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## Final commencement of century set

Eastern Michigan University will have its final commencement ceremony of the century, Sunday, Dec. 17, 1 p.m., at the Convocation Center.

There are approximately 1,600 students eligible to participate in the ceremony including: 1,100 undergraduates; 511 graduate students; and two doctoral candidates.

The doctoral candidates are Chun-Mei Lee of Canton and Matthew Rich of Plymouth.

Laurence Smith, vice president of university marketing and student affairs, will deliver the keynote address. He will be given an honorary degree in public service. Smith has announced that he

will retire from EMU in June after 27 years.

University participants will include President William E. Shelton; Sally McCracken (grand marshal); and Daryl Hafter and JoEllen Vinyard (marshals of faculty). The EMU Symphonic Band, along with soloist Donald Harmann will be conducted by David O. Woike.

Faculty marshals of the graduates will include: Anthony Adams (sociology, anthropology and criminology), Charles Anderson (professor emeritus of chemistry), Gregg Barak (SAC), Rolland Cooper (accounting), Susan Kattelus (accounting), Ronald Westrum (SAC), Linda Woodland (accounting), and Stew

Work (chemistry).

The doors to the Convocation Center will open at 11:45 a.m.

Tickets are required for this event and can be obtained through the Convocation Center box office. Call 487.2282.

Wheelchair seating is available on the main level and does not require special tickets. Tickets are required for Reserved Section 109, which is designated for the hearing impaired. A signer will be posted.

Public parking is available at the Convocation Center, and lots across the street from the Convocation Center. All other EMU lots will be open for parking, with shuttle service at Oakwood and Mayhew.

For information, call 487.4400.

## Computing countdown

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## Right information key to smooth Y2K transition

Margaret Cline, executive director of Eastern Michigan's University Computing, doesn't gamble.

"I would be a cheap date to take to Las Vegas or the horse races," Cline said with a laugh.

So it should come as no surprise that when it comes to Y2K Cline isn't taking any chances with the University's computing systems.

"We have tested and tested. We have built a mirror system and the users have tested it," said Cline.

Cline said she doesn't foresee any problems when the computer systems are turned back on at noon, Jan. 1, 2000. She did say that there could be some "nuisances."

Cline and University Computing have been dealing with one of those nuisances - misinformation - since the phrase Y2K was first uttered.

"There seems to be a lot of misunderstanding about which systems will be up or down," she said. "We want to make it clear which services to expect and when to

### UC travels to future to test systems

"We had our Christmas party in October and our New Year's Eve party in November," said Margaret Cline, executive director of University Computing.

You'll forgive the University Computing staff if they don't know quite exactly what day, month or year it is. It's just a side effect of time travel.

Although they haven't followed in Dr. Who's footsteps and physically jumped into the future, University Computing has taken EMU's computer systems into the 22nd century to make sure EMU doesn't have any problems with Y2K.

University Computing utilized two different software packages to accomplish the date changes.

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expect them. People tend to lump everything into one big service and that's not the way it works."

The University Computing plan is as follows:

- The Internet, Banyan Intranet and all associated services (e-mail, shared access drives) will be available throughout the holiday with the exception of a period from noon, Dec. 31, 1999 to noon Jan. 1, 2000.

- The mainframe (ISIS Student System, SAM Financial Aid System, FRS Accounting System and Student Loans) will be unavailable after the

close of business Dec. 23. All end-of-year and contingency plan production jobs will be completed during this period. It is expected that access will be made available again by Jan. 4, when the University reopens after break.

- Fall '99 grades will be processed and mailed as usual.

- Financial aid for winter 2000 will be disbursed Dec. 26. After financial aid has been applied, student billing statements will be created and printed for mailing.

- Stand alone systems, such as HRizon (payroll, human resources) are expected to

function as they do normally. They will be shut down Dec. 31 and brought back up Jan. 1, along with all other servers University Computing supports and maintains.

- Telephone registration and the voice response system will be brought down at 8 p.m., Dec. 23. It is intended that these services will be restored Jan. 4.

- Halle Library and learning technologies will close Dec. 24 and will reopen at 8 a.m., Jan. 4.

- All systems will be brought up methodically, beginning Jan. 1. It is possible that there could be isolated outages beyond Jan. 1.

Cline said completely shutting down the system during the change to the new year is precautionary and that many businesses will be doing the same thing if the nature of the business allows it.

"If we have power, the expectation is that the when the system comes back up everything will be fine," said Cline.



## Friedman mixes politics, education

By Kate Linblade

Consumer affairs research, Washington D.C., Belgium, The Netherlands, and Eastern Michigan University.

What do these things have in common?

Dr. Monroe Friedman, professor of psychology.

Friedman has traveled far and wide during more than 35 years at EMU.

He came to EMU in 1964 after working on national security issues in California. The EMU teaching position allowed him to explore his applied psychology interests in teaching and research. After being awarded a Congressional Fellowship by the American Political Science Association in 1966, Friedman spent a year working in Washington in House and Senate offices and as a consultant to the White House Office of Consumer Affairs.

"Upon my return, I realized that a great deal of what was happening in Washington wasn't well represented in the classroom," said Friedman. This prompted him to work with 35 EMU faculty to establish the Center for the Study of Contemporary Issues in 1970, a comprehensive instructional, research and service organization he directed for nine years. Academic-year topics for the center's programs were selected annually by student and faculty advisory groups and issue-oriented courses were taught by EMU professors on leave for the year from their academic departments.

Friedman later spent two years in Europe as a visiting professor, one in The Netherlands in the 1980s and the other in Belgium in the 1990s.

"These overseas assignments provided fascinating milieus in which to work and helped broaden

my experience, both personally and professionally," said Friedman.

Starting out, he said he wouldn't have guessed he would be at EMU for 35 years.

"As a young boy growing up in a small town in Pennsylvania, I didn't envision myself in Michigan or at a university. However, I really like being a professor. The range and variety of challenging work in teaching and research keep you intellectually stimulated. I don't think there's a better job at the university."

Aside from his teaching ca-

the National Science Foundation, and the Consumer Interests Foundation. His research has been introduced in congressional hearings and has drawn much attention from the news media both here and abroad, including the BBC, CNN, Dateline NBC, *The New York Times*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *USA Today*, and *The Washington Post*.

"I view my involvement with the media as a public service because it allows me to reach a much larger lay audience. It takes a lot of time but I enjoy doing it,"



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reer. Friedman is well known in the area of consumer affairs research. He is responsible for more than 200 scholarly articles, books and professional presentations in this field and has served as editor or an editorial board member of the field's major scholarly journals. Much of his impact has been international in that he has made invited presentations on his research to professional and student audiences in two dozen nations of the world with the most recent being talks in India (Bombay and New Delhi). He has also served as a consultant to government agencies and foundations including the Federal Trade Commission, the U.S. General Accounting Office,

said Friedman.

As his most recent project, Friedman authored the book, *Consumer Boycotts: Effecting Change Through the Marketplace and the Media*. Research for the book spans 30 years and Friedman said it has been one of the most challenging projects he has undertaken. Starting at the beginning of the century, he documents the dramatic changes that have occurred in substance and style to boycott initiatives. The book is available at the EMU bookstore.

Friedman earned his bachelor's degree in psychology in 1956 from Brooklyn College and his doctorate from the University of Tennessee in 1959.

### And the nominees are

The College of Arts and Sciences reminds all faculty that the nomination process for the Undergraduate Symposium XX is underway and that the close of the semester provides an excellent opportunity to identify potential student nominations from final research projects and papers.

Nomination forms are available from departmental representatives, the CAS Dean's Office or 124 Quirk. Symposium XX is March 31. Call 487.3198.

### VAX change

The use of the word "EMUVAX" is no longer valid for accessing EMU computer systems. Users should check their dial up and authentication settings and delete references to EMUVAX. Use the word "ONLINE" to replace EMUVAX.

Action by Merit requires this change. Call 487.0020, ext. 2028 or 2029 for help.

### Rec/IM holiday hours

The REC/IM Complex will have the following holiday season schedule: Saturday, Dec. 10 through Tuesday, Jan. 4, 11:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m.; Sunday, Dec. 11, noon-6 p.m.; Dec. 18-19, noon-4 p.m. The facility will be closed Dec. 24, 25, 26, 31 and Jan. 1-2. Call 487.1338.

### Holiday music

There are plenty of opportunities to enjoy holiday music. Anthony Iannaccone leads the Collegium Ensemble in choral and instrumental music of the 17th and 18th centuries, Tuesday, Dec. 7, 8 p.m., Holy Trinity Chapel, 511 W. Forest. The EMU Flute Choir performs Wednesday, Dec. 8, Alexander Recital Hall. The Barnhill Band, under the direction of College of Education Dean Jerry Robbins, will join the Ypsilanti Community Choir in a salute to the season, Thursday, Dec. 9, 7:30 p.m., Pease Auditorium. The EMU Women's Chorus will perform its annual concert Friday, Dec. 10, 8 p.m., Holy Trinity Chapel. And Lessons and Carols includes seasonal songs and readings, Sunday, Dec. 12, 4 p.m., Pease Auditorium.

All of these events are free and open to the public. Call 487.2255.

### CORRECTION

In the "Why I" ad on page 4 of the Nov. 30 issue of FOCUS there was a typo in Roy Rose's name. We regret the error.

*If you have an item that you want the campus to know about, please send it to Ward Mullens, 18 Welch Hall or call 487-4400.*

## Sesquicentennial TIMELINE

### President Porter's "Decade of Advancement"

When John W. Porter became Eastern Michigan University's first African American president in 1979 the challenges were many. Enrollment was declining and the football team was owner of the longest losing streak in the nation, 27 games. The football situation had become so bad that the Mid-American Conference had given EMU an ultimatum to drop football or drop out of the MAC.

When Porter left EMU in 1989 a small booklet entitled "Decade of Advancement" chronicled a very different University. During his ten years Porter helped orchestrate record enrollment growth that included a 30 percent increase in enrollment; appointed the University's first provost; established the College of Technology (1980); launched the capital campaign for Quirk/Sponberg; had constructed the Rec/IM building; created the Children's Center; created the College of Business and revitalized athletics. Two years before Porter left EMU, the football team won the MAC championship and the California Bowl and the men's basketball team played in its first-ever NCAA Tournament.



## 150 FACTS

Although Eastern Michigan University has gone through many changes in its 150-year history, one element has not only remained consistent, but has flourished - the school's dedication to teacher education.

From a one-room school house, to the Roosevelt Model School (at left), to the state-of-the-art John W. Porter Building (College of Education), EMU has long enjoyed a strong reputation as a "teacher's college."

EMU consistently ranks among the largest producers of teachers in the nation and is the largest producer of educational personnel in the U.S.

### DATE

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**Sesquicentennial concert.** The world renown Arianna String Quartet performs a commissioned musical work by Dr. Anthony Iannaccone in honor of EMU's Sesquicentennial celebration, 4 p.m., Pease Auditorium. This event is free and open to the public. Iannaccone will discuss his work before the concert, 3 p.m., Pease Auditorium.

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The EMU Women's Chorus Concert, 8 p.m., Holy Trinity Chapel. This event is free and open to the public. Call 487.2255.

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The Sesquicentennial Cultural and Academic Committees close their discussion series with Walter Di Mantova's presentation "Leonardo's Shadow and Everyday Genius," 6:30-8:30 p.m., Carillon Room, Halle Library. Seating is limited and RSVP is requested. Call 487.3045.

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**Sesquicentennial sculpture dedication.** A sculpture commissioned to mark EMU's Sesquicentennial will be unveiled, 11:30 a.m., near Ford Hall. This event is free and open to the public. A reception by invitation only will follow the public ceremony. Call 487.4400.

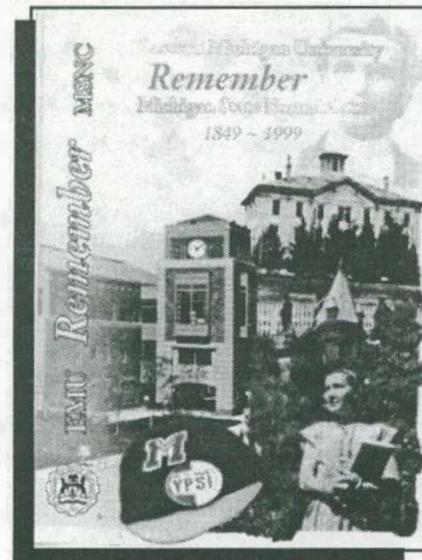
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Commencement, 1 p.m., Convocation Center. Tickets are required for this event and can be obtained through the Convocation Center box office. Call 487.2282 or see page 1 for detail. Doors open at 11:45 a.m.

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Holiday recess begins. Most University offices closed until Jan. 3, 2000

## "Remember" the Sesquicentennial



Students, faculty and staff relate the history and personal accounts of EMU's past in this 60-minute documentary video.

To order, call University Marketing at 734.487.2483  
\$29.95 plus \$3 shipping and handling.



# JOBLINE

To be considered for vacant positions, all Promotional Openings Application Forms MUST BE SUBMITTED directly to the Compensation/Employment Services Office and received no later than 4:45 p.m., Monday, Dec. 13. NOTE: LATE OR INCOMPLETE FORMS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

Vacancy information may also be obtained by calling the 24-hour Jobs Line at 487-0016. Compensation/Employment Services office hours are Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.

## CLERICAL/SECRETARIAL

(Hiring Rate)

CSEN2010 CS-05 \$23,218  
Senior Secretary, Holman Learning Center. Microsoft Word and Excel experience desirable.

CSEN2011 CS-05 \$23,218  
Account Specialist, Office of Financial Aid.

## FOOD SERVICE/MAINT.

(Hiring Rate)

FMBF2013 FM-06 \$7.58  
Custodian, Physical Plant (Floater).

Hours: 5a.m.-1:30p.m., Monday through Friday.

## PROFESSIONAL/TECHNICAL

(Hiring Range)

Applicants who may not meet the minimum qualifications for the position levels in this category are still encouraged to apply. Depending on the applicant pool, the position may be filled at a lower PT level with the potential for upgrade to a higher level.

PTUR2003 PT-06 \$25-534-\$30,894  
Operations Specialist II, University

Computing. Must be able to work Sunday-Thursday or Tuesday-Saturday and any of three shifts.

PTUR2004 PT-07 \$29,363-\$35,824  
Operations Specialist: Senior, University Computing. Must be able to work Sunday-Thursday or Tuesday-Saturday and any of three shifts.

PTUR2005 PT-08\* \$35,152-\$43,962  
Data Warehouse Specialist I, University Computing.

PTUR2006 PT-09\* \$42,293-\$53,939  
Mainframe Systems Specialist II, University Computing.

PTUR2007 PT-10\* \$47,788-\$60,942

Data Warehouse Specialist: Senior, University Computing.

PTUR2008 PT-10\* \$47,788-\$60,942  
Mainframe Analyst/Programmer Senior, University Computing.

PTUR2009 PT-10\* \$47,788-\$60,942  
Platform Specialist: Senior, University Computing.

## ADMIN./PROFESSIONAL

(Hiring Range)

APUR2007 AP-11 \$48,810-\$60,474  
Assistant Director: IT - User Services, University Computing.

APUR2008 AP-12 \$55,425-\$68,727  
Director IT: Financial Systems, University Computing.

## ATHLETIC COACHING

(Hiring Range)

ACPR2003 AC-18 \$70,613-\$86,148  
Head Coach: Football. Athletics.

The pay rates stated above reflect the hiring rate or range for a newly hired EMU employee. The pay rate or salary for current employees will be established according to the respective employee group union contract, and/or University salary administration policy guidelines.

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A software application called TIC TOC was used to change dates for batch programs. This program allows University Computing to test different batch programs with different dates to see if there will be any problems.

A second application called Date Simulator does basically the same thing with on-line programs. The software can vary the date by screen, module or even user ID. That allows different users with different testing needs to use different dates.

Cline said the same programs allow users to go back in time as well.

As for the results of the virtual time travel, that will have to remain a surprise. After all, if we tell you what happens in the future we could alter it and change a rather happy ending.

Look for the  
last issue of  
**FOCUS EMU**  
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# Why I teach at Eastern Michigan University

I fly Apache helicopters. That's my trade. When the option to teach became available I requested to come here because my family is from Southeast Michigan and because of the opportunity to influence the new, young officers.

I am now in my third year of teaching at EMU and will soon get another assignment. I have enjoyed teaching in the College of Technology. It's new and exciting. It's hands on learning and military science fits well with that.

I enjoy working with students who want to pursue the same profession I have been pursuing for the past 10 years. EMU's military science program is one of the largest programs in the state, both in total numbers and the number of officers we commission. It's exciting to give students the opportunity to serve their country as young officers. There is no greater reward than seeing the enthusiasm of their first duty assignment and knowing that we had a part in it.

I would like to come back here and be a professor of military science some day. I have enjoyed it so much. The one thing I will miss is the students and their enthusiasm to learn. It's not often you get to go back to your roots.



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