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EMU employees give thanks

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By Amy E. Whitesall



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Khadija Wallace, clerical staff, psychology department

"I'm a Christian and I'm thankful for the things God has blessed me with, including my job. And I'm really thankful for my kids. Even though I have three teenagers, I have great kids. I'm thankful that the economy hasn't caused a massive layoff here at Eastern and that we're still able to maintain a pretty good benefits package...It would be nice if the pay increased, but we're able to go to school (at half tuition) right now, and that means a lot to me and my family."

Cecilia Barajas, admissions officer

"I'm thankful that we're all employed and that we have health, that we have family and that we have a loving community here at EMU that cares

about each other. We're all going through a bit of a crisis here at the University, but we'll get through it together. I'm thankful for my friends, family and colleagues."



Joseph Csicsila, English professor

"I'm most thankful for my colleagues in the English Department here at EMU. I've never been around folks who were more committed and accomplished. I consider it a real privilege to count myself part of this group of people."

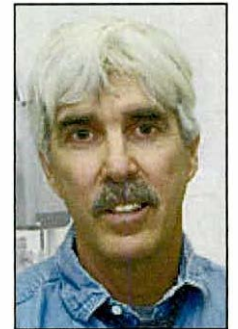
Leighanne Denja, financial aid adviser

Denja

"I'm very thankful for my four children and my wonderful husband who stays home so I can work full-time. And I'm thankful for my coworkers - for the way we all work together as a team and for their delightful senses of humor."

Glenn Walker, biology professor

"I'm thankful we have a concerned and vocal faculty that fights for the mission of a great university. They resist the continued shoveling of dollars into athletics while academic departments suffer dramatic, crippling cuts each year."



Walker

Don Bennion, teacher education department head

"I'm head of the teacher education department and I'm thankful for each of the 48 tenure-track faculty members I have. Every one of them makes a major contribution to making my life as a department head easier and getting very important things done."



Melody Reifel Werner, associate athletics director for compliance and special projects

"I'm thankful for the beautiful campus, for the education I received from Eastern and for the sense of family I have with my colleagues. I'm thankful for my GA, John Lee, because he makes me laugh. I'm also thankful for those students I got to know in Leadershape last spring. I was sort of like the mother of 14 of the students, and I just fell in love with every one of them. Every time I see them on campus, we hug."

Reifel Werner

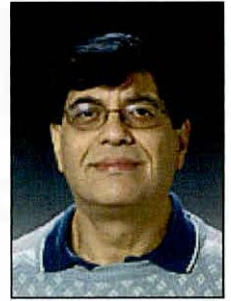
Chris Gardiner, associate chair, math department

"I guess the obvious thing that comes to mind that I'm thankful for is that we made it through all the turmoil we've been through in the past five years and, hopefully, that's behind us. I think we've got good people at the

moment running things and I'm thankful for that. I'm thankful I have a great work environment and a great group of colleagues. Everyone in this department gets along well; they're very collegial and that's something I'm thankful for. And I'm thankful I get a chance to teach math because I love math."

Harash Sachdev, marketing professor

"I am very proud of the fact that EMU has initiated new programs in global supply chain management, international business and integrated marketing communication, and that it has made ethics an integral part of our curriculum. I'm thankful to be identified with such a school that promotes diversity through many dimensions, including programs such as these. And I am thankful for the positive, team-building experiences I have had as we created these programs."



Sachdev

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Campus safety and security concerns discussed

By Ron Podell

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Eastern Michigan University will have a national security consulting firm conduct a safety audit of campus in the near future. In addition, three suspects were arrested in connection with thefts of personal property in Phelps Hall that occurred Nov. 11.

These new developments were made public during the first of two safety and security meetings recently conducted by EMU officials. The first forum took place in the Student Center Ballroom Nov. 13 and the second in the Student Center Nov. 15.

"When we responded to the DOE's (Department of Education) investigation and aftermath of Laura Dickinson's death, one of the things we assured the DOE we would do is talk to the campus about safety and security," Don Loppnow, executive vice president of EMU, said to a crowd of approximately 40, including a smattering of students, during the first forum.

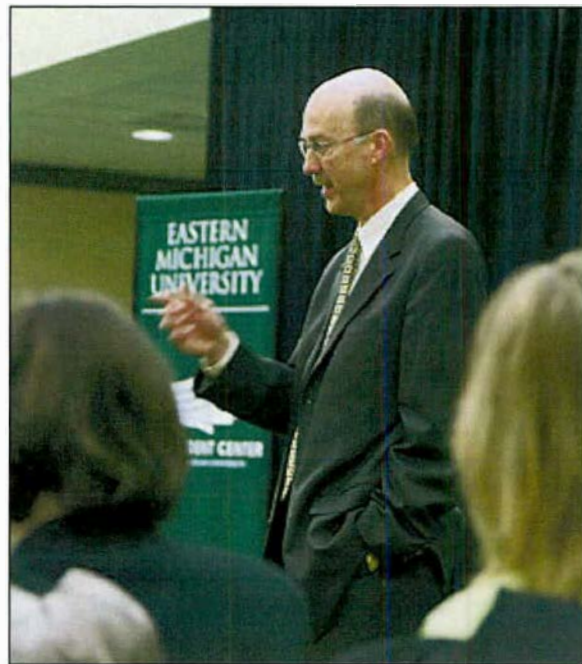
Dickinson was killed in her residence hall room last December and EMU was criticized for its handling of the case by the DOE and Butzel Long, a law firm hired by the EMU Board of Regents to investigate the University's handling of the case.

Janice Stroh, vice president for business and finance, reported that

The TranSystems Corporation would be on campus Nov. 19 to conduct a safety and security audit. According to Stroh, areas the audit will, among others, include are: building access, key management, access control, video surveillance, exterior lighting, employee ID system, intrusion detection systems, local monitoring system, and safety and security levels.

"The audit is very, very broad. I anticipate the audit will be completed with results by March (2008)," said Stroh, who mentioned the firm had previously conducted safety and security audits for Central Michigan University, Cornell, Columbia and the University of Virginia.

In addition, Stroh outlined steps EMU has taken relative to a 16-point safety plan the University developed. These include:



SEEKING SAFETY: Don Loppnow, executive vice president of Eastern Michigan University, makes a point during a safety and security forum that took place in the Student Center Ballroom Nov. 13. Loppnow and other officials described what has been done to increase safety and security on campus.

- Place DPS under the vice president for business and finance. Previously, having DPS under Student Affairs created a conflict of interest since housing is under the auspices of Student Affairs.
- A search is currently underway for an executive director of public safety.
- DPS has moved from its temporary space in a residence hall. Parking staff is currently housed in Bowen and public safety officers are situated in the parking structure offices near the Bowen parking lot.

"We're looking to find a facility. We will either renovate space already on campus or build a new facility," Stroh said.

- SEEUS patrols have increased in number and coverage has been expanded to seven days a week. SEEUS is a student escort service that operates in the evenings and the wee hours of the morning.
- Additional security guards have been hired on a temporary basis to complement coverage for DPS staff in residence halls and academic buildings. During October and November, there were a rash of thefts in some of the residence halls.
- A "Gotcha" Program was expanded in the residence halls. Housing and public safety staff check residence hall doors to see whether they are locked. If rooms are unlocked and unoccupied, staff lock the door and put a card on the door reminding residents to lock their doors when they are not present.
- Approximately 60 EMU administrators and staff received Clery Act training in August. Under the federal law, the University is mandated to report crimes on campus and submit an annual security report. This report was posted online in October, Stroh said. In addition, DPS is required to send out timely warnings about crimes that present an immediate danger to campus.
- A campus key policy was updated to limit the number of keys issued to contractors. A key inventory also is being conducted.
- Outside campus lighting is examined every Sunday to determine where lights need to be replaced or upgraded. Findings are forwarded to the physical plant.

Bob Heighes, EMU's interim DPS police chief, reported that the department had resolved a case of theft that took place in Phelps Hall Nov. 11. In the incident, five individuals were involved in stealing a computer, clothes, shoes and DVDs. Three were arrested based on security camera video and checking access card records.

"At this time, we have arrested three of the five people involved in the incident," Heighes said. "We are charging them. We have located the property and will return it to the students."

Heighes said one of those arrested told DPS that a key to the room had been left in the door lock. The suspect admitted he took the key in October and waited for the right opportunity, Heighes said.

"The University has all this technology, but it comes down to human error," Heighes said. "If the key isn't left in the door, the burglary wouldn't have occurred."

"We're students and we're irresponsible," Amy Hall, a senior from Marysville, said somewhat facetiously. "Students who care come to the meetings. Students who don't care are getting things stolen. I would rather have somebody punch in a door or break a window to steal a laptop rather than go through an unlocked door."

"Bottom line, there is institutional responsibility," said Denise Reiling, a professor of sociology and director of institutional assessment. "But there has to be student responsibility, right?"

Reiling said students have to stop letting others "tailgate," a practice in which an individual without access to a building follows in another student who has unlocked the door.

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**EMU receives final
report from U.S.
Department of
Education regarding
handling of death of
Laura Dickinson**

By Ward Mullens



Eastern Michigan University has received the final report from the U.S. Department of Education (DOE) about its handling of the death of student Laura Dickinson in December 2006.

"We are carefully reviewing the report and determining what we need to do to fully satisfy any DOE concerns and take a proactive stance in the future," said Don Lopppnow, executive vice president and provost for EMU.

"In addition to affirming its preliminary findings, the Department of Education's final report provides an assessment of policy/procedure revisions and action steps taken by EMU to ensure compliance," said Ken McKanders, EMU's attorney.

The DOE final report does not include punitive action for EMU. The DOE report states that it refers its findings to the Department's Administrative Actions and Appeals Division (AAAD) for consideration of possible administrative action, such as fines.

The 26-page document restates each of the seven preliminary findings, evaluates EMU's response to each and provides a final determination for each response.

The seven findings included: failure to provide a "timely warning" in response to a homicide investigation of an on-campus student death; lack of administrative capability; lack of a timely warning policy; failure to properly disclose crime statistics; lack of adequate policy statements; failure to report all required statistics occurring on public property and in non-campus buildings and property; and failure to properly maintain the crime log.

The DOE final report states that the actions taken by EMU, including the revisions of policies/procedures, "should significantly correct and improve compliance with the Clery Act."

The final report also notes several concerns that include EMU's process of obtaining crime data from local police agencies; the specific listing of all Clery Act crimes in EMU's policies/procedures; EMU's updating of the DOE's Crime Statistics Web Site; and EMU's response to the August 2005 loss/theft of master keys.

For a complete copy of the DOE report, go to
http://www.emich.edu/DOE_report/EMU_DOE_Rept_final.pdf

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Eastern Michigan University's newest regent is Mohamed Okdie, 58, a school social worker for the Detroit Public School System.

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**Gov. Granholm
appoints Mohamed
Okdie to EMU Board
of Regents**

By Ward Mullens

Okdie replaces Ismael Ahmed, who resigned to lead the Michigan Department of Human Services. Okdie, who was appointed by Gov. Jennifer Granholm, will serve a term that expires Dec. 31, 2008.

Okdie received a bachelor's degree in anthropology and a master's degree in social work from Wayne State University.

Prior to working for the Detroit Public School System, Okdie was a psychiatric social worker at Detroit Receiving Hospital and was a community liaison for Congressman John Conyers.



Okdie

The EMU Board of Regents is composed of eight volunteers who are appointed by the Governor. The next Board of Regents meeting is Tuesday, Nov. 27.

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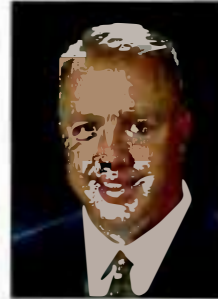
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**Boss named EMU's
 head baseball coach**

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Jake Boss Jr., an assistant baseball coach at the University of Michigan for the past three years, has been named head baseball coach at Eastern Michigan University, EMU Athletics Director Derrick Gragg announced Nov. 13. Boss takes over the head coaching duties from Roger Coryell, who announced his retirement Oct. 28.

"When we started the process of searching for a new head baseball coach, the name Jake Boss was at the top of our list," Gragg said. "Coach Boss had tremendous support from the entire baseball community and we are excited that he will be joining the Eastern Michigan University athletics staff to continue the strong legacy of success our baseball program has built under previous head coaches Ron Oestrike and Roger Coryell."



Boss

While an assistant coach at Michigan, Boss was part of the Wolverines' staff that led the team to three straight 40-win seasons, with a 42-19 finish in 2005, a 43-21 record in 2006, and a 42-19 mark in 2007. The Wolverines won Big Ten titles in both 2006 and 2007, won the NCAA Regional title in 2007, and also made NCAA Regional appearances in 2005 and 2006.

Prior to joining the Michigan staff, Boss was an assistant baseball coach at EMU for seven seasons, from 1997 through the 2004 campaign. He helped the 2003 Eagles win the Mid-American Conference West Division title, as well as the Mid-American Conference Tournament crown while advancing to the NCAA Regional. The 2002 Eagles won the MAC West Division title and the 2004 Eagles were runners-up in the MAC Tournament. He completed his master's degree in physical education at EMU in 2000.

A native of Lansing, the 36-year-old Boss played baseball at Alma College from 1989-93 and received his bachelor's degree in English in 1993. He received his master's degree in physical education from EMU. He was an assistant baseball coach at Lakeview (Mich.) High School in 1994 and moved on to become the head baseball coach at Webberville (Mich.) High School in 1995.

Boss began his collegiate coaching career in 1996 as an assistant baseball coach at Iowa Central Community College in Ft. Dodge, Iowa. The team finished seventh in the 1996 NJCAA World Series and, in 1997, the squad finished runner-up in the World Series.

An accomplished writer, Boss was co-author of a book, "Dare to Hit .400", in the spring of 1998. He has been a member of the American Baseball Coaches Association since 1995.

Boss and his wife, Cheryl (Schiff), live in Ypsilanti with daughter, Abigail, and son, Jacob.

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EMU's Brown-Chappelle puts one foot in front of the other to raise money for breast cancer research

By Kimberly Buchholz

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When she received a phone call from Montana and learned that her dear friend had breast cancer in 2003, Betty Brown-Chappelle's can-do attitude kicked in.

"She wouldn't let me come to help," Brown-Chappelle, an Eastern Michigan University professor of social work, said of her friend, Joyce Brown's reaction. "But, I needed to do something."

Around that time, Brown-Chappelle noticed posters for the Avon Walk for Breast Cancer, a series of walks sponsored by the beauty supply company to raise funds for and awareness of the illness across the United States.

Armed with information about the walk, Brown-Chappelle sought out sponsors and began training for the 60-mile walk from Ann Arbor to Farmington Hills, Mich. Since then, Brown-Chappelle and her husband, Michael J. Chappelle, a 1971 EMU graduate, have participated in walks from Los Angeles to New York City, raising an estimated \$11,000 for the charity so close to her heart.

"I have a large feeling of gratitude that I'm not part of the problem," said Brown-Chappelle, who lost her aunt, Goldie Hawkins, to the disease. "I'm part of the solution... and so are the people who helped me do this with their donations."

Last month, Brown-Chappelle and her husband were two of 3,900 participants in the New York City walk, which garnered the foundation a record \$10.2 million.

Brown-Chappelle said the vast majority of her sponsors come from individual donors within the Department of Health and Human Services.

"We're very proud to say that 85 percent of our sponsorship comes from



COLLAGE FOR THE CAUSE: Betty Brown-Chappelle, an Eastern Michigan University professor of social work, put together this collage to note her experience at the 2007

Avon Walk for Breast Cancer. Brown-Chappelle is pictured in the middle next to her husband, Michael; posing with fellow walkers (bottom left); and finishing the walk (bottom right).

the Eastern Michigan University community," said Brown-Chappell, who hosts post-walk celebrations each year to thank her benefactors. "I want them to know that I appreciate their support and that their hard-earned money really does go for a good cause."

To prepare for walks, which range from 40 to 60 miles each, Brown begins training in the fall. Her routine includes lifting weights, doing aerobics and walking several miles, three to four times per week, during the fall and winter.

When the cold weather breaks in springtime, she increases the distance and frequency, often walking up to 40 miles per week as events draw near. Brown-Chappell, who doesn't use a treadmill, trains outdoors, in malls and gyms, through parks and along city streets.

In her last four Avon walks (Detroit, Chicago, Los Angeles and New York), Brown-Chappell has totaled nearly 200 miles.

The effort has become more than a philanthropic effort, according to Brown-Chappell; it's become a lifestyle. For their 60th birthdays, Brown-Chappell and her husband asked for only one gift — donations to the Avon Foundation, which sponsors the Walk for Breast Cancer.

"We've all been touched by cancer in one form or another. It's personally satisfying to work toward finding a way to end this terrible disease."

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Ronald R. Reed, an EMU alumnus, recently was elected to the Eastern Michigan University Foundation Board of Trustees for a three-year term. He serves as a volunteer.

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**Reed joins EMU
Foundation Board of
Trustees**

By Nancy Mida

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Reed received his bachelor's degree in physics from EMU in 1986. He is managing director with Seneca Partners, an investment banking and venture capital firm affiliated with Seneca Health Partners. Formerly, Reed was a partner at Endeavor Capital in New York and led several investments for the firm in the Midwest and West Coast. He is a venture partner of Silicon Alley Venture Partners in New York and serves on the boards of NWP Services Co., Biotronic 7th Online and the Michigan Venture Capital Association, where he chairs the legislative committee. He resides in Ann Arbor.



Reed

The EMU Foundation is a private, nonprofit corporation that increases private support and manages endowment assets for the benefit of Eastern Michigan University.

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**Former EMU
 treasury accountant
 dies**

By Ron Podell

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Dario V. Ontiveros, who worked more than 20 years at Eastern Michigan University as a senior accountant, died Nov. 9. He was 71.

Ontiveros came to EMU in 1969 as an auditor. In 1974, he was promoted to plant fund accountant and moved up to treasury accountant in 1978 before retiring in 1992.

As treasury accountant, Ontiveros oversaw the cash control function of the University through the proper accounting and investing of on-hand funds. He also reviewed and updated cash control procedures and negotiated with banks and other financial institutions to carry out short, medium- and long-term investments.



Ontiveros

Before coming to EMU, Ontiveros was a senior auditor for Colgate Palmolive and Co. in Caracas, Venezuela. He was a junior auditor for Arthur Anderson & Co. in Caracas and a former assistant accountant for Ernst and Ernst in Caracas. He also had served in the Venezuela Marine Corps.

Ontiveros received his master's degree in educational administration from EMU and his bachelor's degree in public accounting from Santa Maria University in Caracas.

He was a longtime member of the National Association of Accountants, and served in several volunteer positions for the organization. He became a naturalized American citizen approximately 20 years before his death.

Survivors include two stepsons, Joseph Hoagbin and Paul Scott Hoagbin, both of Omaha, Nebraska; a brother, Filipa; and two sisters, Patricia and Gladys, all from Venezuela.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society or to Alegent Health Hospice.

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EASTERN IDOL: Katie Driscoll belts out a rendition of Carrie Underwood's "Don't Forget to Remember Me." Like Underwood, who won the "American Idol" competition a few years back, Driscoll won the Eastern Idol competition Nov. 14. The finals took place in the Student Center Ballroom. Paris Bennett, a former "American Idol" contestant, served as one of the judges. Photo by Babs Rambold

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HAPPY DINERS: These Eastern Michigan University employees are all smiles as they fill their plates during the annual Thanksgiving luncheon. The meal included turkey, ham, mashed potatoes, stuffing, rolls, salad, cranberries and pie. Approximately 781 EMU employees and student workers attended the luncheon Nov. 13 in the EMU Student Center Grand Ballroom.

EMU by the numbers

Eastern Michigan University faculty and staff reached out to others as part of the campus's annual pre-Thanksgiving celebration Nov. 13. In addition to enjoying a great meal, faculty and staff donated canned food and money to Food Gatherers. (below, from left) Nicole Panzica accepts food donations from Bill Kosidlo and Jill Dorr, both from EMU's Office of Financial Aid. In addition, 50 cents from every dinner ticket was earmarked for Food Gatherers. Food Gatherers is a nonprofit organization that provides more than 4,500 meals a days and brings food to more than 150 community programs. The University has contributed to the organization for more than a decade.

Thanksgiving dinner (# of years) **23**

Attendance **781**

Pounds of food collected **822**

Cash donations **\$517**

Ticket sale dollars issued to Food Gatherers
\$390.50

Total monetary donation to Food Gatherers **\$907.50**



Source: Dining Services

News Briefs

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The following are news briefs about important activities and events happening at Eastern Michigan University.

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- **Athletics partners with Toys for Tots:**

EMU Athletics will be partnering with the Toys for Tots Program during the men's basketball game against Detroit Wednesday, Nov. 28.

Anyone that brings a new, unwrapped toy to the game will receive complimentary admission to the game. Fans who do not bring a toy will be able to purchase one on-site at the Toys for Tots table to make their donation right there. Fans can make their donation in the atrium of the Convocation Center, where they will receive a voucher that can be redeemed at the ticket window for a complimentary ticket. Fans making a donation also will receive a discounted coupon to the concession stand. This year marks the 60th year of the Toys for Tots program, a tradition of the United States Marine Corps Reserves that has helped provide more than 370 million toys to more than 173 million needy children since its inception in 1947. For more information on the Toys for Tots program, please visit toysfortots.org.



FOR THE CHILDREN: EMU Athletics will be partnering with the Toys for Tots Program during the men's basketball game against Detroit Nov. 28.

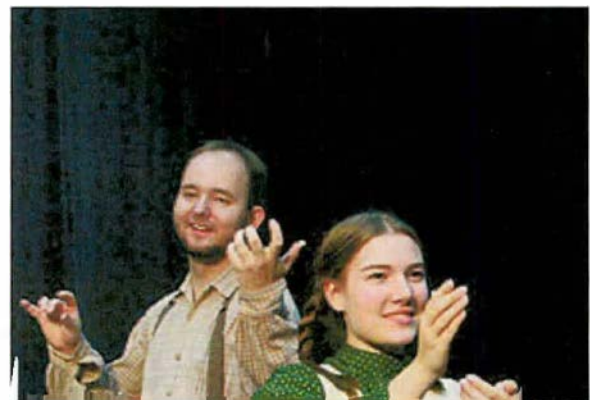
- **Nominations sought for Lecturers Award:** The Provost's Office is now accepting nominations for the 2006-2007 EMU Full-Time Lecturers Outstanding Teaching Award. This award provides the formal opportunity to honor outstanding full-time lecturers for their dedication to students' education, as well as demonstrates the value placed in them by the institution. The recipient may be a full-time lecturer, with one or more years of full-time teaching at Eastern Michigan University. Nominations are to be submitted to the appropriate head or director by Dec. 7. The recipient selected will receive a \$1,000 one-time, lump-sum award (not included in the lecturer's base salary) and a plaque commemorating his or her achievement. A luncheon will be scheduled during the winter 2008 semester to recognize the award recipient. For nomination materials or questions, go to www.emich.edu/public/aa/Info_Faculty.htm

- **Hiring compliance workshop:** Human Resources will host a hiring compliance workshop Wednesday, Nov. 28, 3-4:30 p.m., room 310B, Convocation Center. For more information, contact the HR office at hr@emich.edu.

changes, an overview of the hiring process including common problems/trouble spots; expediting PAFs, payroll dates and guidelines; and a Web time entry overview. The workshop is recommended for those who handle the hiring process for their department, who are new to the University or who wish to take a refresher session on this topic.

- **Campus Camp Wellstone:** Know any student activists? Campus Camp Wellstone is a 1 1/2-day training program taking place on campuses around the country. It is nonpartisan and welcomes both seasoned activists and campus leaders as well as those who are completely new to progressive activism. Skills that will be taught include: leadership development, understanding power, strategic campaign planning, how to work with the media, motivating and mobilizing people for action and more. Campus Camp Wellstone is scheduled Nov. 30, 3-9 p.m.; and Dec. 1, 9 a.m.-6 p.m., room 300, Student Center. Only 50 spaces are available. For more information, call the VISION office, 487-1313, or visit the Wellstone Action Web site at www.wellstone.org/
- **Holiday Home Tour:** Visitors can weave their way from the 19th to the 21st century, by day or by candlelight, during the 11th Annual Historic Ypsilanti Holiday Homes Tour, Saturday, Dec. 1, 6-10 p.m.; and Sunday, Dec. 2, noon to 4:30 p.m. The benefit for Ypsilanti Meals on Wheels will take visitors from an 1848 Greek Revival to the University House, completed in 2003. Whether you prefer the formal hanging of the greens or can appreciate a twist in holiday traditions, the tour promises diversity behind each door. The cost for the Candlelight Tour (limited) is \$40 per person. Tickets are available at The Nelson Amos Studio, 9 E. Cross St., in Ypsilanti's Depot Town. Tickets for the Sunday tour are \$15 in advance, \$20 the day of tour. Tickets can be purchased in Ypsilanti at Haab's Restaurant, Quinn's Essentials, Eleven West Spa and in Belleville at Katherine Rose. For details, call 487-9669.
- **Faded ID card replacement:** Attention, faculty and staff. Is the photo on your new ID card fading? The Eagle Card office recognizes that, due to a problem with the card printer, some photos on the new IDs have begun to fade. The printer has been fixed and we would like to replace these cards for free. If you would like your faded card replaced, please bring your current ID to the Eagle Card office and we will print a new card while you wait. The Eagle Card office is open Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. For questions, call 487-3176.
- **Flu shots available:** University Health Services is still offering flu vaccinations to the EMU community. The cost is \$30. Vaccination hours are 9 a.m. to noon and 2-4 p.m., Monday-Friday, in Snow Health Center. University Health Services accepts cash, check, credit cards or you may use your student account or payroll deduction. For more information, call 487-1122.

- **A Laura Ingalls Wilder Christmas:** EMU Theatre presents "A Laura Ingalls Wilder Christmas" Dec. 1, 2 and 8, 3 p.m.; and Dec. 1 and 7-8, 7 p.m., Sponberg Theatre. Directed by Patricia Moore Zimmer and written by Laurie Brooks, "A Laura Ingalls Wilder Christmas" is an endearing family story



of the popular "Little House" book series. Forced to leave the farm they love, the Ingalls family moves to a small village to manage a hotel. The family is introduced to Johnny

Steadman, "the worst boy in Iowa," and Mrs. Starr, a wealthy woman whose beloved doll collection catches Laura's eye. Facing the adversity of her family's situation, spunky daughter Laura discovers the strength and courage within herself to help in any way she can, even if it means personal sacrifice. Ticket prices are \$15 for general admission, \$9 for MAINSTAGE patrons and \$6 for children, ages 5-12. For tickets, call 487-2282 or pick them up in person at the Convocation Center, the Student Center ticket office or the Quirk Box Office. For more information, go to www.emich.edu/public/cta/ted

FAMILY FUN: Canton Junior College Fournier, as "Pa", and Ann Arbor freshman Stephanie VanAlstine, as "Laura", rehearse a scene from "A Laura Ingalls Wilder Christmas." Pa plays the fiddle while Laura pets a horse. The EMU Theatre production begins Dec. 1.

- **EMU to host AQIP visitor:** The Office of Continuous Improvement and Planning hosts Stephen Spangehl, director of the Academic Quality Improvement Program (AQIP), The Higher Learning Commission, Thursday, Dec. 6. Sessions with Shangehl are: Assessment, Accreditation and Systems Portfolio, 9:30-11:30 a.m.; AQIP Project Sharing, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; Brown Bag Lunch/Networking, 12:30-1:30 p.m.; Challenges to Higher Education, 1:45-2:45 p.m.; and General Overview of AQIP/Action Projects, 3-4 p.m. All sessions will be in room 310A/B of the Student Center. The sessions are open to the campus community and the publi. For more information, contact Bruce Moses at bmoses@emich.edu
- **GOLD wine-tasting social:** Socialize and sample fine wines with Graduates of the Last Decade (GOLD). The Office for Alumni Relations is hosting a wine tasting social for GOLD alumni and friends Thursday, Dec. 6, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Grape Expectations Wine Bar in Plymouth (555 Forest Ave.). Participants will survey six wine selections paired with an elegant array of satisfying appetizers, including vegetarian options. Space is limited, and the R.S.V.P. deadline is Monday, Dec. 3. The cost is \$25 per person. Register to attend by contacting the Office for Alumni Relations, 487-0250, or e-mail alumni.relations@emich.edu. More information is available at www.emich.edu/alumni/gold.

Why I work at Eastern Michigan University

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I came to EMU about 17 years ago. I had been working as the associate coordinator for substance abuse services in Washtenaw and Livingston counties. I felt as though I had done everything I could in that position and wanted be part of something larger. It really was serendipitous.

Eastern Michigan University has given me many opportunities to serve our students, faculty and staff in ways that help make positive changes in their lives, our campus and the greater community. Every one of us plays a role in helping our students develop.

I know this is supposed to be "Why I Work at EMU", but I don't see this as work. I am honored to be able to serve the students, faculty and staff here.