Three presidential candidates visiting campus

Senior administrators from three Midwest universities began arriving on campus last week in their bids to be selected as WMU’s eighth president.

The candidates are John Dunn, interim chancellor of Southern Illinois University, Carbondale; John Folkins, chief executive officer of the Bowling Green State University Research Institute; and Avijit Ghosh, dean of the College of Business at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. A fourth contender, Bruce Shepard, chancellor of the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay, withdrew his candidacy on April 9.

Both Dunn and Folkins already have met with members of the University and local communities and participated in an on-campus “meet the candidate” forum.

Ghosh will make his presentation at 5:15 p.m. Friday, April 13, in Brown Auditorium of Schneider Hall.

Those who missed the earlier presentations were able to view them later on both WMU EduCable Channel 28 and on various Community Access channels. Ghosh’s forum appearance will be televised at 11:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. April 16 and 17 on EduCable, 7 p.m. April 16 on Community Access Channel 95, and 2 p.m. April 17 on Community Access Channel 19.

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Hearst was appointed associate dean of the Lee Honors College in January 2006, then tapped to serve as interim dean from Jan. 1 through June 30 of this year. A WMU faculty member since 1996, he is an associate professor of communication and an expert in crisis communication and issue management.

McCloud, who consulted and taught overseas, has led the Malaysian-American Commission since 2001. Previously, he was an adjunct associate professor of political science at Ohio State University for 19 years and a top executive with the Midwest Universities Consortium for International Activities Inc. at Ohio State for 12 years.

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Around Campus

Several big events tonight

• A “Take Back the Night” rally and march will be held on campus beginning at 7 p.m. at the Fountain Plaza near Miller Auditorium. This community-wide event will include a candlelight ceremony and an ending celebration with refreshments and music.
• There will be a free, public showing of the award-winning documentary “Forgiving Dr. Mengele,” by WMU alumnus Bob Hercules, at 7 p.m. in the Fetzer Center’s Kirsch Auditorium.
• Igor Fedotov, music, will perform music written for viola and piano by 20th-century Russian-Soviet composers at 8:15 p.m. in the Dalton Center Recital Hall. Visit www.millerauditorium.com for ticket costs.

Chemical society rep to speak

W. Christopher Hollinsed, director of the Office of Research Grants for the American Chemical Society, will speak about “Preparing for Research and Development Employment in the 21st Century” at 4 p.m. Friday, April 11, in 1260 of the Chemistry Building.

Diversity program coming up

The annual “Respecting Differences” program will take place at 1:30 p.m. Monday, April 16, and 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, April 17, in Kalamazoo’s Cherry Auditorium. The 2007 presentation, “Indigenous PC: Political Correctness or PlainCourtesy,” is free but faculty and staff should submit a postcard-size “tickets” they received in campus mail this month.

Engineering projects presented

The 40th Conference on Senior Engineering Design Projects is set for 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Tuesday, April 17, in the College of Engineering and Applied Sciences building. This free event showcases graduating seniors’ capstone projects, many of which are sponsored by business and industry. Members of the public are invited to attend.

Day of Silence rally scheduled

WMU will host a rally in observance of the national Day of Silence from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 18, in the Wesley Foundation. The day brings high school and college students together to protest the bullying and harassment faced by lesbian, bisexual, gay and transgender youth in school. The event will feature guest speakers, including Kalamazoo Mayor Hannah McKinney; information tables; and refreshments.

Finals Help desks scheduled

Volunteers are still needed to help out at the 11th annual Finals Help desk from 6 to 11 p.m. Tuesday, April 24. To sign up to work a two-hour shift in the Student Recreation Center from either 6 to 8 p.m. or 8 to 10 p.m., visit the Web site at www.finalshelp.wmich.edu.

Hornev retirement reception set

Carolyn Hornev, Career and Student Employment Services, will celebrate 11 years of service to WMU during a retirement reception from 4 to 6 p.m. Thursday, April 26, in the Oaklands.

Catering services offering Staff Appreciation Luncheon

A Staff Appreciation Luncheon will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 25, in the Bernhard Center Ballroom. The festive dining experience gives staff a chance to sample Executive Chef Nick Petruska’s menu at a reduced price. The cost is $10 per person in advance. Reservations are due by 5 p.m. Wednesday, April 18.

To make a reservation or obtain more information, visit www.wmich.edu/catering/luncheon, e-mail wmu-catering@wmich.edu or call 387-4868.

Jobs

Current job opportunities at WMU are announced every Monday on the human resources Web site at www.wmich.edu/hr/job.htm and the Applicant Information Service phone line at 387-3669. Applications are accepted for posted jobs only and must be submitted by the stated deadline. Complete application procedures are included on each posting.

Exchange

For sale—One Selmar Rico Royal clarinet, used for 3 years. $50. Call 343-6919.

Wanted—Two reasonably priced items: small used utility trailer, does not have to be in perfect condition; fairly easy to start rear-tire rototiller, 14’’. Call 744-6527.

For sale—Faculty home. Three-bedroom Cape Cod on double fenced lot. Move-in ready; leaving continental U.S. All appliances, many furnishings can stay, $110,000 ($10,000 below market). For details, photos or showings, e-mail elaine johnsoby@yahoo.com or call 873-1458.

Prof cited for professional work

Carla Adkison-Bradley, counselor education and counseling psychology, has received the Professional Development Award from the Association for Multicultural Counseling and Development. Recently, Adkison-Bradley also received the Distinguished Service Award from the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs board.

The professional development honor was presented during the American Counseling Association Annual Convention in Detroit March 24. The award recognizes a multicultural counseling and development association member who has developed techniques and systems that have strengthened, expanded, enhanced, improved and/ or otherwise had demonstrable benefits to clients. Adkison-Bradley has been a WMU faculty member since 2003.

Staffer wins news writing honor

Deanne Molinari, a writer in university relations, received a Gold Award from the Michigan Society for Medical Research. The award was announced March 3 and was the top honor in the interview category for publications with a circulation of 30,000 or fewer subscribers.

“The Promise and Challenge in Kalamazoo” was published in September 2006. Molinari came to university relations this past November as a temporary part-time writer. Previously, she had been a journalist for 15 years.

Researcher earns state award

Susan R. Stapleton, chemistry, has received the 2007 Bennett J. Cohen—Educational Leadership Award from the Michigan Society for Medical Research. The award honors individuals who have made meritorious contributions or outstanding achievements in the areas of research, science or the promotion of research.

The award was given to Stapleton, who has been a faculty member and researcher at WMU since 1989, for her numerous efforts to support biomedi-cal research and advance medical care. It was presented at the Michigan Society for Medical Research’s annual meeting and symposium April 11 at Michigan State University.

The society was founded by scientists, physicians and educators to help the public understand why biomedical research and testing, including the appropriate use of animals, is so important in the search for new and better ways to treat diseases that afflict both people and animals.
**University sets aside day to showcase scholarly endeavors**

The scholarly work of some 50 graduate students and 20 faculty members will be showcased during a Research and Creative Activities Day set for Friday, April 20, at the Fetzer Center.

The free public event will include poster presentations of research from 9 to 11 a.m. in Rooms 1035, 1045 and 1055 of the center. Keynote addresses by Mitch Kachun, his...
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Folkins, who took over as head of Bowling Green’s Research Institute in January, served for seven years as provost and vice president for academic affairs at BGSU. He also is a tenured professor in the Department of Communication Disorders there.

Prior to moving to Bowling Green, Folkins held a variety of positions at the University of Iowa, beginning as assistant professor of speech pathology and audiology in 1977 and ending in 2000 as associate provost for undergraduate education, a position he held for three years.

Dunn was named provost and vice chancellor of Southern Illinois in 2002 and elevated to interim chancellor in 2006. Prior to that, he served the University of Utah for seven years as dean of the College of Health and served Oregon State University for 20 years in several positions, including that of associate provost from 1990 to 1995.

In addition, Dunn has completed stints as Oregon’s assistant dean of Health and Human Performance, chair of the Department of Exercise and Sport Science, and director of the Special Physical and Motor Performance, chair of the Department.

Ghosh has been dean of business at the University’s Leonard N. Stern School since 2001. Previously, he held academic and administrative positions at New York University’s Leonard N. Stern School of Business, including deputy dean, vice dean for professional programs, director of entrepreneurial studies and professor of marketing.

Before entering academia, Ghosh was a market research analyst for Clarion McCann Advertising Services, a subsidiary of the McCann Erickson global advertising agency network, which has offices in more than 130 countries.

A curriculum vitae for each candidate is posted on the presidential search Web site at www.wmich.edu/president/search.

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WMU marketing students placed third March 29 in a national American Marketing Association competition held in New Orleans to showcase ways to bring back tourism to the Crescent City.

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On Campus with Lynda Hunt

Lynda Hunt has a head for figures.

As director of gift processing in the Development Office, Hunt manages her unit’s $4 million budget, oversees $20 million to $30 million in annual commitments received through the WMU Foundation and the Paper Technology Foundation, and helps keep track of the University’s $188 million endowment system.

Most of Hunt’s time is spent making sure gift receipts are processed properly and in a timely manner, generating financial statements, writing gift-related reports for the Development Office and other University departments, balancing the department’s budget and working with WMU’s independent auditors at the close of the fiscal year.

“We serve the University community by getting funding for things departments can’t or don’t get through their general funds,” Hunt says of the Development Office. “We’re like the icing on the cake. One of the things I like best about my job is that I get to work with so many people across campus—and they tend to like me because I give them money.”

Hunt came to WMU in 1983 to pursue a bachelor’s degree in accountancy and never left. She worked for the Development Office’s phonathon while a student, then took a part-time post with the office as a data entry clerk in its advancement services unit after graduating in 1989.

One year later, Hunt was hired in full time. She soon moved to the office’s accounting area, and was promoted to her current position in 1996.

“I really like the higher education atmosphere and the people I work with, particularly in the Development Office,” she says.

From day one, Hunt has shared that sense of camaraderie, and a fun-loving sense of humor, with her campus colleagues. She’s been a member of either the Professional Support Services Organization or Administrative Professional Association, the University’s two nonbargaining employee groups, since joining WMU’s professional staff.

Hunt and her husband Norm live in Kalamazoo with their cat Guido, who was named after a donor. She enjoys traveling, boating, swimming and playing as well as watching golf and is a huge fan of the Master’s golf tournament.

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Richmond Center dedication

“It consolidates the visual and performing arts to foster an artistic community,” says Margaret Merrion, dean of the College of Fine Arts.

“For the first time, we can bring together two-dimension and three-dimension artists, choreographers, actors, dancers, musicians, graphic designers and teachers of the arts. We expect to spawn more interdisciplinary inquiry among the students and faculty.”

For more than 40 years, the School of Art has been sequenced in “temporary” housing in the basement of Sangren Hall and other campus locations. Now it’s become part of a “village” that concentrates all of the fine arts schools and departments in one area stretching from the Gilmore Theatre Complex to Dalton Center Recital Hall along the University’s Fountain Plaza.

The center offers three spacious galleries, student lecture halls, studio space, a student lounge and offices in an eye-catching facility with a sweeping copper, glass, steel and cement facade.

The Richmond Center was constructed almost entirely with private funds, more than any building in WMU history, and will help draw in the public as well as raise the stature of both the School of Art and the College of Fine Arts.