-based nursing education to West Michigan," said President Floyd of the name change. "With this move, we will preserve the Bronson name and recognize the importance of nursing education in our community. We also are paying tribute to the very substantial role Bronson

Healthcare Group has played in the development and success of our unique program."

The Bronson/WMU relationship dates back more than 70 years to when the first Bronson School of Nursing students enrolled in classes at WMU. In more recent times, Bronson has pledged some \$5.25 million in support of WMU's School of Nursing. Of that total, \$4 million has been pledged during WMU's current fiscal year. That amount includes a \$1 million pledge announced by Bronson in 1998 and a new \$3 million pledge recently made to WMU. Those two pledges make up the largest cash gift ever made to WMU by a single organization.

WMU's School of Nursing was launched in 1994 and offers a four-year bachelor of science degree program. The school also offers an opportunity for nurses with a nursing diploma or associate's degree to continue their studies and earn a bachelor's degree. The first group of four-year students in the program graduated from WMU April 24.

Last year, just four years after its founding, the WMU school earned the highest level of accreditation offered by the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission. That agency is the only rec-

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## WMU again called one of nation's 'best buys'

For the third consecutive year, WMU has been named one of the 100 best college buys in the United States, according to a consulting firm that rates America's colleges and universities.

"America's 100 Best College Buys 2000," the firm's most recent report, lists schools that have a high academic ranking but a low annual cost. It was published by Institutional Research and Evaluation Inc. of Gainesville, Ga., a higher education consulting firm.

This is the third year that the firm has compiled the results of one of its national surveys to create the best college buys list. In the previous two years, "America's 100 Best College Buys" was printed in book form by John Culler & Sons of Camden, S.C., as part of its "Student Guide Series."

For this year's report, 1,537 public and private colleges and universities were surveyed. The 100 schools selected represent 37 states. Sixty-three are public institutions. In addition to WMU, three other Michigan institutions are included, Grand Valley State University, Michigan Technological University and Oakland University.

The report shows that WMU surpassed the national average in all categories examined. The University's averages, with the national average in parenthesis, are: freshman grade point, 3.2 (3.16); freshman ACT score, 23 (21); and annual out-of-state cost of attendance, \$13,320 (\$15,164).

## Sky Broncos return with third place NIFA finish

The University's Sky Broncos aviation team captured third place at the 1999 National Intercollegiate Flying Association Championship, bringing home the team's eighth consecutive top three finish at the annual event.

The Sky Broncos, who won last year's national championship, finished behind this year's top team, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University of Prescott, Ariz., at the April 27-May 1 event held at Kansas State University at Salina. The second place team was from the University of North Dakota.



## A 'hall mark' moment



President Emeritus Diether H. Haenicke, top, was on hand April 23 to mark the dedication of the new state-of-the-art science research facility that bears his name. A portrait of the former president, presented by the Board of Trustees, hangs in the background and will permanently grace the new facility. The 94,800-square-foot building completes a \$44.4 million, 3 1/2 year project to upgrade and expand the University's science instruction and research facilities. Above, the crowd listens to President Floyd during the dedication ceremony, which took place in the atrium that joins the building's two wings. Following the ceremony, those attending toured many of the building's laboratories. (Photos by Neil Rankin)

## West Point researcher and department head named dean of College of Engineering and Applied Sciences

A seasoned educational leader with a research track record in the fields of laser and electro-optic research has been named dean of the College of Engineering and Applied Sciences.

Daniel M. Litynski, professor and head of the Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science at the U.S. Military Academy, will take the reins as dean of WMU's engineering school on July 1. His appointment, which was approved April 23 by the Board of Trustees, also includes an appointment as a professor, with tenure, in the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering.

"We're extremely fortunate to have found a new dean with the outstanding research and academic leadership background that Dr. Litynski will bring to this position," said Provost Timothy Light, vice president for academic affairs. "As our College of Engineering and Applied Sciences continues to grow in both stature and size, his management skills will insure that growth is accomplished with a sense of vision, careful planning and attention to academic excellence."

Litynski will replace Leonard Lamberson, dean of the college since 1989. Lamberson announced last fall that he would be stepping down June 30. After taking a year-long administrative leave, he will return to the faculty.

Litynski said what attracted him to WMU was the "good people, tremendous opportunities and challenges, and the

University's commitment to the educational process." Those are among the discoveries he said he made when he came to the campus during the search process.

"In my visits to WMU, I sensed a very strong foundation in a university that is looking to the future to accomplish even greater things," Litynski said.

Litynski currently oversees a department with 55 faculty and staff members that offers some 50 courses to 3,000 students each year at West Point. He was appointed to head that new department in 1990 following a nationwide search. His first task in that role was to merge the former departments of electrical and computer engineering. Under his direction, the new department launched three research centers and initiated executive seminars in information technology for government and industrial senior executives.

Prior to assuming the role of department head, he had served West Point since 1980 as a research officer, assistant and associate professor and professor of electrical engineering. He also served as an assistant professor of physics at West Point from 1974 to 1978.

Litynski earned a bachelor's degree in physics from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in 1965, a master's degree in optics from the University of Rochester in 1971 and a doctoral degree in physics from Rensselaer in 1978. In 1989, he was a U.S. Military Academy Fellow of the Industrial College of the Armed Forces at the National Defense University in Washington, D.C., where he studied international, national and industrial policy and operations, with a special emphasis in foreign policy and the electronics industry.

Litynski was commissioned as a second lieutenant in 1965 and served with the

armor and ordnance units of the U.S. Army in Vietnam and Germany at both the platoon and battalion levels. His career also has included a research position at the USA Ballistic Research Laboratory at the Aberdeen (Md.) Proving Ground.

His research has been published in numerous technical journals and has been presented internationally. He has served on a number of international advisory boards for such organizations as UNESCO and the International Liaison Group for Engineering Education.

## Did you know?

■ WMU's International Congress on Medieval Studies is the world's largest gathering of medieval scholars and has been attracting specialists on the Middle Ages since it was first convened in 1962 with 150 participants. It was convened every other year until 1970, when it became an annual event. This year's gathering, which runs today through Sunday is the 34th congress.

■ The Michigan Youth Arts Festival, which runs today through Saturday on campus, began in 1963 as a simple talent screening for young musicians. Today more than 60,000 students from across the state become involved in an adjudication process that results in more than 1,000 students from a variety of fine arts fields being invited to participate in the three-day festival. WMU has acted as host to the event for the past 15 years.



## International scholars come to campus to discuss ways to approach Middle Ages

Where can you find magic, talks about domestic violence and gender differences, monks, and a Friesian war horse all in the same place?

For four days, all that and more will be available on campus as more than 2,500 scholars of the Middle Ages arrive to take part in the 34th International Congress on Medieval Studies today through Sunday. The congress attracts participants from around the globe, including historians, art curators, military strategists and monks, who roam the campus in flowing robes.

More than 1,600 papers will be presented on all aspects of medieval life, literature, history and culture. Although the congress takes place in modern times, don't expect to hear talk of the upcoming millennium. The time period these scholars are most interested in, 476-1453 A.D., is around the time of the last millennium.

In spite of their serious nature, medievalists will also show their humorous sides in such presentations as "He Who Laughs Last Doesn't Get the Joke: Humor in Middle English Romances." And don't forget one of the congress' most popular features, the "Pseudo-session," where presenters give serious sounding papers that are anything but. With titles like "Villard de Honnecourt, Cannabis, and Cross-Dressing in France," these mock papers provide a bit of levity.

In addition to such presentations, there will be time for music and mirth through concerts and a film festival. Altramar, a medieval music ensemble will perform "Crossing the Threshold: Transition and Apocalypse" at 8 p.m. tonight in the Dalton Center Recital Hall. Admission is \$12.

Grammy-nominee Pomerium will perform chant and polyphony *a capella* in

their program "*Organum cantusque in honorem sanctorum* (Organum and Chant in Honor of Saints)" at 8:30 p.m. Friday at St. Augustine's Cathedral, 542 W. Michigan Ave. Admission is \$15.

Those wishing to attend the concerts only can purchase tickets at the registration desk in Harrison-Stinson Hall.

A new feature of the congress this year, a film festival focusing on plagues, grails and witchcraft, will be presented in Kirsch Auditorium in the Fetzer Center. Films scheduled are "Perceval le Gallois" on Thursday and "The Sorceress" on Friday. Both films begin at 8:30 p.m.

A Friesian war horse and period dancers will be on hand for demonstrations at 10 and 11:30 a.m.; and 1, 3 and 4:30 p.m. Saturday at the gazebo near Goldsworth Valley pond. Members of The Friesian Connection will explain the development and use of the horse during the Middle Ages. Eight costumed dancers from Masterworks will demonstrate sacred and secular dances of the period, with director Jan Hamel explaining the evolution, etiquette and theory behind the dances.

There is no registration fee for WMU faculty, staff members, and students or for Kalamazoo County residents.

Wares offered by more than 60 publishers, book dealers and artisans who specialize in the Middle Ages will be exhibited in the dining hall of the Goldsworth Valley II complex. Exhibit hours are 8 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. today through Saturday and 8 a.m. to noon on Sunday.

General information, schedule changes and registration information also are available on the institute's Web site at <www.wmich.edu/medieval/>.

**THEY'RE 'FINALLY FINISHED'**—Students from across the University raced toward a "Finals Finish" April 19-20, closing out the winter semester with a bang. More than 3,000 students took advantage of early finals week relaxation activities at the Student Recreation Center, including Wesley Fudula, holding sign above, a freshman computer science major from Mount Prospect, Ill. This is the third year "Finals Finish" has been held. (Photo by Neil Rankin)



## Business, biomedical science scholarships established

Pharmaceutical maker Pfizer Inc. has created four \$2,000 scholarships to encourage WMU students from diverse backgrounds to pursue a career with the company.

Two of the scholarships are earmarked for biomedical science majors while the other two are reserved for those majoring in a business-related field.

The Pfizer Cultural Diversity Scholarships are part of a larger effort to set up similar partnerships with one four-year higher education institution in each of the pharmaceutical company's five geographical areas. Michigan is located in Pfizer's Great Lakes Division, which includes Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky and western Pennsylvania.

Larry Yarcheck, Great Lakes regional manager for Pfizer in Chicago, says WMU is the first institution to be named as a

scholarship partner. He says the University was selected largely because of the reputation and diversity of its biological sciences and business departments.

Pfizer, headquartered in New York, is a worldwide research-based pharmaceutical company.

Plans call for the company to award the four scholarships this coming fall and to expand its relationship with WMU by providing internships for students before they graduate and job opportunities for them after they graduate.

"Pfizer is a growing international company with 41,000 employees," Yarcheck says. "We've become a global corporation, and diversity within our sales force is conducive to attracting the best students for future job opportunities. That process needs to begin earlier and preferably during the junior year."

## Board of Trustees action

The Board of Trustees met on April 23 and faced a full agenda in its first formal gathering since January. The following items were among the board's formal actions on that day.

### Graduate program OK'd

West Michigan professionals hoping to hone skills that will help them develop and manage people better will soon have a new resource to turn to — a graduate certificate program that focuses on human performance.

Trustees approved a proposal to add a Graduate Certificate Program in Human Performance Technology to the graduate program offerings of WMU's Department of Psychology. The new program is designed for professionals interested in courses that are part of the University's existing master's program in industrial/organizational psychology, but who do not seek to earn a master's degree.

The program will be offered primarily in the greater Grand Rapids area, where WMU already offers a number of graduate professional programs. The course also will be offered through the University's distance education formats.

### Room and board, rental rates to increase next year

Increases in operating costs, including those for food, utilities and maintenance, have prompted an increase in campus room-and-board and apartment rental rates for 1999-2000.

The increase, approved by the Board of Trustees, will average 5.5 percent for room-and-board rates and 3.5 percent for apartment rental rates. WMU operates 22 residence halls, six full-service dining facilities, five cash dining facilities and three apartment complexes.

"The new rates will allow us to absorb expected increases in our operating costs," said Robert M. Beam, vice president for business and finance. "Those costs include compensation, utilities, food and maintenance."

### Two College of Education departments get new names

As part of a continuing redesign of the College of Education, two new departments have been established and named.

The Board of Trustees approved names for the two departments, which will be called the Department of Educational Studies and the Department of Teaching, Learning and Leadership.

The Department of Educational Studies is comprised of what was formerly the Department of Special Education; the measurement, research and evaluation program and faculty of the former Department of Educational Leadership; faculty members formerly in the socio-cultural foundations and the technology areas of the Department of Education and Professional Development; and the school psychology faculty member formerly in the Department of Counselor Education and Counseling Psychology.

The Department of Teaching, Learning and Leadership is comprised of the teacher preparation and professional development areas of the former Department of Education and Professional Development, plus the school administrator preparation and general concentrations and programs of the former Department of Educational Leadership.

### WSA changes accepted

Seven amendments to the constitution of the Western Student Association were approved by the Board of Trustees.

The measures were previously ratified by the WSA. They consist of such items as language changes and clarifications that constitute a "cleanup" of the current constitution. The WSA Constitution calls for approval of all amendments by trustees after they are ratified by the WSA.

### Howard Street property to be used for parking

Trustees approved the purchase of five lots along the west edge of the main campus on Howard Street.

The property, at 855 S. Howard St., will be purchased for \$325,000, an amount based on a recent appraisal, said Robert M. Beam, vice president for business and finance. A business located on the property, the Galley Submarine Shop, could be sold separately.

The purchase is consistent with the University's long-term plan to acquire property located in this area as it becomes available. The property is expected to be used for parking.

### Environmental unit formed

A new institute designed to foster multidisciplinary environmental research and teaching was established by the board.

The Environmental Institute brings together the University's Center for Environmental Research and WMU's Environmental Studies Program. According to Charles F. Ide, director of the new institute, putting the environmentally-focused center and program together within the institute will make it easier to pursue grants and allow for interdepartmental collaboration on research. In addition, the students will benefit from exposure to enhanced research materials and research-based course offerings.

"By fusing these two together, we can offer undergraduate students opportunities to learn from hands-on research," says Ide.

### Grand Rapids lease negotiations approved

The Board of Trustees has authorized the administration to negotiate a lease agreement for a facility in downtown Grand Rapids.

The board authorized negotiations with the Cherry Street Landing developers for space in a facility at 200 Ionia St. Details on the lease amount and configuration of leased space are to be negotiated.

"The driving force behind this effort is the fact that we've outgrown our ability to offer new programming at our Grand Rapids Regional Center," says Robert M. Beam, vice president for business and finance.

Beam says the University would continue to offer programs at the regional center, located on East Beltline Ave. S.E., where a number of graduate and professional programs are housed.

### Academic conduct rules get Board of Trustees nod

The Board of Trustees approved a set of revisions to the student academic code that are designed to improve the clarity and consistency of policies and procedures dealing with questions of academic conduct.

The revisions cover three areas: procedures used to address questions of academic honesty and conduct in research; procedures for appeals of course grades; and definitions and clarifications of language used under the "Academic Honesty" heading in the graduate and undergraduate catalogs. The revisions cover only academic conduct and not other forms of conduct governed by the University's Student Code, which also has been revised.

The revisions call for formation of an Academic Integrity Committee, made up of both students and faculty, to hear charges of academic dishonesty. Grade appeals and program dismissal appeals would be heard by a committee consisting solely of faculty. A Faculty Senate oversight committee will monitor the application of the procedures.

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## Haworth grad and undergrad programs lauded in successful reaccreditation process

The graduate and undergraduate programs of the Haworth College of Business have had their accreditation renewed by the national accrediting agency for collegiate schools of business.

The board of directors of the American Assembly of Collegiate Schools of Business — The International Association for Management Education voted to renew WMU's accreditation based on the recommendation of a five-member peer review team. The team spent several weeks reviewing materials provided by the school and visited the campus for four days in November, meeting with key college and University administrators, faculty members, students and external constituents.

The University's Haworth College of Business joins only 352 of the nearly 1,200 U.S. colleges and universities offering business degrees which have achieved AACSB accreditation.

"This is a very gratifying result," says Dean James W. Schmotter, of the Haworth College of Business. "We've spent literally thousands of hours seeking the opinions of our external constituents, developing new curricula and changing the way we do things to ensure our students receive the very best business education possible. That a team of demanding external reviewers praised what we have done is a powerful confirmation that we're on the right track."

To achieve accreditation, the business programs must meet standards relating to curriculum, faculty resources, admissions, degree requirements, library and computer facilities, financial resources, and intellectual climate.

In its review, the team commended the Haworth College of Business on a number of aspects including its mission-driven focus and strategic planning activities, enthusiastic involvement of college stakeholders, new bachelor's of business administration program design and assessment features, physical facilities, outreach

activities, and its efforts to identify niche programs with unique opportunities.

Team members were deans of the business schools at Texas Tech University, the University of Hawaii, Mississippi State University, the University of South Florida and Miami University.

The Haworth College of Business is WMU's second largest academic college, with more than 3,700 undergraduate students and 800 graduate students. It offers master's of business administration and undergraduate majors in accounting, business information systems, finance and commercial law, management, and marketing. Undergraduate programs have been accredited since 1970. Accreditation for graduate programs was granted in 1981.

## Web Watch

New sites have recently been added to the University's online resources.

WMU/News now includes current weather conditions and five-day weather forecasts for 10 cities in our region. The information is updated hourly by The Weather Underground Inc. Cities included in the WMU/News weather pages are Battle Creek, Benton Harbor, Chicago, Detroit, Grand Rapids, Holland, Kalamazoo, Lansing, Muskegon and Traverse City. Find forecasts at:

■ [www.wmich.edu/wmu/news](http://www.wmich.edu/wmu/news)

The president's office has a new Web site and a new URL. The site includes information about the president's staff and links to Update (the president's newsletter) and other public statements by President Floyd. Read presidential news at:

■ [www.wmich.edu/president](http://www.wmich.edu/president)

One of the newest Web sites at WMU is legislative affairs. The site includes information about the legislative affairs staff and our legislative agenda. Find it at:

■ [www.wmich.edu/legislative](http://www.wmich.edu/legislative)

## Two Ellsworth Hall offices switch service locations

Two continuing education units have traded locations for their base of operations.

The Office of Distance Education is now located in A103-109 Ellsworth Hall. The Division of Continuing Education's Administrative Services office is now located in B102-103 Ellsworth. The move took place at the close of the winter semester.

## Annual staff service award nominations due

The Staff Service Excellence Awards selection committee is seeking nominations for the 1999 annual awards.

Up to four staff members may be selected to receive a \$1,000 cash prize and a commemorative certificate. The winners will also be honored at a luncheon and have their photos displayed in the Seibert Administration Building.

These awards are the pinnacle of the Staff Service Excellence Awards program and are reserved for the University's most outstanding staff members who have exhibited true excellence in service and dedication during the past year.

Nominations should include as much detail as possible explaining how the staff member has exhibited a level of excellence that reaches far beyond his or her job responsibilities. Nominations are due Friday, May 21, to Anne E. Thompson, human resources. Nominations can be submitted by memo, by fax at 7-3441, by e-mail at [anne.thompson@wmich.edu](mailto:anne.thompson@wmich.edu), or on a nomination form that can be obtained by calling 7-3620.

Any regular part- or full-time non-faculty staff member can be nominated. Nominations are open to previous nominees and winners of semiannual awards, but they must be nominated again to be considered for an annual award.

## On campus



**COMPLIANCE IS NOT JUST A COMPUTER ISSUE**—While much of the campus wrestles with Y2K compliance issues, Loreene L. Broker is busy making sure campus researchers comply with University policies and federal regulations involving their use of human and animal subjects and their work with recombinant DNA. Broker is the research compliance coordinator with the Office of the Vice President for Research. "I'm basically the campus liaison between faculty and student researchers and the people in regulatory agencies," she

says. She schedules and attends meetings of the three major campus research oversight groups—the Human Subjects Institutional Review Board, the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee and the Recombinant DNA Biosafety Committee—and works to make sure campus researchers are aware of and in compliance with regulations. Web pages and a series of campuswide training sessions are just two of the tools she uses to accomplish that task. "I'm a very social person, so I really enjoy traveling and meeting people at the regulatory agencies as well as learning about our faculty and student research," she notes. Broker, a 1989 graduate of WMU's experimental psychology program, worked in the field of animal regulatory compliance for five years at the Mattawan-based International Research and Development Corp., now MPI Research, and for a private consulting firm for nearly two years before joining the WMU staff in 1996. When she's away from the University, the Colon resident enjoys gardening and boating and she's busy planning her upcoming wedding. She and her fiancé also enjoy activities involving ownership of a 1975 Corvette roadster. She's even found a link between her work and her automotive hobby. She's met a sociology graduate student who is doing research on classic car owners and she'd be glad to help her locate human subjects. "That could be one of my favorite campus research projects," she says. (Photo by Neil Rankin)

## Michigan's top high school fine arts students gear up for weekend of performance, learning

More than 1,000 of the state's finest young artists will gather on campus today through Saturday for the 37th annual Michigan Youth Arts Festival.

The festival honors Michigan high school students gifted in the areas of dance, drama, instrumental and vocal music, visual arts, creative writing, and film/video.

Unique to the state of Michigan, the festival began in 1963 as simple talent screening of young musicians. Today, it is a comprehensive arts spectacular, culminating a nine-month search for the finest artistic talent in Michigan high schools.

More than 60,000 students across the state become involved in the adjudication process that results in more than 1,000 students being invited to participate in the annual three-day festival. This is the fifteenth year that WMU has played host to this event.

Honorary chairperson of this year's festival is Betty Boone, executive director of the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs.

## 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) **House Staff** (Repost; 2nd Shift, 2:45-11:15 p.m.), M-2.5, Bernhard Center, 98/99-413, 5/4-5/10/99

(R) **Manager** (Repost), P-06, Grants and Contracts, 98/99-550, 5/4-5/10/99

(R) **Assistant Supervisor Ticket Office**, P-01, Intercollegiate Athletics, 98/99-608, 5/4-5/10/99

(R) **Professional Specialist** (Term ends 6/30/00), D-01, Computer Science, 98/99-609, 5/4-5/10/99

(R) **Academic Auditor I**, S-04,

Registrar's Office, 98/99-611, 5/4-5/10/99  
(R) **Clerk III**, S-04, Registrar's Office, 98/99-612, 5/4-5/10/99

(N) **Resource Analyst** (Hourly), X-01, Information Technology, 98/99-614, 5/4-5/10/99

(R) **Head Coach, Synchronized Skating**, C-02, Intercollegiate Athletics, 98/99-615, 5/4-5/10/99

(R) **Director**, 000, School of Social Work, 98/99-616, 5/4-5/10/99

(R) **Secretary III**, S-06, University Recreation, 98/99-617, 5/4-5/10/99

(R) **Programmer Analyst I**, X-05, University Computing Services, 98/99-618, 5/4-5/10/99

(R) **Operations Resource Analyst I** (Hourly), X-02, University Computing Services, 98/99-619, 5/4-5/10/99

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.

(N) New

(R) Replacement

WMU is an EO/AA employer.

## Human resources

"Fact and Fiction About Workers Compensation" will be presented by Carol Ashley, the University's workers' compensation coordinator, from noon to 1 p.m. Wednesday, May 12, in 159 Bernhard Center, as part of the continuing Lunch & Learn series.

Join Ashley as she presents straightforward information to address the many misconceptions and rumors that abound regarding on-the-job injuries. She will share information about your rights and responsibilities, as well as what to do if you are injured on the job, and how the University's Early Return to Work program can help. You don't need a reservation to attend. Just bring your lunch for this informal session.

## Exchange

**FOR RENT**—Lakefront cottage (Birch Lake) near Traverse City, Elk Rapids available for summer rental. Newly renovated. Sleeps six. \$845/wk. Call (616) 264-6216.

## Obituary

Gilbert W. Morell, assistant professor emeritus in history, died Feb. 12 in Poway, Calif. He was 84.

Morell joined WMU's faculty in 1956 and taught courses in American history and western civilization. He earned a bachelor's degree at WMU and a master's degree at the University of Michigan. Prior to coming to WMU he was an instructor at Tri-State College in Angola, Ind., and a visiting lecturer at the University of Illinois-Chicago.

He was a member of the American Historical Association and a charter member of the Labor History Association.

He retired from WMU in 1984.



## Software award by Houston-based firm will boost work in geosciences

New computer modeling software valued at \$205,000 will allow geophysics students and faculty members to analyze significantly more seismic data than current equipment and use that data to build three-dimensional models.

Seismic Micro-Technology of Houston has awarded the Department of Geosciences five of the firm's KINGDOM Suite software licenses worth \$41,000 each. WMU was one of more than 50 universities internationally to receive software from the company, which develops such software for the oil and gas exploration industry.

According to William A. Sauck, geosciences, the software package will be used to process and interpret a variety of subsurface seismic data and produce two- and three-dimensional representations of that data. It will also be especially valuable in working with reflection data from the department's ground penetrating radar system.

One of the advantages of the software is that it can run under the Windows or NT operating systems on personal computers or workstations rather than the supercomputers often used to process large amounts of seismic data. Seismic Micro-

Technology made the award to WMU in an effort to "get geoscience software into the hands of students who will be using it in the practical workplace," according to Bill Vance, director of marketing for Seismic Micro-Technology.

"Our existing software was so cumbersome and difficult that students were generally frustrated and unable to generate three-dimensional renderings," Sauck says. "This software can handle much more data and allow us to develop detailed computer models of the subsurface."

The department is currently in the process of installing the software on equipment in Haenicke and Rood halls. It will be installed in the department's Non-Invasive Site Characterization Laboratory in Rood Hall, which is dedicated to exploring shallow subsurfaces using non-invasive techniques for use in many applications including science, geography, ecology and archaeology.

"We deeply appreciate Seismic Micro-Technology's interest in keeping our geophysics teaching current," says Sauck. "Our departmental budget isn't such that we could afford this kind of software, and certainly not five licenses. This is extremely valuable to have for the students."

## Trustees approve totally revamped Student Code

A completely rewritten Student Code was approved by the Board of Trustees during its meeting April 23.

The code, which was last updated in 1994, describes the boundaries of acceptable student behavior as well as students' basic and academic rights.

"Higher education institutions use student codes in part to encourage an open, just and disciplined educational community," says Theresa A. Powell, vice president for student affairs.

"Maintaining civility and harmony on campus helps make the college experience more productive and enjoyable for all students," Powell adds. "We have a responsibility to our students to have an updated and responsive Student Code that is reviewed on a regular basis."

WMU's code contains 24 conduct rules

and regulations. Among the topics they cover are dishonesty, hazing, theft, credit card misuse, possession of alcohol and drugs, and obscene or harassing communication.

The Office of Student Judicial Affairs is responsible for interpreting and enforcing the code. It has the authority to conduct investigations of alleged infractions and rule on them through established procedures that may or may not include hearings adjudicated by a campus judicial body.

About 2,500 cases are processed annually. Students found to be in violation of the code are subject to sanctions that are primarily educational in nature and run the gamut from a warning to expulsion.

David W. Parrott, associate dean of students, says efforts to revise the Student Code began this past May. The year-long

## Energy purchase decision will cut University's electric bill

WMU has agreed to purchase a significant portion of its electricity from CMS Energy Corp. of Dearborn in an arrangement that will save the University 15 percent on its electric bill.

"We're always seeking opportunities to control our costs," says Lowell P. Rinker, assistant vice president for business. "Our bottom line is that we want to get the best deal for the University and for our students to help us hold down the cost of tuition."

Rinker says WMU would save about \$15,000 per month on its electric bill with the new contract. The power will supplement electricity produced by WMU's two natural-gas fueled turbines.

The turbines currently produce eight

megawatts of power and are being upgraded to produce 10 megawatts. The two-year agreement allows CMS to provide the difference between that amount and the University's peak load of about 15 megawatts.

"WMU's new contract puts it on the cutting edge of the electric restructuring taking place in the United States and abroad," says William N. Schivly, executive vice president and chief operating officer of CMS Marketing, Services and Trading.

WMU was able to choose its electricity supplier under Consumer Energy's direct access program. The experimental program was created under an order from the Michigan Public Service Commission.

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ognized accrediting agency for nursing in the United States. In awarding accreditation, the agency praised the program for being an innovative, futuristic and community-based program.

Those traits will continue to characterize the school in the future, says Dean Janet I. Pisaneschi of the College of Health and Human Services.

"We've built an integrated, holistic and culturally responsive baccalaureate nursing

degree program," Pisaneschi said. "We plan to continue our focus on preparing students to provide nursing care wherever care is needed in a community — whether that be in a school, rural clinic, urban storefront or a hospital. We will continue our focus on interdisciplinary practice, the appropriate use of technology and such skills as communication, ethics, critical thinking and problem solving."

"We are very honored to have the Bronson School of Nursing name carried on by such a prestigious institution as WMU," said Frank Sardone, president and chief executive officer of Bronson Healthcare Group. "And we are pleased to be able to contribute financially to the future of nursing education in Southwest Michigan. This is a continuation of efforts that began in 1988 when Western and Bronson began working together to develop a baccalaureate program in nursing that could become the successor to the Bronson School of Nursing."

In its 94-year history, the Bronson Methodist Hospital School of Nursing graduated a total of 3,299 nurses, many of whom have gone on to work in Kalamazoo and the surrounding region. That three-year program was the last diploma-based nursing program in Michigan.

By accepting the status as Bronson's legal successor, WMU has agreed to transfer to the University the records of Bronson's nursing students. WMU will begin responding to inquiries and requests for such things as verification of attendance and graduation.

Among other major contributors to the development of WMU's nursing program, now the Bronson School of Nursing, are Borgess Health Alliance, Bronson Health Foundation, Fetzer Institute, the Irving S. Gilmore Foundation, the Kalamazoo Foundation, The W.K. Kellogg Foundation and Stryker Corp.

## Calendar

The master calendar maintained by the Office of University Relations 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, May 6

\*37th Annual Michigan Youth Arts Festival (through May 8), exhibits and performances in Dalton Center, Miller Auditorium, all day; for details, call 7-5811.

\*34th International Congress on Medieval Studies (through May 9), Goldsworth Valley residence halls, Fetzer Center, Schneider Hall, Bernhard Center, all day; for details, call 7-8745.

Faculty Senate Research Policies Council meeting, 3150 Schneider Hall, 3 p.m.

### Friday, May 7

Softball vs. Marshall University, Ebert Field, 2 p.m.

### Saturday, May 8

Men's and women's track, Bronco Invitational, Kanley Track, 10 a.m.

Softball vs. Ohio University, Ebert Field, 1 p.m.

### Tuesday, May 11

Faculty Senate Undergraduate Studies Council meeting, 3150 Schneider Hall, 3 p.m.

### Thursday, May 13

Faculty Senate's Admissions, Financial Aid and Student Affairs Council meeting, Conference Room B, Seibert Administration Building, 3:30 p.m.

Faculty Senate meeting, Fetzer Center, 5 p.m.

### Friday, May 14

Kalamazoo Film Society showing (through May 16), "Central Station," Campus Cinema, Oakland Recital Hall: May 14 and 15, 7 and 9:30 p.m.; May 16, 2:30 and 5 p.m.

### Tuesday, May 18

\*Law School Admissions Test preparation course (Tuesdays and Thursdays through June 10), Schneider Hall, 6-9:30 p.m.; for details, call 7-4174.

Faculty Senate's Campus Planning Council meeting, Faculty Lounge, Bernhard Center, 3 p.m.

\*"Les Miserables" performance (through May 23), Miller Auditorium: May 18-20, 7:30 p.m.; May 21, 8 p.m.; May 22, 2 and 8 p.m. and May 23, 2 and 7:30 p.m.

### Wednesday, May 19

\*Management and Development Program workshop (and May 20 and 21), "Seven Habits of Highly Effective People," Fetzer Center 8 a.m.-4 p.m.; to register, call 7-3232.

### Thursday, May 20

Faculty Senate Regional Education Council meeting, Conference Room B, Seibert Administration Building, 3 p.m.

\*Admission charged



**CELEBRATING ACHIEVEMENT**—Members of the Administrative Professional Association and the Professional Support Staff Organization honored their own April 16 at a joint luncheon ceremony that focused on the theme "Celebrating Our Heritage." Those recognized and the awards they received included, seated from left: Debra R. White, PSSO "Go for the Gold" Award; Stefan S. Sarenus of PSSO, Staff Service Excellence Award; Joseph J. Odehnal, APA Tony Griffin Service Award; Lisa F. Pearson of PSSO, Staff Service Excellence Award; and Cindy K. Clegg of PSSO, Staff Service Excellence Award. Standing, from left: Michele M. Moe of APA, PSSO Support Award; Patricia A. Brown of PSSO, Staff Service Excellence Award; Ieva M. Sverns of PSSO, Staff Service Excellence Award; John W. Beatty, APA Outstanding Professional Award; and Janet G. Liebendorfer, PSSO Service Award. (Photo by Neil Rankin)