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SOM study on Detroit's water utility system

Voters in southeastern Michigan are ready, willing, able and waiting for a solution to the long-standing dispute over management of the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department (DWSD), according to a UM-Dearborn study.

A recent survey of registered voters in Macomb, Oakland and Wayne Counties revealed 73 percent of the electorate believed the decision as to who manages the DWSD was "very important" to the region, more important than the other top regional issues tested, Cobo Hall expansion and improving mass transit.

Governance of the DWSD has been a long-standing issue between Detroit and its suburbs. The city-owned utility provides water to Detroit and 125 suburban communities, and provides wastewater service for the city and 76 suburbs.

The telephone survey was conducted by iLabs, the Center for Innovation Research at the School of Management, which is led by Prof. Kim Schatzel, interim dean of the school. The survey was led by Thomas Callahan, associate professor of management studies, and Crystal Scott, assistant professor of management studies, and was conducted June 18 to June 21. It included 600 respondents from the City of Detroit and 600 respondents from Oakland, Macomb and out-county Wayne (excluding the City of Detroit) for a total sample size of 1,200.

The margin of error for the total sample was 2.8 percent, and 4 percent for each of the two sub-samples.

The question about views regarding governance of the DWSD asked, "On a scale from one to 10, with one being not very important and 10 being very important, how would you rate deciding who controls the water and sewage system as a priority for Metro Detroit?" Similar questions were asked regarding attitudes toward mass transit and Cobo Hall expansion.

Nearly three-quarters, 73.1 percent, of the respondents answered that question with a number between seven and 10. Just under 70 percent rated improving mass transit in that same range, while the question of expanding Cobo Hall received those marks from 36.7 percent of the respondents.

"Of these three important issues to southeastern Michigan, voters ranked resolving the DWSD dispute as their top priority," Schatzel said.

In addition, 91.8 percent of those surveyed agreed with the statement, "The City of Detroit and the suburbs need to work together to resolve the current issues regarding the water and sewerage system."

"Moreover, the region's voters have a sense of urgency about getting this resolved--65 percent agree there will be significant problems in the near future if this dispute is not resolved," Schatzel said. "That's a significant finding. Voters clearly feel that the issue is important and that the region's political leadership should resolve it soon."

Voters are also willing to compromise. "Most southeastern Michigan voters want a fair solution to the DWSD issue--as evidenced by the fact that 57 percent of Detroiters support suburban representation on the board, while

Alumni meeting



John Kotre, professor emeritus of psychology (left), met with alumna Mary Johnson (center) and Grace Kachaturoff, professor emerita of education, at the inaugural meeting of the UM-Dearborn Academy of Retired Faculty and Staff at the Berkowitz Gallery on Oct. 3. Johnson, a 1984 CASL graduate and former student of Kotre who went on to earn a Ph.D., is now working as a counselor in Albuquerque, N.M.

The Academy is a new auxiliary unit on campus that will encourage and facilitate the continued participation of retired faculty and staff members in the life of the university.

At the meeting, Kotre gave a talk titled "Recovering the Spirit," a talk about the cognitive potential of academic retirees.

The Academy is a member of the National Association of Retirement Organizations in Higher Education and is supported by the Office of the Provost.

Debate spurs related campus events

Dozens of UM-Dearborn students will work with television producers and political activists, security officials and members of the national and international press corps as volunteers at the Republican presidential debate that is coming to Dearborn Oct. 9.

In addition to the activities at the Ford Community and Performing Arts Center, the site of the debate, a number of related activities will be held in the University Center.

UM-Dearborn is one of the sponsors for the debate, along with the City of Dearborn, the Michigan Republican Party, CNBC and The Wall Street Journal.

CNBC will broadcast the two-hour debate beginning at 4 p.m. on Oct. 9, with MSNBC re-broadcasting the event at 9 p.m. the same evening.

Republican party officials have encouraged candidates and staff members to visit the University Center before or after the debate to

meet with students, and faculty members have planned brown-bag sessions, a panel discussion and a "watch party" in Kochoff Hall beginning at 4 p.m. with a live broadcast of the event.

WWJ-AM Newsradio is planning to set up a studio in the University Center and broadcast live from campus all day on Oct. 9. And other media outlets will be likely to broadcast reactions from students and others who follow the debate at the "watch party."

The national economy is the main focus of this debate, staged in the birthplace of the American automotive industry.

"At UM-Dearborn, we're focused on bringing the resources of one of America's leading public universities to bear on the major issues facing the Detroit metropolitan area," according to Chancellor Daniel Little. "One of ways we do that is by fostering the free and open exchange of opinions and that is why we are pleased to be able to sponsor this debate."

79 percent of suburban voters believe that some payment to the city is fair in exchange for representation," according to Kelly Rossman-McKinney, CEO of a Lansing-based strategic communications firm retained to educate the public about this issue.

"The numbers indicated that voters hear the political rhetoric from our elected officials on all sides of the DWSD issue, and they want an end to the arguing and grandstanding," Rossman-McKinney said. "They want the issue resolved so that the region can move forward."



Hughes appointed chair of humanities

Paul Hughes, professor of philosophy, has been appointed chair of the Department of Humanities from Sept. 1 through June 30. His appointment was approved by the U-M Regents at their meeting in Ann Arbor in July.

Hughes has been a member of the UM-Dearborn faculty since 1987 when he became assistant professor. He was promoted to associate professor with tenure in 1994 and to professor in 2005. He was chair of the humanities department from 1998 to 2002 and has served on the CASL executive committee and on the advisory committee for the master of arts in liberal studies program.



Hughes

"This will be a challenging and exciting year, as we work toward a major restructuring of our department," Hughes said. Plans are under way to realign the current humanities department into two departments next year.

Hughes' research focuses on legal and moral philosophy and he has published articles in a number of journals including *Criminal Law Quarterly*, *The Southern Journal of Philosophy*, *Public Affairs Quarterly*, *Journal of Medicine and Philosophy* and *Journal of Social Philosophy*.

Hughes earned his bachelor's degree from the University of Massachusetts at Boston, and master's and doctoral degrees from the University of Illinois at Chicago.

"Paul Hughes is an outstanding teacher whose students praise his clearly organized and interesting lectures, as well as his emphasis on helping them learn how to become sensitive and disciplined teachers," Chancellor Daniel Little said in the memo to the Regents recommending Hughes' appointment.

Alumni can 'indulge' at Nov. 2 fundraiser

The CASL alumni affiliate will host its "November Indulge" scholarship fundraiser from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 2 at the Henry Ford Estate.

The event will feature a silent auction, wine-tasting, appetizers, desserts and live jazz music.

"As fun as the evening will be for everyone involved, the most important thing to remember is that all proceeds will benefit the CASL alumni affiliate scholarship fund," according to Susan Gedert, alumni affiliate coordinator and communications editor in CASL. "Over the years, we have helped many outstanding students pay their tuition bills, and the need is certainly greater now than it has been in years."

Founded in 1995, the scholarship is funded solely through donations received from CASL alumni and friends. The "November Indulge" event is the group's primary fundraiser.

Tickets are \$50 per person. Sponsors who donate \$200 will receive two tickets and special recognition. Tickets are limited and will not be sold at the door. The alumni affiliate also is seeking donations of auction items.

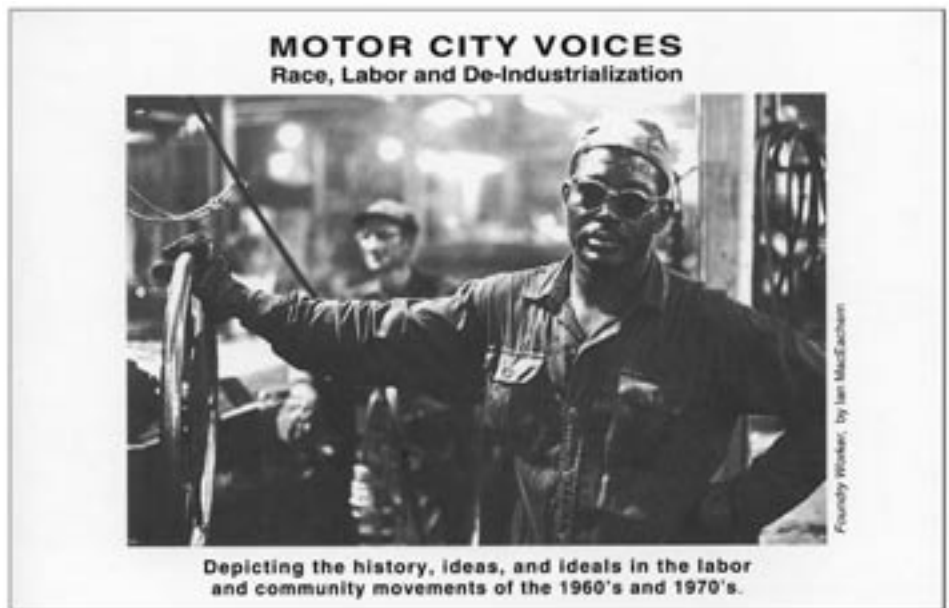
Checks should be made payable to UM-Dearborn and sent to Susan Gedert, 2022 CASL Building, University of Michigan-Dearborn, 4901 Evergreen Rd., Dearborn, MI 48128. For more information, call 313-436-9198 or e-mail sgedert@umich.edu.

'Motor City Voices' project featured in exhibition

The Center for the Study of Automotive Heritage and the Art Museum Project will present an exhibition called "Motor City Voices: Race, Labor and De-Industrialization" Oct. 12 through Nov. 9 at the Alfred Berkowitz Gallery.

The exhibition, which is free and open to the public, highlights the contributions of

intense scrutiny and criticism from diverse sectors of society, especially students, African-Americans and women in particular," he said. "By focusing on Detroit organizations' and activists' calls for social and economic revolution during a period of social and economic upheaval we can gain insight, useful strategies and hopefully inspiration in the face of



Depicting the history, ideas, and ideals in the labor and community movements of the 1960's and 1970's.

Detroit activists to the radical labor and community movements post-1967.

A reception will be held from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 12 in the Gallery, located on the third floor of the Mardigian Library.

"I hope that the exhibit will spark interest and discussion among our students and community members throughout the metro Detroit region," according to economics Prof. Bruce Pietrykowski, director of Urban and Regional Studies and former director of the Center for the Study of Automotive Heritage. "The exhibit coincides with the annual meeting of the North American Labor History Conference at Wayne State University so I hope that it will generate interest from scholars and activists beyond Detroit as well."

The goal of the exhibition, according to Pietrykowski, is to shed light on the voices of radical labor and community activists who believed that the existing institutions of capitalist society thwarted, by design, the hopes and aspirations of large segments of the American population.

"This was a period during which the pillars of the great post-war economic expansion—big business and big labor—came under

the serious challenges confronting the metro Detroit region and the whole of Michigan in the years to come."

The exhibit will consist of two parts. The first is a series of displays tracing the development of revolutionary Black labor and community leaders and the movements they led in Detroit during the late 1960s and early 1970s. Specifically, the exhibit focuses on the Dodge Revolutionary Union Movement (DRUM) and the League of Revolutionary Black Workers.

The second part of the exhibit features a video kiosk that will play clips of video oral histories. Subjects in the videos include General Baker, Grace Lee Boggs, Mike Hamlin, Marian Kramer and Jim Jacobs. In addition, two clips from a historical documentary feature the late Ken Cockrel Sr.

The project is funded in part by a \$15,000 grant from the Michigan Humanities Council, the state's affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Assisting Prof. Pietrykowski in developing the exhibit were Kae Halonen, lecturer in history; MALS students Sriya Shrestha, Kenny Garcia and Jason Pacyau; and museum studies intern Adam Johnson.

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Panel to discuss mortgage market crisis

The Department of Economics will host a panel discussion on "Crisis in the Mortgage Market" from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 18 in Room 1030 CB.

Panelists will include Carol Hogan, econom-

ics lecturer at UM-Dearborn and mortgage loan consultant at Castle Mortgage; Sam Kahan, senior economist at the Detroit branch of the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago; and Ilir Miteza, associate professor of economics.

EIC offers guided nature hikes through Oct. 27

The Environmental Interpretive Center will host a series of free, guided nature hikes on the trails of the campus's Natural Areas through Oct. 27.

The hikes will be held from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. each Saturday at the Center. Participants will learn about the changes that occur

in plant and animal activity from late summer through fall. No registration is required and participants are welcome to attend as many hikes as they wish.

For more information, call the Center at 593-5338.

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Publication calendar

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Information Technology Services News

Improved password reset process

ITS is rolling out a new password reset process that will make it easier for students, staff and faculty to change both their Dearborn and UMich (kerberos) passwords from a single Web site or computer terminal.

Currently, Dearborn passwords--used for e-mail, Webmail and campus logins--are changed through the UM-Dearborn directory or on terminals located in Computer Wing, Mardigian Library and Fairlane Center computer labs. UMich (kerberos) passwords--required for Wolverine Access and CourseTools--must be updated through a site on Ann Arbor's gateway. ITS wanted to offer a more convenient and streamlined mechanism.

ITS expects the new process will be available this month. It will be available online at <https://directory.umd.umich.edu/ds/lang/myaccount.html> and on password reset terminals around campus. Members of the campus community with an active unqname will be able to reset their Dearborn and/or UMich passwords from one spot. The system will not allow passwords that are easily "guessable." Guidelines for creating passwords are available at <http://www.its.umd.umich.edu/48/>.

IT security threats evolve

Everyone who uses e-mail and the Internet is at risk from a variety of security threats and attacks aimed at stealing personal information. Viruses, worms and spyware have been around for years, and most people have some familiarity with handling them. But it is important to understand that these threats are constantly evolving and changing behavior -- and will require different methods for detecting and avoiding them.

Be cautious about every e-mail you receive. Never open e-mail attachments until you check with the person who sent them. Attachments are commonly used to propagate viruses. Don't click on Internet links embedded in your e-mail to download or install programs. Files on Web sites pose the same risk as an attachment. Verify with

the sender before downloading them.

ITS offers a number of recommendations for protecting yourself:

1. Run your Internet browser (Mozilla, Explorer, Safari) and e-mail programs as a restricted user. The easiest way to do this is set up an administrator account that must be logged in to when installing software. Access the Internet through a restricted account that does not have administrator privileges. Surfing the web as administrator makes it much easier for viruses and spyware to take over your computer.

2. Run anti-virus software on your computer. This makes it harder to install viruses and spyware on your computer, especially if you are using a restricted account. University of Michigan offers free anti-virus spyware to students and employees at <http://virusbusters.its.umich.edu/>.

3. Use your firewall. Newer versions of Windows have a built-in firewall. Make sure it stays running.

4. Keep your software updated. Windows releases new fixes every few weeks. You should point your machine at the Microsoft Windows update site and reboot it after the updates are completed. Instructions and information are available at <http://www.microsoft.com/protect/>.

Security awareness program

ITS is partnering with UM-Ann Arbor's Information Technology Security Services (ITSS) to promote a security awareness program on the Dearborn campus. With an emphasis on student education, the program will offer incentives and prizes for those who participate in online security quizzes. The goal is to raise awareness about IT security threats and recommended approaches to minimize risk. Information will be available across campus, and will cover topics such as secure wireless computing, encrypting data on portable devices, setting and managing passwords, and protecting sensitive information stored on computers. The campaign will run during November.

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Chancellor hosts forums

Chancellor Daniel Little will host a staff forum from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 10 in Kochoff Hall. All staff members are invited to attend.

A second staff forum with the chancellor will be held from 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 11 in Room 180 of Fairlane Center South.

For more information, call Cindy Moehring at 593-5252.

Spike Lee film Oct. 11

The Department of Behavioral Sciences will present "Hurricane Katrina: Then and Now" from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 11 in Room 1030 CB.

The department will show the fourth act of *When the Levees Broke* by filmmaker Spike Lee. Followed by commentary by Kevin Early, associate professor of sociology and director of the Criminal Justice Program, and Claude Jacobs, associate professor of anthropology.

The event is sponsored by the Sociology Club and the Difficult Dialogues Initiative.

Nat sci colloquium

Ulrich Kamp, assistant professor of geography at the University of Montana, will present "Landslide Hazard Mapping for the 2005 Kashmir Earthquake" from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, Oct. 12 in Room 1010 SLRC as part of the Natural Sciences Colloquium.

Music Guild series begins

The Fair Lane Music Guild will open its 38th season of chamber music with "Woodwinds and Piano -- Porter, King and Martin - Three's the Charm!" at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 17 at the Henry Ford Estate.

Participants can enjoy dessert while flutist Amy Porter, oboist Nancy Ambrose King and pianist Pauline Martin join forces to present a varied program featuring sonatas of Saint-Saens and Reinecke interspersed with selections from the newly released Porter/Ambrose King CD on the Boston Records Label.

Doors will open at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$15 per person, \$14 for senior citizens and \$9 for students. The concert is sponsored by the Drusilla Farwell Foundation, with the dessert table sponsored by Park Place Catering of Dearborn. For more information, please call 593-5330, or go to www.umd.umich.edu/fair_lane_music_guild.

Staff Senate forum Oct. 22

The Staff Senate will host an open forum on "Emergency Plan Updates" from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 22 in Kochoff Hall.

The forum will include updates to the emergency preparedness and emergency communications plans that were discussed at the July open forum.

The panel will include Robert Behrens, vice chancellor for business affairs; Rick Gordon, director of the Department of Public Safety and Environmental Health; and Laura Drabczyk, environmental health and safety manager in the Department of Public Safety and Environmental Health.

There will be an opportunity for questions and answers. Lunch will be served. RSVPs are needed by Oct. 15 at <https://webapps.umd.umich.edu/eventsignup/>.

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Weavers guild 60th anniversary



Cheryl Noonan's "Safe Harbor" (left), Laura Lipson's "Tumbling Blocks Sweater" (top right), and Ann Schumacher's "Reconciliation" (bottom right) were some of the works featured at the Alfred Berkowitz Gallery's 60th anniversary exhibition of the Michigan Weavers Guild, which concluded Oct. 5.

The exhibition featured weaving, tapestry, basketry, paper, fiber jewelry and other fiber-related works by members of the Guild.

Renovations under way at Henry Ford Estate

Plasterer Mark Carpenter (top photo) works on restoring the ceiling over the bowling alley on the lower level of the Henry Ford Estate, part of a major renovation currently under way.

In the bottom photo, a pipefitter works on the heating system in the Estate's dining room.

The work is being supported by a \$400,000 federal grant, \$650,000 from the Ford Motor Company Fund, and other gifts from individuals and foundations. Replacement of the Estate's archaic steam-heating system, which threatens preservation of the building and its collections, is the first of several infrastructure renovations planned at the Estate.

The Estate is in the process of raising \$4 million to support projects to renovate and modernize the infrastructure of the facility while preserving its historical authenticity. The heating system replacement represents \$1.5 million of the total fundraising effort.

Thanks to good planning and collaborative efforts, the Estate has remained open throughout the renovation, according to Gary Rodgers, general manager of the Estate who took the bottom photograph.

"Through some extraordinary coordination, we were able to stay open for both tours and events throughout this project and no weddings were canceled," Rodgers said.



Inaugural 'homecoming' this week

UM-Dearborn is hosting its inaugural Homecoming event this week through Oct. 13 with the theme, "We are UM-Dearborn."

The week kicks off on Monday, Oct. 8 when student organizations and groups will be painting the windows of the University Center. The windows will be judged on creativity and how well the window relates to the theme.

Later that evening, a "Taste of Dearborn" will be held in west Dearborn at 7 p.m. Discounts to local restaurants and bars will be available.

On Tuesday, Oct. 9, students can show their campus IDs to indulge in a free pancake breakfast served by faculty and staff from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at the UC stage.

Later at 4 p.m., the campus community can gather in Kochoff Hall for a "watch party" as Republican presidential candidates debate at the Ford Community and Performing Art Center in Dearborn.

Wednesday, Oct. 10 kicks off with a campus-wide office door decorating contest in which the best door decorated with the "We Are UM-Dearborn" theme will win a pizza party lunch for the department. Judging begins at 10 a.m.

Students will participate in sports competitions at the Fieldhouse field to win a cash prize for student organizations or groups. Registration forms are available in the Student Activities Office, 2136 UC.

At 7 p.m., the UM-Dearborn rugby team will compete against Grand Valley State

University at the Edsel Ford High School field. As part of the event, the UM-Dearborn Homecoming king and queen nominees will be announced. The cost is \$5 general admission. UM-Dearborn students get in free with student ID.

On Thursday, Oct. 11, the Homecoming activities continue with a powder puff flag football game at 12:30 p.m. on the grass between the UC and the Mardigian Library. Students can build their teams and sign up in the Wolf Pack Office, 2116 UC.

At 6:30 p.m. that evening, the Student Activities Office will host a "Party for a Purpose: Breast Cancer Ball" event at Fairlane Center South. Tickets are \$10 and can be picked up at the Student Activities Board Office in Room 2122, UC.

On Friday, Oct. 12, the competitions at the fieldhouse will continue. Later that afternoon, the UM-Dearborn women's softball team and other students will go head-to-head with representatives from the city of Dearborn during a "City Showdown Softball Game" at 5 p.m. at King Boring Park in Dearborn.

Finishing off the week on Saturday, Oct. 13 is the "We Are UM-Dearborn" tailgate event in Ann Arbor. The campus community can join other football fans at the Ann Arbor Golf and Outing Club near the State Street entrance by the Salvation Army.

For more information about UM-Dearborn's Homecoming events, contact the Student Activities Office at 593-5390.

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Judge meets students

Michael McNally, chief judge of the 33rd Judicial District Court in the city of Woodhaven, will visit campus to talk with students as part of the Political Science Speaker Series on Monday, Oct. 15 at 12:45 p.m. in Room 2165 of the Social Sciences Building.

On Oct. 22, Mark Burrows, member of the international joint commission and secretary of the Council of Great Lakes Research Managers, will visit campus to talk with students at the same time and in the same location.

Kudos

Lawrence I. Berkove, professor emeritus of English, taught a month-long seminar on Mark Twain in July for the National Endowment for the Humanities. The seminar was held at Elmira College in New York, the summer home of Twain for more than 20



Berkove

Prof. Joseph Csicsila, a UM-Dearborn alumnus and former student of Berkove's.

years and the place where he did much of his writing. The program was attended by 15 high-school teachers selected from applicants from all parts of the country. Berkove was assisted by Twain scholar and Eastern Michigan University