

Reporter

The University of Michigan-Dearborn

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United Way drive through Oct. 26

"You are part of a very serious effort and you offer your coworkers a way to be part of that," Mark Gaffney, president of the Michigan AFL-CIO and a recent appointee to the UM-Dearborn Citizens Advisory Committee, told the campus's United Way campaign volunteers at a kick-off breakfast earlier this month.

By working together and combining their efforts, United Way donors and volunteers can have a major impact on their communities, Gaffney said. "This effort is needed, you can make a difference, and you ought to be proud of your affiliation with the United Way," he said.

This year's annual fundraising campaign, which began last week and continues through Oct. 26, is being chaired by School of Education Dean Paul Zions. The volunteers are planning to contact colleagues and coworkers across campus with pledge cards with the goal of improving on last year's United Way campaign, when nearly 30 percent of the faculty and staff made contributions.

"During our kick-off breakfast, we were reminded of the many important ways the United Way offers assistance to people in need in our community," Zions said. "Each contribution can help us have a positive influence in the lives of



Long-time United Way volunteer Bob Quattro, director of laboratories in the Department of Natural Sciences (left), met with Mark Gaffney, president of the Michigan AFL-CIO (right), at the United Way campaign kickoff breakfast earlier this month.

thousands of people in southeastern Michigan, and any kind of contribution is better than no contribution."

In a new wrinkle this year, UM-Dearborn students are mounting an effort to contribute to the overall campus fund-raising drive, through a "Dollars for Volunteer Hours" project.

"On Saturday, Oct. 27, which happens to be 'Make a Difference Day,' students from our campus will give their time and service to local agencies Vista Maria, a residential home for at-risk girls, and the Greening of Detroit, another invaluable community organization," according to Randy Dillard, student activities supervisor in the Student Activities Office.

Students will solicit pledges for each hour they work, and all contributions will be added to the campus's overall campaign for the year, Dillard said. "The United Way for Southeastern Michigan has been instrumental in helping us coordinate this project, and we hope this experience will teach our students the importance of both service and philanthropy, and how these two concepts go hand-in-hand," he said.

For more information, or to make a contribution to the "Dollars for Volunteer Hours" project, see <http://volunteardearborn.blogspot.com/>.

Presidential visit



U-M President Mary Sue Coleman (right) met with chemistry Prof. Mark DeCamp (left) and Chancellor Daniel Little (center) following her open meeting with students, faculty and staff during a visit to campus earlier this month.

President Coleman meets with faculty, staff

More than 90 members of the campus community attended an open session with U-M President Mary Sue Coleman during her visit to campus earlier this month. They questioned her on a wide range of issues, including the potential impact the University Research Corridor, a collaboration of the Ann Arbor campus, Michigan State and Wayne State universities, could have on the other institutions in the state including UM-Dearborn.

"We believe the state can do a better job of allocating resources, but I would never do a thing that would hurt Dearborn or Flint," Coleman said. "The URC is in one sense an attempt to help the state of Michigan and to help higher education in this state."

At the open forum, Coleman also answered questions about arts programming, fundraising issues, doctoral programs for the Dearborn campus, the role of sports in higher education, the introduction of the Big Ten Network, and how she would have introduced

Iranian president Ahmadinejad for a campus speaking engagement.

She also discussed her ideas for the future of the Dearborn campus. "I completely support the metropolitan vision that Chancellor Little has described for this campus," she said. "One of the things I'm most pleased about is the engagement of the campus, focusing on the needs of this region."

Coleman emphasized that increasing enrollment was an important element of the Dearborn campus's service to the metropolitan area.

"You have a fixed-cost infrastructure here that will support 12,000 students," she said. "That's why I'm so committed to growth here. You want to be a destination of choice for students in this region. You are making the right efforts to get there, and I'm confident you'll be able to achieve those goals."

In addition to the open forum, Coleman met with members of the Faculty Senate, student leaders and the campus's deans and senior officers during the visit to campus.

Event to honor Mallick as Stirton Professor

Provost Susan Martin will host a lecture and reception to honor Prof. P.K. Mallick as the campus's William E. Stirton Professor on Tuesday, Oct. 30 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. in the IAVS Building.

The Stirton professorship recognizes a UM-Dearborn faculty member for "truly distinguished scholarship, teaching and professional activity."

Mallick, professor of mechanical engineering and director of interdisciplinary programs in the CECS, will serve as Stirton Professor for a five-year non-renewable term which began on Sept. 1. His appointment was approved by the U-M Regents at their July meeting.

William E. Stirton was the first chancellor of the UM-Dearborn campus, and the

professorship was established in 1977 "as a tribute to a distinguished educator and administrator who was an inspiration to students and faculty while at UM-Dearborn," according to the Regents memo on the appointment.

Mallick joined the UM-Dearborn faculty as assistant professor in 1979, was promoted to associate professor in 1984 and to professor in 1991. He earned his bachelor's degree from Calcutta University and master's and Ph.D. degrees from the Illinois Institute of Technology.

He took on the leadership of CECS interdisciplinary programs in 1997, where he has been effective in expanding the college's research and teaching efforts into multidisciplinary areas of interest to the university's community stakeholders.



Alum gives \$100,000

School of Management alumnus Richard Hadrill, president and chief executive officer of Las Vegas-based Bally Technologies Inc., recently gave \$100,000 to UM-Dearborn to establish an endowed scholarship fund.

Hadrill, a 1974 business school graduate, is the third UM-Dearborn alumnus in recent months to give \$100,000 to the university for student scholarships. Fellow alumni William Campbell, '62 B.S.E.M.E., and Roger Klungle, '65 B.S.E.E.I., have each pledged \$100,000 to endow scholarships.

"Student support is a key component of UM-Dearborn's capital campaign," according to Thomas Baird, vice chancellor for institutional advancement at UM-Dearborn. "These gifts give the university a huge boost in retaining and attracting the best students."

Hadrill hopes his gift to establish the Richard Hadrill Endowed Scholarship Fund will inspire even more alumni to give back to UM-Dearborn.

"I received a scholarship to attend University of Michigan-Dearborn, and, as a result, had the opportunity to experience the great combination of strong academics and real world experiences that the campus provides. I am pleased to be able to give back so other students might have the same opportunity," said Hadrill.

Hadrill has served as chief executive officer and board member of Bally Technologies Inc., a leading supplier of technology to the gaming industry since October 2004.

Previously, he served as CEO of two other publicly traded technology companies, Manhattan Associates, Inc. and Powerhouse Technologies, Inc., each of which experienced strong revenue and stock-price growth during his tenure. He also held the position of managing partner of Ernst & Young. Since graduating from UM-Dearborn, his career has taken him to Atlanta; Denver; Paris, France; Bozeman, Mont.; and Las Vegas, where he currently resides.

Annual Rouge meeting

The status of the Rouge River watershed and other water-related issues in the Detroit metropolitan area will be the focus of a half-day meeting at UM-Dearborn on Nov. 2.

Elected officials, government policy makers, environmental activists and concerned citizens are expected to attend the 17th annual meeting focused on the Rouge River. The meeting will run from 8 a.m. to noon, Friday, Nov. 2 in the Fairlane Center North building.

The Rouge River watershed spans approximately 450 square miles, and is home to more than 1.5 million people in 48 communities and three counties.

"Thanks to the bipartisan work in Michigan's congressional delegation, led by Rep. John Dingell, what once was one of the most polluted rivers in the country has become much cleaner over the past 20 years," according to Kurt Heise, director of the Wayne County Department of Environment and co-chair of the Rouge River Gateway Partnership.

"We're going to talk about the progress we've made so far, and are also going to look at ways to make even more progress in the future," Heise said. The Rouge River Gateway Partnership is a coalition of businesses, cultural and academic institutions and governmental agencies along the Rouge River.

Much of the progress on the clean-up of the Rouge has been spurred by the Rouge River National Wet Weather Demonstration Project, a cooperative effort among federal, state and local agencies supported by grants from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and additional funding from local communities.

The meeting is free and open to the public, but registration is requested. Those planning to attend should call 593-5140, or send an e-mail to ebagale@umich.edu.

Komen vehicle on campus Oct. 23

The breast cancer awareness and prevention message will roll onto campus Tuesday, Oct. 23 in the form of a large pink vehicle called "Komen on the Go" that will be parked behind the University Center from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

"Komen on the Go" is a mobile community education and outreach trailer that is part of Susan G. Komen for the Cure's efforts to engage all generations in the fight against breast cancer," according to Monica Porter, director of the Women's Resource Center. "This interactive campaign is designed to raise awareness for early detection and support in finding a cure for breast cancer."

The pink trailer is one of two vehicles traveling around the country visiting more than 144 U.S. communities. The trailer converts into an interactive learning environment complete with computer stations, breast cancer educational materials, breast self-examination guides, information on how to volunteer locally, registration cards for local Susan G. Komen Race for the

Cure events and tips on how to be effective and supportive for loved ones facing breast cancer.

There also will be giveaways for participation, a prize drawing for completing a survey, blood pressure and glucose screenings by Oakwood Healthcare System and \$15 flu shots by the Dearborn Health Department.

The Women's Resource Center and the Commission for Women, in conjunction with Henry Ford Community College, are co-sponsors of the event.

More than 5,900 women in Michigan will be diagnosed with breast cancer this year, and more than 1,300 women in the state will die from the disease, according to the American Cancer Society. Wayne County is one of the leading communities in the nation with an alarmingly high breast cancer mortality rate — the 25th highest in the country.

For more information, visit <http://www.karmanos.org/detroitraceforthecure> or <http://www.myspace.com/detroitraceforthecure>.

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Yemen entrepreneurs in town



Edward Bagale (center), vice chancellor for government relations, met with Yemeni entrepreneurs Talaat Abdulaziz (seated, left) and Ahmed Shukri (right) during a lunch last week at the Fairlane Center. Abdulaziz and Shukri are among 15 entrepreneurs based in Yemen who are spending two weeks as interns at local Dearborn businesses this month thanks to a partnership between the School of Management and the American-Arab Chamber of Commerce.

Education associate Prof. Paul Fossum and Barbara Peitsch, director of the School of Management's Entrepreneurship and Small Business Development in Yemen program, are seen in the background.

The project is supported by a \$250,000 grant the School of Management received last fall from the U.S. Department of State to promote entrepreneurship in Yemen.

As part of the partnership, accounting Prof. Mohamed Bayou spent two weeks in Yemen earlier this year conducting seminars for Yemeni entrepreneurs in Sana'a and Aden. Bayou was joined by two members of the American-Arab Chamber of Commerce, Ali Shami and Asmaa Jamil.

News Briefs

'Changing Skins' launches German film series

The Department of Humanities will show the film *Changing Skins* from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 23 in Room 1030 CASL Building as part of its German Film Series.

The film is directed by Andreas Dresen (Germany, 1997, color, 90 minutes, German with English subtitles). During the 1977 Red Army Faction kidnappings in West Germany, two East

German teens were caught with contraband photos of Baader-Meinhof terrorists. In an attempt to divert the harsh punishment promised, they improvise a grotesquely comic RAF-style kidnapping of the school principle.

Johannes von Molte, associate professor of film studies and German studies, will introduce the film.

Spanish film 'El bola' to be shown Nov. 7

The Department of Humanities will show the film *El bola* from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 7 in Room 1030, CASL Building as part of its

Spanish film series. Jorge González del Pozo, assistant professor of Spanish, will introduce the film, which will be followed by a colloquium.

Sponsored Research News

Awards received

Mesut Duran, associate professor in the School of Education, has been awarded \$900,000 from the National Science Foundation for his project, *Fostering Interest in Information Technology*, which will increase the opportunities for underrepresented and underserved middle- and high-school students to learn about, experience and use information technologies.

P.K. Mallick, professor of mechanical engineering and director of interdisciplinary programs in CECS, received \$168,688 in additional funding from the U.S. Department of Energy to upgrade the Center for Lightweighting Automotive Materials and Processing, a Graduate Automotive Technology Education (GATE) Center of Excellence at UM-Dearborn. He also received \$50,000 from the U.S. Automotive Materials Partnership for his project "Effect of Surface Treatment on Adhesive Joining of Magnesium."

Subrata Sengupta, dean of the College of Engineering and Computer Science, received \$83,000 from Ford Motor Company to continue the Special American Business Internship Program.

Paul Richardson, associate professor of electrical and computer engineering, received multiple awards from the U.S. Department of Defense. He received \$75,000 to work with researchers from the Ann Arbor campus on a project titled "Arc Phase III: An Army Automotive Research Center of Excellence." In addition he received two awards totaling \$57,241 to conduct

several Vetronics Institute workshops for TARDEC scientists and engineers.

Yi Lu Murphey, chair of the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, received multiple awards totaling \$30,000 from Ford Motor Company to conduct research in neural network ensembles. In addition, she received \$25,000 additional funds from the TRW foundation to continue to develop a vision system for traffic sign detection and recognition.

Jie Shen, assistant professor of computer and information science, received \$30,000 from Laser Design Inc. for his project "Accurate Measurement Denoising of Laser Sensors."

Carole Mei, assistant professor of mechanical engineering, received an additional \$20,000 from TRW Inc. for her study of brake pad materials using vibration data.

Georgina Hickey, associate professor of social science, received a \$6,225 OVPR grant to support her project "Breaking the Code: Women's Challenges to Urban Gender Segregation in the 20th Century United States."

Frank Wayman, professor of social sciences, received \$5,783 from the Canadian Embassy to support one year of the UM-Dearborn Ottawa Political Science Internship Program.

Troy Murphy, associate professor in humanities, received \$2,500 from the Michigan Campus Compact to support one year of the Academic Service – Learning Student Fellows.

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Agenda for Women informational meeting

The Agenda for Women will host an informational meeting from noon to 2 p.m. Friday, Oct. 26 in Kochoff Hall to introduce the Agenda for Women to staff and faculty members who may be unfamiliar with the Agenda and its function.

The group will discuss the history and accomplishments of the AFW, as well as the roles and responsibilities of the members, the group's structure and goals for the future.

Lunch will be served but RSVP is required at: <https://webapps.umd.umich.edu/eventsignup/>.

Nat Sci colloquiums

Sonia Tiquia, assistant professor of microbiology, will discuss "Nitrite Reductase Genes (nirK and nirS) as Functional Gene Markers to Investigate Diversity and Composition of Denitrifying Bacteria in Continental Shelf Sediments" from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, Oct. 26 in Room 1010, SLRC as part of the Natural Sciences Colloquium.

On Friday, Nov. 2, at the same time and location, William Currie, assistant professor in the School of Natural Resources and Environment at U-M Ann Arbor, will discuss "Controls on Land-Atmosphere Carbon Balances in Changing Landscapes."

Al Turfe gives \$80,000 to CASL for scholarships, classroom

There's a saying by French mathematician Jean D'Alembert that Al Turfe is fond of passing on to his mathematics students at UM-Dearborn:

Algebra is generous; she often gives more than is asked of her.

Yet, it's Turfe himself who has been generous this year, giving back much more to his students than they'll ever know.

students in CASL. Turfe designated \$30,000 for scholarships.

"I really feel for students today. They need all the help they can get," said Turfe, who has taught at UM-Dearborn for three years and admires the academic atmosphere and the seriousness of the student body.

The remaining \$50,000 will be placed in the CASL Dean's Strategic Initiative Fund

founders of calculus. Outside the classroom, a plaque indicates the room is dedicated in memory of Turfe's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alie D. Turfe.

"Al's gift will support CASL students in achieving their potential," said John Gillespie, chair of the Department of Mathematics and Statistics. "His commitment to mathematics students is evident in this and many other ways. We're very grateful."

An educator for more than 30 years, Turfe has been fascinated with academic life for as long as he can remember. Growing up in Dearborn, he attended Salina Junior High School and Fordson High School. When Turfe's father suggested in 1970 that he work in a factory over the summer to learn the importance of an education, Turfe already had other plans.

"I didn't need to work in a factory to understand the value of education," he said. "I frequently went to the library and read books about math and physics. I knew I wanted to be part of that."

Turfe earned undergraduate and graduate degrees in mathematics and physics at Wayne State University. Over the years, he's taught a whole range of mathematics courses, including developmental mathematics, calculus, linear algebra, differential equations and statistics, to thousands of students at numerous colleges in metropolitan Detroit. Turfe is currently a part-time professor at Lawrence Technological University in the Mathematics and Computer Science Department, where he has given \$75,000 to various programs.

Turfe, who enjoys the challenge of the *New York Times* crossword puzzle, often quotes philosopher John Dewey in his classroom: *Education is not a way of life, education is life itself.*

"My heart and mind are really into education," he said.



CASL Dean Kathryn Anderson-Levitt (left) and John Gillespie (right), chair of the Department of Mathematics and Statistics, pose with Al Turfe (center) outside the classroom Turfe dedicated to his late parents.

Turfe, a lifelong Dearborn resident, recently gave \$80,000 to the campus to both establish a scholarship in his name and to have a classroom designated in memory of his parents.

The Al Turfe Scholarship Fund will provide need and merit-based support to

to provide critical academic support for the college. Turfe's gift named Room 2062, where he taught his first class at UM-Dearborn.

The room, where many of the college's calculus classes are taught, has been named the "Sir Isaac Newton Classroom" after the physicist/mathematician who is one of the

Mission

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- Using advanced technologies to meet changing educational needs and establish links with the global community; and
- Forging partnerships with business, industry, educational institutions, and government agencies.

We strive to be the institution of choice in southeastern Michigan for individuals and organizations that value accessibility, flexibility, affordability, diversity, and preeminence in education.



Student volunteers saluted for debate service

More than 100 UM-Dearborn students gained invaluable experience serving as volunteers during activities connected with the Republican presidential debate held in Dearborn earlier this month, and the University Center was a hive of related activity the day of the debate.

"I have worked with many, many student groups in the past on a number of events, and I can say without equivocation that the UM-Dearborn students were by far the best group I have ever worked with," according to Joshua Venable, director of strategic planning for the Michigan Republican Party. "You have a great student body, and I am certain they



Student Matt Boroniec was congratulated by Michigan Attorney General Mike Cox for registering voters.



UM-Dearborn students stood in for candidates at the podiums as part of the debate preparations.



Sen. Sam Brownback (top) and Rep. Ron Paul (bottom) spoke with media and met briefly with students during visits to campus.



Michigan GOP chairman Saul Anuzis, Dearborn Mayor Jack O'Reilly and Chancellor Daniel Little



Prof. Tim Kiska was interviewed by Channel 7 reporter Christine McDonald about the campus's role in the debate preparations.



Michigan Democratic party chairman Mark Brewer

made you proud on Tuesday."

Hosting the debate was a collaboration among the Michigan GOP, the city of Dearborn and UM-Dearborn.

In addition to the debate itself, which was held in the city of Dearborn's Ford Community and Performing Arts Center, faculty and staff members organized a variety of related events in the University Center. An audience of nearly 300 watched the debate broadcast on large screens in Kochoff Hall. Political science faculty members organized a panel discussion there before the debate, coordinated by assistant Prof. A. Trevor Thrall.

The on-campus events attracted a number of political visitors, including two national candidates, Kansas Sen. Sam Brownback and California Rep. Ron Paul, and live media coverage from WWJ-AM, which set up a temporary studio in the building's atrium, and three local television stations.

Many UM-Dearborn students worked with NBC staff members in the days leading up to the debate, including a group who stood in for the candidates on the stage as the television producers rehearsed how they would cover the debate. Communications assistant Prof. Tim Kiska recruited many of the student volunteers and worked with NBC to coordinate their assignments.

Dozens more students worked with Michigan Republican party staff members at the debate site, and others supported the activities at the University Center, including members of the Delta Sigma Phi fraternity who registered more than 80 voters during the event.

In addition to all the Republican visitors, Mark Brewer, chair of the Michigan Democratic Party, bottom photo, spent time on campus to offer his analysis of the debate to the media assembled here.