Visiting scholars applications due

Applications for the 2012-13 Visiting Scholars and Artists Program are being accepted until 5 p.m. Thursday, April 19. The program year runs from September 2012 through April 2013, and applications should be submitted to Elke Schoffers, program committee chair.

Grant awards, typically up to $1,000, are available. Larger awards are occasionally considered for applications involving scholars or artists of unusually broad appeal—those who will attract students and faculty from a variety of disciplines. Visit wmich.edu/provost/VSAP for details and links to application materials.

Wounded Warrior 5K scheduled

Supporters and sponsors are being sought for the WMU ROTC program’s third annual Wounded Warrior 5K run/walk set for Saturday, April 14, to benefit wounded veterans. The event will begin with registration at 7 a.m. in the Activity Therapy Building on the Oakland Drive Campus. The $15 entry fee includes a T-shirt and refreshments.

The University’s Army and Air Force ROTC programs are hosting the run/walk to raise funds to support the Wounded Warrior Project, a nonprofit organization that honors and empowers wounded warriors of the U.S. Armed Forces. It provides care packages and services to aid veterans and their families and seeks to inspire and enlist the public’s help in its efforts. Visit wmich.edu/rotc for more information.

New interdisciplinary majors OK’d

The WMU Board of Trustees recently signed off on two new interdisciplinary undergraduate majors: electronic business marketing and health informatics and information technology. They were approved along with a coordinating minor for the health informatics program that will allow students in related disciplines the opportunity to tap the resources of the new major. The programs will be available to students beginning with the fall 2012 semester.

Family friendly Easter Egg Hunt slated

An Easter Egg Hunt will be held from 1:30 to 3 p.m. Saturday, April 7, at the Oaklunds. Tickets are $12 and include snacks, an Easter basket, crafts and activities, and a photo opportunity with the Easter bunny. Children 2 and under are admitted free with a paying adult. Register at wmich.edu/oaklunds/easter-egg-hunt by April 5.

Only one Western News issue in April

The final issue of Western News for the spring semester will be distributed Thursday, April 12. Due to finals week, this will be the only issue published in April. The deadline to submit items for the issue is 5 p.m. Friday, April 6. Visit wmich.edu/news regularly to stay up to date on University news.

‘People’s Scholar’ to present diversity talk

One of the leading social commentators, black speakers and high-action freedom fighters in America will speak on “Diversity is More Than Skin Deep” during Kalamazoo County’s 14th annual Respecting Differences program Tuesday and Wednesday, April 17 and 18. Boyce Watkins, known as “The People’s Scholar,” will present his perspective on diversity at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 17, and again at 9 a.m. Wednesday, April 18, in the Kalamazoo Public Schools’ Chereny Auditorium, 714 S. Westnedge Ave. in Kalamazoo.

His talk is being offered free of charge to the public as well as to employees of the agencies that are sponsoring the 2012 Respecting Differences program. It is being presented on a first-come, first-seated basis. Both sessions will include on-stage American Sign Language translators.

During the talk, Watkins will explore the relevance and impact of various aspects of diversity in the workplace and world. This exploration will be done through the lens of his role as an advocate for education and social justice.

Watkins, a scholar in residence at Syracuse University, is a finance expert who has written several books and numerous journal articles and has been a distinguished visiting scholar at institutions around the world.

In demand as a speaker and commentator, Watkins mixes financial theory with social commentary and down-to-earth sociopolitical thought. He has presented his views to millions of people through regular television appearances, radio shows and print articles.

Tickets in the form of a postcard will be distributed through campus mail to all WMU employees the week of April 1. Those attending the talk are asked to bring their postcards with them to the event.

Spotlight event allows high schoolers to check out WMU

High school juniors and their parents are invited to visit WMU’s main campus Saturday, March 31 or Saturday, April 14, for the annual WMU Spotlight event.

Designed exclusively for juniors, this free event is one of the University’s largest on-campus recruiting events. Some 900 students and their parents are expected to attend. Registrations are strongly encouraged for the open houses, which will take place from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. both days. Activities will begin on the second floor of the Bernhard Center with pre-registration check-in as well as walk-in registration.

WMU Spotlight features current WMU students taking prospective students and their parents on a guided tour of the main campus so they can get a feel for what life at the University is like. In addition, attendees have a chance to check out the popular Student Recreation Center, visit a typical residence hall, hear from a WMU faculty member and have lunch in a dining hall.

Visit wmich.edu/admissions/wmuspotlight to register or for more information.
**Talk looks at ticking bomb scenario**

Issues related to the legitimacy of using torture in the ticking bomb scenario will be discussed in an April 5 installment of the Center for the Study of Ethics in Society spring 2012 lecture series. Peter Barry from Saginaw Valley State University will talk on “Fantasy, Conceivability and Ticking Bombs” at 5 p.m. Thursday, April 5, in 213 Bernhard Center.

**Final Frostic series reading slated**

University of Arizona instructor and poet Barbaraully will read from her works at 8 p.m. Thursday, April 5, in 157 Bernhard Center. The final presentation in the 2011-12 Frostic Reading Series will take place Thursday, April 19.

**Health care reform to be discussed**

The final lecture in this year’s Sichel Lecture Series will be on “Health Care Reform Legislation: The Employer’s Perspective.” The talk will be presented by Anne Cramlish, principal and health-care acuity at Aon Hewitt of Atlanta. Her talk is set for 3 to 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 11, in 2028 Brown Hall.

**Aspects of haiku focus of speaker**

Adam Kern from the University of Wisconsin-Madison will speak on “Zen and the Art of Mumbo Jumbo in Haiku” at 6 p.m. Thursday, April 12, in the University Center for the Humanities, 2500 Knauss Hall.

**Researcher receives lifetime award**

Mark Jenness, emeritus researcher in the areas of science and mathematics, was awarded a prestigious lifetime achievement award from the Michigan Science Teacher’s Association earlier this month. Jenness, who retired in 2010, received the George G. Mallinson Award for Lifetime Achievement in Science Education.

The MSTA’s most prestigious honor, the award is given to a person who has shown a high standard of commitment to the advancement of science education. It is named for George Mallinson, MSTA founder and a former dean of WMU’s Graduate College. Jenness came to WMU as a graduate student in 1986, became a research associate in 1992 and became chair in 1993 with the University’s Science and Mathematics Program Improvement. He was director and senior researcher with SAMP! until his retirement in 2010 and remains active at the University as a researcher.

**Emeritus pens humorous book**

Kenneth Red, emeritus in social work, has written a collection of funny anecdotes, jokes, word play examples and urban legends about therapists, psychotherapy, clients and the mental health establishment. The book, “How Many Therapists Does It Take? Wit and Wisdom of Psychotherapy,” was published by Seaboard Press and is the largest compilation on humor and psychotherapy. The 181-page book’s humor reflects the stereotypes and caricatures of counselors, clients, patients, hospitals and institutions, as imagined by the public. Reid began collecting humor about psychotherapy in the 1960s while a graduate student in social work. Over the years, fellow faculty, practitioners and clients have contributed to the collection. He joined the WMU faculty in 1968 and retired in 2005. Since retiring, Red has counseled individuals and families with the Episcopal Diocese of Western Michigan. He also is a disaster mental health volunteer with the Red Cross and Hospice of Southwest Michigan.

**Students gathering at Capitol to rally for higher education**

WMU students will join others from across Michigan to support and rally for higher education issues at this year’s Lansing Blitz from noon to 2:30 p.m. Friday, March 30, at the Michigan Capitol. WMU students who would like to take advantage of the free transportation provided by the University’s Office of Government Affairs must register ahead of time, and should meet at the Bernhard Center at 10 a.m. Buses will depart promptly at 10:30 a.m., and will return back to campus by 4 p.m.

The Lansing Blitz rally is coordinated by the Student Association of Michigan, the statewide student office of Government Affairs to which the Western Student Association belongs. WSA represents the voice of every student enrolled at WMU and votes on issues that directly affect student life.
Semiannual staff award winners to be feted during reception

Thirteen staff members have been selected to receive semiannual Make a Difference awards for spring 2012.

The awards will be presented during a reception at 2 p.m. Monday, April 16, in 157 Bernhard Center. Members of the University community are invited to attend the reception, during which each award recipient will receive a before-tax prize of $300 and a commemorative certificate.

The spring award recipients are:

- Jennifer Bailey, University Recreation
- Paula Bucknell, Extended University Programs
- Jeffrey Carr, maintenance services
- Tracy Constanza, College of Education and Human Development
- Myra Corrie, public safety
- Cheri Edgar, business information systems
- Frances Frazier, building custodial and support services
- Nicole Kalmbach, student affairs
- Kristine Kling, foreign languages
- Julie Lenczyczi, projects and construction
- Veronica Thomas, residence life
- Robert Van Dyke, Dining Services
- Lisa Youtry, marketing

The WMU Make a Difference award program is a campuswide peer-to-peer program that recognizes University staff members for their outstanding accomplishments and daily investment of energy and creativity.

Up to 15 staff members may receive the award in each of two semiannual award periods every academic year. Semiannual award winners are eligible to receive one of the four annual Make a Difference awards that also are presented each academic year and come with a before-tax prize of $1,200.

Film, panel focus on male survivors of sexual abuse

The University will be the host site for two screenings of “Boys and Men Healing,” a documentary about male survivors of child sexual abuse who are healing and speaking out.

Screenings are set for 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 3, and Wednesday, April 11, in the Little Theatre on East Campus. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

The film will be introduced on both dates by WMU Trustee Mary Asmonga-Knapp, who is manager of the Family Advocacy Program for the Department of Defense’s Defense Logistics Agency at the Hart Dolbeau Federal Center in Battle Creek, Mich.

The showings, which are free and open to the public, are part of the local area’s observance of April as National Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month. Each screening will be followed by a question-and-answer period featuring a panel of abuse survivors as well as local professionals who work in the field.

On the panel will be a male survivor, female survivor, male professional/counselor, female professional/counselor, prosecuting attorney and member of the clergy.

Angela Moe, sociology, says the event will offer those attending a chance to become more informed on the issue, and resources will be available.

“We also will have four to five on-site therapists with private spaces for anyone who needs them,” Moe says. “We’ll have display tables with additional materials as well as staff from the YWCA, WMU Counseling Center and Voices Against Sexual Assault. And we’re developing a support kit of helpful resources to hand out to each attendee.”

Winifred D. Fraser, WMU trustee emerita, died Feb. 29. She was 88. Fraser served on the governing board from 1985 to 1992, leading the board as chair in 1991.

Her tenure was a period of great change that included a presidential search, launch of a campuswide research drive, a multi-million dollar construction initiative and successful conclusion of the largest fundraising campaign to date in the University’s history.

A memorial celebration is planned for late spring. Memorial donations may be made to the Mental Health Association of Michigan.

Freda C. Swinehart, a former staff member, died Nov. 22, 2011. She was 93. Swinehart joined the WMU staff in 1968 and worked as a housekeeper in the residence halls. She retired in 1992, after more than 13 years of service to the University.

Memorial donations may be made to Immanuel Lutheran Church or Kalamazoo Loaves and Fishes. Visit www.langelands.com to make a memorial guestbook entry.
On Campus with Carolyn Wiley

As long as she can remember, Carolyn Wiley has enjoyed cooking. So, it seems like a natural fit that she has been working for Dining Services for 23 years, the past 15 as one of four cooks during the breakfast and lunch shifts in the Valley I residence halls.

"There's something different to do every week. (The cooks) all move around the kitchen," Wiley says. "Our schedule depends on a lot of things—what the menu is, how much work is involved and what students' schedules are for that semester."

The Valley I Dining Hall staff prepares and cooks meals for an estimated 500 to 700 students every shift, with the help of more than 80 student employees and several other students who work for class credit. Every semester, WMU dietetics students work in the dining hall over a five-week period, as well as a group of students from Mattawan (Mich.) Consolidated Schools who also volunteer for class credit.

"I enjoy the camaraderie here. Dining Services is really focused on the students," Wiley says. "The quality of food we put out is really important."

More healthy food options, such as an expanded salad bar and a focus on buying locally grown food, are two trends in Dining Services that Wiley says she has experienced.

For the past couple of years, we have had a local free-range farm in the area raise pigs and chickens for us for the Farmers Market Luncheon held in the fall semester," she notes. "When I first started working here, the salad bar also was about half the size it is now. It's just responding to what people want."

A West Michigan native, Wiley has lived in Kalamazoo and Allegan. Prior to coming to WMU, she managed a restaurant in Allegan for seven years that has since closed.

She and her husband, Chris, live in Kalamazoo and have a daughter, Jennifer, who is a senior at WMU studying English and Japanese.

Besides cooking, Wiley enjoys quilting, crocheting and cross-stitching. She grew up learning how to sew from her mother, who was a seamstress.

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Veteran journalist visits to discuss 2012 campaign

The role of media in the 2012 presidential campaign will be the topic when nationally renowned journalist Steven V. Roberts takes the podium at 6 p.m. Monday, April 2, in the Fetzer Center's Kirsch Auditorium.

Roberts, the Shapiro Professor of Media and Public Affairs at George Washington University, has covered 11 presidential campaigns during his 45-year career as a reporter for such organizations as the New York Times, U.S. News & World Report and ABC.

He will discuss "Politics, Democracy and the Fourth Estate: The Role of the Media in Campaign 2012," when he speaks as part of the Communication and Community Distinguished Lecture Series sponsored by WMU's School of Communication.

Today, in addition to his teaching duties, he appears as a political analyst on the ABC radio network and is a substitute host on NPR's "Diane Rehm Show." He also regularly appears as a pundit on CNN and on "Washington Week in Review" and "Hardball with Chris Matthews."

Roberts and his wife, television journalist Cokie Roberts, write a nationally syndicated newspaper column together.

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Public invited to apply to summer translation program

WMU is offering a four-week Summer Translation Program for those learning Arabic, Japanese or Russian who want to improve their translation skills while working on their language proficiency.

Review of applications to enroll in the program will begin Tuesday, April 3, and continue until enrollment is full. International students are strongly encouraged to apply by Monday, April 2.

Enrollment is open to college students and professionals who rely on translation or foreign languages as part of their careers as well as native speakers who want experience translating to English.

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Director, website devoted to helping network is made up of the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor as well as Michigan's five research universities: WMU, Michigan State University, Michigan Technological University, Wayne State University and UM-Ann Arbor.

M-CRN was funded by a $1.8 million award from the Michigan Strategic Fund and launched last fall. The network will create partnerships to connect state industry to critical university assets to help the Michigan economy grow and prosper.

Collectively, the participating schools conduct 98 percent of the academic research done in Michigan and produce 99 percent of all patent activity among Michigan universities.

Visit wmich.edu/wmu/news/2012/03073 for details about other initiatives planned for M-CRN.

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