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Educational Celebration



HEAD OF THE CLASS: Jerry Robbins, dean of EMU's College of Education, and John W. Porter, former president of EMU, stand in front of the John W. Porter Building, the new home of the College of Education.

College of Education invites campus to special homecoming

Jerry Robbins, dean of Eastern Michigan's College of Education, wanted to have a party when the new John W. Porter Building was completed.

He got his wish, and then some.

There will be six public events and four by-invitation events that will provide the EMU community with the opportunity to celebrate and see the newest addition to campus. The events are divided between Friday, Oct. 8 and Saturday, Oct. 9.

"This (the building) represents a significant milestone in the life of the college," said Robbins. "It brings us (the departments of the COE) under one roof and gives us teaching and learning spaces of our own. It's a time to celebrate with an exclamation point!"

The "Celebration" as it is being referred to, begins for the public with a grand

processional Friday, Oct. 8, 1:30 p.m., outside the west entrance of the Porter Building.

Robbins will lead a "symbolic procession" from Warner, Rackham and the Town Hall School, all homes for COE classes before the Porter Building was completed. The procession will include the performance of an original composition by Paul Goldstaub commissioned for the occasion.

The procession will lead into a special convocation from 1:45-3 p.m., at Rooms 203, 202 and 300 of the Porter Building. Dr. David Imig, president of the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education will provide the keynote and Dr. John W. Porter, former president of EMU, will be given special recognition.

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Hot dog!

Annual Family Day musters fun, food and Wienermobile

Finding something the whole family can enjoy on a beautiful fall weekend can be a challenge.

Where would you go so that the kids have fun and learn something; Dad can get a free Red Wings souvenir; and mom can test her skills against a water balloon assault course?

Eastern Michigan University's annual Family Day may be just the ticket, and best of all, it's free.

Family Day '99 will offer a wide variety of fun Oct. 9, noon-4 p.m., on the main campus of EMU.

The day's events will include:

- fun, educational activities for children such as how to make slime and making ice cream using liquid nitrogen,
- visits from the Oscar Mayer Wienermobile, Pokadot the clown, Tony the Tiger, and a Mother Goose storyteller,
- a free Detroit Red Wings hockey souvenir
- and fun activities for all ages, including the obstacle course.

Another mainstay of Family Day is the annual Pow Wow, which features drums, dancing, crafts and three grand entrances. The Pow Wow is Saturday, 1 p.m. and 7 p.m., and Sunday, 1 p.m., at Bowen Field House. Tickets for the Pow Wow are available at the door.

For more information, call 487-1333.

Campus United Way campaign begins

When fire destroyed the apartments of several Eastern Michigan students last year, the EMU community and Washtenaw County United Way came together to help them.

That's was just one of many ways EMU's annual United Way campaign helps the community.

"Your donation to the Washtenaw United Way helps

to fund services that are available to people who need them most in our community," said Bernice Lindke, director of financial aid for the University and chair of the EMU United Way campaign. "United Way funded agencies have a variety of programs that are designed to address your neighbor's special and emergency needs."

EMU's United Way cam-

paign began Sept. 27 and continues through Oct. 26. The EMU goal this year is \$105,000.

Last year Eastern Michigan employees contributed more than \$101,000 to the United Way.

Lindke said that every employee will receive a pledge card through their respective departments. Pledges can be given via payroll deduction,

check, cash, or can be billed.

"Eastern employees have been very generous throughout the years," said Lindke. "We have had a history of successful United Way campaigns. It was so exciting to exceed our goal last year that we wanted to stretch just a bit further this year."

Progress of the campaign will be posted on a marquee outside of McKenny Union.

Teaching Excellence Awards honor eight faculty

By Kate Linbalde

Eight Eastern Michigan University faculty members will be honored with the 1999 Teaching Excellence Award Saturday, Oct. 9 during the '99 Homecoming festivities.

Hosted by the Alumni Association of Eastern Michigan University, the annual event honors distinguished faculty nominated by their students for superior teaching methods and professional achievements.

"The Teaching Excellence Awards Ceremony is one of our favorite events because it allows our students the opportunity to recognize outstanding teaching on our campus. Our professors really do make a difference in our student's lives," said Vicki Reaume Mushisky, director of EMU's Office for Alumni Relations.

The eight 1999 award recipients and their hometowns are:

- **KEITH DENNING (posthumously)**, associate professor, linguistics, earned his bachelor's degree from City University of New York in 1984 and his doctorate from Stanford University in 1989.

"He was highly valued as a teacher and an adviser, especially among our linguistics majors," said Marsha Dalbey, former English language and literature department head.

Knowledgeable in 13 different languages, Denning was an expert in language change in American English and in African languages. His course teachings included language typology and universals, English vocabulary elements, sociolinguistics and historical linguistics, among others.

- **DEBORAH ETTINGTON**, associate professor, management, earned a B.S.B.A. from Bucknell University in 1977, her master's degree from Harvard University in 1981; and a Ph.D. from the University of Michigan in 1992.

"She honestly wants students to do well and wants to keep in touch after graduation to see how careers are going," said Amy Bray, a former student.

Ettington, a former management consultant with McKinley and Company Inc., came to EMU in 1992. Since this time she has been honored with the College of Business "Most Valuable Professor" award, 1995-96 and the Dean's Excellence Award, 1994-95.

- **KATHLEEN STACEY**, associate profes-

sor of communication, earned her bachelor's degree from the University of Michigan (1982), a master's degree from Eastern Michigan University (1983) and her Ph.D. from Wayne State University (1995).

"I have enjoyed every encounter I have had with Dr. Stacey and I wholeheartedly believe that she deserves recognition for all she does for students, her department and our institution," said Melanie Johnson, former student.

Stacey has been with the university for 12 years and taught previously at the University of Michigan- Dearborn. She was honored with the EMU Faculty Appreciation Award in 1995.

- **MICHAEL HARRIS**, associate professor of political science, earned a B.A. from Bar Ilan University in 1982; a master's degree from Tel Aviv University in 1986; and a doctorate from Indiana University, 1993.

"Dr. Harris has helped so many of his students attain various types of academic and personal acknowledgments. Sometimes I don't believe that Dr. Harris realizes how much his faith in his students affects them so deeply," said former student Danielle Jordan.

Harris was awarded for his efforts with the Distinguished Faculty Teaching Award I at Eastern Michigan University in 1997.

Harris has served EMU students since 1994 and is was recently named coordinator of undergraduate studies.

- **ALFONSO ILLINGWORTH-RICO**, associate professor of Spanish, earned a B.A. from the Instituto Tecnológico y de Estudios Superiores de Monterrey (1986); a master's degree from New Mexico State University (1989); and earned his Ph.D. from the University of Arizona, 1994

"Art and history have come alive for me as an integral part of culture and I now strive on my own to learn about the historical and artistic contributions of many different cultures," said Alice Burg, a former student.

Illingworth-Rico previously taught at the University of Arizona before coming to EMU in 1994. He is now head of the Spanish section in the Department of Foreign Language and Bilingual Studies and was named to "Who's Who Among America's Teachers" in 1996.

- **SANDRA DRAKE**, assistant professor of clinical laboratory sciences, earned her bachelor's degree from the University of Michigan-Flint in

1982; a master's degree from the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor in 1984; and her Ph.D. from the University of Minnesota in 1992.

"With a teacher so energetic and enthusiastic as Dr. Drake, you cannot help but feel that same energy, enthusiasm and excitement which motivates you to work harder and to keep striving toward your professional goals," said Joy Messer, a former student.

Before her move to EMU, Drake was a research fellow at the University of Michigan Medical School for two years, prior to being a post doctoral associate at the University of Minnesota in 1992. She was honored with the Maize and Blue Distinguished Scholarship Award and the 1997 Key to the Future Award by the Michigan Society of Laboratory Sciences.

- **JUDY WILLISTON**, professor of teacher education, earned a B.S. from Ohio State University (1960); a master's degree from Pennsylvania State University (1964); and a Ph.D. from the University of Michigan (1984).

"She has made me want to do wonderful things in my future classroom with the children and their families. She 'lit a fire in my belly' that burned to educate children with the life-long skills that it takes to succeed," said former student Becky Chappel.

Since 1995, Williston has given more than 15 presentations to educators at conferences and in-services and is chair of the College of Education's Planning and Finance committee. She also has published work in *Early Childhood News*. Williston's list of honors include the 1995 National Coalition of Campus Child Care Mini-Grant award and the 1991 Josephine Nevins Keal Award.

- **ROBERT E. MAGGARD**, former instructor of military science, earned his associate's degree from Vincennes University in 1999.

"His dedication to teaching the future leaders of the U.S. Army has inspired and motivated me to become a better officer. SFC Maggard's ability to establish quality training programs for ROTC training has led to unsurpassed success," said student Andrew Bair.

An active soldier in the United States Army since 1981, Maggard has been involved with the EMU ROTC for more than three years and has trained more than 700 military science students. He is the coach of the EMU Raiders, an organization that competes every year against other universities in ten military skills events.



Writer/director to screen film at EMU

Writer/director Peter Bratt will screen his film, "Follow Me Home," Tuesday, Oct. 12, 7 p.m., Halle Library Auditorium. This event is free and open to the public.

The film explores race and identity in America and stars Salma Hayek, Alfre Woodard and Benjamin Bratt, Peter Bratt's brother.

For more information, call 487.3045.

Music calendar offers October high notes

The music department at EMU begins a busy October with two major events.

The EMU Symphony Orchestra will perform Dvorak's Symphony No. 8 Thursday, Oct. 7, 8 p.m., at Pease Auditorium.

The U.S. Air Force Band of Flight Chamber Winds Ensemble will perform at Pease Auditorium, Friday, Oct. 15, at 7:30 p.m. Both events are free and open to the public. Call 487.2255.

Eagle Club at Rec/IM opens for lunch

The Eagle Club, run by students of EMU's hospitality management program, is open for lunch.

The club, located on the fifth floor of the Olds Rec/IM, is open for lunch Tuesday and Thursday, 11:45 a.m.-1:15 p.m.

Call 487.1187 for reservations.

Dissertation defense set for Oct. 11

Chun-Mei Lee, an EMU doctoral candidate in the department of leadership and counseling, will defend her dissertation "An Investigation into the Development of Problem-Solving Skills of Beginning Teachers," Oct. 11, 9:30-11:30 a.m., 304B John W. Porter Building (College of Education). Call 487.0255.



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Homecoming is a special time of year, even more so this year as Eastern Michigan University celebrates its Sesquicentennial.

The first Homecoming event at EMU was known as "Gala Day" and took place in 1920. Three years later the event became known as Homecoming.

According to a 1958 Eastern Echo story, the ceremony to name a queen and her court began in 1948.

In the photo at left, former EMU president Harold Sponberg congratulates the 1972 EMU Homecoming queen, Patricia Swan.

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Homecoming Week begins.

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Campus pizza taste test, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Pray-Harrod; annual Golf Cart Parade and Competition, 3:50 p.m., main campus; and Pep Rally, 8 p.m., University Park. Call 487-0250.

Campus Green and White Day. Show your school spirit by wearing the EMU colors. John W. Porter College of Education Celebration: The Celebration begins with a procession from Rackham and Warner to the John W. Porter Building, 1:30 p.m.; special convocation with a special recognition of John W. Porter and an address by Dr. David Imig, 1:45-3 p.m., 203, 202, and 300 Porter Building. Duke Ellington Centennial Concert, 8:30 p.m., Pease Auditorium. Tickets are \$10. Call 487.2282.

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HOMECOMING/FAMILY DAY '99: Join the University community in celebrating the Sesquicentennial edition of these special days. There will be a special rededication of a sun dial (donated by the class of 1904) in front of Sherzer Hall, 1:30 p.m. Other events include the Recognition of Excellence, 10:30 a.m., Pease Auditorium; the Eighth Annual Pow Wow, 11 a.m., Bowen Field House (tickets required); Family Day activities noon-4 p.m.; and the Homecoming football game against Western Michigan, 6 p.m. Call 487.4400 for more information.

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Homecoming activities continue: The annual Pow Wow, 11 a.m.-5 p.m., Bowen Field House. Tickets available at the door. Homecoming concert, featuring "The Roots," 8 p.m., Pease Auditorium. Tickets available at the EMU Box Office, 487.1221.

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EMU Theatre opens its 1999-2000 season with Brian Friel's Tony Award winning drama "Dancing at Lughnasa," Oct. 15-17 and 21-23. Tickets are \$8 for Thursday performances; \$13 for Friday and Saturday performances; and \$11 for Sunday matinees. Call the EMU Theatre Box Office at 487.1221 for reservations and performance times.

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Cesar Chavez Memorial Fountain Dedication, 11:30 a.m., at the fountain near McKenny Union. An invitation-only reception will follow in the Main Lounge of McKenny at 12:15 p.m. Call 487.2483.

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Halloween Concert. The EMU Symphony Orchestra presents music to chill your spine and tickle your funny bone, 7:30 p.m., Pease Auditorium. Tickets are \$6 and \$4. Call 487.1221.

Each month FOCUS EMU highlights some of the upcoming Sesquicentennial activities. Be sure to collect all 12 for your personal record of this special year. Look for the next calendar page Nov. 2. For a more complete listing of events see the University Calendar on the Web at: www.emich.edu/public/public_information/calhome



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, Oct. 11. 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.

CLERICAL/SECRETARIAL

(Minimum Bi-Weekly Salary)

CSEN2007 CS-04 \$790.27
Secretary II, Holman Learning Center. Microsoft Word and Excel experience desirable.

CSUR2003 CS-04 \$790.27
Senior Account Clerk, Convocation Center-Ticket Office. Hours vary. Some evenings and weekends.

CSBF2009 CS-05 \$893.00
Collection Specialist, Student (REPOST) Accounting.

FOOD SERVICE/MAINT.

(Minimum Hourly Salary)

FMSA2006 FM-06 \$7.58
Custodian, Custodial Prorate (Hoyt Complex III). Hours: 6:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday.

PROFESSIONAL/TECH.

(Minimum Bi Weekly Salary)

PTBF2002 PT-07 \$1,096.46
Maintenance/Project Foreperson, Physical Plant. Variable hours. midnights, weekends and evenings required routinely to coordinate events.

PTAA2012 PT-08 \$625.06
Project Coordinator, Biology. 50 percent appointment. Knowledge and experience with grant agencies, proposal development and

scientific writing desirable. Ph.D. required.

ADMIN./PROFESSIONAL

(Minimum Semi-Monthly Salary)

APUR2005 AP-08 \$1,354.29
Assistant Director, Alumni Relations.

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Why I teach at Eastern Michigan University

Eastern Michigan provides a good setting for me to practice in many diverse areas of law, including employment tenure, student related issues, civil rights and higher education. Given the variety of legal issues that arise from college campuses, there's never a boring moment.

Working on campus gives me the added bonus of being able to teach some night courses, primarily higher education law and, occasionally, health and school law. Teaching connects me to the students, which allows me to mentor many of them. Some students want to talk about pursuing a law career, some want to know what it takes to become successful and some just want to discuss college life. I enjoy advising students about their possibilities.

With the added bonus of college football games, alumni events and faculty gatherings, Eastern Michigan is an ideal place to work, socialize and maybe even make a difference in a student's life.



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Dr. James Comer, holder of the Porter Chair in Urban Education, will give his first lecture Oct. 8, 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Friday's festivities conclude with a special reception (by invitation only) from 6:30-8:30 p.m. that will conclude with the a performance by the Duke Ellington Centennial Celebration Tour at Pease Auditorium. The concert is open to the public. Tickets are \$10. Call 487-2282.

The Celebration continues Saturday, Oct. 9 during Homecoming.

The Department of Teacher Education is hosting "Experience the World in Story," 1-2 p.m., 217 Porter, as part of the Family Day '99 festivities.

There also will be a Special Education open house and reunion at the Porter Building, from 1-4 p.m., 203 Porter Building. The public is invited.

"We want to show off everything we've got," Robbins said of the schedule of events. "This is the culmination of a long awaited event."

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