

Capsules

Children's Center Open House

The EMU community is invited to attend several open houses at the newly renovated Children's Center (formerly the EMU Child Care Center) to look over the new facility and learn of its program offerings.

Any University faculty or staff member may visit the center during any of the following dates and times: Monday, Aug. 31, from noon to 3 p.m.; Tuesday, Sept. 1, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Wednesday, Sept. 2, from noon to 3 p.m.; or Thursday, Sept. 3, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The Children's Center, which offers child care and kindergarten for all EMU faculty, staff and students, is located in the basement and west wing of Snow Health Center.

Parking Department Begins 'Outer Space' Campaign

The EMU Parking Department has begun a publicity campaign to create awareness about the abundant parking available in "Outer Space"—the West Lot near Rynearson Stadium.

Outer Space is defined not as a black hole, but a well-lit, paved, fenced-in parking lot with video surveillance cameras. It also features "Shuttlecrafts" to and from Pray-Harold Classroom Building every 10 minutes from 7:30 a.m. to 5:10 p.m. and every 30 minutes until 9:55 p.m.

There are 1,000 free parking spaces available in the lot, just minutes away from campus.

From Sept. 9 to Oct. 2, daily drawings will be held for people who park in the lot with winnings of \$10 and \$25 and a Grand Prize drawing for \$500. Free tickets for the drawings will be available from parking people in Outer Space. There will be four daily winners.

So, don't be caught in permanent orbit around campus, discover Outer Space.

EMU revamps, expands Children's Center

Beginning this fall, EMU will offer its faculty, staff and students an expanded on-campus child care program providing day long and evening, developmental care to children six weeks to 12 years old.

The EMU Children's Center program, developed by its new associate director, Dr. Sylvia Jones, will merge a traditional day-care setting with developmental activities based on the most recent child development research.

The center is located on the ground floor and west wing of Snow Health Center, now undergoing renovations to accommodate the expanded program. The Rackham Building also will house the center's older preschool and kindergarten sections.

Renovations going on at both buildings will produce a state-of-the-art child care facility complete with teaching kitchen, indoor climbing equipment, gymnasium, and other child-sized amenities. It will be licensed to care for 148 full-time-equivalent children.

"This center will offer the very best of day care," said Jones. "The staff will be hired because of what they know about what we want to do, so they will come in with expertise. They will be child development specialists."

Previously, EMU's child care facility was primarily staffed by students. Under the new program, all staff caregivers will be degreed professionals with early childhood development experience.

The center will offer programs for children in six age groups: infants, six weeks to one year old; young toddlers, one year to 18 months; older toddlers, 18 to 30 months; young preschool children, two to three-and-a-half years; older preschoolers, three to five years; and kindergartners, four to six years old.

The infant-care section will be new to the EMU program this fall. "Infant care is critical," Jones said. "Many working parents just don't have a choice, so what we're trying to do is make a setting as child-oriented and deinstitutionalized as possible."

Each child in the program will be assigned a primary caregiver to afford the child a sense of continuity. "The child will connect with that person," according to Jones, "and that begins physically when the parent comes in and gives the child to that person. The baby senses that this is somebody else in

charge and if mom and dad think it's OK for me to be here, it must be."

Jones also will discourage drop-in day care for only one or two hours at the center because it lacks continuity for the child. "A child's care has got to be consistent to be good. They've got to come regularly and feel like they're a part of what's going on here. Otherwise, each entry will be a new entry. We want to establish this as a regular part of the child's day and week," she said.

Most activities at the center will be "child-directed" rather than "teacher-directed" said Jones, which allows the child to choose what he or she wants to do while the teacher helps.

"We try to mesh what the parents want for their child with sound theoretical practices," Jones said. "A kid's whole attitude about life is formed here at the Children's Center if they're with us eight hours a day, and we want to offer the best program we can."

The caregiver-to-child ratio in each age group is 1-to-3 for infants, 1-to-4 for toddlers, 1-to-8 for young preschoolers, 1-to-10 for older preschoolers and 1-to-12 for the kindergarten program.

The kindergarten program also is new this fall. Designed for parents who need all-day care for their kindergarten-aged children, the program will offer a traditional kindergarten setting in the morning followed by an afternoon enrichment program.

According to Jones, who also is a child care specialist and author of "Opening Your Door to Children: How to Start a Day-Care Home," work-site daycare programs have tremendous impact on employee satisfaction. "There's a lot of research that shows that these centers positively effect employee retention and an employees' sense of well being," she said. "Parents are close to their kids and they can drop in anytime, and we encourage that."

EMU center staff also will take older children on "field trips" to their parents' office "to show them what mommy and daddy's day is like," Jones said. "Also, that will show the children that they are part of the University, because they really are."

There are still openings for fall in all the center's age groups. Fees are tentatively set at \$100 per week for full-time care of pre-

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STAMPS HONOR LACEMAKING - Above, Ann Arbor lacemaker Mary McPeck signs autographs Aug. 14 in McKenny Union during a first-day-of-issue ceremony for a set of U.S. postage stamps honoring lacemaking which she helped design. Left, lacemaker Valerie J. Dupree of Houston demonstrates her technique.

EMU professor Patrick Buckheister dies

Dr. Patrick E. Buckheister, EMU assistant professor of foreign languages and bilingual studies, died Thursday, Aug. 13, of leukemia.

Buckheister, 35, had been a member of the EMU faculty since 1984. He lived in Ypsilanti.

A native of Indianapolis who later moved to Fresno, Calif., Buckheister earned both bachelor's and master's degrees at California State University at Fresno in 1973 and 1976, respectively. He earned a second master's degree in 1981 and a doctorate in 1984 from the Columbia University Teachers College.

Buckheister was an assistant professor of English at Nagoya International College in Nagoya, Japan, from 1976 to 1979. He then taught English as a second language at the City University of New York's Brooklyn College and Jersey City State College. From 1980 to 1982, he worked at Columbia University Teacher College and was an associate

in the American Language Program at Columbia. He returned to Japan in 1982 as an associate instructor of English at Nanzan University in Nagoya and remained there until he joined the EMU faculty.

Buckheister was serving as the current president of MITESOL, the Michigan branch of Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages. He also was a member of TESOL's national organization and Phi Kappa Phi honorary society.

"The department has lost a faculty member beloved by all his colleagues and students," said Dr. Jean Bidwell, head of EMU's Department of Foreign Languages and Bilingual Studies. "He has left a powerful legacy with his students for whom he was a master teacher and mentor who challenged them to learn and grow."

Buckheister is survived by his wife, Donna Brigman; two daughters, Sarah and Frances; his parents, Edward and Patricia Buckheister of Fresno; and three sisters.

Memorial contributions may be made in Buckheister's name to the Leukemia Society of America or the Children's Leukemia Foundation of Michigan.

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schoolers and kindergarteners and \$112 per week for full-time infant and toddler care. These fees are subject to approval by the EMU Board of Regents. Each faculty or staff family also will be assessed a \$30 surcharge each semester and discounts will be offered to families who enroll more than one child.

For registration information, call the center at 7-1126.

Orientation '87 to host 1,800 new freshmen

Beginning Saturday, Sept. 5, 1,800 incoming EMU freshmen will descend upon campus to begin Orientation '87.

With maps in hand and mom and dad in tow, the students will move into their dormitories, attend workshops designed to help them survive their first year of college and take part in several other activities. The entire program lasts until Tuesday, Sept. 8.

Among the scheduled activities Sept. 5 are a parents' reception and orientation, a special program for commuter students, a picnic and EMU's football game against Youngstown State University.

Sept. 6, 7 and 8, the new students will attend social events and workshops on such subjects as "Taking Care of Myself," "Student Success" and "Celebrating Our Differences."

The orientation also will serve to introduce the new students to EMU's facilities, faculty and staff.

MI Agenda advises youth on finances

The Michigan Agenda for Consumer Education, a three-year public-private partnership project headquartered at EMU, is working to help Michigan public school students avoid financial problems when they become adults.

"Ironically, we think a lot about teaching young people how to get knowledge and skills to earn money, but we traditionally have spent very little time and effort helping people learn how to use their money, so we have a lot of people in trouble financially," said Rosella Bannister, director of EMU's Michigan Consumer Education Center and Michigan Agenda project director.

Bringing together the lobbying efforts of business, education, government and the community, the project's main objective is to get personal finance coursework integrated into the curriculums of as many Michigan school districts as possible. "Consumer credit is an on-going problem in many households in our society, not just for people in poverty, but often for the middle class," said Bannister. "Money problems are easy to get into, so we believe Michigan schools need to do more in this area."

While personal finance is traditionally discussed in home economics classes, which fewer than 25 percent of high school students take, Bannister believes it can be worked into

many courses. "When you're teaching math to children in elementary school, you can use consumer situations. Or, when you're teaching reading, you can have students read articles, newspapers and other current things related to consumer problems."

Personal finance and economics skills need to be brought into the mainstream of public school education, Bannister said. "These classes are often considered 'Mickey Mouse,' easy, frill, goof-off classes, but they can be very sophisticated and are needed by the college-bound doctors and lawyers as well as the girl getting married right out of high school," she said.

Eleven states currently require a course in personal finance for high school graduation. Michigan has no requirement.

The Michigan Agenda plans include teacher institutes, workshops and conferences on how to integrate consumer education into the classroom as well as the preparation of instructional materials.

With the United States' "debtor nation" status rising, young people want more information than they're presently getting in schools about money management, said Bannister. In a statewide student opinion survey conducted by the Michigan State Board of Education in 1985, coursework on managing personal finances was the third most requested subject behind job training and col-

lege preparatory courses.

Also, a study done annually since 1967 at the University of California at Los Angeles asks college freshman what they value most. Twenty years ago, the majority said "a meaningful life philosophy." In 1985, the majority of students polled said they most valued being well-off financially.

Bannister clarifies, however, that the Michigan Agenda is not encouraging young people to become "yuppies." "We're against materialism just for materialism's sake," she said. "We think that you can prepare to be financially secure, but at the same time have meaningful life goals. They don't need to be diametrically opposed. Money management is one major component in life's decisions that affect well-being and quality of life for all of us. Without these skills, the opportunities for enjoying the benefits of our society are lessened."

Without money management skills, high school students with relatively high-paying jobs and no bills to pay may suffer financially later in life because they develop "distorted economic views," said Bannister. "The whole area of high school students getting good paying jobs is being looked at in research. If they (the students) work at McDonald's and make \$70 a week and can live at home, they spend \$70 a week. What is that really doing toward their understanding of money management?"

While Bannister doesn't think parents should control their children's money—"the person who earns the income ought to be in the power position"—she suggests that parents help prepare their children for money management responsibility. "Parents should make their children aware of the fact that they are supporting them at home and that's not the way it's going to be when they become economically independent," she said.

Parents also can help by showing their children what things cost. "Housing, electricity, the telephone, cars, car insurance and all the things they take for granted but need to live should be included," added Pat Dulmes, program associate in EMU's Consumer Education Center.

Young people also need to be taught to plan for the future, said Bannister. "You don't start planning for retirement when you're 65 if you want to be comfortable. Young people, even those in their first jobs, need to be aware of the need to save and invest over time to prepare for their needs later on in life."

One way to get teen-agers to learn money saving skills, according to Bannister, is to make it goal oriented—to save toward purchasing something such as a car or stereo. "It's just more fun to save if it's toward a goal," she said.

Knowledge about personal finance also gives young people self-esteem and self-confidence because "they feel that they have control of the situation and not that the situation is controlling them," said Dulmes.

Openings

To be considered for vacant positions, all Promotional Openings Application Forms MUST be sent directly to the Employment/Affirmative Action Office and received no later than 5 p.m. on the expiration date.

The Employment/Affirmative Action Office announces the following vacancies. The expiration date for applying for these positions is Wednesday, Sept. 2.

CLERICAL/SECRETARIAL

(Minimum Biweekly Rate)

POSTING # CLASS/GRADE

CSSA87035 - CS-05 - \$539 - Account Specialist - Financial Aid.

CSSA87036 - CS-04 - \$485.65 - Secretary II - Child Care Center/Health Services.

ADMINISTRATIVE/PROFESSIONAL/TECHNICAL

(Biweekly Salary Range)

POSTING # CLASS/GRADE

APAA87009 - AP-08 - \$833.88 - \$1,276.25 - Administrative Associate - Provost Office

PTBF87011 - PT-08 - \$833.88 - \$1,276.25 - Treasury Accountant - Accounting (Knowledge of fund accounting and skills in micro-computer applications strongly desired.)

ACUR87010 - AC-11 - \$513.28 - \$795.93 - Assistant Women's Basketball Coach - Intercollegiate Athletics

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POSTING # CLASS/GRADE

PTAA87006 - PT-06 - \$636.02 - \$920.58 - Administrative Assistant I - Michigan Consumer Education Center (Knowledge of library procedures, computer database management, and consumer and economic subject matter)

FOOD SERVICE/MAINTENANCE

(Minimum Hourly Rate)

POSTING # CLASS/GRADE

FMBF87038 - FM-06 - \$8.58 - Custodian - Strong/Custodial Services - MIDNIGHTS

FMBF87039 - FM-06 - \$8.58 - Custodian - Pray-Harrod/Custodial Services - MIDNIGHTS

FMBF87040 - FM-10 - \$8.89 - Group Leader - Mark-Jefferson/Custodial Services - MIDNIGHTS

FMBF87041 - FM-06 - \$8.58 - Custodian - Mark-Jefferson/Custodial Services - MIDNIGHTS

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The College Level Examination Program celebrates its 20th anniversary this year and is emphasizing one of the program's overlooked virtues—that of serving as an effective outcome assessment in higher education.

CLEP has been known primarily as a way for colleges and universities to recognize students for their prior learning by means of course exemption or credit. Now CLEP is being used at a number of institutions as a means of assessing classroom learning and setting standards. Southwest Texas State, for example, has decided to assess the writing and mathematical skills of its students on completion of their sophomore year. The university chose to use CLEP because a test with national norms would be preferable as an external check on its own students' performance.

Events

Week of the Week

Aug. 25 - Sept. 8

Tuesday 25

MEETING — An Auxiliary Enterprises Pulse Check meeting will be held, Tower Room, McKenny Union, 9:30 a.m.

MEETING — The Student Affairs Committee of the EMU Board of Regents will meet, Tower Room, McKenny Union, 4 p.m.

MEETING — The Educational Policies Committee of the EMU Board of Regents will meet, Tower Room, McKenny Union, 7:30 p.m.

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MEETING — The Faculty Affairs Committee of the EMU Board of Regents will meet, Tower Room, McKenny Union, 8 a.m.

MEETING — The Finance Committee of the EMU Board of Regents will meet, Alumni Lounge, McKenny Union, 9:15 a.m.

MEETING — The EMU Board of Regents will meet, Guild Hall, McKenny Union, 11 a.m.

MEETING — A UAW Local 1976 membership meeting will be held, Reception Room, McKenny Union, noon

MEETING — The Affirmative Action/Equal Employment Opportunity Committee will meet, Gallery II, McKenny Union, 3 p.m.

Saturday 29

TRIBUTE — The Huron Dugout Club will host a tribute for outgoing EMU head baseball coach Ron Oestrike. Tickets are \$25 per person which includes a reception and dinner. For information and tickets, call 483-0222, EMU Baseball Stadium, 5 p.m.

Sunday 30

CONFERENCE — The Office of Campus Life will hold a Student Leadership Conference today through Tuesday, Sept. 1. Fee. For more information and applications, call 7-3045, Echo Grove, Lakeview, Mich., all day.

Monday 31

MEETING — The Human Resources Division will hold a staff meeting, Tower Room, McKenny Union, 9:30 a.m.

Tuesday 1

WORKSHOP — The Office of Human Resources Development will present a workshop on EMU's payroll system, 201 King Hall, 9 a.m.

MEETING — UAW Local 1975 will meet today and every Tuesday of the month, Huron Room, McKenny Union, 12:30 p.m.

MEETING — AFSCME Local 1666 will meet, Reception Room, McKenny Union, 7 p.m.

Research

Higher Education in the Humanities

The National Endowment for the Humanities will assist institutions of higher education in their efforts to improve the teaching of the humanities. NEH encourages proposals to: (1) revise undergraduate and graduate curricula in ways that will offer prospective teachers a stronger foundation in the content of the humanities, and (2) contribute to a more coherent progression of study in the disciplines of the humanities from precollegiate to collegiate levels.

Institutes for faculty, humanities projects in individual institutions, collaborative projects and conferences are the approaches generally used in these grants. However, NEH welcomes a variety of approaches to improving the quality of undergraduate education.

The deadline for submitting proposals is Thursday, Oct. 1. Contact Cheryl A. Kozell at 7-3090 for application forms and program information.

NOTICE

This is the last biweekly spring/summer issue of Focus EMU. The first fall issue will be published in tabloid format Wednesday, Sept. 9, the first day of classes. Following that, Focus EMU will be published weekly on Tuesdays until the close of winter semester in April. The deadline to submit copy will continue to be Tuesday at 5 p.m. for the following week's issue.

FOCUS EMU is published for faculty and staff every other Tuesday during the spring and summer by the Public Information and Publications Office. The deadline to submit copy is 5 p.m. Tuesday for the following week's issue.

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WORKSHOP — The Office of Human Resources Development will hold a workshop on student employment procedures, 201 King Hall, 9 a.m.

MEETING — UAW Local 1976 will hold an executive board meeting, Huron Room, McKenny Union, noon.

LUNCHEON — The Division of Student Affairs will hold an executive luncheon today and every Wednesday of the month, Oxford Room, McKenny Union, noon.

SOCCER — The team will host Concordia College, EMU Soccer Field, 7 p.m.

Thursday 3

WORKSHOP — The Office of Human Resources Development will hold a workshop on student employment procedures, 201 King Hall, 2 p.m.

Friday 4

VOLLEYBALL — The team will play Auburn University at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, 2 p.m.

Saturday 5

ORIENTATION '87 — The Office of Campus Life will present four days of activities and workshops for 1,800 incoming freshmen to introduce them to EMU and its facilities. Activities include a parents' reception and orientation, picnic and an EMU football game. For more information, call 7-3045, All campus, all day

CROSS COUNTRY — The women's team will participate in an EMU intrasquad meet, Rynearson Track, 10 a.m.

VOLLEYBALL — The team will play the University of Akron at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, 11 a.m.

FOOTBALL — The team will host Youngstown State University, Admission, Rynearson Stadium, 6 p.m.

Monday 7

HOLIDAY — In observance of the Labor Day holiday, all University offices and departments will be closed. All campus, all day.

Tuesday 8

WORKSHOP — The Division of Academic Affairs will present part I of a new faculty orientation, Hoyt Conference Center, 9 a.m.

SOCCER — The team will play at Michigan State University, East Lansing, 6 p.m.