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Picked to finish last this year, Eagles in 4th place in the MAC

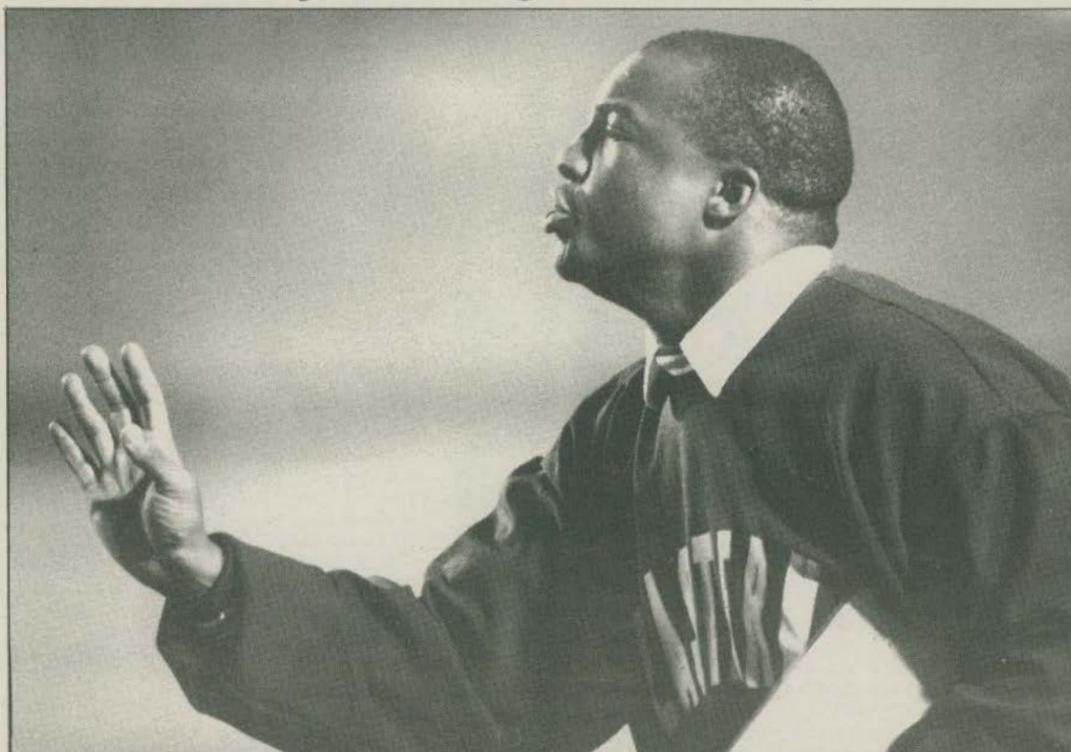
Although they lost Saturday 21-20 to Western Michigan, the Eagles are still holding on to fourth place in the Mid-American Conference, despite pre-season predictions by the MAC media that Eastern would finish last in the league this year.

Saturday's crowd of 22,309 fans was the third largest for Rynearson Stadium, approaching the stadium record of 24,622 set against Central Michigan in 1990.

Saturday's loss to the Broncos broke a four-game winning streak for new Head Coach Ron Cooper, who is now 4-3 overall and 3-1 in league play for his inaugural season as an intercollegiate head coach.

"Coop's Crew" will play at home again this Saturday, Oct. 30, when they host Ball State University. They'll go on the road after that to Akron (Nov. 6), return to Rynearson Stadium for Ohio University (Nov. 13) and finish the season on the road at Toledo (Nov. 19).

The EMU defense is still earning its stripes on the national



Head Coach Ron Cooper has given EMU football fans a thrilling first season as head coach, taking "Coops Crew" all the way to fourth place in the Mid-American Conference, despite pre-season predictions by members of the MAC media that the Eagles would finish the season in a dismal 10th place.

scene, with the rushing defense ranked 15th and the total defense in 17th place. Several EMU players also have several top performances on the MAC charts this season with quarterback Michael Armour's 24 pass completions against Western Illinois (Sept. 18) ranking second and Craig Thompson's 88-yard kickoff return for a touch-down against Temple (Sept. 9) ranking tops in the league.

Vashone Adams' 57-yard interception return for a score at Miami (Oct. 2) also ranks as the best this season.

The winner of the Mid-American Conference this year will go to the Las Vegas Bowl Dec. 17, which pits the winning MAC team against the Big West Conference winner.

For tickets to this Saturday's game vs. Ball State, which begins at 1 p.m. at Rynearson Stadium, call 7-2282.

Next Game
Saturday, Oct. 30
Ball State at Rynearson
1 p.m.
For tickets, call 7-2282

CAMPUS CAPSULES

Next 'Breakfast of Champions' is Nov. 17

The next Intercollegiate Athletics Department "Breakfast of Champions" in support of women's athletics will be Wednesday, Nov. 17, beginning at 8 a.m. in McKenny Union's Tower Room.

It will feature coaches of women's athletics programs, who will discuss their strategies for the current and upcoming seasons.

Wednesday, Dec. 8, in Guild Hall. The breakfasts cost \$6 each and will run from 8 to 8:50 a.m., with doors open at 7:30 a.m.

For reservations, call Carol Carrico, at least two days prior to the event, at 7-1330.

Tax Deferred Annuity Info Meetings Planned

The Benefits Office will sponsor two informational meetings Wednesday, Nov. 10, from 9 to 11 a.m. and 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. in McKenny Union's Main Lounge to explain EMU's two tax deferred annuity programs.

All employees with at least a 50 percent appointment are eligible to participate in either the TIAA-CREF or Kemper Advantage III tax deferred annuity program. Representatives from both programs will be present to explain their options.

The IRS allows employees to save a portion of their income through tax deferred plans, thus reducing their taxable income. Taxes do not have to be paid on the savings or its earnings until they are received as income after retirement.

To learn more about these investment options, call the Benefits Office at 7-3195.

Design Show Scheduled For Ford Gallery

The American Center for Design 100 Show will be on display Wednesday, Nov. 3, through Wednesday, Nov. 24, in Ford Gallery.

The show will feature 100 design exhibits, chosen by three jurors. Both designer and juror comments are a part of the exhibition. Jurors included Neville Brody, a London designer; Karrie Jacobs, a freelance editor; and Jeffery Keedy, director of the California Institute of the Arts' graphic design program.

An opening reception for the exhibit will be Wednesday, Nov. 3, from 4 to 7 p.m. in Ford Gallery.

Gallery hours are Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

For more information, contact the EMU Ford Gallery at 7-0465.

USA Today Offers Cash Prizes To Top Students

EMU's Office of Public Information has nomination forms for USA Today's 1994 All-USA Academic Team, featuring the nation's best and brightest college students.

Nationwide, 60 students will be chosen, based on outstanding academic or intellectual ability. Criteria also includes leadership roles on and off campus.

Twenty members of the first team will receive \$2,500 cash prizes and be guests at a special luncheon.

Faculty are invited to nominate qualifying students with forms available at 18 Welch Hall.

For more information, call Carol Skalski at (703) 276-5890.

Health Care Option Open Enrollment Starts Nov. 1

EMU's annual open enrollment for health care will begin Monday, Nov. 1, and run through Friday, Nov. 19. Coverage will take effect Jan. 1, 1994.

This enrollment period will allow employees the opportunity to change their health plan carrier or make eligible member additions and deletions.

For more information, call the Benefits Office at 7-3195.

AOD Workshops Set For Nov. 3 and 10

Faculty and staff are invited to one of two alcohol and other drug curriculum infusion workshops set for Wednesdays, Nov. 3 or 10, from noon to 1:30 p.m. on the fifth floor of the Rec/IM.

For more information or to register, call 7-2226.

Teaching and Learning Research Program Set

The Collegium for Advanced Studies will host a presentation titled "Research on Teaching and Learning Program: First Year Experiences and Future Directions" Wednesday, Oct. 27, at noon in the Starkweather Hall conference room.

Speakers will be Dr. Stuart Karabenick and Dr. Jan Collins-Eaglin, co-directors of the project.

Guests should bring a lunch.

Music Department Plans Faculty Recital

The Music Department will present the first in its Faculty Recital Series Tuesday, Nov. 9, at 8 p.m. in the Recital Hall of the Alexander Music Building.

The recital will feature Professor Rodney Hill on flute and Associate Professor Anne Gajda on piano; Professor C. Nelson Amos on guitar; Assistant Professor Daniel Foster on violin and Associate Professor Diane Winder on cello; and Professor Dady Mehta on piano.

The concert is free.

EMU Hosts Third Annual Powwow

EMU will host its third annual Powwow beginning at 11 a.m. Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 30-31, in EMU's Bowen Field House.

Sponsored by EMU's Multicultural Center, the Powwow features Native American drum and dance competitions and sales of Native American foods, fine arts and crafts. The theme of this year's Powwow, "Honor the Anishinabe," comes from the Algonquian term meaning "original people."

Dancers in the Honor the Anishinabe Competition Powwow will compete in different categories determined by sex, age and type of dance performed. First, second and third place winners in all categories will receive cash prizes.

Event organizers estimate that 300 individuals from throughout the United States will compete in the Powwow's dance contest, which is open to all interested people. Registration for the dance competition is \$5.

Admission is \$6 for adults, \$3 for students and senior citizens, and free for children. Grand entry times are 1 and 7 p.m. Saturday and 1 p.m. Sunday.

For more information, call 7-2377.

Second Bei Dao reading planned

EMU will present a second poetry reading featuring Bei Dao, a well-known Chinese poet and EMU's 1993 McAndless professor in the humanities, Friday, Nov. 12, at 7:30 p.m. in the Alexander Music Building Recital Hall.

The reading will feature Clayton Eshleman, EMU professor of English language and literature, who will present a bilingual poetry reading using Bei Dao's work as well as that of Duo Duo and Gu Cheng. Eshleman is the recipient of the 1979 National Book Award in Translation.

Bei Dao most recently was a runner-up for the 1993 Nobel Prize in Literature and is considered the most important Chinese poet of the second half of the 20th century. In Beijing in the early 1970s, he and other poets rejected social realism and began writing poetry that was highly subjective and, at times, surreal. The group was criticized by the Chinese government as "obscure" and "misty," labels they immediately and ironically embraced.

Bei Dao said his work requires that he lead a "double life," one in which he is both immediately involved in the problems of his country and at the same time

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Bertha Chester

By Wilandrea Blair

Bertha Ann Chester follows her mother's philosophy, which teaches that positive results come from positive thinking. As a recipient of EMU's Presidential Scholarship, Chester is living proof that mother knows best.

Chester, daughter of Barbara Chester of Lansing, didn't know what to expect from the scholarship exam, but she remained confident that she would do well.

"I wasn't too nervous. I figured I'd do pretty well if I just stayed calm. I tried to stay positive and that also helped," she said.

The honor student from J.W. Sexton high school was just getting home from school when she received the call from EMU that she had won. "I was pretty sure that they would call, but when they did I was very happy. My family was really happy," she said.

Chester considered attending the



University of Michigan and Michigan State before deciding on EMU. U-M and MSU simply didn't offer what Chester was looking for as a college

freshman, she said.

"From visiting the campus, I knew I liked EMU the best. It's a mid-size campus and you can find spots where it's small enough where (faculty and staff) know who you are," she said. "It's not like other schools with huge campuses."

Participating in EMU's Honors Program and extracurricular activities will round out Chester's college experience while she works toward a degree in biochemistry. Chester played baritone in marching, symphonic and jazz bands in high school and would like to become involved in musical programs at EMU. Eventually, she would like to become a research scientist.

"I was in a summer program and I saw what scientists were doing. It looked like fun and what you did there was making a difference. I want to help make a difference and have fun too," she said.

She suggests that future high school graduates should concentrate on taking advantage of what is offered

in high school and also specialty programs offered through different organizations. "During my high school years, I attended many summer programs that helped me tremendously," she said.

Chester has participated in several programs including the Dimensions program, which focuses on writing, The Young Scholars' Michigan Mathematics program at MSU, and the Lansing Community College Scholars program, which taught labs in physics and engineering.

Maintaining the required 3.5 grade point average for the Honors Program at EMU isn't a concern for Chester, who is looking forward to the challenge the program provides.

"I would like to continue my tradition of academic achievement in honors programs as I have in previous educational experiences," she said. "In return, I would offer the University Honors Program a student who will maintain the tradition of academic excellence throughout her college years."

The best and

The 11 students featured on these pages are from Michigan and Ohio who have been awarded an academic award, the Presidential Scholarship.

Valued at \$32,000 each this year, the scholarship supplies for four years of undergraduate study.

This is the first year EMU has awarded 11 Presidential Honors Program, a special academic talented students.

High school seniors receive each year to complete grade point averages and scores on the American

Approximately 230 students took a faculty-designed exam for the awards. The top 30 scorers on that exam from which these 11 winners were chosen. In addition, panel looked for students who were well-rounded in their communities.

Ermelinda Harper

By Kirk Carman

Most students who win EMU's Presidential Scholarship react with shock, surprise and disbelief. and White Lake's Ermelinda Harper is no exception.

"The (scholarship) examination reminded me of the Scholastic Aptitude Test with all of the different sections," Harper said. "Overall, I would say the examination was extremely difficult in certain sections," she added.

Harper, daughter of Margaret Schulte of White Lake, views her future education at EMU and her professional career as a road built from past experiences and goals. "I dream of my ultimate destination and the many side trips I will take," she said. "I have set some solid professional goals and I want to acquire a wide knowledge of various subjects, from which I hope to choose a challenging field where I specialize in order to provide the public with the best services possible. I want to be viewed as inspirational as I continue my quest to change apathy to

interest."

Harper, who maintained a 4.0 grade point average throughout high school, has received numerous academic awards including the Biology Student of the Year Award, the Presidential Academic Fitness Award, Madame Curie Award, a Society of Woman Engineers Award, the Outstanding Junior Math and Science Student Award and an Award of Excellence from the Detroit Free Press Writing Contest. Harper also was valedictorian of her graduating class at Waterford Kettering High School.

Recently acquainted with EMU's campus, Harper finds the University to be "very interesting with many friendly faces and personalities." Having completed advanced placement courses in English, chemistry, biology and calculus, Harper's 15 credit hour fall schedule is comprised of numerous upper level and honors courses.

Still undecided about her academic major, Harper is considering a career in biology. She hopes her time at



EMU will include more than just academics, including a position as staff writer for the student newspaper, the *Eastern Echo*, and as a volunteer at local hospitals. "I also hope to get

involved in EMU's Student Government, which will strengthen my communication and organizational skills," she said. "Leadership positions are crucial because they promote valuable and fundamental skills. Public awareness is essential."

Throughout her academic and educational activities, Harper has learned that the secrets to success are motivation, dedication and hard work. "However, there must be a spark to ignite the flame of desire," she said.

As part of the Presidential Scholarship, Harper also has been accepted into EMU's Honors Program, a special and rigorous course of study for academically talented students. "I believe that EMU's Honor Program may be that spark," Harper said. "The small classes and stimulating environment are its key assets. Throughout my high school career, I have been true to my goals. I know I will continue to exhibit this dedication in EMU's Honors Program."

Madhu Srirama

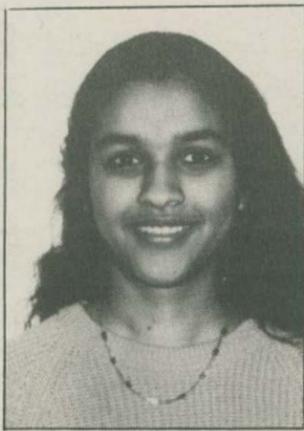
By Wilandrea Blair

Madhu Srirama never expected to win EMU's Presidential Scholarship award. She didn't even learn about the scholarship until one day before the application was due and her expectations were lowered even further after she took the faculty-designed examination used to select winners.

"I thought there's just no way I'm going to make it. It was really hard. I blindly guessed on the chemistry section. I was just filling in the blanks," she said. "I thought there would be no chance of making the top 30. I was really happy when I found out I had won."

Her parents, Mandyar and Malini Srirama of Ann Arbor, and her high school counselor encouraged Srirama to make EMU her first choice for college. Her teachers tried to persuade her to attend the University of Michigan where she also was accepted. In the end, EMU won out.

"U-M is a really big school. I didn't want to go to a really big school and I wanted something close to home. I know some people who went there and they said that you can get a really good education. I always thought of going to EMU, even



without the scholarship," she said.

Aside from the challenging premedical degree that Srirama intends to pursue through EMU's Honors Program, she already has a full schedule of extracurricular activities planned that will keep her busy.

"I have been studying Indian dance

for over 10 years (and) have given more than 90 performances. I did 14 performances this summer. I will

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continue to teach and perform dance," Srirama said. "I also will be coaching academic games at a middle school."

Srirama considers her participation in Indian dance and academic games her greatest extracurricular achievements.

"My involvement with academic games has gone back about five years. There are five games that are played, Equations, On-Sets, Linguistic, World Card and Presidents. The game that I have spent most time on is Presidents," she said. "In essence, I can give 41 detailed biographies of the presidents from memory."

While being involved with these activities in high school, Srirama also was a member of the Activities

Council, Science Olympiad, the Recycling Committee and the International Club. In addition to her summer dance performances, Srirama received a scholarship from the Warner Lambert Co. to spend a part of her summer in Ecuador.

"I stayed with a host family and learned about the culture. It was a really interesting experience. I learned how to deal with a lot of different situations," she said.

Srirama credits her interest in academics and different activities to her parents who have consistently stressed academic excellence. Despite being one of only 11 recipients for the EMU scholarship, Srirama remains very modest about her achievements.

"I don't think I've really excelled academically. I mean, I think I'm smart, but I don't think that I've excelled," she said.

Srirama is looking forward to participating in the EMU Honor's Program and isn't overly concerned with maintaining its required 3.5 grade point average.

"I'm not really worried about it. I really want to try to do my best at EMU. I plan to work hard," she said.

during his senior year helped him prepare for the rigors of a four-year college.

"I really (didn't have to study too hard) in high school, but attending the community college showed me I had to study," he said.

Hershberger said he would advise other high school students to concentrate on more than grades and classes. "A high school education is only enhanced by social and extracurricular activities," he said, noting that he kept busy by participating in golf, baseball, quiz bowl, cheerleading, forensics, drama club and several other organizations.

Hershberger is interested in communication because he aspires to be a sports announcer. If this doesn't happen, however, he's still optimistic about his future.

"If that job doesn't open up, I know I will have a good education to fall back on," he said.



in high school. He also thinks that taking classes at a community college

Tisha Rezabek

By Kirk Carman

Tisha Rezabek of Medina, Ohio, had a good feeling after she completed taking the examination that determined if she would win EMU's Presidential Scholarship.

Rezabek's good feeling turned into feelings of excitement and happiness when she learned she was one of the 11 recipients of the award this year.

Rezabek, daughter of Joseph and Mary Rezabek of Medina, thought the examination, designed by EMU faculty, was similar in structure to the Scholastic Aptitude Test. "I found the examination to be challenging and grueling but when I finished it, I felt as if I had truly accomplished something," she said.

"After I was called back for the interview, it only took about three weeks for them to notify me that I had won," Rezabek added. "I was relieved and content but overall I would have to say that I felt exceptionally happy." Rezabek knows her 16 credit hour course load this fall will keep her busy, but she believes time manage-



ment is the key to success. Main point average at EMU and engaging in extracurricular activities, Rezabek philosophy performs

Jonathan Moodie

By Kirk Carman

Hard work, determination and motivation are the factors Jonathan Moodie of Kettering, Ohio, combined to become one of EMU's Presidential Scholarship winners.

Moodie, son of Danny and Carolyn Moodie of Kettering, said he was more than just excited when he discovered he had won. "Winning the scholarship is a tremendous honor and I feel very proud," Moodie said.

Throughout high school, where he maintained a 3.8 grade point average, Moodie enrolled in as many honors classes as possible and also attended classes at the University of Dayton on a part-time basis. Moodie was a member of the national Honor Society, received an academic varsity letter every year of high school and was awarded a Knights of Excellence Award for the subject of English. He also served as a senior senator for the United Student Body.

Moodie's artistic flair also was displayed throughout high school as staff member of the Aerie high school literary magazine for three years.



serving as the art/poetry editor.

Planning to major in chemistry program at EMU, Moodie always been fascinated

Krisztina Ujvagi

By Wilandrea Blair

Because she was out of town, Krisztina Ujvagi had no way of knowing if she was one of the 11 recipients of EMU's Presidential Scholarship. When the sealed envelope arrived to her parent's home, she instructed her father not to open it until she got home.

The news was good. Ujvagi has been more than 200 top high school seniors for the four-year, full-ride scholarship.

"I felt confident. I really enjoyed the exam. It was fun," Ujvagi said.

An honors graduate from Notre Dame Academy, Ujvagi is planning to work toward a degree in business and German and pursue a career in international business. And that is just the beginning of her list of goals.

"Once my career is settled, I hope to marry and raise two children. As I am interested in foreign languages and I am extremely connected to my Hungarian heritage, I hope to live in a bilingual home, perhaps even on two continents. I wouldn't mind becoming an ambassador to Hungary," she added.

Her interest in business stems from her family. Her father recently started an import/export business with Hungary. "I've been in a business atmosphere all my life. It's everywhere," she said.



Ujvagi, the daughter of a Hungarian family from Toledo, credits her parents, self-motivated quality college preparer high school for her success. She looks forward to continuing that academic excellence at EMU.

"It was either EMU or Toledo, but I want to be here. Being even 45 minutes

Ryan Hershberger

By Wilandrea Blair

A competitive spirit, optimism and hard work proved to be the perfect combination that added up to Ryan Hershberger winning the Presidential Scholarship.

Hershberger, who plans to major in communication, expected the exam from his performance on the exam. He found it to be very difficult except for the sections covering history and political science, but he tried to remain optimistic about the outcome. Apparently, his optimism paid off.

"I had my parents take me out to dinner and I quit my job at the local food mart," Hershberger said, of the night he found out all of his college expenses would be paid.

He had been working at the food mart to help pay for college, but with the financial pressures gone, he was able to dedicate more time to enjoying

this summer, which meant dedicating more time to golfing.

He liked EMU after his first visit, he said, because of its small, personable campus. Although his high school was very small, with a graduating class of 28, he wasn't interested in going to a big university.

"The campus is attractive. Everything I need is right here. I looked at the University of Michigan, but the campus was all over town," he said.

He is concerned about maintaining the required 3.5 grade point average to qualify for the scholarship and membership in EMU's Honors Program, but he still hopes to participate in golf and forensics at the University.

Hershberger attributes his motivation to succeed to the friendly rivalry among his close friends who competed with him for the best grades

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As a member of Medina High's Drama Club and Marching Band, Rezabek met many people and learned valuable communication and organizational skills. "I was crew head for the play 'Man of La Mancha,' which I'm very proud of," she said.

While she is currently undecided about her academic major, Rezabek is considering a career in microbiology. "I hope to obtain my undergraduate degree from EMU and would like to eventually work on creating medicines and finding cures for diseases," she said.

Future goals for Rezabek include "a decent career, a productive marriage and children." She also would like to do some work with the Peace Corps before all of that. "I feel a need to use my knowledge to help others," she said.

As a member of EMU's Honors Program, Rezabek hopes to apply her intelligence and intellect. "I hope to take as many Honors course as possible because they seem to be more fun and meaningful," she said.

basic mechanism and desire to expand our boundaries of knowledge in the biochemistry field," he said.

Moodie's enthusiasm and skill for science was displayed as a high school freshman, when he won first place in a science fair for his project on osmotic growth and when he later earned a superior rating at the District and State Science Fairs.

Moodie has been a Boy Scout since the age of 7 and attained the rank of Eagle Scout in 1991. He also was elected to the Order of the Arrow by his fellow Scouts, where he served as Lodge Secretary and Lodge Chief.

Moodie is excited about spending his college days on EMU's campus. "I think EMU's campus is really beautiful and has a great layout," he said.

Moodie hopes to achieve success at EMU through what he calls a "complete education. I have taken the difficult route since the beginning of my education and I have no intention of straying from that path now," he said.

to me," she said. "EMU's campus was nice and I liked the Community of Scholars (a special residence hall of honors students). I'm really excited about being a part of the Honor's Program. I hope to take advantage of all the opportunities available."

Ujvagi admits that winning the scholarship made her decision to attend EMU much easier.

She suggests that future high school graduates should take advantage of activities offered in their schools. Ujvagi was a sophomore class secretary, junior homeroom representative, and German club President. For her senior project, in which seniors intern with a business for a week, Ujvagi found herself working at the White House.

"I contacted five places and two were in Washington, D.C. Both called back and said, 'We'd love to have you.' I chose the Office of the First Lady. I got to meet the First Lady and see President Clinton leave in a helicopter on my last day," she said.

Ujvagi is now concentrating on the new challenges that she will face at EMU, including the rigors of the Honor's Program and maintaining the required 3.5 grade point average.

"I haven't worried too much yet. I'm trying not to worry. Hopefully, I'll accomplish what I'm here to do," Ujvagi said.

Amy Jockett

By Kirk Carman

As valedictorian of Central Catholic High School's 1993 graduating class, Amy Jockett of Toledo, Ohio, reached what she thought would be the highest possible academic goal of her educational career. Little did she know she would eventually top this achievement by winning one of EMU's prestigious Presidential Scholarships.

"When I was taking the (scholarship) examination, I knew I was doing well on some parts and not so well on others," Jockett said. "The examination was a culmination of numerous subjects including math, science, history and music. A wide knowledge of information was obviously what was required to win."

"Ecstatic!" is how Jockett describes how she felt when she discovered she had won. "I was truly amazed I did as well as I did," she said. "Winning the scholarship was a complete surprise to me."

Jockett, daughter of Richard and



Joan Jockett of Toledo, believes high school is a time for learning, experiencing, living, growing and accomplishing. "Academically, I have

always tried to accomplish as much as possible," she said.

Jockett was named on Central Catholic's honor roll every semester of her high school career and was a member of the National Honor Society. She was the recipient of the Who's Who of American High School Students award for three years and was named a Xerox Scholar by the Xerox Corp. Jockett was a member of student government, served as vice president of student council and was an active member of the Spiritual Commission, the Pep Club and the student standards committee.

Jockett hopes to continue her academic success and involvement in extracurricular activities while at EMU. "I hope to play an active role in EMU's Student Government and also participate in EMU's theater program. I love drama and hope to get involved behind the scenes," she said.

In terms of a career, Jockett said she is interested in business market-

ing. "I plan on going to graduate school and eventually becoming a

"Academically, I have always tried to accomplish as much as possible."

marketing executive for a major corporation," she said.

As a member of EMU's Honors Program, Jockett realizes she will have to be an extremely dedicated and committed student. "I am ready to accept the responsibilities of EMU's Honors Program and all it demands of me. I have the ambition, the determination and the experience not only to fulfill all of the obligations of the program but to hopefully add my own character and spirit to it," Jockett said.

Kelly Yeager

By Kirk Carman

When Kelly Yeager first learned about the Presidential Scholarship, she was a little reluctant to try out for the prestigious award.

Yeager decided to compete with the more than 200 students who apply for the scholarship each year, and, in the end, it paid off.

Yeager said the exam was difficult and challenging. "After the examination was over and I thought about it, I realized I answered most of the questions comfortably," Yeager said. "Often, we tend to underestimate ourselves when placed in a competitive situation."

Yeager, daughter of Kay and Ellie Yeager of 1832 Center Drive in Temperance, considers one of her biggest accomplishments during her career at Bedford Senior High School to be graduating in the top 10 of her class. "There were times when I

thought I wouldn't graduate in the top 10," Yeager explained. "When report cards were distributed and I realized I had gotten a 'B' in a class instead of an 'A-', all I could think of was, 'Will this grade make the difference of being in the top 10 or falling just short of the mark?' Each time that occurred I resolved myself to work a little harder and, in the end, the extra effort helped me achieve my goal."

In addition to achieving academically in high school, Yeager also excelled in terms of extracurricular activities. She was a member of the National Honor Society and the marching and symphony bands. During her final semester, Yeager participated in a show put on by Bedford High, which she found exciting and fulfilling.

"Performing on stage is one of my greatest personal accomplishments to date," she said. "I had always dreamed of being in a show, but I was



always too nervous or scared to try. I had only a few lines,

but it felt good to know that when I was speaking, everyone in the audience was paying attention to me and nobody else. I'm glad that I can now say I've had my 15 minutes in the spotlight, literally."

While Yeager is presently undecided about a specific major, she is interested in pre-medicine and psychology. "I am hoping that my first few years of college will help me make a decision that is best for me," she said. "I plan to keep up my grades and, hopefully, graduate from EMU with honors."

Yeager plans on involving herself in areas other than just academics at EMU. "My ambitions are numerous, including working for the student newspaper, the *Eastern Echo*, participating in a music ensemble, getting involved in EMU's theater department and possibly performing on stage again," she said.

Matt Rainson

By Kirk Carman

Matt Rainson believes trying new activities and setting new goals are the keys to getting the most out of one's education as well as one's life. As a recipient of EMU's Presidential Scholarship, Hartland's Rainson certainly put his philosophy to the test.

Rainson, son of Thomas Rainson of Hartland and Ellen Urda of Ann Arbor, had no idea how he fared on the comprehensive scholarship examination when he finished taking it. "I found certain sections of the examination to be easier than others," he said. "I knew I could have done better on the examination but until I did was a total mystery to me until I learned I was one of the finalists."

Once Rainson discovered his scores on the exam were good enough to qualify him as one of the 11 recipients of the scholarship, he felt a variety of emotions and feelings. "I was happy, surprised, satisfied and relieved," he said. "I really felt honored because through EMU's Presidential Scholarship, I will be able



to continue my education, securing my future goals."

While Rainson is still undecided about a major at EMU, he is remaining open-minded. "I am confident that something (a field of

study) will hit me if I continue to take classes in a broad range of subjects," he said.

"EMU's campus (is) full of friendly and informative people. I was very impressed with McKenny Union."

Because he'll have to maintain a 3.5 grade point average as a requirement for the scholarship, Rainson realizes he'll have to keep grades a top priority as he plans his life at EMU outside of the classroom. "Maintaining my grade point average will be balanced along with any extracurricular activities I may engage in," he said.

Activities outside of the classroom may include participating in EMU's theater productions. "In addition, I would like to continue my study of the

French horn and piano and take voice lessons as well," he said.

Rainson's love for arts, drama and music originated in high school where he studied French, was a member of the French National Honors Society and the historian of the French Club. He also was a member of the high school band for three years. He was cast in eight school plays and was editor of the school newspaper.

Having just recently become acquainted with EMU, Rainson finds EMU's campus to be "full of friendly and informative people. I was very impressed with McKenny Union," he added.

Accepted into EMU's Honors Program as part of the scholarship, Rainson hopes he will meet students with similar interests and the same commitment to education he has. "In the Honors Program, I will commit myself to upholding its high standards, working towards becoming an important and valuable asset to the Honors community and to EMU," he said.

Monica Lenhard

By Wilandrea Blair

Before taking the faculty-designed competitive examination for EMU's Presidential Scholarship, Monica Lenhard wasn't worried a bit. After all, she hadn't exactly decided where she was going to college, so she figured taking the exam couldn't hurt. "I figured, 'What the heck!'" she said.

Of course, after she was notified that she had been one of this year's 11 winners of the four-year, full-ride award valued at \$32,000, her enthusiasm increased quite a bit. "I was really 'geeked,'" Lenhard said. "I was at a conference when my family found out. They all came down to the conference with balloons and everything. It was pretty cheesy, but they were really excited and so was I."

Winning the scholarship wasn't the sole reason for her selection of EMU. "I wanted to go away to school. EMU gave me the opportunity to go to school without worrying about financial matters and I could concentrate on grades and still participate in extracurricular activities. After going there for orientation, I really liked the school," Lenhard said.

An honor graduate of Warren

Woods Tower High School, Lenhard is looking forward to pursuing a degree in political science and was once considering law as a profession, although now she's having second thoughts.

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"I wanted to be a lawyer, but now I'm not so sure. I'm really interested in government and the political scene. Political science was just the natural choice," she said.

Lenhard, daughter of William and Elizabeth Lenhard of 28393 Bunert St., attributes her academic success to encouragement from friends and family and plain old hard work.

"My parents have pushed for grades and, for the past six years, all of my friends and I have been in the same classes. We were all in the honor's classes and participated in the



same activities. I wouldn't call it competition. It's natural to want to be a leader when your friends are leaders too," she said.

Lenhard showed her leadership abilities through participation in several organizations including being president of her school's National

Honor Society, vice-president for Student Congress and student representative for Warren's Board of Education and the National Association of Student Councils conference.

She also performed on the stage in school musicals and on the tennis court as a member of the All-County and All-Conference teams for several years. Lenhard hopes to remain as active and involved in extracurricular activities while being in EMU's Honor's Program, but she is concerned about maintaining the required 3.5 grade point average.

"It makes me nervous. I'm apprehensive about the first semester. I'm not sure how it's going to go. I'm really going to concentrate on grades and if I get higher than a 3.5 the first semester, then I'll know I can handle more," she said.

Lenhard strongly suggests to college bound high school students that they try to balance the good grades with some extracurricular activities.

"Get involved, but stay focused on what you're there for which is your education," she said.

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removed enough to provide the distance his work requires. Speaking out against his government is "more personal, the duty of a citizen and a human being," he has said, while "the duty of a poet" is to remain detached and observant.

Bei Dao, who has lived in exile since China's 1989 Tiananmen Square uprising, has had various fellowships, typically working in Chinese departments at universities. At EMU, he has been sitting in on classes, giving poetry readings and meeting with Faculty and staff interested in his work.

The EMU reading is funded in part by Poets & Writers Inc., through a major grant which it received from Lila Wallace-Reader's Digest Fund. This event also is made possible by a grant Poets & Writers received from the Lannon Fund.

The reading is free and open to the public.

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RESEARCH

Research Programs on Alcohol-Related Problems

The National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA) has announced two programs for research on alcohol-related issues.

The first, *Biomedical and Behavioral Research on Alcohol and Women*, invites applicants to study the health, biomedical, behavioral, psychosocial and other consequences of alcohol consumption on women; identify risks and protective factors; and develop more effective identification, treatment and prevention strategies. Research may address etiologic factors, including cellular and molecular mechanisms, unique neurobiological, hormonal and behavioral vulnerabilities, incidence, prevalence and natural history of alcohol-related medical consequences; identify risk factors and markers that predict development of alcohol dependence or enhanced vulnerability to specific alcohol-induced organ or tissue damage; examine gender differences in the interaction of genetic, individual and environmental factors; document barriers to diagnosis, intervention and treatment specific to women; and develop and test more effective intervention strategies to prevent and treat alcohol-related problems among women across their lifespan.

The deadline for this program is Jan. 12, 1994.

The second, *Health Services Research on Alcohol-Related Problems*, provides funding for research and research training to improve the accessibility, efficiency and effectiveness of services for alcohol-related problems. Topics include the impact of innovative financing and reimbursement approaches on the quality, cost effectiveness and supply of treatment and prevention services, as well as demand for and barriers to services; organization and management factors in treatment and prevention services that encourage or impede effective service linkages and delivery; the adequacy and appropriateness of treatment and prevention services to meet the needs of different populations; and development and assessment of criteria to classify and measure objectives, components and processes involved in major types of services delivery.

NIAAA also is interested in projects that improve the quality of prevention and treatment services; determine the effectiveness of behavioral interventions aimed at alcohol problems, such as worksite programs; identify health service factors and individual characteristics influencing access, adherence or responsiveness to treatment or prevention; and determine the extent to which subsequent reductions in health care costs offset service costs.

Letters of intent must be filed for this program by Dec. 20, 1993. The application deadline is Jan. 24, 1994.

For more information on either of these two programs, please contact Dorothy Spurlock at the Office of Research Development, 7-3090. Please use the appropriate program title for reference.

OPENINGS

To be considered for vacant positions, all Promotional Opening Application Forms MUST BE SUBMITTED directly to the Employment/Affirmative Action Office and received no later than 4:45 p.m. on the expiration date. **NOTE: LATE OR INCOMPLETE FORMS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

The Employment/Affirmative Action Office announces the following vacancies. The expiration date for applying for these positions is Monday, Nov. 1, 1993. **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-Harrod, Rec/IM Building, Physical Plant, Mark Jefferson, Hoyt Meeting Center, Dining Commons I, University Library, Pierce and the Owen College of Business.

Vacancy information also may be obtained by calling our 24-hour Jobs Line at 487-2462. Employment/Affirmative Action office hours are Monday - Friday 9 a.m. to 4:50 p.m. TDD phone number is 487-0127.

EXTERNAL APPLICANTS MAY SUBMIT AN INITIAL APPLICATION TO OUR CS AND/OR FM POOL. ONLY INTERNAL APPLICANTS MAY BID ON A SPECIFIC POSITION.

CLERICAL/SECRETARIAL
(Minimum bi-weekly salary)*

CSEX9402 - CS-04 - \$611.25 - Data Control Clerk I, University Computing

CSBF9409 - CS-04 - \$611.25 - Data Entry Clerk II, 50%, Parking and Paving

CSAA9409 - CS-05 - \$690.71 - Senior Secretary, World College. Word processing experience and/or ability and willingness to learn. Proficiency in Spanish, French or German desirable. (Repost)

CSEX9403 - CS-06 - \$753.27 - Senior Benefits Clerk, Benefits Office. Word processing, database and spreadsheet experience and/or ability and willingness to learn.

*The pay rates stated above reflect the probationary rate for a newly hired EMU employee. Current bargaining unit members will be paid according to pay rates specified by the current UAW 1975 and AFSCME contracts.

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Hiring Workshop Planned - The Employment/Affirmative Action Office will offer a workshop for EMU hiring authorities and departmental secretaries to review the process for hiring regular, temporary or contract employees Thursday, Nov. 11, from 9 to 11 a.m. in McKenny Union's Tower Room. It will look at new "step-by-step" procedures and reference materials available as guides to efficiently move through the hiring process. To register for the workshop, contact Training and Development at 7-4249 and ask for program #M3093. People who have attended a similar E/AA Office workshop in the last six months need not attend.

EVENTS OF THE WEEK

Oct. 26 - Nov. 2

Tuesday 26

WORKSHOP - Career Services will present an introduction to career planning workshop. Call 7-0400 to register. 425 Goodison, 2 p.m.

WORKSHOP - Counseling Services will present a workshop on building self confidence. Call 7-1118 for more information. 300 Snow Health Center, 3:30 p.m.

MEETING - AFSCME Local 1666 will meet. Founders Room, McKenny Union, 4 p.m.

WORKSHOP - Career Services will present a resume writing workshop for teacher candidates. Call 7-0400 to register. 405 Goodison, 5:15 p.m.

MEETING - Women in Communication will meet. Reception Room East, McKenny Union, 6:15 p.m.

RECITAL - The Music Department will present a faculty recital. For more information, call 7-4380. Recital Hall, Alexander Music Building, 8 p.m.

Wednesday 27

WORKSHOP - The Center for Instructional Computing will present a workshop on UseNet News. For more information or to register, call 7-1347. Location to be announced, 10 a.m.

MEETING - The College of Education Council will meet. Gallery I, McKenny Union 2 p.m.

WORKSHOP - Career Services will present an advanced interview/job search strategies workshop for education majors. Call 7-0400 to register. 405 Goodison, 5:15 p.m.

Thursday 28

WORKSHOP - The Center of Instructional Computing will present a workshop on Microsoft Access for Windows. To register or for more information, call 7-1347. Location to be announced, 10 a.m.

TELECONFERENCE - The Graduate School and the FCIE will co-sponsor a GEM Teleconference titled "Graduate School: The Role of the Advisor." For more information, call the Graduate School at 7-0042. 311 Library, 1 p.m.

WORKSHOP - Career Services will present a career planning workshop using the Discover computer program. Call 7-0400 to register. 405 Goodison, 2 p.m.

MEETING - The EMU Gospel Choir will meet. Guild Hall, McKenny Union, 8:30 p.m.

Friday 29

LUNCHEON - The EMU Quarterback Club will hold its fifth luncheon of the football season. The cost is \$8 per person and table sponsorships are available. For more information, call 7-2282. Ballroom, McKenny Union, noon

RECEPTION AND INFORMAL DISCUSSION - A reception will be held for Rikki Ducornet and Mary Caponegro, featured writers in the English Language and Literature Department's Writers Living and Alive Series. For more information, call 7-4220. Multicultural Center, 1:30 p.m.

VOLLEYBALL - The EMU team will host Miami University. For more information, call 7-0317. Bowen Field House, 7:30 p.m.

WRITERS SYMPOSIUM - The Writers Living and Alive Series will present American fiction writers Rikki Ducornet and Mary Caponegro reading their literary works. Call the English Language and Literature Department at 7-4220 for more information. Tower Room, McKenny Union, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday 30

CROSS COUNTRY - The men's and women's teams will compete in the Mid-American Conference Championships. For more information, call 7-0317. Mount Pleasant, 11 a.m.

FOOTBALL - The EMU team will host Ball State University. For ticket information, call 7-2282. Rynearson Stadium, 1 p.m.

SOCCER - The EMU team will play at Spring Arbor College. For more information, call 7-0317. Spring Arbor, 1 p.m.

VOLLEYBALL - The EMU team will host Ohio University. For more information, call 7-0317. Bowen Field House, 3 p.m.

Monday 1

WORKSHOP - The survivors of childhood sexual assault support group will meet today and every Monday of the month. Counseling Services, Snow Health Center, 3 p.m.