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## Presidential Search Committee names 5 finalist candidates



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Five final candidates to replace Dr. John W. Porter as president of Eastern Michigan University have been selected by the Presidential Search Committee and recommended to the Board of Regents for consideration. The announcement of the finalist was made by EMU Regent Donald Shelton, chairman of the Presidential Search Committee, at a news conference Jan. 31.

They include Dr. Ronald W. Collins, provost and vice president for academic affairs at EMU; Dr. Joseph B. Johnson, president of Grambling State University; Dr. Judith L. Kuipers, vice president for academic affairs at California State University—Fresno; Dr. Dale F. Nitzschke, president of Marshall University; and Dr. William E. Shelton, vice president for institutional advancement at Kent State University.

The five finalists were selected from a pool of 134 nominations and applications. The total pool in-

cluded 20 females (15 percent) and six identified minorities (four percent), including four blacks and two Hispanics. There were 25 presidents or former presidents considered and 32 vice presidents or former vice presidents. Eighty-three percent of the applications were from outside of the state of Michigan.

Collins, 52, is a native of Dayton, Ohio. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in chemistry, with honors, from the University of Dayton in 1957 and a doctorate in inorganic chemistry from Indiana University in 1962.

He spent three years as an inorganic research chemist with the Wyandotte Chemicals Corp. and then joined the faculty at EMU as an assistant professor of chemistry in 1965. He was promoted to associate professor in 1967, professor in 1971, head of the Department of Chemistry in 1979 and associate vice president for academic affairs

in 1980. He has served as provost and vice president for academic affairs since 1983. He also served as acting head of the Department of Chemistry from 1977 to 1978 and acting vice president for academic affairs from 1982 to 1983. He has served as a visiting professor at Indiana University and Michigan State University.

Collins is the recipient of the Distinguished Faculty Award for excellence in teaching from EMU, the University of Dayton Alumni Association Special Achievement Award, the Association for Education Data Systems Award for the Outstanding Paper presented at the AEDS Annual National Meeting and the Chemical Manufacturers Association Catalyst Award.

His research interests include the educational use of computers, problem solving methodology, x-ray crystallography, calculation of lat-

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## James Clifton named, Derezhinski renamed to EMU board

Michigan Gov. James J. Blanchard Jan. 24 appointed James Clifton, executive vice president/labor for the Washtenaw United Way, to the EMU Board of Regents and re-appointed Regent Anthony A. Derezhinski of Ann Arbor.

Clifton, 45, replaces Geraldine Ellington who did not seek reappointment when her term as regent expired Dec. 31, 1988. Derezhinski, 46, has served as an EMU regent since 1984. Both were named to the eight-member EMU board for 1996 terms expiring Dec. 31, 1996, subject to confirmation by the Michigan Senate.

Clifton has worked with the Washtenaw United Way since 1977, first as labor staff representative from 1977 to 1983, as associate director of labor and training from 1983 to 1986 and then as executive vice president/labor.

Since 1986, he has been responsible for the staffs of eight Washtenaw United Way committees and has handled the colleges/universities and automotive divisions of the annual fund-raising campaigns.

Clifton serves on numerous civic committees including the Ypsilanti Township Planning Commission and is vice chairman of its board of appeals. He is a member of Michigan United Labor, Leaders in Prevention, the UAW CAP Committee, the Ypsilanti Rotary Club, Ypsilanti Area Chamber of Commerce and the Ann Arbor/Ypsilanti Black Business Professional League. He served with the People's Community Hospital Authority for 10 years.

He attended Cleary College and classes at the University of Michigan and Michigan State University.

He is an Ypsilanti resident.

Derezhinski, counsel to the law firm Gardner, Carton and Douglas of Southfield, began his first term as EMU regent in May 1984, following the resignation of Dr. Timothy Dyer who became a school superintendent in Arizona. He currently serves as chairman of the board Finance Committee and is a past chairman of the Student Affairs Committee.

Derezhinski earned a bachelor's degree from Marquette University in Milwaukee, a juris doctorate from the University of Michigan Law School and master of laws degree from Harvard Law School.

While serving one term in the Michigan Senate, from 1974 to 1978, Derezhinski was chairman of the Corporations and Economic Development Committee, vice chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee and served on the Education Committee. Currently, he



Clifton



Derezhinski

serves as vice chairman of the Michigan Law Revision Commission and judge on the Michigan Military Appeals Tribunal.

Derezhinski was corporate counsel and vice president of public affairs for Mercy Health Services in Farmington Hills from 1985 to 1988 and partner in the law firm of Cholette, Perkins and Buchanan in Grand Rapids from 1979 to 1985. He was public affairs director for the Michigan Catholic Conference for one year and associate attorney with Parmenter, Forsythe and Rude in Muskegon from 1972 to 1974.

He has served as a law instructor at Boston University Law School and adjunct professor of law at Cooley Law School in Lansing.

His professional affiliations includes memberships in the American, Michigan and Washtenaw County bar associations, the National Association of College and University Attorneys, the National Health Lawyers Association, the American Academy of Hospital Attorneys and the International Association of Defense Counsel.

## Campus Capsules

### Basketball Fast Break Luncheons Return

EMU Basketball "Fast Break" Luncheons have returned for the 1989 season and will be held Fridays at restaurant in Spaghetti Bender restaurant at Ypsilanti.

EMU men's Head Coach Ben Braun will be the featured guest at each luncheon and will show video highlights of Huron games and give scouting reports of upcoming opponents.

The cost of the weekly all-you-can-eat buffet is \$6 per person.

Luncheons in February and February for Feb. 3 and Feb. 10.

### Winter Semester Barton Scholarship Winners Named

EMU's Graduate School awarded its 1989 winter semester Barton Scholarships to six new graduate students.

Recipients of the \$500 awards must have earned, or be in their final semester of completing, bachelor's degrees at EMU. They also must have an undergraduate cumulative grade point average of 3.5 or better and be newly enrolled in graduate studies at EMU or the University of Michigan with no previous graduate work completed.

The scholarship fund was created by the late Miriam Barton Bradley, an Ypsilanti native and 1915 alumna of EMU (then Michigan State Normal College) who died in 1964.

The six winter Barton Scholarship recipients are Mary Doll of Ypsilanti, Jennifer Lipinski of Flint,

Ginger Mason of Monroe, Karin Mayo of Ann Arbor, Lynne Vangheluwe of St. Clair Shores and Christine Wilczynski of Livonia.

### New Horizons Students Available For Campus Work

The New Horizons vocational training program at Estabrook Elementary School at 1555 Cross is offering the services of its students to do batch labeling, mail stuffing and collating to EMU offices free of charge.

The special education students in the New Horizons program are 18 to 26 years old and need these types of experiences as part of their community adjustment training. WEMU is one University unit which already has used the program's services.

For more information or to utilize the services available, call Linda Griffin at 482-9396.

### EMU OT Scholarship Goes To Canton Senior

The EMU Occupational Therapy Department recently awarded its first Mary M. Taylor Scholarship to Canton senior Veronica Lewis.

The \$500 competitive award is eligible to do his/her level II fieldwork in an occupational therapy clinic as a pre-professional. Lewis began her first fieldwork assignment this month.

The award was given by the Occupational Therapy Development Fund and named in memory of

Taylor, a fieldwork educator at the Rehabilitation Institute of Detroit who had worked with EMU students for 25 years as a "dedicated and knowledgeable" student supervisor.

Taylor was also a frequent donor to the Occupational Therapy Development Fund, and upon her death, gave her occupational therapy library to the department.

### EMU Bands To Present Concert Feb. 2

The EMU Concert Winds and Symphonic Band will present a concert Thursday, Feb. 2, at 8 p.m. in Pease Auditorium. Titled "Winter Winds," the concert will feature selections by English composer Ralph Vaughan Williams, Bach, Ernst Toch, Kurt Weill, Alfred Reed, Leonard Bernstein and John Phillip Sousa.

The concert is free and open to the public.

### Ypsilanti Tutoring Center Needs Volunteers

The Ypsilanti Saturday Morning Tutoring Center, located at Perry School, 633 Harriet, needs volunteer tutors for first through sixth graders in reading and math.

The program is a cooperative effort between EMU, the Ypsilanti Public Schools and the City of Ypsilanti.

Tutors are asked for a minimum commitment of three Saturdays from 9:30 a.m. to noon.

For more information, call Andy Brush at 7-2412.

## Presidential candidates

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tice energies and the chemistry of divalent tin. He is the coauthor of a freshman text for science majors titled "Chemistry," and has written chapters in four texts on computers and the use of computers in chemical education as well as several articles on computers and instructional computing.

Collins is a member of the American Chemical Society, the Royal Society of Chemistry, the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the National Science Teachers Association, the Michigan Academy of Science, Arts and Letters, the Michigan College Chemistry Teachers Association, the Michigan Association for Computer Users in Learning, Sigma Xi, Phi Lambda Upsilon and Phi Kappa Phi.

On the national level, he has served as first chairman of the American Chemical Society Committee on the Role of Computers in Chemistry Education; member of the national Research Council's first Committee on Computers in Chemistry; chairman of the Chemistry Advisory Committee of the National Science Foundation's CONDUIT project; consultant for the American Chemical Society College Chemistry Consultants Service; chairman of the American Chemical Society Curriculum Com-

mittee, an American Chemical Society Congressional Science Counselor assigned to U.S. Senator Carl Levin; and an American Chemical Society Councilor.

Johnson, 54, is a native of New Orleans, La. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in health, physical education and recreation from Grambling College in 1957, a Master of Science degree in physical education and recreation from the University of Colorado in 1967 and an Ed.D. in administration of higher education from the University of Colorado in 1973. He also did post-graduate work at the University of California and the University of Colorado and post-doctoral study at Harvard University's Institute of Education Management.

Johnson served in the military from 1958 to 1960 and 1961 to 1962.

Johnson was a high school teacher in Shreveport and Hammond, La., from 1960 to 1969. In 1969, he was appointed director of intramurals at the University of Colorado and he was promoted to associate director of recreation in 1972 and assistant to the executive vice president in 1973. At that time he was also appointed assistant professor of physical education and recreation and a member of the

graduate faculty and director of the Urban Specialist Training Program. In 1975, he became executive assistant to the president at the University of Colorado—Boulder. He has been president of Grambling State University since 1977.

He was named an Outstanding Young Man of America by the U.S. Jaycees in 1970 and has received the Distinguished Alumni Achievement Award from the University of Colorado, the National Alliance of Business Leadership Award, the Tree of Life Award from the Jewish National Fund, the Distinguished Service to Education Award from Harris-Stowe State College, the Thurgood Marshall Education Achievement Award and the W.E.B. Dubois Award from the Association of Social and Behavioral Scientists, Inc. He has received honorary degrees from Western Michigan University and Gandhigram Rural University in Tamilnadu, India.

Johnson is a member of the American Council of Education, the American Association of State Colleges and Universities, the American Association of University Administrators, the National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges, the American Association of Administrators in Higher Education, the National Association of Black School Educators, the National Black Alliance of Graduate Level Educators, Phi Delta Kappa, Kappa Delta Pi, the Louisiana Association of Educators

and the Louisiana Education Research Association.

He is a member of the AASCU Committee in the Humanities, the Task Force on Economic Development for the State of Louisiana, the Council of Trustees of the Gulf South Research Institute, the National Advisory Committee of the United Negro College Fund's Department of Employment and Training Development, the AASCU Committee on Academic and Student Personnel, the Louisiana State Fair, the Advisory Committee of the Office for the Advancement of Public Negro Colleges, the AASCU Committee on Science and Technology and the Governor's Economic Development Commission.

He also chaired the Presidents' Council of the Board of Trustees for State Colleges and Universities for the State of Louisiana from 1982 to 1983 and the Presidents' Council of the Southwestern Athletic Conference from 1982 to 1984.

Kuipers, 51, is a native of Petoskey, Mich. She earned a Bachelor of Science degree, magna cum laude, in child development and teaching from Michigan State University in 1959, a Master of Arts degree in guidance and counseling from Central Michigan University in 1966 and a doctorate in human development and early education from MSU in 1969.

She served as an instructor in the College of Education at MSU from 1966 to 1967 and an NDEA Fellow from 1967 to 1969. She was an assistant professor of child development and family relationships at Colorado State University from 1969 to 1974. From 1972 to 1973 she was acting director and associate professor at MSU's Research Institute for Family and Child Study. She became an associate professor of child and family studies at the University of Tennessee-Knoxville in 1974 and professor and head of the Department of Child and Family Studies at UT in 1976. In 1978 she was promoted to assistant to the chancellor at the University of Tennessee as an Academic Administration Fellow of the American Council on Education and in 1979 she was appointed dean of undergraduate studies at Oregon State University. She has been vice president for academic affairs at California State University—Fresno since 1984.

Kuipers was selected as Professor of the Year at Colorado State University and Mortar Board Citizen for Outstanding Campus Leadership at the University of Tennessee, received the Chancellor's Citation for Outstanding Contributions at the University of Tennessee and the College of Human Ecology Outstanding Alumni Award from Michigan State University and has been listed in the "World's Who's Who Among Women" and "Oregon Magazine's" list of the 100 most outstanding women. She is a member of the National Board of the Golden Key National Honor Society and was selected as an honorary member of Blue Key at Oregon State University.

Kuipers is a coauthor of "Parents Are Teachers, Too" and several scholarly papers.

She is a member of the American Council on Education (ACE) Fund Raising Committee, Phi Kappa Phi, Phi Delta Kappa and Alpha Lambda Delta. She has served as president of the ACE Fellows Executive Council, member of the ACE Program Committee, the National Council on Family Relations Program, the Program Committee of the American Education Research Association, program chairperson of the Southeastern Council on Family Relations, vice president and president-elect of the Colorado Association for the Education of Young Children, national vice chairman for research of the American Home Economics Association and member of the

governing board of the National Association for the Education of Young Children.

Kuipers is the sister of Washtenaw Circuit Court Judge Melinda Morris.

Nitzschke, 51, earned a Bachelor of Arts degree, cum laude, in education from Loras College in Dubuque, Iowa, in 1959; a Master of Education degree in guidance and counseling from Ohio University in 1960; and a doctorate in guidance and counseling, also from Ohio University, in 1964.

Nitzschke served as an instructor in education at Loras College from 1961 to 1963 and as chairman of the Department of Education there from 1964 to 1965. In 1965, he was appointed assistant professor of education and director of the Educational Placement Bureau at Ohio University and was promoted to associate dean of the College of Education and associate professor of education in 1967. In 1972, he was appointed associate dean of professional and general studies and dean of education at the State University College of Arts and Science in Plattsburgh, N. Y. From 1976 to 1980, he was dean of the College of Education and professor of education at the University of Northern Iowa and in 1980 he was appointed vice president for academic affairs and professor of education at the University of Nevada—Las Vegas. He has been president of Marshall University since 1984.

Nitzschke is the author of several articles relating to his field of specialization.

He has received the Alexander Meiklejohn Award for Academic Freedom from the American Association of University Professors, the West Virginian of the Year Award from the Charleston Sunday Gazette Mail, the Ohio University Medal of Merit, the Academic Freedom Award from the Advisory Council of Faculty to the West Virginia Board of Regents, the Phi Delta Kappa Young Education Leaders of America Award and the Community Leader of America Award. He has been named Administrator of the Year by the West Virginia Association for Counseling and Development, the West Virginian of the Year by the West Virginia Chapter of the Public Relations Society of America, Kappan of the Year by the Marshall University Chapter of Phi Delta Kappa and Young Man of the Year by the U.S. Jaycees. He has been listed in "Men of Achievement" and the "Dictionary of International Biography."

He has served as chairman of the Educational Advisory Committee to West Virginia Congressman Nick Joe Rahall, West Virginia representative to the American Association of State Colleges and Universities, vice president of the Tri-State (Ohio, Kentucky, West Virginia) Cultural Development Plan, secretary of the State of Ohio Education Deans, secretary of the Ohio American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education, chairperson of the Board of Regents State Advisory Committee for the Iowa Braille and Sight Saving School and chairperson of the Board of Regents State Advisory Committee for the Iowa School for the Deaf.

He is a member of the Executive Board of West Virginia Roundtable, Inc., the State of West Virginia Joint Committee on Employment Opportunities and Economic Development, the Board of Directors of the Huntington Chamber of Commerce, the Advisory Committee of the Office on Self-Regulation Initiatives of the American Council on Education, the Huntington Municipal Economic Development Authority, the Board of Directors of the West Virginia Education Fund, Inc., the Board of Directors of the Humanities Foundation of West Virginia, the Board of Directors of The Huntington Museum of Art, the Board of Directors of the John

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## Black History Month events include lectures, concert

EMU will host several events to commemorate Black History Month in February, including a lecture by Drs. Nathan and Julia Hare on black male/female relationships and a performance by Grammy Award-winning trumpeter Wynton Marsalis.

The Hares will speak Thursday, Feb. 2, at 7 p.m. in Sponberg Theater. Nathan, who holds doctorates in both clinical psychology and sociology, operates a private psychotherapy practice in San Francisco. Julia, who has a doctorate in education, is a motivational lecturer and executive director of the Black Think Tank. The two co-wrote the books "Bringing the Black Boy to Manhood" and "The Endangered Black Family." For free tickets to the Hare talk, call 7-2133.

Marsalis will perform Saturday, Feb. 18, at 8 p.m. in Pease Auditorium. He is hailed as one of jazz's great performers and made musical history in 1984 when, at the age of 23, he won Grammy Awards in both the jazz and classical categories. Tickets to the concert are \$15 and \$12 per person for the general public, \$12 and \$9 for students and senior citizens and \$13.50 and \$10.50 for Mainstage members.

EMU's Black History Month events will kick off with a teleconference titled "Beyond the Dream" Wednesday, Feb. 1, at 1 p.m. in McKenny Union's Guild Hall. The teleconference will celebrate the contributions blacks have made to the United States.

A multi-cultural literacy conference will be held Thursday, Feb.

3, at 9 a.m. in McKenny Union. Dr. Barbara Sizemore of the University of Pittsburgh and Dr. Peter Greer, dean of the School of Education at Boston University and former U.S. deputy secretary of education, will speak.

A women's forum titled "Issues in a Black and White Women's World" will be held Monday, Feb. 6, at 3 p.m. in the McKenny Union Ballroom. Also Feb. 6, a Minority Graduate School Fair will be held at 5 p.m. in the Walton-Putnam Residence Hall Lounge and sociologist and educator James Dorsey will speak on "Black Survival in Higher Education" at 8 p.m. in the Goodison Hall Lounge.

Tuesday, Feb. 7, at 7 p.m. a panel of students and faculty will discuss "African Diaspora: Growing Up Black in Austria, Israel, the Caribbean and Nigeria" in the Walton-Putnam Lounge.

Other events scheduled for the month will include a reception for EMU Black Faculty and Staff Association members Thursday, Feb. 9, at 5 p.m. in the Goodison Hall Lounge; a tribute to black women sponsored by Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority Monday, Feb. 13, at 7 p.m. in McKenny Union's Main Lounge; and a forum on African-American Scholars sponsored by the Afro-American Studies Program Wednesday, Feb. 15, at noon in Gallery II of McKenny Union.

The monthlong celebration will continue with a program for students by EMU's student chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People

titled "Developing EMU Black Male/Female Relations" Thursday, Feb. 16, at 7 p.m. in the Walton-Putnam Lounge; a talent show featuring members of EMU's black faculty and staff sponsored by the Minority Peer Advisers Wednesday, Feb. 22, at 7 p.m. in the Roosevelt Hall Auditorium; and a "Mr. Wonderful/Ms. Finesse Contest" student talent show Thursday, Feb. 23, at 9 p.m. in the Walton-Putnam Lounge also sponsored by the Minority Peer Advisers. A nominal entrance fee will be charged for both talent shows, with proceeds from the Feb. 22 show going to EMU's Wade McCree Scholarship Fund.

Other events will include a discussion by black alumni who attended EMU in the 1960s titled "The '60s Revisited: Where We Were Yesterday, Where We Are Today" Sunday, Feb. 26, at 7 p.m. in the Goodison Hall Lounge; and presentation of a play titled "Black Is Beautiful" and written by recent EMU graduate Angela Blount, Sunday, Feb. 26, through Tuesday, Feb. 28, at 8 p.m. in the Quirk Hall Lab Theater.

Several movies also will be shown on campus throughout the month, including "Beyond the Dream" Feb. 13; "Eyes on the Prize" Feb. 20; and "Stand and Deliver" Feb. 23. The films will be shown at 9 p.m. in the Walton-Putnam Lounge.

For more information on any events, call Dr. Lynette Findley, director of EMU's Office of Equity Programs, at 7-2133.

## Winter enrollment up 1 percent

Eastern Michigan University's 1989 opening winter enrollment increased slightly over last year's opening figure, to total 21,674 students, or a 0.87 percent increase over the 1988 figure of 21,488.

As of Jan. 17, the official one-tenth reporting date to the state, EMU's undergraduate enrollment was 16,632, nearly a 5 percent increase over the 1988 opening undergraduate enrollment of 15,901.

Opening graduate enrollment this year declined almost 10 percent to 5,042 students, compared to last year's 5,587 students.

Total credit hour production is 211,603, a 2.2 percent increase over the 1988 figure of 207,009. Undergraduate students have enrolled for 186,874 credit hours, representing a 4.3 percent increase over 1988's 179,219 credit hours. Graduate student credit hour production has declined 11 percent, to total 24,729 hours compared to last year's 27,790.

New freshman student enrollment increased 2 percent, from 193 to 197, while undergraduate transfer student enrollment increased 34 percent, from 674 to 906 students.

The total number of returning undergraduate students, as of the one-tenth date, was 15,483, an increase of 467 students or 3 percent over 1988.

By class, seniors account for the largest number of undergraduate students at 5,378, followed by sophomores with 3,889; juniors with 3,777; and freshmen at 3,539.

Women continue to outnumber men at EMU, totaling 12,836 students or nearly 60 percent of the student body. Men students number 8,838 or 40 percent.

# Ojala loves 'going on stage' to teach each day

By Kathy Manning

More than 25 years ago, a college of education adviser told Eastern Michigan University's Dr. Carl Ojala, "You'll never be a teacher." Last month, Ojala received EMU's 1988 Distinguished Faculty Senior Teaching Award.

"I wanted to be a teacher for as long as I can remember," Ojala said. So, after graduating from high school he decided to apply to a teaching college 10 miles from his home in Massachusetts. The application process, however, included a personal interview.

"Apparently, I didn't do well at the interview, because one of the things the interviewer told me was that I would never be a teacher, and I was crushed," Ojala said. "Here I was, a kid (just) out of high school, 18 years old, and I'm nervous as hell. This is my big deal."

The question he suspects tripped him up was, "How well do you get along with your younger brother?" Ojala answered, "I don't know, he's my brother, I get along with him."

"I guess I was supposed to be an 18-year-old Freud," he joked.

Despite the adviser's dour prediction, Ojala did become a teacher, and according to students and colleagues, a very good one.

He was particularly pleased that students were involved in the nomination process for the Senior Teaching Award. "Coming from the students," he noted, "that's what this is all about."

Some of the qualities the students and faculty who nominated Ojala noted were his "well-organized,

well-prepared and well-presented lectures," "infusion of humor into his presentations," and his "ability to inspire his listeners to learn." Those qualities work together to create a classroom experience that his students affectionately call "The Carl Ojala Show."

Ojala has been teaching since 1967 when he was a teaching assistant at the University of Georgia while working on his doctorate. He was an instructor there in 1969, and in 1970, started his career at EMU as an assistant professor. He was promoted through the ranks at EMU and became a professor in 1981.

"I don't follow to any particular educational philosophy," Ojala said of his popularity with the students. "I make sure I know the material and then I just try to tell the class what I know about something. To me it's like going on stage every day. It's fantastic, I love it, I love going to class. I've got the greatest job in the world."

Another of the things Ojala finds enjoyable about his job is the idea that he's giving something to the students. "When those people walk out the door after 50 minutes, I can tell they learned something. They take a little bit of me away with them," he said.

He speaks fondly of the students who stop by to say goodbye when they graduate, many of whom tell him they'll always remember him. "One guy was going back to Italy, a foreign student, and he said, 'I'm not sure if I'll ever see you, but I'll remember you.' Cripe, that almost brought tears to my eyes," Ojala said.

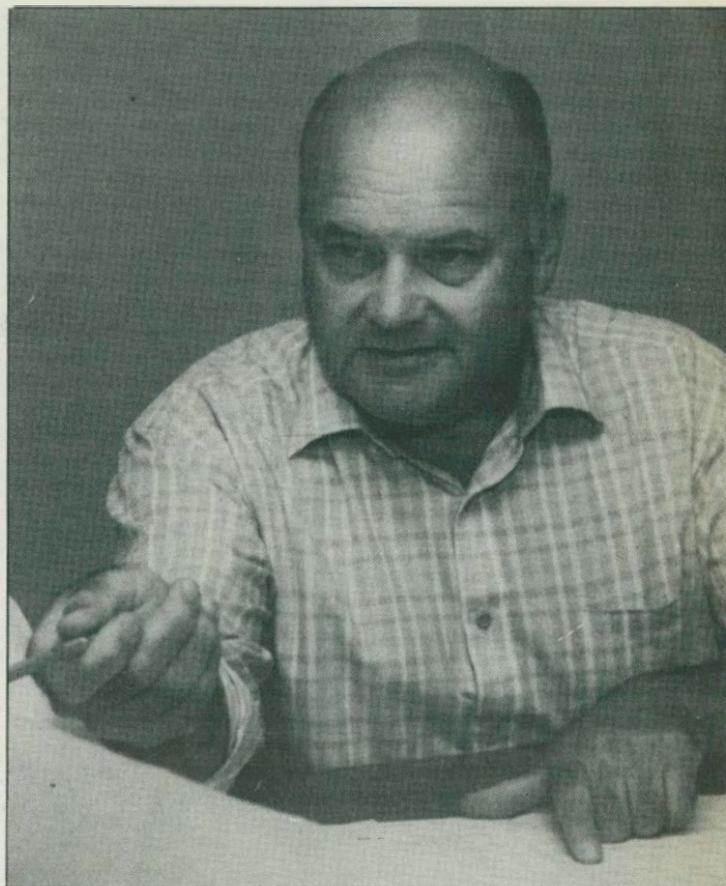
Ojala tries to be the kind of teacher he found in a mentor at U-G. "If I have anything in terms of position, Ph.D., and all that kind of stuff, I owe it to that guy," he said. "The going can get tough when you're working on a doctorate. He had faith in me when others didn't, encouraged me and built up my confidence."

In addition to teaching, Ojala has made a name for himself as a researcher in a relatively new field, sports geography. One study which gained national attention was a study of high school girls sports participation that was reported in numerous publications, ranging from Better Homes and Gardens magazine to USA Today. "That story got on the (Associated Press) wire and reporters called from all over the country," he said.

Another such study was a geographic comparison of football recruiting patterns in the Canadian Football League and the National Football League. Ojala is one of very few sports geographers in the United States, so his research receives "tremendous publicity," he said.

A recent speaking invitation which thrilled Ojala was from the Major League Baseball Hall of Fame, which asked him to speak at its 50th anniversary celebration. He will deliver a paper there on a new study he's involved with, the geography of major league baseball player production.

Outside of the University, Ojala has been a guest lecturer at local schools, clubs and organizations and is a member of the Livingston County Gifted-Talented Program



**Dr. Carl Ojala, recipient of EMU's 1988 Senior Teaching Award, always knew he'd be a teacher, despite the fact that a college of education adviser once told him to find another occupation. "Apparently I didn't do well at the (college admissions) interview," Ojala said.**

Advisory Committee. He also has served on numerous University committees.

An avid sports enthusiast, Ojala helped found the EMU ice hockey

team in 1976, as a self-supporting club member, and stayed on as managing editor until 1978. He also has been involved in his son's and

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# Elly Wright says teaching is her 'final career'

By Debra McLean

Eastern Michigan University's Eleanor Wright, associate professor of English language and literature, didn't fall into teaching in the usual way. She was 55 years old when she joined EMU's faculty in 1979 and she had never taught a university course.

Less than 10 years later, however, Wright was named one of two 1988 Distinguished Faculty members at

EMU and received the University's Service Award for her many contributions outside of the classroom.

"I was so pleased to learn I had been nominated and felt really rewarded when I won," she said. "It's nice to feel that people I've contributed because I've certainly tried to."

Chief among Wright's extracurricular activities has been her development of a thriving internship program for journalism and

public relations students at EMU. The program's success is mainly attributed to the strength of Wright's professional contacts developed over 30 years of working in the field.

Wright's career, which really has been a succession of "mini" careers, has taken some odd twists and turns to bring her to EMU.

"I think I was probably one of the pioneers for women in public relations and journalism," she said. "I was always able to get a job and I never really felt discriminated against. I broke a lot of ground for women."

She began working fresh out of Northwestern University in 1945 when she joined the St. Louis Post-Dispatch as a "society reporter." "That's where women were relegated to in that day and age," she said, "but I was just happy to be working at a paper."

Wright was one of only six women on the major daily and stayed two years until she got married and moved to Trenton, N.J.

There, she did public relations work on the city's first Community Chest Campaign, a forerunner of the United Foundation. "They couldn't afford to pay me, so I worked with kids at night in a neighborhood recreation house to be able to afford to do what I really wanted during the day—the public relations," she said.

The Wrights then moved back to St. Louis where she wrote a column for five years for the Webster Advertiser, a local weekly. "I wanted to stay home and raise my daughters and this was something I could do while doing that," she said.

At that same time, Wright became active in the city's Women in Communications Inc. chapter and did a lot of volunteer public relations work for it. "In those days, the chapter had 11 members," she said. "Now it would have at least 200 or 300, so you can see how far women have come."

Wright then went to work for Barks Publications Inc. in St. Louis, where she served as assistant editor of a trade magazine for the electrical industry and editor of a national fraternity magazine.

When the Barks headquarters moved to Chicago, Wright stayed in St. Louis and continued her work on the electrical magazine and took on another fraternity publication.

She then joined the St. Louis County Observer, a 65,000-circulation weekly, as interim editor and didn't expect to stay long until a fire at the newspaper proved her worth as a "newshound" to its publisher.

"The first week I was there the paper had an enormous fire and I was there with my camera taking pictures," she said. "Then, I helped the publisher reconstruct from memory all the information I had put together for the next week's issue. We didn't miss a single issue because of the fire and he hired me as editor."

Wright stayed with the paper until 1975 when it went out of publication because it couldn't compete with the large suburban chains cropping up then.

Suddenly out of work, Wright took advantage of the 1976 Bicentennial celebration as a freelance public relations practitioner. She planned and orchestrated events around the Bicentennial theme for the Girl Scouts, the City of St. Louis and several other local groups. The events all proved so successful that her name made it through the grapevine to the offices of Fleischman-Hillard Inc., St. Louis's largest public relations firm.

"They offered me a magnificent job, and I accepted it," Wright said. "Then, my husband got offered a job in Detroit and we moved. I never even started work at Fleischman-Hillard."

In 1977, Wright went to work for Lawrence Institute of Technology as

an associate in its Information Services Office, where she developed a media relations program for the school. In yet another odd twist, however, she was fired one year later after asking her 26-year-old male boss for a raise. "I didn't know it, but he was the protégé of the chairman of the board and was only making \$4,000 a year more than I was," she said. "He told me off in a very sexist way for asking for a raise, and then he fired me."

Within a week, she was working for the suburban Detroit Observer-Eccentric newspaper chain as a roving editor, then she saw an ad for the EMU job. She applied, but didn't hear any reply.

"My procedure has always been to go to the top," she said. "So I drove over here and walked into (then English Department head) Milton Foster's office and said, 'Number one, I would like to know if you think I'm qualified to teach, and number two, I've been offered another job and I'd like to know if I should take it or not' and I got hired."

Now an associate professor teaching journalism and public relations, Wright said her EMU post is "my final career."

"I would never have been content to be a teacher early in my career because I wanted to get out and do all the things I had been taught to do in college," she said. "But now, the personal rewards of seeing the students benefit from what I know are great. This is my opportunity to give back to the profession all that I have gained from it."

The way she's giving back is a major one she's sending students with good skills into the work world. "There's no substitute for being inside a working organization and seeing that what they're learning in the classroom really has practical use," Wright said. "The kids who have

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EMU photo by Brian Forde

**Eleanor Wright, recipient of EMU's 1988 University Service Award, came into teaching late in her journalism/public relations career, but found she loves it and now and says, "This is my last career."**

**Wright**

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had internships get the jobs right away. It's essential to get these students some practical experience."

Wright finds most internships through the elaborate network of professional contacts she has maintained throughout her career.

"When you're teaching, it's essential to maintain professional contacts. I go to all the professional meetings because that's where the students will go to get jobs someday and I need to be on top of what's going on in the field."

Wright also advises more than 100 students each year by maintaining a strict open door policy. "My door is always open to students and the sign-up sheet for appointments is always full," she said. "Because I've had the experience of working in the field, I can direct them on what they need to get where they want to go and they know I know what I'm talking about."

In addition to seeking academic advising, many students go to Wright's office just to talk. "Sometimes I'm astounded at what some of them tell me about their personal lives," she said. "But I guess I represent a mother figure to some of them and they trust me. Then they go out and succeed and I just feel so rewarded."

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**Presidential candidates**

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W. Hereford Boys Clubs of Huntington, the West Virginia State Legislative Commission on Higher Education, the Board of Directors of the Tri-State Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America, the Board of Directors of United Way of the River Cities, the Board of Directors of Ronald McDonald House of Huntington, the Board of Academic Advisors of the American Institute for Foreign Study, the West Virginia Olympics Committee, the West Virginia Society of Washington, D.C., and the Council for Careers in Special Education.

Shelton, 44, earned a Bachelor of Science degree in history and political science from Memphis State University in 1967, a Master of Arts degree in American history from Memphis State in 1970 and an Ed.D. in higher education administration from the University of Mississippi in 1975. He also did graduate work at the Human Relations Institute at North Carolina State University.

He taught history, government, business, math and English at Olive Branch High School from 1967 to 1968 and served as principal of Oakland Elementary School from 1968 to 1970. He was an instructor in American history at Northwest Mississippi Junior College from 1970 to 1976 and served as director of student activities there from 1970 to 1974, administrative assistant for student development from 1974 to 1975 and administrative assistant for research and development from 1975 to 1976.

In 1976 he was appointed dean for student development and assistant professor of counseling at Henderson State University and in 1978 he was promoted to vice president for University Services. He has been vice president for institutional advancement and adjunct professor of marketing at Kent State University since 1985.

Shelton is secretary of the Kent State University Foundation, former

chairman of the Institutional Advancement Officers Committee of the Inter-University Council of Ohio, past president and director of the Kent Area Chamber of Commerce, vice chairman of the Board of Directors of Northeastern Educational Television of Ohio and member of the Council of University Relations and Development of NASULGC.

He is not related to EMU Regent Donald Shelton.

The five finalists will be invited to the EMU campus during the month of February for interviews with various campus constituencies and members of the Board of Regents. A decision on a new president for the University is expected to be made by the Board of Regents in March.

**Ojala**

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daughter's sports activities, travel-team ice hockey and softball, respectively. Travel team hockey meant "every week we went someplace else," he said. "It costs a lot of money, but I wouldn't have done it any other way. That was my kid, and I'm only gonna go around once with him so I'm gonna do it right." His son has since graduated, and Ojala now logs miles with his daughter, taking her to high school volleyball matches across the state.

"When it ends I'm gonna miss it," Ojala said. "I already miss the hockey stuff."

**CORRECTION**

The 1989 winter class schedule erroneously listed Spring Recess as March 31-April 2. The correct dates for Spring Recess are Friday, March 24, through Sunday, March 26.

**Openings**

To be considered for vacant positions, all Promotional Openings Application Forms MUST BE SUBMITTED 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, Feb. 8, 1989. Detailed job descriptions may be reviewed in Room 310 King Hall. Posting Boards across campus also highlight necessary and desired qualifications. Locations of these boards are main traffic areas in: King Hall, McKenny Union, Roosevelt Hall, Business and Finance Building, Sill Hall, Pray-Harrold, Rec/IM Building, Physical Plant, Mark-Jefferson, Hoyt Meeting Center, and the University Library.

**CLERICAL/SECRETARIAL**  
(Minimum Biweekly Rate)

**POSTING # CLASS/GRADE**

- CSAA89006 - CS-03 - \$500.40 - Clerk, Office of the Registrar
- CSAA89007 - CS-03 - \$500.40 - Secretary, Office of the Registrar
- CSAA89004 - CS-04 - \$555.56 - Secretary II, Academic Advising (Word processing experience and/or the ability and willingness to learn)
- CSAA89008 - CS-04 - \$555.56 - Library Assistant II, Learning Resources and Technologies/Library
- CSBF89003 - CS-04 - \$555.56 - Senior Account Clerk, Student Accounting
- CSAA89005 - CS-05 - \$627.81 - Senior Secretary, Division of Corporate Services (Word processing/electronic spreadsheet familiarity and/or the ability and willingness to learn)
- CSAA89009 - CS-06 - \$687.91 - Administrative Secretary, Learning Resources and Technologies/Library, Dean's Office (Word processing experience and/or the ability and willingness to learn)

**ADMINISTRATIVE/PROFESSIONAL/TECHNICAL**

(Biweekly Salary Range)  
PTBF89001 - PT-07 - \$821.76 - \$1,206.29 - Accountant II, Payroll

**FACULTY**

- FAAA89005 - Assistant Professor, Applied Piano, Music (Fall 1989)
- FAAA89006 - Assistant/Associate Professor, Mathematics (Fall 1989)
- LCAA89001 - Lecturer, Polymer Chemistry, Interdisciplinary Technology (Fall 1989)

**FOOD SERVICE/MAINTENANCE**

(Minimum Hourly Rate\*)  
FMSA89002 - FM-06 - 8.92/hr. - Cook, Food Service  
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**Research**

**College-Community Forums**

The Commission on the Bicentennial of the U.S. Constitution is accepting applications from colleges and universities for its College-Community Forums Program. The program is designed to engage college faculty, community leaders and citizens in public discussion of constitutional issues and stimulate them to gain a better understanding of the historical principles of the U.S. Constitution.

Local forums will be organized by colleges and universities, in collaboration with other education and public institutions. Forum programs will take place in town libraries, civic centers, or other public places (not necessarily on college campuses) and will be supported in part by Commission funding of up to \$5,000.

Proposals are due April 15, 1989. For further information, contact Cheryl Kozell at 7-3090.

**Events of the Week**

Jan. 31 - Feb. 6

**Tuesday 31**

- SEMINAR — Career Services will present a student teaching seminar, McKenny Union, 1:30 p.m.
- WORKSHOP — Counseling Services will present a workshop titled "Tips to Build Self-Confidence," 300 Snow Health Center, 3:30 p.m.
- MEETING — EMU Student Government will meet, Tower Room, McKenny Union, 5:45 p.m.
- MOVIE — Campus Life's Silver Screen will present "Presidio." Admission is \$2, Strong Auditorium, 8 and 10 p.m.
- COMEDY CLUB — The Office of Campus Life will present comedians Dennis Butler and Tommy Noland. Admission is \$2, Hoyt Dining Center, 9:30 p.m.

**Wednesday 1**

- WORKSHOP — Career Services will present a cooperative education orientation workshop for students interested in a spring, summer or fall 1989 co-op placement. To receive a co-op, students must attend a workshop. Call 7-0400 to sign up, 405 and 425 Goodison, 10 a.m.
- MEETING — UAW Local 1975 will hold an executive board meeting, Faculty Lounge, McKenny Union, noon
- MEETING — UAW Local 1976 will hold an executive board meeting, Huron Room, McKenny Union, noon
- TELECONFERENCE — The Office of Equity Programs will host a teleconference titled "Beyond the Dream" as part of Black History Month. Call 7-2133 for more information, Guild Hall, McKenny Union, 1-4 p.m.
- WORKSHOP — Career Services will present a career planning workshop using the Discover computer program. Call 7-0400 to sign up, 405 Goodison, 2 p.m.
- MEETING — The EMU Ski Club will meet, Tower Room, McKenny Union, 8 p.m.
- MOVIE — Campus Life's Silver Screen will present "Presidio." Admission is \$2, Strong Auditorium, 8 and 10 p.m.

**Thursday 2**

- WORKSHOP — Training and Development will present a workshop titled "Creating a Non-Defensive Atmosphere," 201 King Hall, 8:30 a.m.
- WORKSHOP — Career Services will present a career planning workshop. Call 7-0400 to sign up, 425 Goodison Hall, 1 p.m.
- WORKSHOP — Counseling Services will present a "Men Who Love too Much" support group, 300 Snow Health Center, 1:30 p.m.
- WORKSHOP — Counseling Services will present a "Survivors of Incest" support group, which meets weekly, 300 Snow Health Center, 3:30 p.m.
- MEETING — The Panhellenic Council will meet, Gallery II, McKenny Union, 5:30 p.m.
- LECTURE — The Office of Equity Programs will present Drs. Nathan and Julia Hare, who will discuss "Black Male and Female Relationships" as part of the Martin Luther

- King Jr./Cesar Chavez/Rosa Parks Visiting Lecture Series. Call 7-2133 for free tickets, Sponberg Theater, 7 p.m.
- MOVIE — Campus Life's Silver Screen will present "Presidio." Admission is \$2, Strong Auditorium, 8 and 10 p.m.

**Friday 3**

- MEETING — The Transition Council will meet, Gallery I, McKenny Union, 9 a.m.
- WORKSHOP — Training and Development will present an orientation workshop for new EMU employees, 201 King Hall, 8:30 a.m.
- 'FAST BREAK' LUNCHEON — A basketball "Fast Break" luncheon will be held featuring Head Coach Ben Braun and video highlights of past games. All-you-can-eat buffet is \$6 per person, Spaghetti Bender, Ypsilanti, noon
- TRACK — The men's team will host the EMU Open, Bowen Field House, 1 and 6 p.m.
- MEETING — The Interfraternity Council will meet today and Feb. 10, 17 and 24, Faculty Lounge, McKenny Union, 2:30 p.m.
- SWIMMING — The women's team will host Miami University, Olds 50-meter pool, 4 p.m.
- MOVIE — Campus Life's Silver Screen will present "Presidio." Admission is \$2, Strong Auditorium, 8, 10 p.m. and midnight

**Saturday 4**

- SWIMMING — The men's team will host Miami University, Olds 50-meter pool, 2 p.m.

**Monday 6**

- FORUM — A women's forum titled "Issues in a Black and White Women's World" will be presented as part of Black History Month. Call 7-2133 for more information, McKenny Union Ballroom, 3 p.m.
- WORKSHOP — Career Services will present a career planning workshop using the Discover computer program. Call 7-0400 to sign up, 405 Goodison, 3 p.m.
- MEETING — The Enrollment Conversion Committee will meet, Regents Room, McKenny Union, 3:30 p.m.
- MEETING — The Residence Hall Association will meet, Main Lounge, McKenny Union, 4:30 p.m.
- MINORITY GRADUATE SCHOOL FAIR — As part of Black History Month, a graduate school fair will be held for minority students. Call 7-2133 for more information, Walton-Putnam Hall, 5 p.m.
- WORKSHOP — Career Services will present a resume preparation workshop for education majors. Call 7-0400 to sign up, 405 Goodison, 5:15 p.m.
- LECTURE — Sociologist and educator James Dorsey will speak on "Black Survival in Higher Education" as part of Black History Month. Call 7-2133 for more information, Goodison Hall Lounge, 8 p.m.