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A Real Education

EMU, Denver company team up to expand University's on-line services

One of Kathy Randles' favorite sayings is that you don't have to be a computer geek to teach an on-line course.

That is more true now than when Eastern Michigan University began offering courses on-line in 1998, thanks to a recent collaboration between EMU and Denver-based Real Education Inc., a leading provider of on-line education solutions over the internet.

"When we first started offering on-line course the faculty were responsible for everything; building the web pages, technical support, as well as content," said Randles, director of distance learning for Continuing Education at Eastern Michigan University. "To have more on-line course offerings we need to provide support to faculty who might not have all of those computer skills."

Randles said that Real Education offers support services to help faculty put their classes on-line without having to do all the technical stuff.

"The faculty still has to provide the content and any video or audio they want to use, but they don't have to

worry about formatting. They will be saving a tremendous amount of time," said Randles. Randles said that Real Education will provide 24-hour technical support and will have a course designer to help faculty formulate the class on-line.

The collaboration will result in EMU offering 30 on-line courses by June 1999. More than 15 on-line courses are offered this semester, including "Genetics," "Introduction to Educational Media," "On-line Weather Studies," "Business Communication," and "Music Appreciation," with spring 1999 on-line courses to include "Cyberspace Law," "Children's Literature," "Understanding Technology" and "Legal Environment of Business."

And while EMU's new partnership with Real Education will allow students to earn credit without ever setting foot on EMU's campus, it also will provide students with access to a wealth of on-line student services, including admissions, registration, academic advising, career counseling,

financial aid, student accounting and even access to EMU's Halle Library services.

"On-line technology is changing not only the world but higher education," said Randles. "Students can access the classroom 24 hours a day, seven days a week; interaction between the professor and student is heightened; on-

line discussion allows the time to formulate thoughtful contributions; and excellent resources for course content are readily available on the World Wide Web."

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Randles said one of the most beneficial facets of EMU's collaboration with Real Education will be a full spectrum of on-line services, including class registration and 24 hours a day, seven days a week technical support for students.

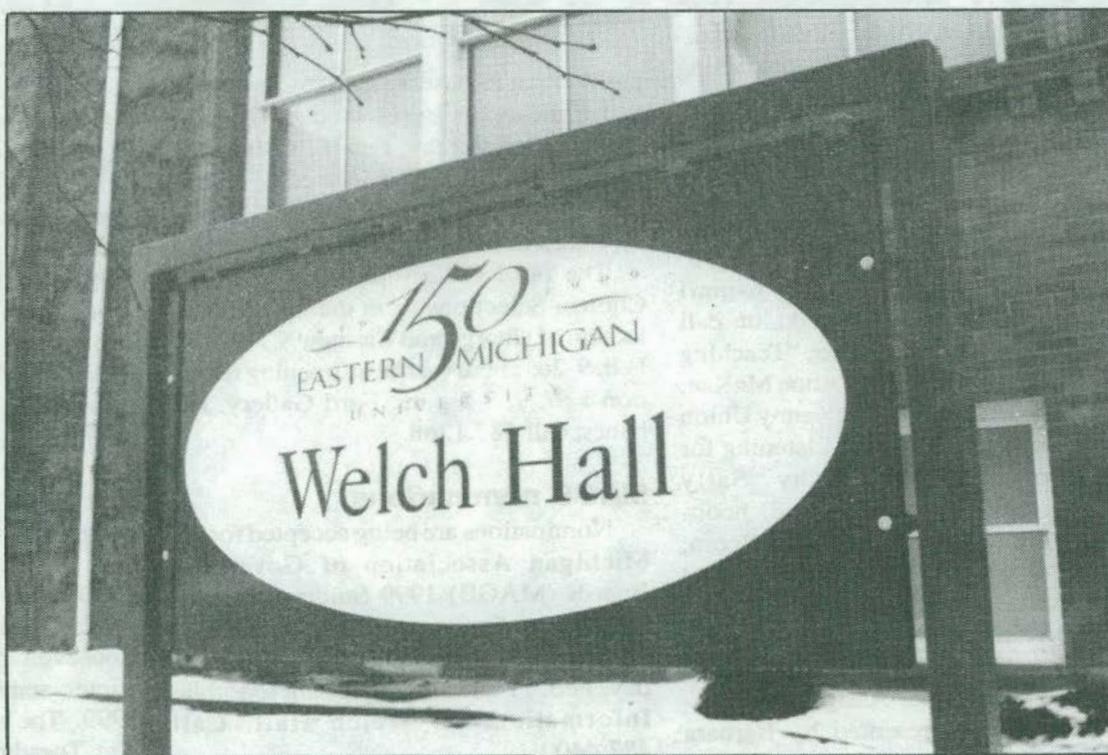
According to Randles, fac-

ulty who teach on-line are initially surprised by the increased interaction between instructor and student, and student and student. "The on-line environment promotes frequent interaction and is effective at eliciting higher-level thinking skills often through collaborative teaching and learning," she said.

"You don't need to be a technical wizard to learn on-line -- most on-line courses operate using e-mail, threaded discussions and Web links," said Randles. Real Education provides the virtual learning environment of several other institutions of higher learning throughout the United States, including the University of Pennsylvania, Drexel University and Seton Hall.

For information, visit www.netclasses.emich.edu.

150th MARK



SIGN IN: New signs have been added for each building on campus. The signs signify the University's celebration of its 150th year as an educational institution.

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BEHIND THE SCENES

A look at faculty and staff who are helping make the Sesquicentennial celebration happen

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(co-chair)
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music department

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(co-chair)
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Honors Program

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African American
Studies

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Theatre Arts

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admin. associate,
provost's office

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History and
Philosophy

Bette White,
professor emeritus

Rosina Tammany,
archivist

Sesquicentennial TIME LINE

If you have a favorite fact about the University's 150-year history and would like others to know, please send it to us at 18 Welch Hall or call 487.4400.

An abridged history of the library

When Michigan Normal School opened in the spring of 1853 there were about one thousand volumes in a "Library of Standard Works." In 1859 the library was destroyed by fire. Acting President J.M.B. Sill asked the state for \$2,000 to rebuild the library, but was turned down. To pay for new books the Board of Education added an annual fee to the tuition. By 1893 the library possessed some 15,000 volumes and 63 periodicals. In 1884 Normal hired its first paid librarian, Florence Goodison.



WHO, WHAT, WHEN, WHERE and WHY

Mark your calendar

The Board of Regents has moved its June meeting to Monday, June 21. The next Board of Regents meeting is Tuesday, March 16.

A little relief

The Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997 (TRA97) may provide students an opportunity for tax savings through the Hope Scholarship Tax Credit, Lifetime Learning Tax Credit or Student Loan Interest Deduction. EMU cannot determine if students qualify for tax credits, but students can refer to the Student Accounting website [www.emich.edu/public/stubus/tax.htm] or IRS Publication 970 for more information. Students should consider contacting a tax professional for assistance.

FCIE Winter Workshops

The Faculty Center for Instructional Excellence is hosting several workshops. Preregistration is requested for all programs. To register, e-mail emu_dezure@online.emich.edu or call 487.1386. The workshops are: "Teaching Study Skills," presented by Anne McKee, Feb. 2, 10:30 a.m.-noon, McKenny Union Faculty Room; "The Art of Listening for Instructors," presented by Sally McCracken, Wednesday, Feb. 3, noon-1:30 p.m., McKenny Union Alumni Room; "Introduction to VOYAGER," presented by Rita Bullard and Sarah Cogan, Thursday, Feb. 4, 2-3:30 p.m., 111 Halle Library; "Using Writing to Teach the Thinking of the Discipline: Assignment-Centered Curricula," presented by Barbara Walvoord of the University of Notre Dame, Friday, Feb. 5, 9:30 a.m.-noon, McKenny Union Alumni Room; "Establishing Criteria for Grading," presented by Barbara Walvoord, Friday, Feb. 5, 1:30-4 p.m., McKenny Union Alumni Room; and "Us-



TOWN & GOWN

BY PROCLAMATION: Laurence Smith, vice president of University Marketing and Student Affairs, accepts a proclamation from Ypsilanti Mayor Cheryl Farmer. The proclamation recognizes the relationship between Eastern Michigan University and the city and marks 1999 as "Eastern Michigan University Sesquicentennial Year." The city of Ypsilanti donated the first six acres of land for the campus.

ing Writing to Assess Learning in History and Philosophy," presented by Barbara Walvoord, Saturday, Feb. 6, 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Hoyt Conference Center.

Art department

The Ford Gallery presents "Dealer's Choice: Selections from the Private Collection of George and Carmen N'Namdi," Feb. 9-26. There will be an opening reception Feb. 9, 3-5 p.m., Ford Gallery. For hours, call 487.1268.

MAGB nominations

Nominations are being accepted for the Michigan Association of Governing Boards (MAGB) 1999 Student Awards. Nomination forms are being distributed to departments. Nominations are due Thursday, Feb. 11 and should be sent to Public Information, 18 Welch Hall. Call 487.4400.

Musical notes

February is packed with music events. They are: the EMU Opera Workshop and EMU Symphony Orchestra will stage

Rossini's comic opera "Italian Girl in Algiers," Feb. 5-6, 8 p.m., Pease Auditorium. Tickets are \$5 and \$8; Kimberly Cole, Daniel Foster, Diane Winder and Garik Pederson will be featured in a lecture-recital of Olivier Messiaen's "Quartet for the End of Time," Sunday, Feb. 7, 4 p.m., Pease Auditorium. This event is free and open to the public; Faculty recital, Thursday, Feb. 11, 8 p.m., Pease Auditorium. This event is free and open to the public.

Please note that the scheduled Feb. 6 appearance by Dr. Michael Mark has been postponed. Call 487.1420.

Nutrition services

The Office of Nutrition Services, 108 Roosevelt Hall will be open for business winter semester, beginning February 2, 1999. The hours of operation are 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Shedding a few pounds in your New Year's Resolution this year? Come see us and we'll show you how! Phone 487.6572.

If you have an item you'd like to submit, please call us at 487.4400

FEBRUARY



150 FACTS

While the majority of colleges and universities did not open their doors to women until after the Civil War, Michigan Normal School admitted both men and women from the first day of class in 1853. Of the three members in the school's first graduating class in 1854, two were women. They were Helen Norris and Alzina Morton. J. M. B. Sill was the first male graduate.

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Black History Month

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SESQUICENTENNIAL EVENT: "Dine With A Mind," a Sesquicentennial program of dinner and conversation based on historical record, 5-7:30 p.m., McKenny Union Ballroom. The event is free, space is limited and reservations are required. Call 487.3045.

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The EMU Opera Workshop and Symphony Orchestra present "Italian Girl in Algiers," Feb. 5-6, 8 p.m., Pease Auditorium. Tickets are \$5 and \$8. Call 487.1221.

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EMU Choir and guest soloists salute to Black History Month featuring Robert Ray's "Gospel Mass," 8 p.m., Pease Auditorium. This event is free and open to the public. Call 487.2255.

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Valentine's Day

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EMU Lecture Series: Civil rights lawyer and author Morris Dees, who has devoted his life to teaching tolerance and fighting racism, 7 p.m. in Pease Auditorium. Free and open to the public. Call 487.3045

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EMU Theatre presents "Oedipus the King," Feb. 17-21, Quirk Theatre. Call 487.1221 for times and ticket information.

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Salif Keita performs a combination of jazz, funk, African rhythms and Europop music, 8 p.m., Pease Auditorium. Tickets are \$18 and \$14. Call 487.3045.



Salif Keita

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String Trio of New York, 8 p.m., Pease Auditorium. This event is free and open to the public. Call 487.3045.

Each month FOCUS EMU will feature a calendar of upcoming Sesquicentennial activities. Be sure to collect all 12 for your personal record of this special year. Look for next calendar page March 9

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JOBSLINE

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, Feb. 8. **NOTE: LATE OR INCOMPLETE FORMS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

The Compensation/Employment Services Office announces the following vacancies.

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

CLERICAL/SECRETARIAL

(Minimum Bi-Weekly Salary)

CSAA9919 CS-04 \$383.62
Secretary II, Political Science (REPOST) 50% Appointment.

CSAA9924 CS-04 \$383.62
Secretary II, Foreign Languages and Bilingual Studies. 50% Appointment. Grant Duration: to 10/30/99.

CSAA9917 CS-04 \$767.23
Secretary II, Special Education. (REPOST)

CSAA9918 CS-04 \$767.23

Secretary II, Continuing Education. (REPOST)

CSAA9925 CS-05 \$867.00
Senior Secretary, Geography and Geology. Ability to work in high volume, computer intensive, customer service office. Proficient in Microsoft Word and Excel. ISIS experience desirable.

FOOD SERVICE/MAINT.

(Minimum Hourly Salary)

FMSA9913 FM-06 \$7.58
Custodian, Custodial Prorate (DC-1) (REPOST) Hours: 5 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Monday through Friday.

PROFESSIONAL/TECHNICAL

(Minimum Bi-Weekly Salary)

PTSA9913 PT-04 \$748.50
Press Operator, University Publications. Familiarity with Xerox Docutect desirable.

PTUR9916 PT-06 \$953.46
Production Control Analyst I, University Computing. Hours: 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday.

PTUR9917 PT-06 \$953.46

Administrative Assistant II, WEMU.

PTUR9918 PT-07 \$1,096.46
Accountant II, Institute for Community and Regional Development. Grant accounting; contract management; budget development of operational and project accounts; University contract, personnel and accounting policies desirable.

PTAA9923 PT-08 \$1,250.12
User Consultant: Senior, Learning Resources and Technologies.

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Why I teach at Eastern Michigan University

One of EMU's attractions to me is its working environment. Here, friendly people who appreciate quality education and serving students surround you.

My association with Eastern Michigan University started in 1981 when I got hired as assistant professor of marketing in the College of Business. Although I was gone for five years in the 1980s, the relationship that I established with my colleagues brought me back to Eastern.

Eastern Michigan University has come a long way since then. It has grown in stature by offering many quality educational programs (at graduate and undergraduate levels) in multiple facilities (on-campus and off-campus) and through various systems. And yet faculty, staff and students have remained as close as ever.

Why do I work at Eastern Michigan University? Because of the quality people - faculty, staff, and students whom I associate with.



Matt Sauber
Professor of Marketing

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