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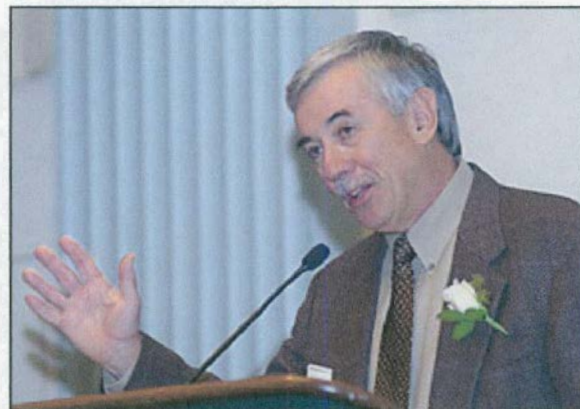
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TEACHING ACCOLADES: David Geherin, professor of English language and literature, makes some comments after being named the winner of the Ronald W. Collins Distinguished Faculty Teaching II Award. Geherin was one of numerous EMU award winners during the University's annual Salute to Excellence Week.

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By Ron Podell



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"The most valuable recognition you can get is from your students. There's no high like it," said EMU President Craig Willis. "But second is the validation of your peers. Our students depend on you, your teaching, your scholarship and your research. Thank you for your passion and dedication that brings you to this point."

Office of Academic-Service Learning Fellows, Sabbatical Leave recipients, Faculty Research and Creative Fellowships, Graduate School Research Support Fund Awards, Faculty Spring-Summer Research awards and the Provost's New Faculty Research Awards also were announced at the Celebration of Faculty Excellence Awards March 30.



DISTINGUISHED COMPANY: Winners of the 2004 Ronald W. Collins Distinguished Faculty Awards are (from left) Chris Wood Foreman, professor, communication and theatre arts, for service to the University; Allen Kurta, professor, biology, for scholarly/creative activity; David Geherin, professor, English language and literature, who was honored in the Teaching II category; and Carla Damiano, assistant professor, foreign languages and bilingual studies, who won the Teaching I award.



GOLDEN GROUP: Gold Medallion Award winners (above) display their plaques. The program, sponsored by the Division of Student Affairs, honors persons or groups who have made significant contributions to the success of

Since 1982, the Gold Medallion Awards have honored persons or groups who have made significant contributions to the success of divisional programs, activities or services.

"Why are we here? We're here to provide the best possible experience for all of our students," said Jim Vick, vice president for student affairs. "Today, we are here to honor those

divisional programs, activities or services. The Gold Medallion is the most prestigious award presented by the division. people who do that extremely well."

Awards were presented in 12

categories at this year's breakfast ceremony March 31. Faculty and staff Gold Medallion honorees were: **Deann Schiller** (clerical/secretarial), **Diana Good** (professional/technical/DPS sergeants and officers), **Margaret Grubaugh** (food service/maintenance/custodial), **Carlos Costa** (administrative/professional), **Gary Evans** (faculty), **Whitney Harris** (person/group external to the division but within the University) and **Art Brooks**, a copywriter with The Detroit News (person/group external to the University). In addition, Gold Medallion awards were given to **Ramona Meraz** (new employee), **Rosalyn Barclay** (innovation), **Michelle Owens** (divisional ambassador), **Aida Beard** (outstanding service by an individual) and the **Health Education program staff** (outstanding service by a group or team).

Winners produced reactions of tears and joy, and often gave credit for their awards to co-workers.

"My students won't believe this, but I'm speechless," said Schiller, from Dining Services. "Thank you and I love working in this division."

"This really isn't a 'me' award. This really is a 'we' award," said Evans, professor of communication and theatre arts. "It would be naive, at best, on my part, to say I've gone about and done this on my own."

Wiliis was presented with a special Gold Medallion award for guiding the University after it went through a turbulent period.

"I have many plaques. This one is very special and will be in a very prominent place in my home," Wiliis said. "It's been a pleasure to be part of you for a while. And I will treasure the last 14 weeks (here)."

George Cassar, professor of history and philosophy, received the Faculty Scholarship Recognition Award for his book, "Kitchener's War: British Strategy from 1914 to 1916." **Jeffrey Duncan**, professor of English language and literature, was the winner of the Faculty Artistic Recognition Award for his dramatic adaptation of Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol."

Faculty Appreciation Awards also were handed out to: **Linda Adler-Kassner**, English language and literature; **Irene Ametrano**, leadership and counseling; **Jeffrey Bernstein**, political science; **Wallace Bridges**, communication and theatre arts; **Elizabeth Broughton**, leadership and counseling; **Julia Nims**, library; **Mike Paciorek**, health promotion and human performance; **Martin Schictman**, English language and literature; and **Kay Woodiel**, health promotion and human performance.

Approximately 242 EMU employees were recognized for their years of service (4,270 years total) to the University at the Human Resources Employee Recognition Awards March 29. The award honors EMU employees who have provided at least 10 years of service to EMU. **P. George Bird**, professor of communication and theatre arts, was honored for 50 years of service while **John Ginther**, professor of mathematics, and **Joanne Hansen**, library, were recognized for their 40-year contributions. Another 25 employees received kudos for contributing 35 years of service to the University.

"This is more than just time spent on the job," said WEMU's Art Timko, who emceed the event. "The sum of these hundreds of careers is much more than any total number of years of service."

Student Gold Medallion recipients also were recognized March 29. The awards honor student leaders who have made outstanding contributions to EMU and the community.



Those individuals and

organizations honored, and their respective categories are: **Student Government** (student organization program), **Eastern Idol** and **Beyond Words** (organization program), **Barry Pyle** (student organization adviser), **Toyin Olatunji** (graduate assistant/graduate student employee), **Kevin Kingston** and **Ryan Myers** (student innovator), **Andrew Potter** (student mentor), **Bryant Owens** (student ambassador), **Abbe Ewell** (student volunteer), **Elizabeth Garvin** (student leader), and **Amanda Lefeld** and **Greg Varnum** (student employee).

"If you were nominated, whether you win today or not, you're a winner," Willis said to the 43 student nominees shortly before awards were handed out. "The fact that you were nominated shows that someone or some group recognizes what you're doing."

During the Graduate Research Fair award ceremonies March 28, **Schauncie Skidmore** was awarded the Ronald W. Collins Medal for Excellence in scholarly and creative activity and **MeiMei Chiang** won the Gerri Collins medal for excellence and exemplary service.

Rahul Agnihotri and **Lindsay Anderson** (oral presenters), and **Sarah Fezzy** and **Prasanthi Geda** (poster presenter) were the recipients of the Sigma Xi Awards. **Stephanie Baier** and **Benjamin Edmondson** were the oral presenter winners of the George Brower Scholarship, which is awarded to a College of Education graduate student who received the highest marks for an oral/poster presentation. Outstanding Graduate Research Fair presenters were **Michael Burns** and **Sandra Naumou** (oral presentations) and **Steven Moran** and the team of **Nicole Wassel** and **Becky Brant** (poster presentations).

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EMU names Ramsey as men's head basketball coach

By Jim Streeter

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Charles Ramsey is returning home.

Ramsey, an Ypsilanti native, Eastern Michigan University graduate and former EMU assistant basketball coach, has been named head coach of the men's basketball program at EMU, Athletics Director Dave Diles announced March 30. Ramsey takes over for Jim Boone, who did not have his contract renewed at the conclusion of the 2004-05 season.

For the past four seasons, Ramsey has been an assistant men's basketball coach and recruiting coordinator at the University of Michigan. He also served as an assistant men's basketball coach at the University of California-Berkeley (1996-2001), Drake University (1994-96), Tennessee State (1993-94) and EMU (1990-93).

Ramsey has enjoyed great success as an assistant coach. During his tenure as a volunteer assistant in 1991, EMU made it to the Sweet 16 of the 1991 NCAA Tournament. He then went on to help Tennessee State win the Ohio Valley Conference title and advance to the 1994 NCAA Tournament. From there, he became an assistant at California where the Golden Bears gained an NCAA Sweet 16 berth in 1997, an NIT Championship in 1999, an NIT quarterfinal spot in 2000 and an NCAA Tournament selection in 2001.

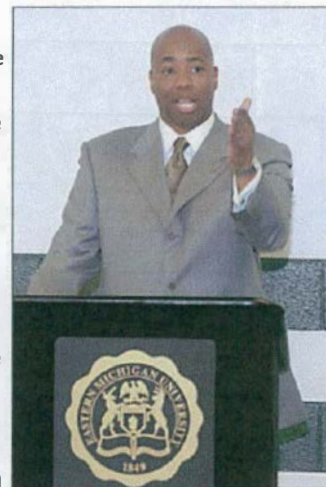
While an assistant at Michigan for the past four seasons, Ramsey has helped the Wolverines turn in two consecutive top-10, nationally ranked recruiting classes, and helped coach the U-M team that won the 2004 NIT Championship.

The 44-year-old Ramsey is a native of Ypsilanti and graduated from Ypsilanti High School in 1979 after competing in football, basketball and baseball.

Ramsey went on to attend Fisk University from 1979-81 where he was named to the league's All-Freshman Team. He then transferred to EMU and went on to complete his undergraduate degree in 1992 with a major in sociology.

While an EMU undergraduate, Ramsey was an assistant boys' basketball coach at Ypsilanti High School from 1982-87, and was a volunteer coach at EMU, under Head Coach Ben Braun, from 1990-93. He joined the EMU staff as a full-time assistant from May-September 1996, before leaving to assist Braun when he became the head coach at the University of California at Berkeley.

Ramsey and his wife, Allison Lester Ramsey, live in Ypsilanti with their two sons, Charles (Tre) and Chandler.



COMING HOME: Charles Ramsey addresses a question during a March 30 press conference where he was introduced as Eastern Michigan University's next men's head basketball coach. Ramsey is an Ypsilanti native and 1992 EMU graduate and former EMU assistant basketball coach.

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**EMU student wins
 Outstanding
 Community Impact
 Award**

By Ron Podell

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For the third time in four years, an Eastern Michigan University student won the Michigan Campus Compact's Outstanding Community Impact Award. Abbe Ewell, of Norwalk, Ohio, was one of only six college or university students statewide to win this award.

The Outstanding Community Impact Award honors up to six students in Michigan who have made service an integral part of their college experience by their significant contribution to community resources. The award includes a plaque and \$200, which can be donated to the nonprofit organization of the student's choice.

"I am honored and thrilled to receive this award," said Ewell, a senior communications major. "Actually, I was quite surprised. Being involved in volunteering is something I've always done since I've been here."

"This is huge," said Peggy Harless, assistant director, community service and leadership for McKenny Union and Campus Life. "This award goes to students who really have a major impact. Abbe's been involved in so many things. Abbe is the student others turn to for direction and support."



Ewell

Last year, EMU's Alena Frye won this award. Allison Treppa, another EMU student, won this award in 2002, said Harless.

Ewell has participated in EMU's Alternative Winter Break, helping an elderly person spruce up her New Orleans home and acted as site leader during an Alternative Spring Break trip to Hobe Sound, Fla., where a group of EMU student volunteers helped restore a nature preserve. This year, Ewell was the site leader for Alternative Winter Break, where a group of EMU students traveled to Boston to help with hunger and homelessness. In addition, Ewell has been involved with the EMU orientation program, acting as a volunteer new student orientation assistant; and as a member of the Orientation Team of Eastern Advisers and Mentors or "O Team," for two years, developing the program and representing the voice of students.

Cassidy Wodke, of Cincinnati, Ohio, won the Commitment to Service Award. This award is given to one student per Michigan Campus Compact member school for both the breadth and depth of his or her community involvement. Recipients may have devoted multiple years to one program or have demonstrated their leadership by making multiple contributions to his or her institution and community through community service involvement.

Seven EMU students won Heart and Soul awards. They are **Heather Castle**, of Algonac; **Dayna Hasty**, of Dearborn Heights; **Jennifer Korff**, of Poseyville, Ind.; **Jamela Mitchell**, of Detroit; **Reginald Robinson**, of Richton Park, Ill.; **Sharon Stallings**, of Mason, Ohio; and **Toyin Olatunji**, of Detroit. These awards recognize nominees for their time, effort and personal commitment to their communities through service.

All Michigan Campus Compact awards will be presented April 16 at the Kellogg Center in East Lansing.

Michigan Campus Compact promotes the education and commitment of Michigan college students to be engaged citizens, through creating and expanding academics, co-curricular and campus-wide opportunities for community service, service-learning and civic engagement.

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EMU students take top spots in human resources competition

By Carol Anderson

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The games followed the lightning-fast pace of the TV quiz show "Jeopardy" with its style of providing an answer in the form of a question. "Acronyms" was the category, "FMLA," the answer, and "What is the Family Medical Leave Act?" the correct response.

That was the competitive atmosphere as two Eastern Michigan University student teams beat Western Michigan and Central Michigan universities to take first and third place during the Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM) Michigan HR Games State Competition March 19 at EMU's College of Business.

The first place team won a trophy, certificate and all expenses paid for the April 9 regional competition at the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana. Both EMU teams will compete in the Illinois games.

The games pitted EMU and six student teams from colleges and universities throughout Michigan against one another on human resource topics.

"The competition is tough and shows that our students are knowledgeable about the discipline of human resources," said Fraya Wagner-Marsh, chapter adviser and head of EMU's Department of Management. "SHRM allows students to build on their knowledge of the human resource field while helping them develop valuable leadership and organizational skills."

EMU students Steven Ventura and Kate Aken, both of Ypsilanti, and Matthew Gillim, of Riverview, were the first-place team winners. Matthew LePage, of Allen Park; Eliot Geib, of Adrian; and Kevin Bosworth, of Plymouth; were the third-place winning team members.

"We want to win, but face stiff competition in the regionals," said Aken. "St. Norbert usually wins, so they're the team to beat."

The competing teams were from the University of Michigan-Flint, Michigan State University, Ferris State University, Central Michigan University (CMU), Western Michigan University (WMU) and Baker College-Auburn Hills. WMU took second place and CMU came in fourth.

DaimlerChrysler, the Michigan Council of SHRM and two local professional SHRM chapters sponsored the state games.



A RESOURCEFUL BUNCH: Eastern Michigan University took first and third place at the Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM) Michigan HR Games State Competition March 19 at EMU's College of Business. First-place team members (back row, from left) are Matthew Gillim, Kate Aken and Steven Ventura. Third-place team members (front row, from left) are Eliot Geib, Kevin Bosworth and Matthew LePage.

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State Rep. Stewart and Pfizer executive Canter set to speak at EMU's spring commencements

By Carol Anderson

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State Rep. John Stewart (R-Plymouth) and David Canter, senior vice president of Pfizer Global Research and Development, will be the commencement speakers for Eastern Michigan University during the April 23 ceremonies in the Convocation Center.

Stewart, an EMU alumnus ('71), will be the 10:30 a.m. commencement speaker for the College of Arts and Sciences and the College of Technology graduates. Canter will address graduates of the College of Business, College of Education and College of Health and Human Services at 2 p.m.

Stewart, chair of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Higher Education, serves as vice chair of the judiciary committee.

Stewart was elected November 2000 to the Michigan House of Representatives to represent the 20th district and was re-elected in 2002 and 2004. He represents Plymouth, Northville, Wayne and part of Canton Township east of I-275.

Stewart received a bachelor's degree from EMU, a master's degree from Wayne State University and a law degree from the Detroit College of Law.

Canter is a surgeon by training and director of Pfizer's Michigan laboratories. He currently chairs Gov. Jennifer Granholm's Technology Tri-Corridor Steering Committee.



Stewart



Canter

He has been a spokesperson about pharmaceutical research and has been involved with the clinical development of various drugs to lower cholesterol. Canter was the project leader for the development of Lipitor from early Phase 2 through the product launch.

After serving as director of the Institut de Recherche et Development, Jouveinal in Paris from 1997-2000, Canter became site director in the Ann Arbor laboratories of Pfizer & Warner-Lambert in 2000 and of the Michigan labs in 2003.

He received a bachelor of medicine and a bachelor of surgery degree from Liverpool University, and a bachelor's degree in natural science from Cambridge University.

For more information, go to <http://www.emich.edu/commencement>.

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**Walk for Women's
Athletics aids fifth-
year athletic
scholarships**

By Ron Podell



Eastern Michigan University's women athletes have made great strides during the past four years. And, with the help of campus pledges, they can continue to make even more.

The Fourth Annual Walk for Women's Athletics raises money for fifth-year scholarship aid for female student athletes who have exhausted their eligibility, but still have additional classes to take before graduating.

This year's walk is scheduled Saturday, April 16, starting at Bowen Field House, with registration and a silent auction beginning at 9 a.m. A welcome ceremony is scheduled for 9:30 a.m. with the walk to follow at 9:45 a.m. A continental breakfast and an awards presentation will conclude the event at 10:15 a.m. Everyone is welcome to stay for the Spring "Green and White" football game, schedule for 1 p.m. at Rynearson Stadium.

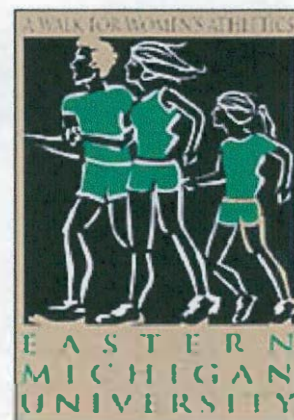
This year's walk will start and end on main campus, allowing participants a chance to see where student-athletes live, study and train.

"In the past, they walked around the track," said Eric Seidelman, the event's marketing and promotions coordinator. "This year, we're hoping to incorporate more of the University in the walking route."

Nearly 300 female student-athletes will be supported by monies raised from the walk, as well as new programs associated with the walk. EMU offers scholarships for all women's sports, including basketball, softball, volleyball, swimming and diving, cross country, golf, gymnastics, soccer, tennis, track and field, and crew.

Silent auction items include team warm-ups, sweatshirts, T-shirts, weekend vacations, health club vouchers and more. Bidding on items will begin at \$20. All proceeds will go directly for scholarship assistance and wellness needs of EMU's female student-athletes.

To walk, adult participants must contribute a \$25 pledge or be willing to raise that amount for the walk. Students and children can participate for \$10. If you register by April 8, you will receive \$5 off all registrations under your name. Anyone can support women's athletics by pledging as an individual, a team or as a business sponsor. For more information, call Eric Seidelman at 487-7859.



WALKING TALL: The Fourth Annual Walk for Women's Athletics is scheduled Saturday, April 16. Money raised benefits EMU's women athletes.

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**EMU Teacher Job Fair
 offers opportunities for
 future educators**

By Cheryl Moore

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Teaching is one of Eastern Michigan University's most well-known and well-renowned programs. So, it makes sense that EMU sponsors the largest job fair for educators in the state.

Soon-to-be teachers can come to Eastern Michigan University's Annual Teacher Job Fair, Thursday, April 14, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., at the Convocation Center.

The fair is for anyone with a teaching certificate or students who will earn their teaching certificate by September 1, 2005. All candidates from EMU, alumni and the general public are welcome to attend. Candidates should bring multiple copies of their resumes, copies of student teaching evaluations, letters of recommendation and portfolios. If candidates register before 5 p.m. April 7, the fee is \$10. After April 7, the fee is \$20.

"More than 1,100 (job) candidates have pre-registered. This is the biggest teacher job fair in the state of Michigan," said Barbara Jones, corporate relations manager in Career Services. "The reason we're so successful is we're known for executing an outstanding fair with good customer service."

Instead of sending out countless résumés and searching months for a job, the job fair condenses extensive months of legwork into seven hours with hundreds of job opportunities at one location. While most of the interviews at the job fair are just stepping stones to more in-depth interviews, some representatives — particularly those from out-of-state — may be prepared to offer qualified candidates a teaching contract at the fair.

Jones provided a number of anecdotes of former EMU students receiving job offers at the fair in previous years. One received serious consideration from three school districts at the fair and another district from North Carolina courted him after the fair.

"That student is now teaching in North Carolina," Jones said. "Another young woman got an offer from Florida and now has a job there. Her parents retired and moved down to Florida to be near her."

Representatives from more than 145 school districts in the following states are registered for the job fair: Alabama, California, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota North Carolina, New Mexico, Nevada, New York, Ohio, South Carolina, Texas and Virginia.

"We have 12-15 school districts we've never had before, plus the country of Guam," Jones said.

The fair will be closed from 12:30-1:30 p.m. for lunch. EMU's Catering service will provide lunch for attendees and school district representatives in the Convocation Center.

The fair is sponsored by Eastern Michigan University's Career Services Center. For more information, contact Jones at 487-2419 or go to <http://career.emich.edu/new/tjf/>

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ANYONE CAN WHISTLE: Jenny Tocco, a sophomore from Livonia, sings in her role as Faye Apple in EMU Theatre's production of "Anyone Can Whistle." The play continues April 7-9, 8 p.m., in Quirk Theatre. For tickets, call 487-1221.

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MAKING A POINT: Abhisek Sohni explains his Graduate Research Fair project, entitled "The Role of Cyclooxygenase Enzyme in Respiratory Infection by Haemophilus Influenzae" to interested onlookers. This year, approximately 150 Eastern Michigan University graduate students made oral or poster presentations for the Graduate Research Fair. The fair kicked off EMU's Annual Salute to Excellence Week, which began March 28.

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**Eleven EMU
 employees celebrate
 service
 anniversaries in
 April**

By Anastasia Maslova

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These people are celebrating service anniversaries with the University in April.

35 years

Gerald Davis (39 years), library master technician, library-media services

Candace Thompson (37 years), administrative secretary, physical plant office

Luinda Smith (35 years), library assistant III, library-general account

25 years

Annette Rurka (25 years), divisional technical specialist I, office of vice president for advancement

Patricia DeSautel (25 years), executive secretary, ICT-administrative executive

20 years

Emo Honzaki (20 years), workplace education specialist, Center for Workforce Education



Honzaki

15 years

Rouseau

Doyle Rouseau (15 years), infrastructure specialist II, ICT-network and system services

Margaret Kreyling (15 years), unit leader II, dining services

Lori Murray (15 years), customer service representative II, health services administration

Carol Orlowski (15 years), secretary II, chemistry

10 years

EMU by the numbers

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Eastern Michigan University recently completed its annual Salute to Excellence Week in which faculty, staff and students were honored for their outstanding service and contribution to the University. (below) Joanne Hansen, chair of the Women's Commission, and John Ginther, professor of mathematics, received Employee Recognition Awards for each providing 40 years of service to the University. Some of the key award numbers related to Salute to Excellence Week include:

Employee Recognition Awards **242**

Sabbatical Leave Awards **20**

Student Gold Medallion Awards **13**

Gold Medallion Awards **12**

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Spring-Summer Research Awards **6**

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- **Eagle Crest Golf Club open:** Eagle Crest Golf Club is open. Come out and shore up your game! EMU students, faculty and staff receive a special rate at Eagle Crest. Dave Horstman, general manager and head golf professional, looks forward to seeing you out on the links! The course opens at 7:30 a.m. For more information, call 487-2441.

- **Alethea Helbig to be honored:** The Friends of the EMU Library invite the EMU community to a reception honoring Alethea Helbig, emeritus professor of English and generous donor of the "Helbig Collection of Literature for Children and Young Adults." The reception is scheduled Sunday, April 10, 1:30-3:30 p.m., Carillon Room, Halle Library. Helbig will give a brief presentation at 2:15 p.m. Refreshments will be served. Please R.S.V.P. by Wednesday, April 6, to the EMU library administration, 487-0020, extension 2200.



Helbig

- **Celebration of Student Writing:** Come and view the terrific work of more than 1,100 students from English 121. The Seventh Annual Celebration of Student Writing takes place Wednesday, April 6, 4-5:30 p.m., McKenny Union Ballroom. The celebration features multi-media projects developed by students and based on their research work in English 121, Composition II: Researching and Writing the Public Experience. Call Linda Adler-Kassner, 487-0148.
- **Social anxiety group:** The EMU Psychology Clinic offers a 10-week outpatient, social anxiety treatment group and members will meet Mondays, 5:30-7:30 p.m., beginning May 2. This group is open to EMU students, staff and members of surrounding communities. Group size is limited. Registration deadline is April 18. For more information, call 487-4987 or e-mail psychclinic_admin@emich.edu.
- **Anyone Can Whistle continues theatre run:** EMU Theatre presents "Anyone Can Whistle," April 7-9, 8 p.m., Quirk Theatre. Bankruptcy forces a small town's hated mayor, Cora Hoover Hooper, to fake a "miracle." The water-from-a-rock brings in a mad rush of tourists, including inmates from the local asylum known as The Cookie Jar. Madness ensues when Dr. Hapgood attempts to separate the "cookies" from the "sane." This cult classic challenges the preconceptions of what musical theatre should be asking: Are we all insane or is it just our leaders? Pirooz Aghssa directs the production written by the award-winning musical theatre team of Stephen Sondheim and Arthur Laurents. For tickets, call 487-1221.
- **Attention EMU students with school-aged children:** EMU is considering running a pilot program on the main campus for school-aged children (ages 5-12) of EMU undergraduate and graduate students. We are exploring low or no cost, after-school, evening and weekend programming. Offerings might include homework club, recreational sports, board games, age appropriate movies/videos, use of computer labs, access to pool and special opportunities like the theater, arts, dance, music and language clubs. Trained and supervised volunteers who are EMU students would provide the service. If you would be interested in such programming potentially beginning next fall, please complete a brief survey at https://www.emich.edu/irim/surveys/chlld_program/. Responses will remain anonymous and confidential. Call Deb deLaski-Smlth, 487-0048.
- **EMU Occupational Therapy Fieldwork Educator's Day:** Emotional problems, impulsive behavior and refusal to communicate are common occurrences that many times frustrate parents of autistic children. Teachers encounter these same situations in the classroom and, increasingly, those teachers are occupational therapists. Keynote speaker Patricia Heeter, director of examination product development for the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy, will discuss the trend of using occupational therapists in schools at the Occupational Therapy Fieldwork Educators' Day April 8 at Eagle Crest. She also will examine how educators and supervisors can help fieldwork students become effective therapists. For

more information, call EMU's Occupational Therapy program at 487-4096.



When I was interviewed for a job at EMU in 2002, I really enjoyed the atmosphere. I found it quite attractive. I felt welcomed and supported. I receive recognition for the things I do.

I like the variety of students in my classes. Some of them are older returning students and some of are traditional students, which make for an interesting conversation between the students because they bring so many different experiences and ideas to the classes.

My main goal, when teaching, is to get students to draw links between what they have read and their experiences and careers. I try to get students to see how theory can explain actions that occur or educational policies that might be supported by different groups of people. I also try to get them to see how different practices illuminate theoretical concepts. I work on getting students to examine the material they are studying for the course in creative ways.

I can work on what I am interested in and what benefits everyone who gets involved. I've had two grants to bring Ukrainian teachers here. I think it's important for Eastern Europeans and Eurasians to be able to come to the United States to see how people here practice more democratic habits than has been the case in the post-Soviet world. Reading about it is not the same as seeing people speaking openly and freely in their daily lives.

I'd like to keep trying to obtain grants that will involve various people at EMU and in the community with educators and students from other parts of the world. That benefits the visitors and it also benefits faculty, staff and students at EMU — as well as teachers and students in the nearest schools — to interact with people because they learn about another part of the world. It contributes toward good will between people from different countries.

I am committed to internationalization, and that's one of the strategic initiatives that EMU has. I'd like us do more in this regard because the world is getting smaller. It would be nice if every student here learned a foreign language and went to study abroad.