

News

Concrete Canoe Finishes Sixth at the Nationals

Michigan Tech finished sixth in a field of 23 teams at the National Concrete Canoe Competition, held June 16-18 at the University of Evansville, in Indiana.

"We did very well considering we went with a canoe with a major crack in its hull," said team advisor Bill Baxandall.

The team finished fifth in the technical paper, final product and racing categories and eighth in the oral presentation.

"Even with the cracked canoe, we were third in both the coed sprints and the men's sprint races," Baxandall said. "The team did their usual excellent job of representing Michigan Tech."

The competition is sponsored by the American Society of Civil Engineers. California Polytechnic State University took first place.

Teacher Institutes in Progress

Joan Chadde, education program coordinator, is managing the first of three teacher institute programs this summer, "Great Lakes Maritime Transportation Teacher Institute in Door County, WI."

This course is taught by University of Wisconsin faculty, maritime educators, US Coast Guard, shipwreck historians and those in the maritime professions of ship design, construction and maintenance .

The course is funded by the Great Lakes Maritime Research Institute (www.glmri.org). Since 2006, this course has been taught three times in Duluth, and also in the eastern UP and Toledo, Ohio. This is the first time the course is being taught in Door County.

For more information on the on the programs, see institutes, or contact Joan Chadde 487-3341 at or jchadde@mtu.edu .

Student Billing and Payment Structure Change

submitted by Accounting Services

Effective Friday, July 1, Michigan Tech will change the way we accept credit/debit cards for student billing payments. Every time a credit/debit card is used, the University is assessed a fee. To minimize the tuition dollars spent paying these fees, we have incorporated several changes to our student billing and payment structure.

- * We will no longer accept Visa credit/debit cards for student billing payments.
- * There will be a 2.3 percent nonrefundable fee assessed to MasterCard and Discover payments for student billing.
- * These changes only affect student billing; credit/debit cards (including Visa) can still be used fee-free throughout the rest of campus, including the Campus Bookstore, Mont Ripley, Campus Café and other University retail establishments.

* We are encouraging students to use fee-free options for billing payments, including check, online e-check, cash, money order or traveler's check.

* We have introduced two new payment plans to help offset the cost of tuition: the Five-Payment and Four-Payment Plans.

Students and families were recently notified about these changes via postcard, and a follow-up email will be sent shortly. We have created a website, credit card, with detailed information and FAQs. We encourage you to review this site and be aware of the changes.

For more information, contact Accounting Services at 800-576-6484 or by email at student-billing@mtu.edu.

Entertainment and Enrichment

Professor Emeritus Talks about Book Publishing

Professor Emeritus Harley Sachs will be at the Portage Lake District Library from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., Thursday, June 23, presenting, "So, You want to Publish Your Book?"

Sachs will speak on the ebook publishing revolution and discuss how the evolution from reading books on paper to reading on a small, portable screen has opened up a new world in publishing. He will also explain publishing a book for free using basic computer word-processing skills.

Sachs, using his own twenty-five published books as examples, will describe how utilizing websites such as LuLu and other internet vendors can access an audience of millions of people that otherwise would not have been reached.

Sachs started as a freelance writer of magazine articles in 1957 and since then has published more than one thousand titles. He has published books, short stories, articles, newspaper columns, occasional poetry, a memoir, notorious letters to the editor and one-act plays. His books have been published since his retirement in 1986 from the humanities department.

Library programs are free to the public. For more information, contact Chris Alquist at 482-4570, or visit Library.

Regular Features

In the News

Chair Steve Carr (CS) and Director Jim Turnquist (Career Services) were interviewed by the Wall Street Journal about the outlook for future jobs in technology and information technology fields.

For more information, see Tech Jobs.