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For and about WMU faculty and staff

Fetzer offers lunch with Santa

Faculty and staff members are invited to spring for lunch with Santa at the Fetzer Center.



Fetzer will host a special holiday buffet just for WMU employees and their families from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 3. The cost is \$13.95 for adults and \$8.95 for kids ages 3 to 10. Those age 2 and under will be admitted free.

Space is limited so reservations should be made now by calling the elves in the Fetzer Center at 387-3232. The last seating reservations will be taken for 1:30 p.m.

Children are welcome to meet with Santa and give him their Christmas lists, and Santa will give each child in attendance a gift. The buffet will include kid favorites such as macaroni and cheese (baked), mashed potatoes and festive Jell-O parfaits. The menu also will include ham, roast turkey with dressing, yams, fresh fruit, cake and beverages.

Western News to go on hiatus

The next issue of *Western News* will be distributed on Dec. 14. This will be the last issue for the fall semester. The deadline to submit items for this issue is 5 p.m. Friday, Dec. 8. *Western News* will resume its regular publication schedule Jan. 11 after the start of the spring semester.

Library extends operating hours



Waldo Library is extending its hours of operation to 3 a.m. five days per week beginning Monday Dec. 4—giving harried students time to finish papers and

prepare for fall semester finals. From the 4th through Thursday, Dec. 14, the day before the fall semester ends, Waldo will offer full services from 8 a.m. to 3 a.m. Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and noon Sunday to 3 a.m. Monday.

Joseph Reish, dean of University Libraries, says such extended full-service hours will become a staple of the final 10 days of each semester going forward. When students return to Waldo in January, they'll be greeted by the same extended hours, although full library services will be offered only until midnight Mondays through Thursdays.

From midnight until 3 a.m., only the first floor of Waldo Library will remain open, offering a location for extended study hours. Library services will not be available, but patrons will have access to computers, the Internet, copying machines and printing services.

Mary Meader lauded as great 20th-century explorer

During a Nov. 21 ceremony at WMU, Kalamazoo's Mary Upjohn Meader added her name to a globe signed by the great explorers and aviators of the 20th century.

In a move that sparked surprise and delight from those attending the event, representatives of the American Geographical Society asked Meader to sign the historic Flyers' and Explorers' Globe twice, honoring her flights during 1937 over both South America and Africa that resulted in a treasure trove of aerial photos still being used by scholars today.



Meader signs the famous American Geographical Society globe while her husband Edwin and AGS Executive Director Mary Lynne Bird look on. (Photo by John Lacko)

The ceremony marked only the second time the famed globe has left its New York City home and been brought to an individual to sign. Other signers include Admiral Robert Perry, Admiral Richard

Byrd, Charles Lindbergh, Amelia Earhart, Sir Edmond Hillary, John Glenn and the Apollo 8 astronauts. In all, 80 expeditions since 1910 have been commemorated by having the route of the expedition shown and each flier, astronaut or expedition leader

sign the globe.

Meader became the 79th person to sign the globe and one of only a handful to be honored by being invited to sign twice.

She was recognized for work she did nearly 70 years ago at age 21, when she and then-

husband, Richard U. Light, embarked on unprecedented flights over South America and Africa. During the journey, Meader took many of the first-ever aerial photographs of the continents.

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MLK celebration committee names second featured speaker

The second featured speaker for the 2007 communitywide celebration honoring the late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. has been announced.



Blake

Bishop Canute B. Blake, of Canada's Malton Church of God in Mississauga, Ontario, will give the keynote remarks at the event set for 4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 21, in Kalamazoo's Galilee Baptist Church.

Blake is senior pastor at Malton Church of God and has been district overseer for the Brampton District of Churches for the past six years. He formerly was superintendent of the Church of God in Canada from 1994 to 1999 and administrative bishop of the Eastern Canada Region from 1994 to 2000, becoming the first black man in the history of the Church of God in Canada to hold these positions.

Born in Jamaica, Blake is an ordained bishop of the Church of God and has preached throughout the Caribbean, South America, Europe, the United States and Canada. He is a second generation Church of God member who has successfully labored in this ministry for more than 35 years. For 19 of those years, Blake served as senior pastor of the Ottawa Church of God. He also served concurrently as the district overseer for the Ottawa/Montreal churches for more than 12 years.

WMU, corporate partners launch research consortium

Four area engineering groups have joined with the College of Engineering and Applied Sciences to form a consortium focusing on using computer simulation to enhance product development in the motor vehicle industry.

Representatives from Dana Corp., Eaton Corp., L-3 Communications and MANN+HUMMEL USA Inc. met on campus Oct. 31 and signed agreements formally launching the CAViDS Consortium as a member with WMU's Center for Advanced Vehicle Design and Simulation.

The four founding industrial partners join two government laboratory members in the initiative that aims to provide breakthrough computer simulation technology and knowledge to the motor vehicle industry, particularly in the areas of vehicle design and analysis. The government units are the U.S. Army Tank-Automotive Research, Development and Engineering Center in Warren, Mich., which is known as TARDEC, and the Oak Ridge National Laboratory in Oak Ridge, Tenn.

"This is a unique opportunity for us to work cohesively with automotive companies in the area to focus the University's applied research resources in a way that will match our industrial consortium members' future needs," says CAViDS director, William Liou,

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Around Campus

United Way gathering is today

The 2006 United Way campus campaign celebration will take place from 4 to 5:30 p.m. today in the Oaklands. The campus community is invited to attend.

This year's campaign was extended to Nov. 30 to allow more gifts to be included in the official total raised, but donations will be accepted after this date. For details, e-mail lynn.kelly-albertson@wmich.edu.

Wear Bronco gear on Friday

Members of the WMU and Kalamazoo communities are encouraged to wear brown and gold or Bronco gear Friday, Dec. 1, for Bronco Spirit Day.

Keystone talk to feature Miller

The third presentation in the Keystone Community Breakfast Series will feature Bob Miller, associate vice president for community outreach, speaking on "The BTR Park and the Downtown Science Center... a Community Success Story and a Vision for the Future."

The presentation will begin at 7:30 a.m. Friday, Dec. 1, in the Dean's Conference Room (2150 Schneider Hall). Complimentary breakfast will be available. To attend, RSVP with Monique Haley at monique.haley@wmich.edu.

Student projects showcased

The Conference on Senior Engineering Design Projects will take place from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 5, on the Parkview Campus in the College of Engineering and Applied Sciences building.

This annual, free event is in its 39th year. It showcases the required capstone work of graduating CEAS seniors and is open to the public.

Reception set for ten Harmsel

Members of the WMU community are invited to attend a retirement reception for Larry ten Harmsel, dean of the Lee Honors College, from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 6, in the Oaklands. A professor of English, ten Harmsel is retiring after 33 years of service to the University.

Emeriti to hold holiday event

December's regular Wednesdays II program sponsored by the Emeriti Council will be a festive event from 2 to 4 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 13, in the Heinig Emeriti Lounge on the second floor of Walwood Hall's west wing.

The event will feature holiday goodies, coffee and conversation with a musical program by the Wind Works, a recorder ensemble that will perform music appropriate for the season.

Book delves into playwriting

Joan Herrington, theatre chair, has co-edited a new book called "Playwrights Teach Playwriting." The work, published by Smith & Kraus in September, is a collection of essays by well-known playwrights that explore the pedagogy of playwriting and provide practical and tested advice, exercises, and course structures



Herrington

Herrington, who came to WMU in 1996, has two other books to her credit and has had major articles published in such journals as Theatre Topics, which she serves as editor. Her current research focuses on the creative process of playwrights and directors.

Conference draws WMU expert

Alan Hovestadt, counselor education and counseling psychology, was one of 150 invited participants attending the 22nd Annual Rosalynn Carter Symposium on Mental Health Policy Nov. 8-9 in Atlanta's Carter Center. Disaster and mental health experts gathered to discuss the long-term psychological consequences of Hurricane Katrina and



Hovestadt

ways to improve disaster planning, preparedness and response as they relate to mental health. They developed and prioritized major policy recommendations that will be shared with federal, state, regional and local governments.

Hovestadt came to WMU in 1985 and was CECP chair for 10 years. He is a fellow of the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy and is serving a two-year term as the organization's president.

Research project no flight of fancy

Tianshu Liu and William Liou, mechanical and aeronautical engineering, are researching the natural flying capabilities



Liu

of birds and insects as part of a three-year, \$470,000 grant from the Air Force Office of Scientific Research to determine how these fliers use their wing flexibility to effectively control air flow.



Liou

Liou, who secured the grant and specializes in aerodynamics, is serving as principal investigator while Liou will deal with computational fluid dynamics issues. The two are coordinating their efforts with Qamar Shams at the NASA Langley Research Center.

Liou came to WMU in 2004 and serves as director of the Applied Aerodynamics Laboratory and advisor for the student chapter of the Society of Flight Test Engineers. Liou came to WMU in 1997 and directs the Center for Advanced Vehicle Design and Simulation, or CAViDS.

Events focus on students' career, professional development

Two upcoming events will enhance employment prospects for students interested in science jobs and graduate students pursuing academic careers.

First up will be a science-oriented career program from noon to 3 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 6, in 208 Bernhard Center. Then Friday, Dec. 8, a workshop called Graduate Professional Development Day—A Career in the Academic World will be held from 1 to 5 p.m. in 1010 Fetzer Center.

No reservations are required for the first event, which is open to all students. David L. Huffman, chemistry, organized the program to help provide direction and support to students who are in the early

stages of their career choices. More information is available by reading the news story at www.wmich.edu/wmu/news or calling Huffman at 387-2865.

Students must preregister for the Dec. 8 workshop, which will help graduate students develop lifelong career-building skills in addition to providing tools they can use to land jobs in academia.

The event will include a session on how to write a curriculum vitae and feature tips for applying to the academy. Attendees will be given free accounts to Interfolio.com.

For more information or to register, visit www.wmich.edu/gvac/Events.htm.

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—Furniture and vehicle. Wood bedroom set with queen-size bed frame, 2 end night stands, armoire, big dresser w/ mirror; all in good condition; \$350. Graco baby stroller, \$35. 1993 Chevy S-10 w/ cap, 68,000 miles, good condition, runs well, \$2,495 or best offer. Call 501-3312 or e-mail middlebrooks@wmich.edu for pictures.



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Obituaries

Kathy Corder, who died Nov. 4 as was previously reported in the *Western News*, will be remembered by family and friends during a memorial service at 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 2, in WMU's Kanley Chapel. Following the service, a reception will be held at the Lee Honors College.



Hefner

Harry S. Hefner, professor emeritus of art, died Nov. 15 in Kalamazoo. He was 94.

Hefner served on WMU's faculty from 1940 to 1977. His career was interrupted in 1942 while he served in the U.S. Army's Sixth Infantry.

Returning to his teaching position in late 1945, Hefner went on to receive promotions to associate professor in 1954 and professor in 1963. He was appointed chair of the Department of Art in 1955 and continued to lead the department through 1965, when he decided to return to teaching full time.

Hefner retired from WMU in 1977 and received the Teaching Excellence Award,

sponsored by the WMU Alumni Association, that same year. In 2003, he was inducted into WMU's Department of Art Alumni Academy.

During his tenure at WMU, Hefner taught summer classes at Harvard University and the University of Vermont. He also taught extension classes for the University of Michigan, the Kalamazoo Institute of Arts and Grand Valley State University.

The Kalamazoo native graduated from WMU in 1936 and received a master's degree from Columbia University in 1939. He and his wife Leona were actively involved in the WMU community, and began married life as resident parents for Walwood Hall in 1946.

Memorial donations may be made to the WMU Foundation, designated for the Harry S. Hefner Excellence in Art Scholarship fund, or to Rose Arbor Hospice Care Residence.

David Morris, retired admissions systems specialist in WMU's Office of Admissions, died unexpectedly Nov. 13, in Kalamazoo. He was 68.

Morris joined WMU's staff in 1965 and



Morris

retired from the University in 2005 after 39-1/2 years of service, all with the admissions office. He initially did statistical research and admissions counseling, then was named admissions coordinator in 1968.

Prior to his appointment as a full-time staff member, Morris had worked in the admissions office for about a year as coordinator of campus visits. A two-time alumnus, he earned his bachelor's degree from WMU in 1961 and his master's degree in 1962.

Morris is fondly remembered as a friendly, compassionate and caring person who loved to make people laugh. He was known for large and small kindness, including frequently feeding on-campus parking meters that were almost expired.

Diagnosed with juvenile diabetes, he carried this burden with grace and dignity, choosing to focus on what was good in his life. Memorial contributions may be made to the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation.

Ten exceptional staff members receive fall awards

Ten staff members have received fall 2006 semiannual WMU Make A Difference awards in recognition of their outstanding accomplishments and contributions to the University.

The fall award winners are: Deanna Bowling, Dining Services; Beth DenHartigh, Disabled Student Resources and Services; Kristin Kenz, College of Fine Arts; Linda Lumley, Sindecuse Health Center; William Mellow, Mallinson Institute for Science Education; Susan Oole, Lee Honors College; Denise Richards, Fetzer Center; Wendy Schutz, Logistical Services; Margaret Springer, College of Health and Human Services; and Debra Stoyanoff, Mallinson Institute for Science Education.

They will be honored during a campuswide reception at 2 p.m. Friday, Dec. 8, in the President's Dining Room of the Bernhard Center. Members of the University community are invited to attend the reception, during which the recipients will each receive \$250 and a commemorative certificate.

Make A Difference 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 award recipients are selected semiannually by a committee of their peers from the participating employee groups. Semiannual award winners are eligible for one of four annual awards carrying a \$1,000 prize.

X-TREME CONVENIENCE—Art student Lauren Watt, center, submitted the winning graphic identity design for Bronco Express. The facility opened on the Bernhard Center's main floor Monday in a ceremony featuring, from left, Mark Delorey, student financial aid and scholarships, and Jan Van Der Kley, business and finance. It provides a convenient year-round place where students can take care of everyday business that used to require visiting different buildings and several different offices. (Photo by Cheryl P. Roland)



Human Resources

Faculty and staff who have changed their addresses in the past year and have not yet notified human resources shouldn't wait much longer to do so.

The payroll office will be mailing WMU wage and tax statements, W-2s, before the end of January and will need to have current addresses to ensure correct mailing. Address changes must be received by Friday, Dec. 15, to ensure that W-2 statements will be sent to the correct addresses.

To change your address, complete an Employee Name and Address Change Form,

which is available on the human resources Web site at www.wmich.edu/hr. There are three ways to submit the form:

- complete the form as a Microsoft Word document, save it and then e-mail it to hr-hris@wmich.edu as an attachment (your e-mail serves as your signature);
- mail or bring in your completed, signed form to human resources, 1300 Seibert Administration Building, Mail Stop, 5217; or
- fax your completed, signed form to human resources at 387-3441.

WMU establishes program to laud emerging scholars

In past years, WMU has celebrated the accomplishments of members of the academic community with the Distinguished Scholar, Distinguished Teaching and Distinguished Service awards.

This year, a WMU Emerging Scholar Award is being added to the mix. Up to three of these awards will be made annually.

The new award encourages and acknowledges the scholarly or creative accomplishments of faculty who are in the first decade of their careers here and, by virtue of their contributions to scholarship or creative activity, have achieved national recognition and demonstrated outstanding promise to achieve renown in their continuing work.

All current, continuing, full-time faculty members appointed by the Board of Trustees are eligible. They must be in good standing and have been awarded tenure no earlier than January 2002 after serving a probationary period at WMU as a tenure-track faculty member.

Nominations are welcome from any member of the University community and must include a current curriculum vitae and at least two letters of support, including one from outside the University, that address the nominees' research or creative achievements and the scope of the recognition their work has earned.

The provost's office must receive nominations by 5 p.m. Friday, Jan. 26. A review committee will recommend awardees to the provost, who will make the final decision. Awards will be announced at the academic convocation in February.

Guidelines and additional information about the selection process are available at www.wmich.edu/provost/announcements/pdf/WMU_Emerging_Scholar_Award.pdf. Questions may be directed to Vice Provost Eileen Evans at eileen.evans@wmich.edu.

On Campus with Jan Dekker



STUDENTS KEEP HER HOPPING
(Photo by Jeanne Baron)

After three decades on staff, Jan Dekker still enjoys learning new things—and she's been learning plenty recently.

Dekker assumed her current job as an academic advisor for the College of Health and Human Services in 2004 and moved to the new CHHS building a year later, leaving behind her home base of Ellsworth Hall after 25 years.

The Vicksburg resident sees students nearly every half hour. She advises primarily for four undergraduate majors and minors and graduate certificates, and must know the ins and outs of WMU's academic policies.

"This was an opportunity to do something new and be challenged in a different way," she says of the job. "What I like most is that for the first time, I exclusively focus on students."

Dekker came to the University as a key punch operator in data processing then moved to the CHHS, where she has served stints as a production secretary, the administrative secretary for the Specialty Program in Alcohol and Drug Abuse as well as the now-defunct medical technology program, and an administrative assistant and advisor for the School of Community Health Services.

"Over the years, my job has evolved along the lines of my interests and skills. Through the college and the SPADA and holistic health programs, I've been able to work with extraordinary people in a setting that's nurturing and supportive. A lot of the movement I've made is because somebody has always been there to encourage me," she says.

"There are a lot of really good people working on campus. They do it because they love the University and the students, not because of the pay or perks."

Dekker has two sons, Cody and Jesse, a WMU freshman. She collects rabbits and is a big fan of Bronco and Detroit Red Wings hockey. She and her sister Kathy Dalman, who has been a WMU employee for 29 years, have taken their sons to Red Wings training camp annually for the past seven years.

Meader

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During the signing ceremony, Meader was lauded as a "geographer, photographer, scholar and explorer."

"By inviting her to inscribe her name on the Flyers' and Explorers' Globe," said AGS Executive Director Mary Lynne Bird, "the American Geographical Society celebrated the courage, vision and spirit with which Mary Upjohn Meader pursued 'research from above' in circumstances too difficult and dangerous for us to imagine today."

The ceremony took place in the W.E. Upjohn Center for the Study of Geographical Change in Welborn Hall. Launched in 2005 with a \$4 million gift from Meader and her husband, geographer Edwin, it focuses on preserving and using the work of past explorers and scientists and combining their

discoveries with the technical capabilities of today's researchers.

The facility, the only one of its kind in the world, uses the latest technology to preserve and create digital versions of maps and aerial photography.

In her pioneering flights, Meader took some 1,000 photos, many of which were published by AGS under the title "Focus on Africa." Her photos in that book marked only the second time aerial photos were published and people could see what the terrain looked like from above.

After publication, all the photos and negatives from the trips disappeared in the AGS archives and ultimately wound up at the

University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. The negatives had turned to dust. Contact sheets and small photos were all that remained.

In 2000, WMU's David Dickason, geography, searched for them, selected 100 photos and used WMU's high-tech digital software to enlarge and print the images.

In 2001, an exhibit was mounted at WMU and the public was able to see much of her work for the first time. Meader has since been

"discovered." Her South America photos were on exhibit at the Society for Women Geographers in Washington, D.C., last fall and her Africa photos replaced them in the spring.



CAViDS

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mechanical and aeronautical engineering. "We want to leverage the University's intellectual resources in a way that will make all of the consortium members more successful."

The investments in CAViDS by all of its members will be used to develop basic simulation tools and to customize technology already developed to meet industry needs. The University and federal labs will supply new knowledge to industry. The companies involved will share part of the cost of applied technology development, but they'll also share the benefit of using new engineering tools and hiring young engineers trained by CAViDS.

The core research projects will be funded by the membership fees of industrial full members. Intellectual property growing out of the research will be owned or co-owned by the employers of the individuals who make contributions to inventions, and patent filing will be negotiated among the owners of the inventions.

Industrial partners have a lengthy list of membership benefits, including opportunities to participate in or sponsor core research projects, test emerging technologies, have access to CAViDS computer technology, enjoy input from faculty experts, have new technology adapted to their specific needs and receive training on new technology, when necessary.

Earlier in October, CAViDS was awarded \$1 million by the U.S. Department of Defense to use its resources to improve the design and reliability of military vehicles.

Jan. 30 scholarship deadline

The Jack Kent Cooke Foundation is accepting nominations for its 2007-08 graduate study scholarships. Students must apply through their undergraduate institution, which may nominate up to two students.

Seniors or alumni who have completed their undergraduate degree since May 2002 with an overall GPA of 3.5 or higher and plan to enroll in graduate school for the first time in fall 2007 are eligible. The awards are worth up to \$50,000 per year for up to six years and may be at any graduate school in the world.

Application materials are available online at www.jackkentcookefoundation.org and should be sent by WMU students to Julie Scrivener, Graduate College, by Jan. 30.