Contract awarded for multimillion dollar renovation of power plant on Stadium Drive

The Clark Construction Co. of Lansing has been awarded a contract to serve as WMU’s general contractor for the construction portion of the renovation of the University’s power plant on Stadium Drive. The Board of Trustees at its meetings, Boldi serves on the board of the coordinator for Region I-D of the United Way. She also is a board member of the Kent County Democratic Party Participation Committee of the Kent County Community Action Program. In addition, she has been the director of public relations at the University of Michigan in 1990, he continues to teach and conduct research there. He joined the U-M faculty in 1974 and holds a joint appointment in the College of Engineering and the School of Public Health. He is a retired professor of business administration at the University of Michigan. Edwards has served on the WMU board since 1989. He is an international representative and education/Community Action Program coordinator for Region I-D of the United Auto Workers based in Grand Rapids, Edwards, a board member since 1989, is a professor emeritus of business administration at the University of Michigan.
The appointment of a new department chairman and the retirements of eight faculty and staff members were approved Jan. 20 by the Board of Trustees.

S. Hossein Mousavinazhad has been selected as chairman of the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering. His appointment is effective Dec. 19, 1994.

A WMU faculty member since 1982, he is a specialist in digital signal processing, electrical circuits and communication systems, linear systems and electronic circuits.

Mousavinazhad replaces Thomas F. Pietrakowski, whose return to the faculty as a professor of computer science, effective Dec. 19, 1994, was approved by the board. The trustees also approved a return to the faculty of Damodor Y. Golhar, from international recruitment and promotion to professor in that department, effective Dec. 19, 1994.

In addition, the board approved the retirements of three faculty members and five staff members.

The faculty members granted retirements, along with their years of service and effective dates, are:
- Dean W. Cooke, chemistry, 29-1/2 years, effective Jan. 1, 1995; and Robert W. Kaufman, political science, 35-1/2 years, effective Jan. 31, 1995. Also retiring from his role as interim chairperson of management to professional development, 11 years, effective June 30, 1995.
- The staff members retiring are: Ralph W. Allen, physical plant maintenance services, 30-1/2 years, effective Dec. 31, 1994; Carolyn R. Hensman, human resources, 19 years, effective June 30, 1995; Andrew LaPekas, paper and printing science and engineering, 10-1/2 years, effective Jan. 31, 1995; Jack S. McCoy, paper and printing science and engineering, 12 years, effective Dec. 31, 1994; and Margaret H. Summers, residence hall life, 23 years, effective Dec. 31, 1994.

Juvenile violence is focus of Jan. 31 program

An international public health leader will be the keynote speaker for a program on preventing juvenile violence at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 31, at the Fetzer Center.

Deborah B. Prothrow-Stith, assistant dean of the Harvard School of Public Health, will lead the free public program titled "Juvenile Violence: A Closer Look at Prevention, Rehabilitation and Sentencing."

The event is being coordinated by the Forum for Kalamazoo County with support from WMU and several other organizations. It is part of a nationwide program of public deliberation of juvenile crime and sentencing organized by the nonpartisan National Issues Forum. The goal is to provide citizens with the opportunity to inform themselves about the issues, consider a range of policy options and work together to form a shared public judgment.

The Kalamazoo program will focus on the root causes of juvenile crime; the responsibilities of government, families, communities, schools and the media; and the debate over sentencing youthful offenders as juveniles or adults.

Prothrow-Stith's experiences as a physician and as commissioner of public health for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts have led her to examine violence as a societal "disease" that can be prevented through public health strategies. She developed and wrote the first violence prevention curriculum for schools and is the co-author of "Deadly Consequences." That 1991 volume was the first book to present the public health perspective on violence to a mass audience. More recently, she co-wrote "Health Skills for Wellness," the first high school textbook to include an entire chapter devoted exclusively to violence prevention.

Following Prothrow-Stith's address, there will be a panel discussion. Participating will be James Gorgart, guest author for Kalamazoo County; Beverly Mower, former mayor of Kalamazoo and current executive director of HealthConnect; Frank Rapkey, superintendent of the Kalamazoo Public Schools; and Denysha Chaste, a student at Vine Street Alternative School. The moderator will be Ronald C. Kramer, sociologist, who directs WMU's Criminal Justice Program. Members of the audience will be encouraged to participate.

A 5:30 p.m. dinner will precede the program. The cost for the dinner is $16 for members and guests of the sponsoring organizations or $20 for others. Persons should make reservations by Friday, Jan. 27, by calling 337-7354.

In addition to WMU, sponsors include Borgess Medical Center, the Boys and Girls Club, Bronson Methodist Hospital, the Douglass Community Association, the John E. Fetzer Institute, Ford, General Motors, Domino and Byrne, the Rotary Club of Kalamazoo, the Kalamazoo County Bar Association, the Kalamazoo Academy of Medicine, the Michigan Council on Crime and Delinquency, the Women Lawyer's Association of Michigan, the YMCA and the YWCA.

International affairs plans two travel talks on China

Two travel talks on China will be presented by faculty members in the coming weeks at the University.

Thomas K. Kostrzewa, political science, will discuss "Exploring China's Minority Region" at 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 1, in 2010 Friedmann Hall.

Silvia C. Tourigny, sociology, will speak on "HIV/AIDS Awareness in China: Health Providers and Everyday People" at 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 15, in 2020 Friedmann Hall.

The lectures are being sponsored by the Office of International Affairs and are free and open to the public. For more information, persons may call 7-3951.

New job fair will be held on Jan. 20

Three departments in the College of Engineering and Applied Sciences have new names after action Jan. 20 by the Board of Trustees.

More than 2,500 expected for 17th annual Career Fair

Jobs for the seasoned professional and the new graduate will be the focus of the 17th annual Career Fair set for Thursday, Feb. 2.

More than 2,500 persons and representatives from some 100 organizations are expected to meet at Career Fair '95, which will run from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the East Ballroom of the Bernhard Center. The free event is being sponsored by career services and Delta Sigma Pi.

Designed for area college and university students and the general public, the goal of the fair is to bring together job candidates and recruiters from leading employers. Resume critiquing sessions will be available for WMU students and alumni.

Speaker to address issues concerning welfare reform

Marian Kramer, director of the National Welfare Rights Organization, will speak at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 1, in 2304anger Hall.

The topic of her free address is "Welfare Rights: A Small Janitor's Dream." A resident of Detroit, Kramer was one of the original leaders in the Welfare Rights Organization founded by George Wiley in the 1960s. She also is a co-founder of the Up and Out of Poverty Coalition and currently serves as co-chairperson of the National Homeless Union and the Anti-Hunger Campaign.

Kramer is being sponsored by Parents Reaching for Independence and Dignity through Education, an organization of low-income, single-parent WMU students. For more information, persons may call 7-8697.

Meeting Friday to explore conversations on pluralism

Members of the University community are invited to attend a meeting Friday, Jan. 27, to explore ways of starting a National Conversation on American Pluralism in Kalamazoo. The meeting begins at noon in the Lee Honors College.

"The purpose of these conversations is to bring together people who do not ordinarily have an opportunity to talk with each other," said Shirley Clay Scott, chairperson of English, one of the organizers. The community-based dialogues are sponsored by the National Endowment for the Humanities, Scott said.

"The conversations will enable participants to discuss the experience of living in this country in the late 20th century," said Carl E. M. Watson, arts and sciences, another organizer.

"The goal is to develop an understanding of each other and ourselves as citizens and residents of the United States, different in our backgrounds, our experiences and our viewpoint but nevertheless all members of this community," he said.

"The meeting Friday, Jan. 27, will be to explain the project and explore ways the conversations can be started and maintained in Kalamazoo," Scott said.

Anyone who is interested in participating is invited to attend. Information is available from Scott at 7-2571; Watson at 7-4356; or Jeanne Taborn at 375-2893.

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Kaufman Mousavinazhad

Prothrow-Stith
Four have new roles following consolidation and reorganization of the physical plant

Four University employees have new roles in the physical plant, representing a consolidation and reorganization of responsibilities there.

Carol L. Stamm and Ri-
Thursday, January 26
(thru 31) University libraries display on the life and work of Martin Luther King Jr., third floor Blackburn Library, Mondays thru Thursdays, 7:45 a.m.-midnight, Fridays, 7:45 a.m.-11 p.m.; Saturdays, 8 a.m.-10 p.m.; and Sundays, noon-midnight.

Exhibition, three photographers: Liz Birkinholz, Seattle, and Gloria Defilippis Brush, Duluth. Mins, Gallery II, Sangren Hall, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; and Tatiana Kolker, Kingston, N.Y., Space Gallery, Knauss Hall, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Mathematics and statistics colloquium, “Anti-Connected Digraphs,” Nick Sousanis and Kevin VanDevanter, undergraduate mathematics majors, Common Rooms, sixth floor, Everett Tower, 4 p.m.; refreshments, 3:45 p.m.

University Film Committee showing, “The Last Days of Chez Nous” (Australia, 1993), directed by Gillian Armstrong, 2750 Knauss Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Faculty and guest artist recital, Wendy Rose and Jethro Wodson, both bassoon, Dalton Center Recital Hall, 8 p.m.

* (thru 28) University Theatre production, “Shakin’ the Mess Outta Misery,” Shaw Theatre, 8 p.m.

Friday, January 27
*Performance, Slide Hampton and the JazzMasters, “Tribute toDizzy Gillespie,” Miller Auditorium, 8 p.m.

*Department of Dance showing, Dalton Center Dance Studio B, noon.

Saturday, January 28
Concert, chamber music for winds, Western Wind Quintet and Graduate Wind Quintet, Western Concert Hall, 7:30 p.m.

January Java and Jazz performance, “GC II,” Bronco Mall Center Stage, Bernhard Center, 5:30 p.m.

Sunday, January 29
Concert, chamber music for winds, Western Wind Quintet and Graduate Wind Quintet, Western Concert Hall, 7:30 p.m.

January Java and Jazz performance, “GC II,” Bronco Mall Stage, Bernhard Center, 5:30 p.m.

February, Monday, February 1
Office of International Affairs travel talk, “Exploring China’s Minority Region,” Thomas K. Kostrewa, political science, 10:30 Friedmann Hall, 3:30 p.m.

*Men’s basketball vs. the University of Akron, Akron University Arena, 7 p.m.

Lecture, “Welfare Reform Social Justice,” Marian Kramer, director of the National Welfare Rights Union, 2303 Sangren Hall, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, February 2
(thru 28) Exhibition by faculty painters from the Illinois State University Department of Art, Gallery II, Sangren Hall, weekdays, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; and Space Gallery, Knauss Hall, Mondays thru Thursdays, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; and Fridays, 10 a.m.-7 p.m.

Performance, Slide Hampton and the JazzMasters, “Tribute to Dizzy Gillespie” (USA, 1994), directed by David O. Russell, 2750 Knauss Hall, 6 and 8 p.m.

Meeting, Faculty Senate, Fetzer Center, 7 p.m.

*Concert, University Jazz Orchestra and Jazz Lab Band, Dalton Center Recital Hall, 8 p.m.

*Admission charged

SNOWING AND BLOWING — Last weekend’s snow storm had WMU’s landscape services crews out in force trying to get roads and parking lots ready for business Monday morning. “We plowed some of the lots three or four times,” said Paul MacNellis, who’s in charge of the snow removal crew. The top of Parking Structure I provided a particular challenge, since there’s no where for the snow to go but down. Chad H. Avery used a snow blower on the front of his pick-up to send the piles over the sides of the ramp. There are more than 100 acres of parking lots, 39 miles of sidewalks and 16 miles of road to be plowed as well as 75,000 square feet of steps to be hand-shoveled on campus, according to MacNellis. He and his crew have already developed a prioritized plan to ensure that areas are cleared in the most efficient way possible.

Program, “Juvenile Violence: A Closer Look at Prevention, Rehabilitation and Sentencing,” Deborah Prewitt-Stith, assistant professor of social work at the Harvard School of Public Health, and a panel of local experts, Fetzer Center, 7 p.m.

*Department of Dance showing, Dalton Center Dance Studio B, noon.

*Admission charged

Trio gauging satisfaction of defense customers

Measuring the satisfaction level of customers who use the federal government’s parts and information cataloging system will be the goal of a new contract awarded to WMU researchers.

A $65,604 contract has been awarded by the Defense Logistics Services Center to a trio of marketing and survey specialists at WMU. The work will be directed by Lowell E. Crow, associate dean of the Haworth College of Business. Project co-directors are Andrew A. Brogovic, chairperson of marketing, and Sue R. Crull, Kercher Center for Social Research.

The DLC, part of the U.S. Department of Defense, is an agency that catalogs all of the parts and products used by the federal government. The agency maintains two major databases. One contains information on more than 6.4 million active parts and products in the system. The second contains information on more than 25 million engineering drawings, blueprints and other technical data that is stored at Department of Defense facilities.

The DLC’s clients include all branches of the armed services, civil agencies and private industries as well as a number of other nations who purchase parts and equipment. The information for DLC clients is available via computer, on CD-ROM or in printed catalogs. Information tailored to fit individual client needs is provided by hard copy, floppy disk, magnetic tape or CD-ROM. The cataloging system maintained by the DLC serves as the basis for the logistics system used by all North Atlantic Treaty Organization members, assuring compatibility of parts numbers between the United States and NATO countries.

The goal of the WMU project is to develop survey tools to measure satisfaction of the DLC’s different customer groups. Once ready for use, telephone and mail surveys will be conducted by the WMU researchers to measure the satisfaction level of representative sampling of current DLC customers. The survey will be developed in cooperation with DLC personnel who will also be learning to administer similar surveys in future customer satisfaction measurements.

“We’re going to develop a long-term method that DLC personnel will be able to use on a regular basis,” Crow says. “The survey tools are being developed and the studies are being completed to help the center meet the terms of a recent presidential executive order requiring all federal agencies to measure customers’ satisfaction with the products and services they provide.”

Crow says most of the work will be done in Battle Creek so that agency personnel can take part in the process and learn how to conduct the surveys. The project is expected to take about a year to complete.

“WMU has had a long relationship and a strong commitment to Battle Creek and its business community,” Crow says. “We look forward to the relationship continuing with this project.”