

News

Housewarming at Alumni House Set for Today

submitted by Alumni Relations

We are very proud to welcome our alumni, colleagues and friends to the Alumni House, the new home of the Michigan Tech Alumni Association, the University Marketing and Communications Web group, the Office of Alumni Relations and the Michigan Tech Student Foundation.

To celebrate, we are hosting a housewarming from 3 to 5 p.m., today.

Please join us for refreshments and snacks and check out our new home.

Michigan Tech Fund Holiday Accounting Schedule

Check requests must be submitted to the Tech Fund (Linda Bilich) no later than December 20 for processing in 2010. No payables will be run during the week of December 27.

Rozsa Center will Close for the Holidays

The Rozsa will be closed for the holidays starting at 5 p.m., Friday, Dec. 17. Normal business hours will resume on Monday, January 3.

Tickets can be ordered by contacting SDC Ticketing Office at 487-2073 or online at www.tickets.mtu.edu.

Holiday Hours for SPO, SPA, SPE, SOO and TED

For the holidays, the Sponsored Programs Office (SPO), Sponsored Programs Accounting (SPA), Sponsored Programs Enhancement (SPE), Sponsored Operations Office (SOO) and Technology and Economic Development (TED) will have shortened office hours from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the following days:

- * Wednesday, Dec. 22
- * Monday, Dec. 27
- * Tuesday, Dec. 28
- * Wednesday, Dec. 29

The offices will be open during regular hours on all other days. If you are aware that you will need proposal submission services during these business days, alert SPO and TED before the holiday break.

US Rep. Stupak is Commencement Speaker

by Marcia Goodrich, senior writer

Congressman Bart Stupak will address graduates at Midyear Commencement ceremonies Saturday, Dec. 11.

A total of 292 students will be receiving bachelor's degrees. In addition, 85 master's degrees and 24 doctorates will be awarded.

Stupak will receive an Honorary Doctorate in Environmental and Energy Policy. He is retiring in January after 18 years of service to Michigan's 1st Congressional District.

He is a member of the House Energy and Commerce Committee and, as the ranking Democrat, chair of the

Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee.

Before his election in 1992, Stupak was a Michigan state representative and worked as an Escanaba police officer and Michigan State Police trooper. He also practiced law.

A graduate of Gladstone High School, he earned an associate degree from Northwestern Michigan College, a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Northern Michigan University and a law degree from Thomas M. Cooley Law School in Lansing.

Health care has been a priority for Stupak since he was elected to Congress, when he pledged not to accept the insurance that members of Congress receive until all Americans could have access to that same quality health care.

He has been a leader in the international effort to ban the sale and diversion of the Great Lakes and opposed the drilling for oil and gas beneath the Great Lakes.

Stupak founded and cochaired the Congressional Law Enforcement Caucus, a bipartisan organization that provides the law enforcement community with an avenue to participate in the legislative process.

He has been a leader in homeland security, particularly in connection with programs to train and equip local law enforcement officers and other first responders. In addition, Stupak cochairs the Congressional Northern Border Caucus.

2010 Fall Commencement Reception

All are invited to join our new graduates and their families for a special reception directly after the commencement ceremony on Saturday, Dec. 11, in the SDC Multi-purpose Gymnasium.

The event is hosted by the Michigan Tech Alumni Association. For more information, contact Danielle Treadeau, Alumni Relations, at 487-2400 or danielle@mtu.edu.

Volleyball Team to Run Little Huskies Clinic

by Wes Frahm, director of athletic communications and marketing

The volleyball team will run a Little Huskies Volleyball Development Program for girls in grades 3-8, starting on Jan. 22.

Participants in the development program will learn fundamentals and skills. All sessions will be taught by volleyball coaches and student-athletes.

Cost is \$30 per child and \$15 for each additional family member. Registration is open now through the first date of the program. Registrations received by Jan. 3 will receive a discount of \$5 per child.

In addition to volleyball instruction, each participant will receive a T-shirt and free admission to 2011 Michigan Tech home volleyball matches by wearing the shirt.

Program sessions run from 10 to 11:30 a.m. on Saturdays, Jan. 22 to Feb. 26, at the SDC.

To register, call the volleyball office at 487-2595 or visit the volleyball page at

www.MichiganTechHuskies.com .

Laboratory Biosafety Manual

As a follow-up to the November 30 biosafety presentation, a rudimentary, work-in-progress version of the Laboratory Biosafety Manual has been posted on the Research Integrity and Compliance website.

The Biosafety Manual, as well as the Laboratory Risk Assessment form, can be accessed in the resources box on the right side of the webpage at recombinant-DNA . Or you can access the manual directly at biosafety-manual .

Although not fully developed, the manual provides useful information for faculty, staff and students working in biological laboratories. For example: The Introduction briefly explains the purpose of the manual and provides links to federal and state regulations and guidelines that govern work in biological laboratories.

The section on Biosafety Levels provides information on the recommended laboratory practices, equipment and facilities used to mitigate the risks of working with biological organisms in BSL-1, BSL-2 and BSL-3 laboratories.

The section on Biological Safety Cabinets (BSC) gives a brief overview of BSC design and provides the essentials for working safely and effectively in a BSC. It also provides a link to an excellent training video.

Future sections on appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), Toxins, Disposal of Biological Waste, and Sharps Use and Disposal are in process. Because it is a work in progress, your feedback, requests for clarification or suggestions for additional content are appreciated and will ultimately make the manual a more useful resource for the Michigan Tech community.

If you would like to receive updates as the work on the Biosafety Manual progresses; have questions concerning biosafety; suggestions for future presentations; or if you would like assistance in completing a risk assessment of your laboratory; contact David Dixon, biosafety officer, at dcdixon@mtu.edu .

Party and Sale at the Golf Course

submitted by Mark Maroste, manager, Golf Course

A holiday customer appreciation party and sale will be held from 3 to 8 p.m., today, at the Portage Lake Golf Course.

It's a big sale that applies to the entire inventory in the shop: 30 percent off the first item purchased; 40 percent off the second item of equal or less value than the first item; and 50 percent off the third item of equal or less value than the previous items.

Enjoy hors d'oeuvres, raffles, drawings and spirit specials.

While there, purchase your 2011 membership and receive not only the early-bird discount of \$30 but also a \$20 gift certificate for any services at the Golf Shop or the Par and Grill, valid until June 30.

Think spring.

Entertainment and Enrichment

Khana Khazana Visits Thailand and India

Student chefs from Thailand and India will cook for the final Khana Khazana (food treasure) before winter break, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday, Dec. 10, in the Memorial Union Food Court.

The international lunch will feature pad Thai cooked by Parawee Pumwongpitak, a graduate student in materials science and engineering, and mutter paneer, naan and kesariya doodh, prepared by Sahil Thakkar, an undergraduate in electrical engineering technology. Mutter paneer is a curry made with green peas and Indian cheese, served with Indian bread called naan. Kesariya Doodh is a milk beverage with saffron and nuts. Pad Thai is a Thai favorite made with stir-fried noodles, bean sprouts and shrimp.

A full meal costs \$6. The entrees (pad Thai and mutter paneer with naan) are available a la carte for \$3. The beverage is available by itself for \$2.

Khana Khazana is a collaboration of international students and Dining Services. It is open to the campus and the community.

Seminars and Workshops

Human Factors Seminar: Shane Mueller

The CLS department will host Shane Mueller, senior research scientist at Klein Associates Division/Applied Research Associates, Inc., from 3:25 to 4:30 p.m., Friday, Dec. 10, in Rekhi G009. Mueller will give a research presentation, "The Bayesian Recognitional Decision Model: An Alternative Computational Theory of Expert Decisions."

Mueller holds a PhD in Cognitive Psychology from the University of Michigan and was a postdoctoral fellow at Indiana University in the psychological and brain sciences department.

For more information, contact Paul Ward at pward@mtu.edu , or Deb Meyers at dmmeyers@mtu.edu .

Human Factors Seminar: Corey Bohil

The CLS department will host Corey Bohil, visiting assistant professor of Telecommunications, Information Studies and Media, from 9:25 to 10:30 a.m., Tuesday, Dec. 14, in Rekhi G009. Bohil's presentation will be "Modeling the Effects of Base-rate and Payoff on Classification Learning."

Bohil holds a PhD in Cognitive Psychology from the University of Texas at Austin and was a postdoctoral fellow in statistics at University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in the psychology department.

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Physics Colloquium

Professor David F. Nitz (Physics) will present a physics colloquium, "Recent Results from the Pierre Auger Observatory," at 4 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 9, in Fisher 139.

For more information, contact Claudio Mazzoleni at 487-1226 or at cmazzoleni@mtu.edu , or Petra Hüentemeyer at 487-1229 or at petra@mtu.edu .

Symposium on Sustainability and Energy Conversion

Student groups in ME-EM 4200, Principles of Energy Conversion, and ME-EM 5200, Advanced Thermodynamics, will present their semesterlong projects on sustainable energy systems and energy

conversion technologies during an open poster forum from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Friday, Dec. 10, in the Memorial Union Commons.

Sustainability projects presented will include analyses of wind turbine farms, geothermal power systems and marine energy systems. Energy conversion technologies to be presented include Stirling engines in vehicles, gas-turbine hybrid-vehicles, energy harvesting using thermoelectrics and piezoelectrics, osmotic power from the mixing of freshwater and seawater, energy extraction from the Keweenaw Current, direct carbon fuel cells, compressed-air vehicles, flow batteries and campus wind power.

Regular Features

Job Posting

Staff job descriptions are available in Human Resources or at <http://www.admin.mtu.edu/hro/postings> . For more information regarding staff positions, call 487-2280 or email jobs@mtu.edu .

Faculty job descriptions can be found at www.admin.mtu.edu/hro/facpers/facvac.htm .

For more information regarding faculty positions, contact the academic department in which the position is posted.

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