

THE UPDATE

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THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Tuesday **January 31**

Wellness Center...
MSU Biggest Loser Information Session 12 p.m. Wichita I & II

MSU Post Office...
Retirement Reception: Al Bicoy 1:30-3 p.m. CSC Kiowa

Athletics...
Women's Basketball at
Abilene Christian 5:30 p.m. Abilene

Athletics...
Men's Basketball at
Abilene Christian 7:30 p.m. Abilene

Thursday **February 2**

Streich Lecture...
Richard Yamarone 2 p.m. Dillard 101

Athletics...
Women's Tennis at Texas-San Antonio 3 p.m. San Antonio

Athletics...
Men's Tennis at Temple Jr. College 4 p.m. Temple

Friday **February 3**

Athletics...
Men's and Women's Tennis at
Texas-Pan American 1 p.m. San Antonio

Saturday **February 4**

Office of Admissions...
Mustangs Rally

Athletics...
Men's and Women's Tennis at
St. Edwards 11 a.m. Austin

Athletics...
Women's Basketball vs. Angelo State 5 p.m. D.L. Ligon

Athletics...
Men's Basketball vs. Angelo State 7 p.m. D.L. Ligon

AROUND CAMPUS

Retirement Reception

A retirement reception will be scheduled for Al Bicoy, from 1:30-3 p.m. Tuesday, January 31, in CSC Kiowa. Stop by and say "Aloha."

Streich Lecture

The Dillard College of Business presents the 30th anniversary of the Streich Lecture Series on Free Enterprise at 2 p.m. Thursday, February 2, in Dillard 101. Richard Yamarone, a senior economist with Bloomberg will present "What Economic Indicators to Watch for in Recession/Recovery." Admission is free. For more information, call ext. 4248.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Faculty Forum Series

The Faculty Forum Series will present a panel discussion about "UGROW as a Model for Undergraduate Research in a COPLAC Institution" at 7 p.m. Tuesday, February 7, in CSC Shawnee Theater. For five weeks during the summer, UGROW students experience the authenticity of scientific inquiry and research side-by-side with faculty members, in a highly interdisciplinary environment. Although UGROW had its origins in the College of Science and Mathematics, a key goal of the program has been to expand into a university-wide student learning opportunity. In 2011 the first step toward this goal was taken when UGROW facilitated a collaborative endeavor among students from the McCoy School of Engineering and the Department of Theatre. Admission is free. Dr. Patti Hamilton will serve as the panel moderator. For more information, call ext. 4194.

TLRC Wine and Cheese Event

The Teaching and Learning Resource Center presents "Managing the Millennials" at 4:30 p.m. Thursday, February 9, in Dillard 189. For more information or to make a reservation, contact Crystal Boyle at crystal.boyle@mwsu.edu.

Speakers and Issues: The Peacekeeping Economy

Speakers and Issues presents *The Peacekeeping Economy* at 7 p.m. Thursday, February 9, in Akin Auditorium. In his latest book, *The Peacekeeping Economy*, Dr. Lloyd Dumas explains how economic relationships can offer a far more effective, and less costly, means of maintaining national security. With a B.A. in Mathematics, a M.S. in Industrial Engineering, and a Ph.D in Economics, Dr. Dumas is truly a Renaissance man.

CAMPUS NEWS

MSU Recognized by the North Texas Area United Way

Midwestern State University was recognized as the Friend of United Way by the North Texas Area United Way (NTAUW), for its unprecedented contribution of service and dedication to volunteerism. Throughout the fall 2011 semester, the university partnered with the NTAUW to combat childhood illiteracy. Over the course of the semester, students, faculty and staff, donated more than 1,700 children's books to be placed in the organization's Imagination Library and volunteered more than 250 hours to teach pre-school and elementary children how to read.

The Office of Student Development & Orientation joins with NTAUW to congratulate the MSU community in this well-deserved recognition and thanks you for your continued support of our philanthropic efforts to support the Wichita Falls community.

New Honors Program Director

For the past seven years, Dr. Mark Farris has served as the Director of the Honors Program where he worked tirelessly to cultivate our long-standing campus program and its students. Beginning this semester, Dr. Farris returns to the classroom full time to teach mathematics. 'As Director of MSU's Honors Program, Professor Farris has developed a program that offers students an academic environment that values and promotes critical thinking, analytical writing, and research and information competency skills through an innovative and challenging curriculum,' says Dr. John Martinez, Professor of Economics. "In providing such an enriched academic, cultural and social experience to our most intellectually inquisitive and motivated students, he has significantly promoted the university's true mission. And, in that regard, no one on this campus has done more!"

Dr. Michael Vandehey, Professor of Psychology, joined the MSU faculty in 1999 and has taught classes in the Honors Program for several years. The appointment was effective January 1, 2012.

Stuff-a-Room Holiday Toy Drive Contest Winner

Last semester, the Office of Student Development and Orientation partnered with the Greek governing councils (Panhellenic, IFC, and MGU) to sponsor a Stuff-a-Room Holiday Toy Drive in the Clark Student Center. Through the efforts of several student organizations, faculty, and staff, more than 120 toys were donated to the Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of Wichita Falls. As part of the toy drive, the student organization that donated the most toys was to be awarded a pizza party. Congratulations to Alpha Phi Sorority for donating the most toys. Thank you to everyone who participated.

Staff Senate Scholarship

The Staff Senate is pleased to announce the following Staff Senate scholarship recipients selected by the scholarship committee to receive \$250 each for the spring 2012 semester.

Chris Stovall
Business Office
Accountant III

Joslyn Johnson
Housing and Residence Life
Killingsworth Hall Director

CONDOLENCES

Our condolences to Cindy Crosley, Office of Financial Aid, in the recent death of her father, Arthur Orr, who passed away, Tuesday, January 24. Please remember her family in your thoughts and prayers.

FREE

HP Inkjet Printer Cartridges

The Office of the President has several ink-jet printer cartridges available. Available sizes are 75XL Tricolor, 75 Tricolor, and 74 Black. For more information, call Ruth Ann Ray at ext. 4211.

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Kris Tilker, Professor of Legal Studies in Business, and collaborators published "An Empirical Examination of the Securities Act of 1933 and Its Application To The Oil and Gas Industry: The Case For An Industry Money Exception" in *Oil, Gas, and Energy Quarterly*.

Everett Kindig, Professor of History, was recently a delegate to the biennial national convention of Phi Alpha

Theta, the national history honor society. The meeting was held in early January in Orlando, Fla. Kindig presented a paper titled, "Allen H. and Susan James Parmer: Confederates, Outlaws, and Regeneration on the Postwar Texas Frontier." He was also the chairman for student papers on three separate panels: "Settling the West," "Troubles in Texas History," and "Nineteenth Century U.S. History."

Nathan Moran, Chair of the Department of Criminal Justice and Health and Public Administration, recently presented a three-hour session titled "Global Counter-Narco Trafficking Issues: An Evaluation of the U.S. Model" at Kasetsart University in Bangkok, Thailand.

Elizabeth A. Yarosz-Ash, Professor of Art, exhibited five of her works in *Blank Space Group Exhibition* at a New York City gallery in the Chelsea district in December. The exhibition included watercolor and acrylic paintings completed from 2010-2011:

- "Descensus in Caniculi Cavem," 11" x 9", watercolor
- "In Cavda, Venemvm," 9" x 11", watercolor & acrylic
- "Stercus Accidit," 11" x 9", watercolor
- "Horror Vacuii," 11" x 9", watercolor & acrylic
- "Excito Scaphium," 11" x 9", watercolor, acrylic & glitter