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'ISIS' student information system is almost ready for full implementation

By Debra Fitzgerald

Implementation of EMU's long-awaited Integrated Student Information System, which promises to change the way virtually every campus office does business, is picking up steam and should be well underway by 1995.

Members of the ISIS Steering Committee, which is overseeing implementation, met with the campus community last week to provide updates on the project. Ann Kettles, director of records, registration and advising, and chair of the steering committee, reminded the audience that ISIS is much more than a University Computing project.

"This is a University-wide endeavor, it's not a University Computing endeavor, because the information belongs to all of us and will be used by all of us," she said. "We look to University Computing

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for leadership, but it involves all of us."

ISIS is a huge collection of computer programs and data bases representing hundreds of screens and hundreds of computer programs on the University's mainframe. When fully implemented, it will provide instant, University-wide access to information on classroom scheduling and management, Housing contract processing,

room equipment, student billings, Registration, Financial Aid and numerous other areas.

In explaining the system's functionality and benefits, Kettles used student financial holds as an example. Currently, students who owe the University money for past semesters are prohibited from registering until the bills are paid; however, after a student pays, it takes at least one day for that information to get on the University's billing system and be forwarded to Registration, so when the student finally does register the desired course sections often are full. "With ISIS," Kettles said, "financial holds can be lifted much quicker than one day and students won't find classes filled."

Another example involved classroom scheduling. "Department heads will be able to call up a

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Homecoming '93 to be a discovery of EMU 'magic'

EMU will celebrate its 1993 Homecoming Thursday through Saturday, Oct. 7-9, with various activities scheduled around the theme "Discover the Magic."

Highlighting the celebration will be EMU's annual Homecoming Parade through downtown Ypsilanti Saturday at 2 p.m. beginning at Michigan Avenue and Huron and traveling west to Hamilton Street, then north to Cross Street before turning west to conclude at McKenny Union. The parade is co-sponsored by EMU and the Ypsilanti community and will feature a \$1,000 top prize for best float.

The weekend's activities actually will begin at the EMU Huron Golf Club with the James R. Applegate Golf Endowment Day Thursday, Oct. 7, at noon. Honoring Applegate, an EMU alumnus

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CTA plans its own reunion

The Department of Communication and Theatre Arts will host a "Celebration of Excellence" reunion of alumni from the college, particularly highlighting former members of EMU forensics teams over the past 20 years, during Homecoming weekend, Oct. 8-10, at EMU and the Radisson on the Lake Resort in Ypsilanti.

The reunion will celebrate 20 years of excellence in competitive speaking at EMU, which began when the forensics team won its first national championship in 1973. Since then, EMU has had 10 national team championships, more than 20 Michigan championships and more than 50 individual champions.

Approximately 150 alumni and friends are expected to

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Next Football Lunch Is Before Homecoming

EMU's next Quarterback Club Luncheon will be Friday, Oct. 8, at noon in the McKenny Union Ballroom, preceding EMU's Homecoming football game vs. Kent State University.

The luncheons are held the afternoon before each of EMU's home football games where Eagle fans can meet with Head Coach Ron Cooper and ask about the upcoming games.

Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs Jim Vick, who helped coordinate the luncheon series, hopes they'll draw community as well as faculty/staff interest in EMU football. "One of the main focuses of the luncheons is to generate interest in EMU football," Vick said. "We hope we'll get folks not only from the EMU crowd but from the greater community."

All luncheons will be at noon in the McKenny Union ballroom according to the following schedule: Friday, Oct. 22, before EMU vs. Western Michigan University; Friday, Oct. 29, before EMU vs. Ball State; and Friday, Nov. 12, before EMU vs. Ohio University.

Tickets for each luncheon are \$8 per person and are available for advance purchase at Eastern's Athletic Ticket Office in Bowen Field House. Tickets also may be purchased at the door and through table sponsorship for \$64 per table per luncheon, or \$400 per table for all six luncheons. All table sponsors receive eight tickets per luncheon.

For more information, call the Athletic Ticket Office at 7-2282.

Benefits Office Sponsors Pre-Retirement Seminars

The Benefits Office will sponsor two pre-retirement seminars for all Administrative/Professional and Professional/Technical employees, and Police Officers and Sergeants, age 45 and over, who are enrolled in the Michigan Public School Employees Retirement System (MPSERS).

The meetings will be held in the McKenny Union Main Lounge Tuesday, Oct. 19, at 9 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

Each session will cover the importance of preparing for retirement and provide an overview of the MPSERS Retirement Plan.

Please call the Benefits Office at 7-3195 to register for one of the sessions.

Supplemental Annuity Assistance Available

EMU offers its staff and faculty the opportunity to invest in a tax deferred annuity by selecting either TIAA-CREF Supplemental Retirement Annuity (SRA) or Kemper Advantage III. Representatives from both TIAA-CREF and Kemper are available for on-campus visits on alternating Wednesdays throughout the year.

Rochelle Cummings, participant counselor at the TIAA-CREF Detroit Branch Office, and Carol Ross, of the Comprehensive Planning Group, schedule their own appointments for individual sessions designed to assist faculty and staff in making the most of their retirement savings.

To schedule an appointment with Cummings, call the TIAA-CREF office at 1-800-842-2044; to schedule with Ross, call (313) 424-8440.

EAP Support Services Are Still Available

One of EMU's employer provided benefits is its Employee Assistance Program (EAP), which is provided by the Jernberg Corp. in Worcester, Mass., and is available for use by EMU's faculty, staff and family members at no cost.

Jernberg Corp. provides comprehensive, confidential assessment, referral and follow-up services to assist employees in identifying and resolving personal problems such as substance abuse, relationship issues, stress, emotional difficulties, marital and family conflicts and financial concerns.

In addition to providing help with a serious problem, the EAP is available for consultation, education and support about a variety of concerns.

The EAP can be reached through its toll-free Helpline at 1-800-343-3028, Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. - 8 p.m. and Friday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Emergency assistance is available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

Grad School Seeks Award Submissions

The Graduate School currently is seeking submissions and nominations for Scholarly and Artistic Recognition Awards. The due date is Friday, Oct. 15.

Scholarly Recognition Awards are made to full-time faculty for works produced within the past year, including books, monographs and journal articles.

Artistic Recognition Awards are given to full-time faculty or staff and may include creative writing,

video production, musical production, etc.

To apply, submit two copies of the work, or contact the Graduate Dean's Office for review of a live performance.

Recipients receive a certificate, a \$100 award and will be recognized at the Faculty Awards Ceremony in winter 1994.

Questions may be directed to Dr. Jeanne Clerc at 7-0042.

Research Funds Available Through Graduate School

All full-time tenure track faculty are encouraged to consider applying for Graduate School Research Awards for which they are eligible.

Awards include Sabbatical Leaves, Faculty Research and Creative Project Fellowships, Spring/Summer Research Awards and Graduate School Research Support Funds.

Deadline dates for applications to be submitted to the departments are: Sabbatical Leaves, Nov. 1; Faculty Research Fellowships, Nov. 15; Spring/Summer Research Awards, Nov. 30; Graduate School Research Support Funds, Feb. 1, 1994.

Guidelines for applying for awards are available in Starkweather Hall, first floor and remain unchanged from 1992.

For assistance in developing or reviewing a proposal, call Dr. Jeanne Clerc at 7-0042.

Red Cross Plans Campus Blood Drive

The American Red Cross will hold campus blood drives Oct. 11-15 in Downing Hall from 1 to 7 p.m. and Oct. 12-13 in Hoyt Hall from 3 to 9 p.m. Blood will be drawn on a walk-in basis.

Students carrying heavier class loads

While EMU's opening enrollment declined by 2 percent or 533 students this fall, the number of credit hours students for which students have enrolled dropped by less than a percent, indicating a higher classes-per-student ratio than that of last fall.

As of Sept. 13, 1993, EMU's official enrollment reporting date to the state, 24,600 students had enrolled in fall classes at EMU. This represents a decrease of 533 students or 2 percent when compared with last year's opening fall enrollment of 25,133. Student credit hour production, however, dropped by only 1,794 hours, from 247,105 to 245,311, or by 0.7 percent, showing that EMU students are taking more classes this semester.

According to EMU Associate Vice President for University Marketing and Student Affairs Courtney McAnuff, the enrollment decline was expected due to the smaller freshmen class sizes of the last few years. But, McAnuff said, the increase in EMU's first-time freshmen this fall, from 2,229 to 2,329, is "a very positive indication" of student interest in the University.

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McAndless Professor and poet Dao uncomfortable with role as dissident

By Debra Fitzgerald

When student demonstrations erupted into violence in 1989 in China's Tiananmen Square, Chinese poet Bei Dao never dreamed his writing would become a symbol for the young people who died there.

"Poets don't think of themselves as political," said Dao, who is at Eastern Michigan University this semester as the Distinguished McAndless Professor in the Humanities. "My feelings (about Tiananmen Square) are very complicated."

While Dao admits his early work in the 1970s had a political theme, he wrote it during a calmer period in China's history, a less dangerous period. When his nation's young people embraced his work a decade later as a symbol for their reform movement, Dao, who was out of China when Tiananmen Square erupted and has not been allowed to return since, found his life change overnight.

"My work from the '70s was political, but 10 years later, the political situation was much more complicated," he said. "I don't believe in revolution because in the last 100 years in China there have been too many revolutions. I agree with the whole movement for reform and change, but I worry that if the students push it too rapidly, too many of them will get hurt because I know the government will use force. They are so young. They haven't got the experience to know this."

And still, Dao does not consider himself a spokesperson for China's reform movement. "I give talks in many countries to criticize the government because they killed so many young people, but I am not a political figure," he said. "I'm a poet and sometimes I think I'm very weak. I'm not a strong figure at all."



His work, Dao said, 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 removed enough to provide the distance his work requires.

Speaking out against his government is "against his duty of a citizen and a human being," he said, while "the duty of a poet" is to remain detached and observant.

Dao, the pen name of Zhao Zhenkai, is by most accounts the most important Chinese poet of the past 50 years, frequently mentioned as a possible recipient for the Nobel Prize for Literature. Born in Beijing in 1949, he grew up under the turbulence of Mao Tse-tung. In China, Dao says, poets either work for the Chinese government or are opposed by it.

"You have to make a choice," he said. "You are either official or, if you're not, you're an outsider and you are opposed." Dao chose to be an outsider.

An underground magazine he edited in the 1970s, *Jintian* (today), became a major cultural force for the democratic movement just

beginning at that time. Three collections of his work have been published in English by New Directions, "August Sleepwalker" (poetry), "Waves" (stories) and "Old Snow" (poetry).

Since going into exile in 1989, Dao has lived in seven countries, Germany, Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Holland, France and, now, the United States. He has had various fellowships, usually working in Chinese departments at universities. At EMU, he is a guest of the English Language and Literature Department through its "Writers Living and Alive" series.

"It's a new experience to be in an English department and it's a very big challenge," said Dao, who worries about his English speaking skill though it is highly conversational. "I'm very happy to learn about American literature in English," he added. "I knew some, but of course I learned it in Chinese and it's never the same."

Dao is sitting in on classes at EMU, will give two poetry readings and will meet individually with people interested in his life and work.

He laments the apparent decline in interest in poetry, occurring not just in the United States, but worldwide, he said. "No poet is popular today - known by a lot of people - because it's a commercial culture," he said. "Poetry has a very small circle of readers and it's always getting smaller. I worry about that."

Dao fears that as people lose their interest in poetry and literature, they'll lose their own cultures. "Maybe I'm wrong, I don't know," he said. "But many professional people only pay attention to their professional area and they may have lost their sense of life, feeling, instinct - their culture and tradition."

"People only see the material

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WEMU's Montreux Jazz broadcast sets record

WEMU (89.1 FM), EMU's public radio station, produced a record-setting broadcast of the 1993 Montreux/Detroit Jazz Festival Sept. 3-6 which was carried by 72 public radio stations in 29 states.

WEMU has been involved with the festival since it began in 1980, recording and producing a local broadcast. In 1984, WEMU produced the first national broadcast and has been doing so every year since.

Linda Yohn, WEMU's music director, co-anchored the evening broadcast which featured jazz legends Joe Williams and Dave Brubeck. The 72 public radio

stations represented an average quarter hour listening audience of more than 150,000 people. Stations in Florida and Hawaii were among those who carried the festival for the first time either live or through tape delays. Last year's festival was carried by only 39 NPR stations.

WEMU is a listener supported NPR affiliate with a format of jazz, blues and local news in addition to NPR programming. The broadcast area covers eight counties which include Washtenaw, Wayne, Oakland, Livingston, Monroe, Lenawee, Jackson and Lucas (Ohio).

Music Department plans full schedule for October

A piano recital, featuring faculty members in the Music Department, will be presented Sunday, Oct. 3, at 4 p.m. in EMU's Alexander Recital Hall as the first of several music events scheduled in October.

The recital will feature EMU Professor Joseph Gurt on piano, Assistant Professor Daniel Foster on violin, Associate Professor Diane Winder on cello and student Deborah Stearns on viola.

The EMU Symphony Orchestra and University Chorus will perform Sunday, Oct. 17, at 4 p.m. at Saline High School, 7190 Maple Rd. in Saline. The recital will be conducted by Dr. Leonard L. Riccinto and EMU Assistant Professor

Kevin Miller.

The EMU Jazz Ensemble, conducted by EMU Assistant Professor David Woike, will perform Thursday, Oct. 21, at 8 p.m. in Alexander Recital Hall.

A faculty recital, featuring Associate Professor Anne Beth Gajda on piano, Assistant Professor Donald Hartmann singing and Associate Professor Willard Zirk on horn, will be held Tuesday, Oct. 23, at 8 p.m. in Alexander Recital Hall.

All of the October events are free and open to the public.

For more information, contact Kristy Meretta in EMU's Music Department at 7-2255 or 7-4380.

Classic 'To Kill a Mockingbird' will be CTA's October show

The Department of Communication and Theatre Arts will present Harper Lee's "To Kill A Mockingbird" Friday through Sunday, Oct. 8-10, and Thursday through Saturday, Oct. 14-16, in EMU's Quirk Theatre.

Directed by EMU Assistant

Professor Wallace Bridges, "To Kill A Mockingbird" shows racial injustice in a courtroom drama contrasted with childhood innocence. For Scout, a young girl growing up in a quiet southern

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screen and find out immediately if a specific room is available at a specific time and even what kind of equipment is in that room, projectors and so forth," she said.

At the same time, she added, the ISIS system, though available throughout campus, will provide much tighter security for protected records than the University has now by using private access codes similar to 24-hour banking machines.

Al McCord, executive director of University Computing, began the update briefings with a historical look at the ISIS project.

"It's a common perception at the University that ISIS is a project that has been worked on for a decade," he said. "It was talked about 10 years ago, but it was not until 1986 that (a contract was established to purchase ISIS) and it wasn't until 1990 that the first implementation of the system occurred."

Implementation was impeded by several factors, he added, including a main frame that was too small to run the complicated application, computing staff already assigned to other projects and special funding needs that had to be addressed.

"We did explore abandoning the system and purchasing something else, but found that the cost of installing another system would have been \$3 million more than we're paying to implement ISIS. This system represents the most cost-effective approach," he said.

The final price tag for ISIS will

be about \$12 million, of which all but \$3 million was funded by the reallocation of existing funds.

At that price, McCord noted, ISIS is still something of a bargain. "Student information systems are very expensive because it impacts, literally, every area of the University," he said. "They are probably the most expensive project a university can undertake in information technology." Michigan State University, in fact, recently installed ISIS on its campus for a cost of about \$25 million.

Finally, ISIS committee members outlined various timelines for implementation, which call for Registration, grade reporting, student academic histories and degree audit to be done through ISIS by winter 1995; Financial Aid and Accounts Receivable by fiscal year 1995-96; and Housing by fiscal year 1994-95.

The next big milestone for the project will be getting faculty and staff trained to make the best use of it. "It's very important to remember that when (University Computing) is done with this, it's going to be yours," said Joy Garrett, ISIS steering committee member and user specialist. "You're going to be the ones using it, so you'll have to learn how it works. Everyone at the University needs to start thinking about the fact that we're moving to a new system and we will have to analyze current office procedures to see if we're all 'working smart.'"

In conclusion, McCord noted that when ISIS is fully implemented, University Computing

won't be facing a shortage of major projects to move on to. "Once we're through with this, we can do

a human resources system and a comprehensive budget planning system," he said. "There's a lot more to be done."

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attend the weekend's activities.

Other activities will include special performances of the long-running Broadway play "Love Letters," featuring guest performances by EMU alumnus Dann Florek of NBC-TV's "LA Law" and "Law and Order"; his brother Dave Florek, also an alumnus currently starring in the new ABC-TV series "Grace Under Fire"; alumnus Dennis Cockrum, who was in both the film and television versions of "Uncle Buck"; and alumnae Theresa McElyee, currently starring in the Obie Award-winning off-Broadway play "Jeffrey" in New York City.

"Love Letters" is unrehearsed and features two characters reading letters to each other over a 20-year period in which they never realize they're in love. It will be performed in the Quirk Building Ross Theatre.

Cockrum is scheduled to perform "Love Letters" Thursday, Oct. 7, with his high school drama teacher, EMU alumnae Gloria Logan of the Plymouth-Salem schools, at 5 and 8 p.m.; Dave Florek and McElyee will perform it Friday at 5 p.m.; EMU emeritus faculty members Bob McElye and Thelma McDaniels will perform "Love Letters" Saturday at 1 p.m. followed by Dann Florek and his wife, former actress Karen Florek, who will present it at 3 p.m. The above performances may be changed pending the professional performance schedules of the actors.

The reunion weekend also will feature dedications of the Frank Ross Lab Theatre, Everett Marshall Room and Janice Apsey Trophy Case in the Quirk Building. The renovations of these student facilities and construction of the trophy case were made possible by donations to the department's "Campaign '93" fund-raising effort,

which included a recent phonathon that generated \$43,000 in pledges over 10 evenings.

Other activities Friday will include:

A CTA faculty autographed book sale in the afternoon at the Quirk Building; an alumni welcome and registration in the Quirk Theatre lobby from 4 to 7 p.m.; a reunion gift scramble at 4 p.m. at the Huron Golf Club; a reception and "reminiscing party" from 6 to 8 p.m. at George's Huron Inn in Ypsilanti; the play "To Kill a Mockingbird" at 8 p.m. in Quirk Theatre; and an Alumni Comedy Showcase from 8:30 to 10 p.m. in Sponberg Theatre, featuring alumnus and Los Angeles-based comic Michael Bailey.

Saturday's events will include a Continental Breakfast of Champions from 8 to 10 a.m. at the Radisson Hotel; the golf scramble continued at 8:30 a.m.; the dedication of the Marshall Room and Apsey Trophy Case at 11 a.m. in Sponberg Theatre; a CTA Homecoming Brunch from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Quirk building; and campus tours held throughout the afternoon.

Other events Saturday will include a College of Arts and Sciences Tailgate Party at 4:30 p.m. in Rynearson Stadium preceding EMU's Homecoming football game vs. Kent State; and a Spotlight Reception and Awards Ceremony from 7:30 to 11 p.m. at the Huron Golf Clubhouse.

Interested EMU Forensics alumnus should RSVP to Jean L. (Stopke) Doheny, 828 Edgewood, Royal Oak, Mich., 48067, or call (313) 399-0536.

Room reservations at the Radisson can be made by calling 1-800-333-3333. To qualify for the discounted rate of \$75 per night, participants must mention they will be attending the EMU Forensics Reunion. Check-in is Friday at 3 p.m. and check-out is Sunday at noon.

Beaudette works well with alumni because he's one of them

By Becky Minsley

When George Beaudette graduated from EMU in 1963, he didn't imagine himself becoming the director of Eastern's Alumni Relations. Thirty years later, however, Beaudette is the alumnus who brings back the alumni.

"I think that being an alumnus really helps with this job," Beaudette said. "I'm fortunate because I know a lot of the people. I go back through the names of alumni and there are a lot of old familiar names that pop up, and I call those people personally."

Director of Alumni Relations since 1990, Beaudette's job involves keeping Eastern alumni active and interested in the University. With a list of approximately 90,000 alumni members, though, keeping them all active and interested is no simple task. While much of Beaudette's work focuses on Eastern's four major annual alumni events — the Alumni Awards Dinner Dance honoring various Eastern graduates, the alumni golf outing, the alumni Yuletide activity, and annual Homecoming festivities — staying in-touch with alumni also involves a lot of personal contact.

"You pull people back to Eastern very gently," Beaudette said. "What I have found more than anything is that people who were involved while they were on campus — whether it was in fraternities, sororities, athletics, journalism, theater, band, anything extracurricular — are easier to get back because they have a definite interest in coming back and participating in certain activities. We try to offer a variety of activities, hoping to hit a nerve, so to speak, that will interest each individual in coming back to campus."

That "variety" in activities is exactly what Beaudette hopes will draw alumni to EMU's 1993 Homecoming Oct. 9. With events including reunions, luncheons, tailgates, performances and dances, Beaudette aims to interest alumni

with a broad range of tastes.

"I think the thing that I am most excited about is the diversity of activities we have for Homecoming this year," he said. "Although the football game is the primary event, we're trying to center not only on the football game because a lot of people just aren't interested in football."

"The Communication and Theatre Arts Department, for example, is having a big reunion of their national championship forensics teams and we're expecting about 100 to 150 people to come back for that," he continued. "We're also doing a tailgate party through the College of Arts and Sciences, trying to get the departments in that college to sponsor little activities to meet the different interests of students when they are on campus."

Exactly how many alumni do come back for Homecoming? The University's goal is to bring at least 5,000 alumni back for Homecoming each year. Last year's approximately 4,300 alumni who attended left the university just short of its goal, but with a promising new football coach and a wide variety of Homecoming activities planned, Beaudette anticipates meeting it with no difficulty this year.

"A lot of it depends on weather," he said. "That is why we try to schedule homecoming early in the year. The year before last we had well over 5,000 alumni at Homecoming. Last year, we ran into a bad weather day and the team wasn't doing very well, therefore the numbers were down. In a university the size of Eastern we should be able to fill that stadium. There is a Mid-American Conference formula for alumni attendance that we use and we feel we have been successful in meeting that goal. But we haven't been able to reach that milestone of getting 10,000 or 12,000 back. A lot of it really depends on how well the football team is doing."

Not surprisingly, Beaudette's office spends months preparing for

the one fall weekend when thousands of alumni return to campus. Homecoming plans begin the first week in June with weekly meetings of the "Town and Gown" committee, a committee of approximately 45 people from the Ypsilanti and University communities.

"Anyone who wants to be on the committee can be on it. The committee is a jump start to figure out who is going to do what, and it allows people to come back later and let us know what they've done," Beaudette said.

Overall, Beaudette estimates that a total of 50 to 75 people help plan each Homecoming.

For Beaudette, the most challenging aspect of his position lies not in planning events like Homecoming, however, but in encouraging certain alumni to become active.

"I think the hardest part of the job is getting people back to the campus that were not involved when they were here, which is thousands of people. A lot of times I'll get answers from people who say, 'I wasn't involved while I was on campus. Why should I get involved now?' That is very hard for me to swallow because I think, sure, they paid for their education. But isn't there something that the University gave them? Whether it is a particular college they were involved in, or a roommate, or a play they remember, or a ball game, something that they can feel proud enough of to come back and say, 'Yes, I'm an EMU graduate.'"

One of the new ways Beaudette avoids non-participation by future alumni is by giving recent graduates a free one-year membership in the Alumni Association.

"I think that the free one year Alumni Association membership for recent graduates is the best thing we've done in quite a while. Recent graduates just spent a lot of their money on tuition, room, board and books, and then the first call that they get from their institution is asking them for money (to join



EMU photo by Ralf Lang

Director of Alumni Relations George Beaudette says convincing EMU's thousands of graduates to come back as active alumni isn't always easy. "People who were involved while they were on campus are easier to get back because they have a definite interest in coming back," he said.

the Alumni Association). There is just no way unless you were independently wealthy from the start. So we have tried to stay away from calling recent graduates. We give them the free membership, we let them see the Connection magazine and the Eastern Today. We have them come back and see some of the activities and see that the University is still for them, and then we hope that down the road those kinds of things will pay off," Beaudette said.

When Beaudette isn't working with Eastern's alumni, he's likely to be found on the golf course. Describing himself as a "golf addict," Beaudette has scored an impressive five holes-in-one in his golf career. The links aside, however, Beaudette happily admits that his work is really the biggest part of his social life.

"A lot of my personal life is a lot of my job," Beaudette said. "I am a people person and my job allows me to meet all kinds of people and go to all kinds of activities, whether they are athletics, music, or the arts. It does my heart good to see some of the alumni who have not been back here for 10 or 15 years when they come back. They go into some of the buildings and they see the College of Business and the Rec/IM and all of the improvements. People are just awestruck that it is no longer 'little Eastern.' We're a major university. No matter where I go, people know about Eastern Michigan University."

"I think that people know my heart is really with Eastern and that sets the example for a lot of the alumni. They can say, 'Hey, Beaudette graduated from Eastern. You know he really wants to see it do well.'"

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and former collegiate golfer who currently is president of Gary Player Design Co. in Palm Beach Gardens, Fla., proceeds from the day will benefit an already established endowed scholarship fund for members of EMU's golf team.

The cost to participate in the shotgun start tournament is \$100 per person or \$500 per corporate sponsor, which includes four golfers and tee recognition.

To register or for more information, call Tom Pendlebury, EMU golf coach and director of golf operations, at 7-2441.

Homecoming events Friday, Oct. 8, will include the Forensics Alumni Golf Scramble at 4 p.m. at the Huron Golf Club; a Step Show, sponsored by the Black Alumni Chapter, at 8 p.m. in Bowen Field House; a Comedy Spotlight performance from 8:30 to 10 p.m. in Sponberg Theatre; and music, food and competitions to be held throughout the evening at the Recreation Center Lakehouse.

Homecoming day, Saturday, Oct. 9, will begin with a variety of activities in connection with the EMU Forensics Team reunion, including the Forensics Alumni Golf Scramble at 8:30 p.m. at the Huron Golf Club and the dedication of the Marshall Room, Ross Lab Theatre and Trophy Case in memory of Janice Apsley at 11 a.m. in Sponberg Theatre.

The Development Office's Golden Years Luncheon, honoring alumni from the class of 1943 and

previous years' graduates, will begin with registration at 10:30 a.m., followed by an 11 a.m. reception and 11:30 a.m. lunch, with welcoming remarks by EMU President William E. Shelton, in McKenny Union's Ballroom.

The cost of the luncheon is \$10 per person, with free admission to members of the Golden Anniversary Class of 1943.

The Celebrate Traditions Luncheon, featuring 5-, 10-, 15-, 20- and 25-year reunions and the presentation of the third annual Alumni Association Teaching Awards, will be at noon in McKenny Union's Guild Hall.

The cost of the luncheon, which also will feature live music and door prizes, is \$11 per person.

A Student Media Alumni Reception will be held at 1 p.m. in 121 Goodison Hall, followed by the Homecoming Parade.

A variety of tailgate parties will begin at 3 p.m. at Rynearson Stadium, including those sponsored by the E-Club and the Alumni Association. Tours of the new sports services building and press box addition at Rynearson Stadium also will be available.

The Division of University Marketing and Student Affairs Student Leader Alumni Reunion and Staff Invitational Tailgate will be held at 3:30 p.m. in the north end of the Rynearson Stadium parking lot.

Also Saturday, tours of Pease Auditorium, currently undergoing renovation, will be available from 3

to 5 p.m.

Tickets for the 6 p.m. EMU-Kent State football game are \$10 for reserved seating, \$8 general admission, \$5 for children 6 to 14 and free for children 5 and under. Tickets may be purchased through the EMU Athletic Ticket Office at 7-2282.

Finally, a Homecoming dance,

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"Part of the reason why credit hour production has maintained while the headcount has dipped is that we have more 'traditional' students enrolled," McAnuff said. "Typically, the traditional student will enroll in 15 to 16 credit hours per semester, and I think we're feeling the results of that, particularly with the larger freshman class. In addition, our residence halls (which house traditional full-time students) are above budget."

Comprising EMU's opening enrollment are 18,954 undergraduates and 5,646 graduate students. This compares with a 1992 fall semester count of 19,320 undergraduates and 5,813 graduate students and represents slight declines of 1.9 and 2.9 percent, respectively.

Of the undergraduates, 2,329 are first-time freshmen, an increase of 4.5 percent over

sponsored by the Black Alumni Chapter, will be held after the game at 8 p.m. in Hoyt Conference Center. Tickets for both the dinner and dance are \$20; tickets for the dance only are \$7.

For more information or luncheon reservations, call EMU's Office for Alumni Relations at a 7-0250.

last year; 1,957 are transfer students, a decrease of 85 students or 4.2 percent when compared with last year's 2,042; and 14,608 are returning students, a decrease of 391 students or 2.6 percent when compared with last year's 14,999. In addition, 60 students registered in the 'special' category (meaning they're not identified with a particular degree-based program), representing an increase of 10 students or 20 percent over 1992.

While graduate student enrollment declined by 167 students or nearly 3 percent, the number of graduate student credit hours remained almost unchanged at 29,171; only six credit hours less than last fall's 29,177.

In addition, women continue to outnumber men at EMU. Of the 24,600 students enrolled, 59 percent or 14,592 are women and 41 percent or 10,008 are men.

Scholarship to honor graduate who died of leukemia

The first \$550 scholarship award from the endowed Laura Demetry White Memorial Scholarship will be given to a deserving EMU student this academic year.

The EMU scholarship originally was endowed with a \$10,000 donation from family and friends of White in 1991. Michigan Bell Telephone Co., where White was employed prior to her death, also contributed to the endowment.

White graduated with honors from EMU in 1979. While a student, she was a member of the Stoic Society and Phi Kappa Phi. She majored in psychology and secondary education.

After graduating from EMU, White attended Ohio State College of Law, where she earned her juris doctorate with honors in 1982. She was employed as an attorney at Butzel Long in Detroit and later was an attorney in the Regulatory Division of Michigan Bell. She died from leukemia in April 1991, at the age of 34.

Reflecting on the scholarship, her mother, Gloria Demetry Coffin, of West Bloomfield, wrote, "Laura's personal standard of excellence will live on through this endowment — her legacy to EMU."

For more information, or to contribute to the scholarship fund, call 7-0252.

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world," he added. "I think that in this world something should be invisible, but valued. A spiritual life should exist."

At EMU, however, Dao has found a ready and willing audience, eager to talk about his work. "The students here are very active," he said. "Their minds are very open and professors and students are very informal. I like that."

Dao never graduated from high school — his formal education ended at age 17 — so he tries to cull as much new knowledge out of each university visit as he can.

"I always try to be educated again," he said. "I'm a little scared, but I want to learn."

Dao's appointment at EMU will end in November, and the quiet poet who travels alone doesn't know where his next stop will be.

"I don't know what will be happening tomorrow. I never do," he said. "It's a poet's life. You have to face loneliness."

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RESEARCH

Sponsored Projects Information Network

The Office of Research Development and the Center for Instructional Computing announce the availability of a computerized database of external funding source information.

The Sponsored Projects Information Network, or SPIN, database includes approximately 5,500 sources of funding opportunities from state and federal funding agencies, as well as corporate and foundation funders. Searches may be designed using several identifiers, including keywords, program descriptors and funding agency.

Primary open access to the database is in the CIC, Room 215 Library. Robert Ferrett and the CIC staff will assist interested individuals in designing and completing a search. In addition, ORD staff will complete searches with faculty members who are actively working with them on sponsored project development.

Those faculty who are interested in a more generalized search may call ORD and request a search. However, the ORD staff will complete searches only as time allows. It is therefore recommended that the SPIN database station located in the CIC be used if a more immediate or detailed search is desired.

ORD will be distributing instructional materials for using SPIN in the next month. A demonstration of SPIN will be conducted at the ORD Grantsmanship Workshop in October.

The SPIN database was purchased through funds from the indirect cost redistribution program.

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town in 1935, tranquility becomes turmoil when her father acts as the defense attorney for an African-American falsely accused of rape.

Curtain times are 8 p.m. Thursday through Saturday and 2:30 p.m. Sunday.

Tickets are \$8 for the general

public, \$6 for students and \$5 for Mainstage members Friday and Saturday. Thursday is "Bargain Night," with all tickets \$5.

For more information or to purchase tickets, call the EMU Arts and Entertainment Box Office at 7-1221.

EMU Newline

Call 487-2460 24 hours a day for late-breaking EMU news, calendar updates and information on University closings during extreme weather.

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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, Oct. 4, 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.

FOOD SERVICE/MAINTENANCE
(Minimum hourly rate)*

FMSA9402 - FM-06 - \$6.53 - Cook, Dining Services. Hours: M-F, 7 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Academic year appointment.

CLERICAL/SECRETARIAL
(Minimum bi-weekly salary)*

CSAA9408 - CS-04 - \$611.25 - Secretary II, Student Teaching (Department Correction) - \$611.25 in high-volume, customer service area. Word processing experience and/or ability and willingness to learn. (Repost).

CSAA9403 - CS-04 - \$611.25 - Secretary II, Music Department. Word processing experience and/or ability and willingness to learn. (Repost).

CSAA9410 - CS-04 - \$611.25 - Secretary II, Teacher Education. Word processing experience and/or ability and willingness to learn.

CSSA9404 - CS-05 - \$690.71 - Senior Secretary, Financial Aid. Word publishing and Pagemaker experience desired.

CSSA9405 - CS-05 - \$690.71 - Career Services Recruitment Assistant, Career Services.

PROFESSIONAL/TECHNICAL
(Minimum bi-weekly salary)

PTEX9404 - PT-05 - \$727.28 - Computer Operator, University Computing. Hours: M-Sat, 11 p.m. - 7:30 a.m.

PTEX9405 - PT-08 - \$1,074.94 - Senior Programmer Analyst, University Computing.

*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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EVENTS OF THE WEEK

Sept. 28 - Oct. 4

Tuesday 28

MEETING - The Faculty Affairs Committee of the EMU Board of Regents will meet. 201 Welch Hall, 8 a.m.

MEETING - The Student Affairs Committee of the EMU Board of Regents will meet. 205 Welch Hall, 8 a.m.

MEETING - The Educational Policies Committee of the EMU Board of Regents will meet. 205 Welch Hall, 9 a.m.

MEETING - The Finance Committee of the EMU Board of Regents will meet. 201 Welch Hall, 11 a.m.

CBS TOUR - Exhibits and activities will showcase television technology and CBS television programs. For more information, call the Office of Campus Life at 487-3045. McKenny Union Mall, 11 a.m.

MEETING - The EMU Board of Regents will meet. 201 Welch Hall, 1:30 p.m.

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

MEETING - Women in Communications will meet. Alumni Lounge, McKenny Union, 7 p.m.

Wednesday 29

CBS TOUR - Exhibits and activities will showcase television technology and CBS television programs. For more information, call the Office of Campus Life at 487-3045. McKenny Union Mall, 11 a.m.

DEBATE - The Multicultural Center will present a panel discussion on the North American Free Trade Agreement as part of EMU's Hispanic Heritage Month activities. For more information, call 487-2377. Alumni Lounge, McKenny Union, 3 p.m.

Thursday 30

SOCCER - The EMU team will host Central Michigan University. For more information, call 487-0317. EMU Soccer Field, 7:30 p.m.

CONCERT - The Music Department will present the EMU Concert Winds and Symphony Orchestra in concert. Ypsilanti High School, 2095 Packard Road, Ypsilanti, 8 p.m.

MOVIE - The Showcase EMU movie series presents "Sliver." Admission is \$1. Roosevelt Auditorium, 9 p.m.

Friday 1

MEETING - The Benefits Office will hold an orientation workshop for new EMU employees. Call 487-3195 for more information. 205 Welch Hall, 9 a.m.

WORKSHOP - The Center for Instructional Computing will hold an Internet Overview. For more information or to register, call 487-1347. Location to be announced, 10 a.m.

RECEPTION AND INFORMAL DISCUSSION - The English Language and Literature Department will present Eliot Weinberger and David Hinton, translators, and Bei Dao, the 1993 McAndless Professor, who will discuss Chinese literature and politics. For more information, please call 487-0148. Multicultural Center, 1:30 p.m.

CROSS COUNTRY - The men's team will compete in the Notre Dame Invitational. South Bend, Ind., 2 p.m.

PRESENTATION - The Latino Student Association will present a program of skits, poems and songs as part of EMU's Hispanic Heritage Month celebration. For more information, call the Multicultural Center at 487-2377. Multicultural Center, 7 p.m.

VOLLEYBALL - The EMU team will host the University of Akron. For more information, call 487-0317. Bowen Field House, 7:30 p.m.

POETRY READING - The Writers Living and Alive Series through the English Language and Literature Department will present translators Eliot Weinberger and David Hinton providing simultaneous English translation of works by EMU's 1993 McAndless Professor Bei Dao. For more information, call 487-4220 or 487-0148. Hoyt Conference Center, 7:30 p.m.

HOCKEY - As part of Homecoming '93, the sixth annual hockey club alumni game will be played. For more information, call 487-0250. Plymouth Ice Arenas, 8 p.m.

Saturday 2

FALL SERVICE PROJECT - Break Away through the Office of Campus Life will help build homes on the south side of Ypsilanti with Habitat for Humanity. Interested volunteers should call Campus Life at 487-3045. 11 McKenny Union, 8:30 a.m.

CROSS COUNTRY - The women's team will compete at the University of Minnesota Invitational. For more information, call 487-0317. Minneapolis, Minn., 11:45 a.m.

SOCCER - The EMU team will host Lawrence Tech. For more information, call 487-0317. EMU Soccer Field, noon

FOOTBALL - The EMU team will play at Miami University. For ticket information, call 487-2282. Oxford, Ohio, 1 p.m.

VOLLEYBALL - The EMU team will host Kent State University. For more information, call 487-0317. Bowen Field House, 3 p.m.

MOVIE - Showcase EMU will present "Sliver" (R). Admission is \$1. For more information call Student Government at 487-1470. Roosevelt Auditorium, 9 p.m.

Sunday 3

RECIPE - The Music Department will present a faculty piano recital. For more information, call 487-4380. Recital Hall, Alexander Music Building, 4 p.m.

Monday 4

WORKSHOP - The Center for Instructional Computing will present an Introduction to VAX Electronic Mail workshop. Call 487-1347 to register. Location to be announced, 10 a.m.

WORKSHOP - Career Services will present an introduction to career planning workshop. Call 487-0400 to register. 425 Goodison, 2 p.m.

MEETING - Circle K International will meet today and every Monday of the month. Faculty Lounge, McKenny Union, 6:15 p.m.

MEETING - The Gay-Lesbian-Bisexual Student Union will meet today and every Monday of the month. Main Lounge, McKenny Union, 6:15 p.m.

MEETING - The EMU Ballroom Dance Club will meet today and every Monday of the month. Ballroom, McKenny Union, 8:30 p.m.