Michigan House unanimously approves measure allowing research and business park development

The Michigan House of Representatives March 2 unanimously approved legislation allowing WMU to develop a 54-acre Colony Farm Orchard parcel in Oshtemo Charter Township as part of a proposed research and business park.

The measure now goes to the state Senate for consideration. The Senate Committee on State Affairs and Commissions, to which the bill was referred, has scheduled a hearing for Wednesday, March 17, on the legislation. The House Economic Development Committee, which also approved the measure, is expected to hold a hearing on the legislation at its meeting Wednesday, March 17.

"As a result, area residents will benefit from the many new jobs and opportunities created by the park," WMU President Rollin G. Douma said. "I am confident the community can build upon this new employment base.

Shugars pointed to the high-tech potential of the proposed park. "The exchange of knowledge and technology between the business community and the University would establish new links in applied research and education," he said. "The park provides badly needed space for research and technology-based industry expansion, which is needed to attract the industries of tomorrow."

WMU hopes to develop about 260 acres of 600 acres it owns near the intersection of Drake Road and Parkview Avenue in the southwest corner of the city of Kalamazoo and a part of Oshtemo Charter Township.

Shugars emphasized the need for strong community involvement and proper environmental management techniques. "We are making a solid investment in our future, and the support of area residents is crucial to the project's growth," he said. "Under this plan, it's possible to balance environmental protection methods with job creation. I am convinced the park would succeed without disrupting the area's quality of life."

Shugars said that Kalamazoo County has lost thousands of jobs over the past eight years. With the decline closed of the General Motors Comstock plant and downsizing by the Physix Co. and the James L. robinson firm, businesses and local officials need to set more long-term goals aimed at bolstering job growth.

"Projects like this are vital to local economic stability," he said. "Our community needs to be aggressive in attracting new job potential. The park represents a step in the right direction. I believe it will spur an upward trend in Kalamazoo's business climate."

Recent reorganization intended to promote efficiency

A reorganization under way in three ofices at the University is designed to streamline some operations and eliminate redundancies in others.

The enrollment management functions formerly housed in the Graduate College are moving to two other areas. The graduate admissions activities will now be part of the Office of Admissions and Orientation and the graduate academic functions will now be part of the Office of the Registrar.

This reorganization will help us utilize our resources more efficiently," said Provost Nancy S. Barrett. "It also will enable us to be more consistent in the way we handle such functions as admissions and records." The reorganization has resulted in the elimination of one and a half positions at the University. One person who retired was not replaced, and a half-time open position will not be filled. The Office of Admissions and Orientation, which formerly only handled undergraduate admissions and orientation work, will gain three and a half positions from the Graduate College.

"The peak times for undergraduate and graduate admissions differ," said Stanley E. Henderson, director of graduate admissions and orientation. "This reorganization will allow us to better utilize staff to meet the flow of both graduate and undergraduate admissions activities. All students will be better served as a result."

Henderson pointed out that the reorga-nization will not affect how graduate stu-dents are admitted to the University. Undergraduate students are admitted centrally through the Office of Admissions and Orientation, while graduate students are admitted through the programs they intend to study.

"There will be no changes in terms of the decision-making process," he said. "The decisions to admit graduate students will continue to be made at the program level."

Henderson and his staff will be working with those heading the graduate programs to redesign existing recruitment materials and to create new materials for the seven new doctoral programs the University is offering.

"The reorganization has many similarities to recruiting undergraduate students," Henderson said. "But there are also significant differences. Faculty have networks and contacts that need to be utilized. Our office's function in graduate recruitment will be to make it possible for departments to handle recruiting without taking significant time and effort away from the academic enterprise."

Henderson said his office plans to provide computerized tracking and letter writing services for departments, as well as centralized mailing services for recruitment projects. Playing a key role in the graduate admissions process will be Paula J. Boodt, formerly director of student services in the Graduate College. She now will be coordinating graduate admissions and orientation in the Office of Admissions and Orientation.

Once graduate students are admitted and their academic classifications have been, their academic records will now be maintained in the Office of the Registrar. That function formerly was handled by the Graduate College. The Office of the Registrar has gained one position as a result of the reorganization.

Registrar Dennis Boyle says a major change will be converting graduation au-diting for master's, specialist and doctoral degrees from a process done by hand to one handled by a computer. Boyle's office already has been working with a computer program that checks such information as credits accumulated and requirements met for undergraduate degrees.

"We're hoping to do that with the gradu- ate students too," Boyle said. "The real pur-pose here is to knock some redundancy out of the system and to be more timely."

The dean of the Graduate College will continue to be responsible for policies re-garding admissions, progress through gradu- ate programs and graduation of master's, specialist and doctoral students.

"This is not a complete severance of activities from the dean," said Interim Dean Rollyn G. Douma, Graduate College. "It's just putting a distance between the ad-missions and records activities and the dean's daily responsibility to supervise them."

Functions formerly in the Graduate College include the administration of graduate policies, the management of financial aid for graduate students, the implementation of the graduate diversity recruitment and retention program and the review of theses and dissertations for compliance with University regulations.

Douma said the benefits from the reorga-nization of the increased efficiency and more time for the dean to be involved in the important areas of curriculum development, program review, consultation with depart-ments and grantmanship.

The reorganization began in January and is expected to be a gradual process as em-ployees adjust to the change in functions and work flow.

State superintendent to speak here March 16

Robert E. Schiller, Michigan's super-inintendent of public instruction, will visit WMU Tuesday, March 16, and present a public address.

Schiller is coming at the invitation of Dean Charles M. Hodge, education. He will speak on "The Future of Education in Michi-gan" at 3 p.m. in the Kirsch Auditorium of the Fetzer Center.

Schiller also will visit WMU's nationally recognized Evaluation Center as well as another programs within the College of Education. He will have lunch with members of the college's administrative council, which includes department chairpersons and direc-tors. His afternoon address will be followed by a lecture.

Schiller became Michigan's 40th su-perintendent of public instruction in Febru-ary 1992. He previously experience includes serving as deputy state superintendent of education for Delaware and for Louisiana. He also has been a superintendent for three school districts in New Jersey, an assistant school district superintendent, a high school principal and a teacher.

Board to meet in Detroit, committees Bannerized

The next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees will be conducted Friday, March 19, at Detroit's Omni Hotel, 333 E. Jefferson.

In conjunction with the meeting, President Haenske and the board will host a breakfast for reception for WMU's Southeast Michigan alumni from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 18, at the Omni Hotel's Landmark Room. WMU has nearly 16,000 alumni living in the seven-county Southeast Michigan region. Tentative meeting times for Friday's board meeting are: 8:45 a.m. for the Academic and Student Affairs Committee; 9 a.m. for the Budget and Finance Committee; and 10 a.m. for the full board meeting. All meetings are open to the public.

It will mark the third time the WMU governing board has conducted a meeting in the Detroit area since 1989. James S. Brady of Grand Rapids, chairperson of the board, also has announced assignments to its two standing committees.

The Budget and Finance Committee is: George A. Franklin of Kalamazoo; Joan H. Krause of Belmont; Alfred L. Edwards of Ann Arbor; and Brady. Members of the Academic and Student Affairs Com-mittee are: Laura L. Boldt of Kentwood; Richard G. Hawthorn of Holland; Richard Y. St. John of Kala-mazoo; and Roy S. Roberts of Blooms-field Hills. Franklin and Boldt will serve as chairpersons of their respective committees.

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GOING UP — The new facility on East Campus that will house the Michigan State University Kalamazoo Center for Medical Studies is ready for making space. The concrete shaft (at left) and griders for the clinical building that will adjoin the renovated Linda Richards Building already are in place. In addition to MSUKCMS clinics, classrooms, laboratories and administrative offices from the White Board of Health and Human Services also may locate in the $9 million, 91,500-square-foot structure.
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Specialist in American women's history to give two lectures as part of visitors scholars program

Aracourt on American women’s history will speak at the University Wednesday and Thursday, March 17-18, as part of its Visiting Scholars Program. Aracourt received several fellowships for her work, including one at the Center for Historical Analysis at Rutgers. The lecture-seminar series is supported by WMU in the history of science at Harvard University in 1989-90. In addition, she has served as a member of the editorial board of the Journal of Economics and Business and as a consultant on sex, race and gender discrimination cases.

Workplace training is topic for economics lecture

Bartel received support for her research from the U.S. Department of Labor, Alfred Sloan Foundation, Rockefeller Foundation and National Institute of Education. She has served as a member of the editorial board of the Journal of Economics and Business and as a consultant on sex, race and gender discrimination cases.

Activist who served prison term with Mandela to speak

A white South African activist who spent 22 years in prison with Nelson Mandela will participate in three presentations at the University Tuesday, March 16. Denis Goldberg, who was sentenced to life imprisonment with Nelson Mandela in 1964, will speak at 4:30 in 2010 Friedmann Hall. His visit is being sponsored by WMU’s Student Association for Social and Political Freedom.

Events planned for Gay Lesbian Awareness Days

The week will begin with comedienne Margi Gomez presenting a satirical look at minority stereotypes in a performance called "Pink Triangles," a documentary about the nature of discrimination and oppression, will be shown at 6 p.m. Sunday, March 13, in 3770 Knau ss Hall. Gomez, a San Francisco-based entertainer who has appeared with Robert Williams and Lily Tomlin, has been called "relatively hilarious" by the San Francisco Examiner.

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Spring into Wellness Week activities include seminars, assessments fair, walk and blood drive.

Mark your calendars for WMU's eighth annual Spring into Wellness Week March 15-20, coordinated by University Wellness Programs in the Sincich Health Center and sponsored by more than 20 University offices, academic departments and student organizations.

This year's activities have been planned to help students, faculty and staff manage and reduce their stress, reduce their risk of preventable disease, and assess their current health.

In addition, there will be information on HIV counseling and testing, foot and ankle assessments by the health center's podiatrist and free cholesterol and blood pressure tests. There will also be a computerized nutrition assessment, percent body fat composition analysis, an independent hearing assessment, a color analysis or a breast cancer risk assessment.

On Thursday, March 18, from 6 to 9 p.m., an hour seminar in the Red Rooms will feature Terry L. Baxter, Sincich Health Center, and Dr. J. Kotecki, environmental health and safety, speaking on "HIV and Hepatitis B: Protecting Yourself from Blood-Borne Pathogens." Included will be information on the new OSHA guidelines for personal protection, Hepatitis B vaccine recommendations, guidelines for ensuring that employers are performing blood-borne infection prevention.

The third annual Administrative Professional Development Services while the health center will provide a stress management workshop. Details to follow.

The Wednesday, March 10, insert in the Real Rooms will feature Karen Kipp, Sincich Health Center, with "The New Food Pyramid Model and FDA Food Label Guidelines." Also on Tuesday, the College of Health and Human Services will sponsor WMU's third annual Campus-Wide Blood Drive from noon to 3 p.m. outside the Bernhard Center. Check out the famous celebrity on this year's blood drive poster and come to our blood drive to earn a time-saving appointment. In addition, a stress management workshop will be offered for faculty and staff interested in the Healthy Development Services while the health center will provide a stress management workshop.

From 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday, March 17, in the Bernhard Center ballrooms, the annual Spring into Wellness Health Assessment and Skills Fair will feature nearly 40 booths of free health assessments, including cardiovascular risk assessment, pulmonary function assessments by respiratory therapists, upper back and neck massage by massage therapists, and testy low-fat food sampling and recipes.

Children's program offered
A summer recreational program for children ages 5-10 is being offered by the Sincich Week program. Titled "Li'l Bronco Summer Camp," the program is designed to provide daily activities such as arts, crafts, cooking, performing arts, explorations, recreation and field trips.

The program only accepts children for full-day supervision and will be open from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. The cost ranges from $40 to $90 a week, depending on the number of days a child participates.

For more information or to enroll a child, contact the preschool at 7-3367.

Media services
Two videotapes from recent teleconferences have been added to the University television videotape collection. Individual titles include "Anything You Can Do, I Can Do Better," "Love, Love Me Do" and "Sugar and Spice: Men and Women.,"

To arrange for a loan or playback of these titles, contact the Media Resource Center at 7-5341.

On campus
KEEPING IT CLEAN — Keeping WMU's campus clean is the job of Donna Stoken. An assistant manager in building custodial and maintenance, she oversees four to five supervisors who work to keep the residence hall building in order. She schedules and directs cleaning, inspects buildings, files reports and makes sure that what she supervises receive proper training. Stoken began working at WMU 14 years ago as a line person in dining services. She switched over to being a custodian and, after five years, was promoted to a supervisor.

Stoken has been in her present position since 1990. "My job is challenging and rewarding," Stoken says. "I enjoy the interaction with students, faculty and other employees. Western has been good to me and my family." Stoken's husband, Terry, is a supervisor in the heating, ventilation and air conditioning department.

When not at work, they enjoy walking and dining out.

Libraries
Two new additions are available on the WESTNET menu for the University libraries.

First, the sequence of commands to connect to WESTNET through remote access has been enhanced. There is a new procedure for access through MichNet/Merit and through the WMU Ethernet Terminal Server. Written procedures detailing remote access through WESTNET are available at the Waldo Library Reference Desk.

Second, the Center for Research Libraries catalog now appears as an option in the WESTNET menu. This catalog lists the holdings of the Center for Research Libraries which is a national organization whose purpose is to make available to the scholarly community research materials that are rarely held in North American libraries.

The center has collections of more than 2.6 million cataloged items in a variety of formats. These materials are intended to supplement and complement local collections. Included are archival materials on microform; foreign dissertations; foreign scientific and technical serials and monographs; major microform collections from selected U.S. state documents; area studies collections; and a variety of other specialized collections.

The Center for Research Libraries is a union of university and research libraries in the United States and Canada that collectively owns the Center's vast collections. Faculty, students and staff may borrow center materials through the Waldo Library resource sharing office, FINDER, which allows them to place requests for local holdings before submitting a request through interlibrary loan.

Human resources
Planning for retirement seminar set
Experts agree: When it comes to planning for retirement, the sooner, the better.

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University film series, "Tatie Danielle" (France, 1990), directed by Etienne Chatiliez, 3750 Knauss Hall, 3 p.m.; and lecture, "Workplace Training in the United States: Is It Underproduced?", 3750 Knauss Hall, 8 p.m.

History colloquium, "Cultural Consumption and Middle Class Identity in Victorian America," Barbara Sicherman, the William R. Kenan Jr. Professor of American Institutions and Values, Department of History, Trinity College, Hartford, Conn., 3910 Friedmann Hall, 3:30 p.m.

Biological sciences seminar, "Cell-Adhesion Molecules," Donald Andersons, the Ujijohn Co., 5270 McCracken Hall, 4 p.m.

WMU Shakespeare Festival demonstration of stage techniques by WMU theatre specialists, telephones and communication services, banks, energy utilities and furniture rentals, will showcase their wares to students at WMU's first "Off-Campus Housing Fair." Tuesday, March 16, at the Fetzer Center.

A "one-stop shopping" center of booths and services available to them off campus. A lot of the students are first-time tenants, and they don't have a feel for what it takes to live off campus.

Ethically managing sensitive data is talk topic

"Helping to Harm? The Dilemmas of Ethically Managing Politically Sensitive Data About Vulnerable Populations" is the title of a talk to be presented Friday, March 19. Sylvie C. Tourigny, sociology, will speak at 2 p.m. in the Faculty Room of the Lower Level of the Bernhard Center. The free address is being sponsored by the Center for the Study of Ethics in Society.

Professional codes of ethics require that social scientists not discriminate in the research design, analysis, and reporting of data on the basis of the social or political desirability of the evidence, Tourigny says. "Yet, ethnographic data which can be used to support policies deleterious to the very population which the evidence which can be used to support policies deleterious to the very population which the evidence which can be used to support policies deleterious to the very population which..."