

EMU's Cook continues Milkin tradition

By **Kate Linblade**

Keith Cook ('91) has been named as one of the 1999 Milken Educator Award winners.

Cook, who teaches at Clarkston High School, was recognized for his "exceptional educational talent and promise." The \$25,000 award was presented to him in a special ceremony at Clarkston High School, where he has taught chemistry for four years.

"This is an extremely prestigious award in professional education, so it's a special honor to those who receive the award and it's an honor to EMU as well," said Jerry Robbins, dean of the EMU's College of Education.

Cook, a resident of Clinton Township, graduated magna cum laude from EMU in 1991 with a degree in biology. He previously taught at Warren Fitzgerald High School before joining Clarkston High in 1995.

EMU has a strong tradition of Milken Award winners, Robbins said.

"EMU is among the institutions with the largest number of Milken awardees," said Robbins. "Naturally we think this says important things about the quality of our programming at EMU."

Michigan joined the Milken program in 1990 and has 58 state winners. EMU alumni have received at least 16 of those awards, according to Robbins. The awards are given by the Milken Family Foundation in California. Since the awards began in 1987, \$37.5 million has been awarded to educators.

Milken Awards are given based on several criteria including: outstanding practices in the classroom, school and community; strong, long-range potential for even greater contributions to children, the profession and society; and outstanding ability to instill character and self-confidence in students.

Acting like teachers

Graves, Heck add faculty touch to 'Dancing with Lughnasa'

By **Renee Sawson**

Teachers teach and students learn. Students teach and teachers learn.

Life teaches, and people learn.

Kerry Graves and Terry Heck-Seibert, both EMU theatre faculty and alumni, will put aside traditional teaching methods for a chance to inspire learning through their own professional acting experience.

The pair will return to EMU's stage to appear in two of the eight roles featured in Brian Friel's Tony Award winning play, "Dancing at Lughnasa," which runs Oct. 15-23 at Sponberg Theatre.

"There's more to learn from working with people who have been doing it (acting) longer," said Heck-Seibert. "It's the whole master, apprentice thing that's been going on through the ages; we all learn."

Heck-Seibert received a bachelor of science in theatre at EMU in 1978. She returned to Eastern seven years ago to serve as associate professor of acting.

Graves earned a bachelor and master degrees from Eastern in 1992 and 1994. She also received a doctorate in fine arts at Texas Tech University.

Both Actors Equity Association members, Graves and Heck-Seibert have theatre experience that stretches from Los Angeles to New York City.



SHARED EXPERIENCE: Professors Kerry Graves and Terry Heck-Seibert were asked to perform in "Dancing at Lughnasa" to help EMU Theatre celebrate the University's Sesquicentennial.

Graves' diverse performing repertory includes appearances in several world-premiere plays, as well as, directing and choreographing musicals.

"I've learned so much more from working with professional actors and past theatre professors. One of the reasons I returned to EMU's stage was to work with my past teacher, mentor and friend, George Bird. He's directing this extraordinary play," said Graves.

and Graves said that eager theatre students can infuse electrifying energy and bring a fresh point of view to seasoned material.

"Teaching is interactive; the teacher teaches, but the peer teaches, too. We learn from our student colleagues," said Heck-Seibert.

For audience members, the play itself is the teacher. The story is about five sisters living in a small Irish village during the 1930's. When family values become fragmented and distorted, a passionate need to remember common ancestry bonding brings them together during a traditional, pagan harvest dance.

"There's a lot of connection the audience can make within their own family dynamics. Deep, heartfelt feelings of joy, pain, frustration and hope surface in what would seem like an ordinary family; the play relates to everyone," said Graves. "As a culture, we're losing a certain connection to magic and myth; it's the more primitive parts of ourselves."

Although the play's message about love, heartache and family unity is delivered with powerful dialogue and vigorous dancing, the storytelling is balanced with edgy humor.

"The audience will find themselves laughing, just

Heck-Seibert has performed in New York's Off-Broadway, Lambs Theatre. Locally, she recently performed in "A Christmas Carol" and "Lost in Yonkers" for Meadow Brook Theatre.

"Performing is valuable. It helps me teach students more effectively because I'm living it again," said Heck-Seibert.

Acting alongside of theatre students has had some advantages for both professionals. Both Heck-Seibert

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SERVICE ANNIVERSARIES

NOTE: Because of the length of this list it will run in installments. Look for the next part in the Oct. 19 issue.

These people are celebrating service anniversaries with the University in October.

30 years or more

James E. Wolter,
Dining Commons One

Merri McClure,
office of dean, COE

25-29 years

Bertha Crane,
extended programs

Harold W. Robbins Jr.,
maintenance

Dawn A. Clark,
office of dean, CAS

Richard Paffenroth,
purchasing

Judith Glotfelty,
health service X-Ray

Velma G. Clarke,
office of dean, CAS

20-24 years

Carol Frisbie,
telephone services

Mary Butkovich,
learning resources

David Costanza,
academic affairs

John O'Banner,
custodial services

Valdina Wiley,
Upward Bound

Richard J. Byrd,
university computing

Stephen D. Stemen,
custodial services

Victor honored for helping consumers

By Kate Linblade

For more than 25 years Gary Victor, professor of marketing, has been representing the "little people."

To honor his commitment to helping others, Victor was recently presented with the Frank J. Kelley Consumer Advocacy Award by the Consumer Law Section of the Michigan Bar Association.

Victor was surprised by his nomination and even argued against the decision to honor him. "I'm on the Consumer Law Section counsel where the nominations are reviewed. I was uncomfortable with getting it. I mean last year Attorney General Frank Kelley won it! It was like standing in the shoes of a great person in my mind. I felt unworthy, humbled and quite proud actually," said Victor.

Victor said his interest in consumer law and advocacy began by watching his father.

"My father hated cheats,

those who cheated the little people. I like using the law to help these people," said Victor.

One of Victor's largest cases involved the 12-year legal battle between Smolen vs. Dahlman Apartments, Limited. At the time, Victor's students were living at LeForge Green Ter-

race apartments (owned by Dahlman) and were being charged money from their security deposits for cleaning fees. The case was litigated to the Michigan Supreme Court and back again before it was ruled illegal to remove cleaning fees from security deposits under the Consumer Protection Act.

Victor believes he earned

the nomination for three reasons: longevity, perseverance and his writing as an academic.

"I've been at it for over 25 years and I was doing it when nobody else was," he said.

Specializing in the explanation of statutes and consumer class actions, Victor has written 10 articles since 1989 for publications such as the Michigan Bar Journal, Cooley Law Journal and "Colleague," a publication written specifically for judges.

Though the importance of consumer law is great, Victor said that attorney's have shied away from it because there is little financial gain. In Victor's eyes, if consumer lawyers didn't do it, nobody would.

"Usually consumers can't afford to get attorney's so the law tends to only be used by people with money. It's about protecting people that can't represent themselves and without it folks would be without a remedy," said Victor.

As a professor in the marketing department since 1974, Victor's teaching has played a key role in his work for consumer rights. "I am thankful to EMU for this award. If I wasn't a professor here I wouldn't have the time or money to practice law like I have over the years," said Victor. Currently, Victor is doing some personal injury work on the side and pursuing another case in the courts to enforce company rain checks for consumers. Due to his lengthy teaching career, Victor's law practice is limited but he continues to do consulting with other attorney's on consumer law cases.

Victor earned his bachelor's and master's degrees from Bowling Green University, and a law degree from the University of Toledo. He teaches the Legal Environment of Business class at both the undergraduate and graduate level.



Victor

Teaching excellence award winner Clark dies

By Kate Linblade

George S. Clark, associate professor of accounting at Eastern Michigan University, died Wednesday, Oct. 6 of a heart attack. Clark was 55.



Clark

three degrees from the University of Michigan and a master's of law and litigation in taxation degree from Wayne State

"Why would someone with an alphabet soup after their name teach here?" Clark asked when he was being interviewed for the University's "Why I" Campaign to highlight outstanding individuals at EMU. "Love. For the past 25 years, I have loved teaching students, helping them and sometimes even influencing them."

Clark came to EMU in 1973 after being a partner and attorney with Bergesen and Clark L.L.P. in Troy. He also worked with Renaissance C.P.A. in Ann Arbor. He earned

University.

Clark also served on the board of directors of the Huron Valley Humane Society and was a member of the State Bar of Michigan and the Michigan Association of CPAs.

"(He was) a professor who truly cared about his students in and out of the classroom," said former student Lisa Phelan in nominating Clark for the Alumni Association's Teaching Excellence Award in 1998.

"I visited him frequently with questions or problems that ranged from accounting issues, to what classes to take next semester, to personal concerns. He always listened to me and was willing to help," said Phelan.

Clark is survived by his wife, Georgia Ann of Highland Township, and mother Mary Ellen Clark of Milford.

Contributions can be sent to the accounting department at the College of Business to help establish the George S. Clark Scholarship fund. A contribution to the fund is preferred over flowers. For more information, call 487-3320 or 487-4140.



For a more extensive listing of University events, go to the Office of Public Information home page at www.emich.edu/public/public_information/

Hoops Hysteria set for Oct. 15

The men's and women's basketball teams are preparing for the 1999-2000 season and will celebrate with Hoops Hysteria, Friday, Oct. 15, 9:30 p.m.-1 a.m. This event is free and open to the public.

Participants can challenge men's coach Milt Barnes or women's coach Suzy Merchant to a free throw contest or participate in other fun events such as a pizza eating contest. The men's team will have a slam dunk contest and the women's team will compete against one another in a 3-point shot contest. There will also be a men's and women's basketball team scrimmage.

For more information, call 487.1050.

Time changed for Nov. 6 football game

The start time for the Nov. 6 home football game against Ball State University has been changed to 12:15 p.m.

There are still two Athletic Club Football Luncheons. The next one is Friday, Oct. 15, noon-1

p.m., Hoyt Conference Center. Tickets are \$10. Call 487.1050.



WEMU needs help with on-air fund drive

WEMU 89.1 FM is hosting its annual Fall On-Air Fund drive Saturday, Oct. 16 through Sunday, Oct. 24.

Volunteers are needed to answer phones and record pledges from 6 a.m.-midnight each day. Food, beverages and parking are provided.

For information or to schedule a shift, call 487.2229.

Seeing stars



Photo by Amir Gamzu

A GENERAL HONOR: Lt. Col. Brian Hoxie of EMU's department of military science (right) presents General John G. Coburn with a gift during the general's recent visit. Coburn, who graduated from Eastern Michigan University in 1962, is one of only eight four-star generals in the U.S. Army. Coburn's recent assignments include Commander of the Army's Material Command and Deputy Chief of staff for Logistics, Pentagon, Washington D.C.

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Arianna String Quartet open season Oct. 17

EMU's celebrated Arianna String Quartet will open its season with a performance Sunday, Oct. 17, 4 p.m., Pease Auditorium. This event is free and open to the public.

The quartet will perform Mozart's Quartet in D Minor, Christian Lauba's String Quartet: "Morphing" (1999), and Quartet by Maurice Ravel.

For more information on this event or other upcoming performances, call the music events hotline at 487.2255.

Making a splash

EMU will dedicate the Caesar Chavez Memorial Fountain Oct. 21, 11:30 a.m., at the fountain near McKenny Union and Welch Hall. A mariachi band will perform at 11:30 a.m. The program follows at 11:45 a.m.

There will be a reception (by invitation) following the dedication.

Call 487-4400.

Leadership Ypsilanti brings together town and gown

Time is running out to take part in Leadership Ypsilanti. This leadership program is conducted by the Ypsilanti Area Chamber of Commerce and helps participants develop their leadership skills while learning about the local community. Each year a "class" of leaders spends one Wednesday each month from November through June discussing all aspects of the Ypsilanti area with the local experts who know the inside story. Classmates learn about Ypsilanti history, the media, law enforcement, government, economic development, health care and other aspects of the environment in which Eastern Michigan University is located. The aim of the program is to

orient participants and prepare them to play enhanced leadership roles in the community.

Since "Leadership Ypsilanti" was launched in 1993 more than 20 Eastern Michigan University staff have participated. Some of these EMU "Leadership Ypsilanti" alumni include: Gregory Peoples, Sherry Sayles, Sandra Williams, Michael Crabb, Rebecca Figura, Shelley Wilson and Pamela Hill. Anyone interested in participating should contact Aimee Bahs at the Chamber of Commerce (482-4920) or Will Hathaway, EMU Director of Human Resource Development at 487-4249.

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when they're about to cry," said Graves.

The dancing performed in the play teaches that valuable communication between people can be transmitted without speaking. Graves and Heck-Seibert make their point by reciting a favorite quote from the script: "Dancing as if the very heart of life and all its hopes might be found in those assuaging notes and those hushed rhythms and in those silent and hypnotic movements. Dancing as if language no longer existed because words were no longer necessary..."

Graves is choreographing the play's dance sequences. The heathenish Lughnasa celebration must appear natural and unrehearsed. "That's

harder than it sounds," said Graves.

Teaching and learning are necessary partners. Together, they create a more complete educational experience. According to both Heck-Seibert and Graves, one facilitates the other.

"Performing is valuable. It helps me teach students more effectively, because I'm living it again,"

Terry Heck,
professor,
communications and
theatre arts

"Kerry and I have made our livings as professional actors, but we made the choice to teach as well. Part of being a teacher is wanting to pass on to others what is learned," said Heck-Seibert.

Acquiring knowledge isn't limited to teachers and students.

Heck-Seibert and Graves know the play will challenge its audience, but insist they'll be like them: learning.

Sesquicentennial

The story of the one-room school house

Originally known as the Town Hall Schoolhouse, the one-room school house, located between Rackham and Warner, was originally built in Pittsfield Township in 1852. In 1987 the schoolhouse was donated to EMU by the Geddes family of Ann Arbor to commemorate the University's strong tradition in education.

The \$181,000 renovation project, undertaken by EMU, was funded mostly from donations and special contributions. On Oct. 22, 1988 the one-room schoolhouse was dedicated.

The building serves as a museum and is used for special University functions.

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, Oct. 18. 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.

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CSEN2008 CS-04 \$790.27
Secretary II, Admissions Office. Ability to work in a high volume customer service oriented office. Some evening and Saturday hours are required.

PROFESSIONAL/TECH.

(Minimum Bi-Weekly Salary)

PTSA2015 PT-07 \$1,096.46
Assistant Manager: News Services. Public Information.

PTAA2013 PT-08 \$1,250.12
Workplace Education Specialist (English/Reading/Writing), Center for Management and Leadership. Grant duration.

FACULTY

Academic year appointments

F0002 Asst. Professor: Clinical Psychology, Psychology Dept.

F2004 Asst. Professor: Linguistics, English Dept.

F2005 Asst. Professor: 19th Century American Lit., English Dept.

F2006 Asst. Professor: 19th Century British Fiction, English Dept.

F2007 Asst. Professor: Developmental Writing, English Dept.

F2008 Asst. Professor: Communication, Dept. of Communication & Theatre Arts.

F2009 Instructor/Asst. Professor: Communication/Director of Forensics, Dept. of Communication & Theatre Arts.

F2010 Asst. Professor: Telecommunications and Film, Dept. of

Communication & Theatre Arts.

F2011 Asst. Professor: Foundation Design, Fine Arts Dept.

F2012 Asst. Professor: Philosophy, Dept. of History and Philosophy.

F2013 Asst. Professor: Ichthyology, Biology Dept.

F2014 Asst. Professor: Microbial Physiology, Biology Dept.

F2015 Asst. Professor: Computer Science, Dept. of Computer Science.

F2016 Asst. Professor: Analytical Chemistry/Chemistry Education, Chemistry Dept.

F2018 Asst. Professor: Applied Sociology, Dept. of Sociology, Anthropology and Criminology.

F2019 Asst. Professor: Motor Learning, Dept. of Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance.

F2020 Asst. Professor: Professional Pedagogy, Dept. of Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance.

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Why I work at Eastern Michigan University

Thirty years ago, I came to Eastern Michigan University to assist in the library. I'm still here and I love it.

Working behind the scenes, making sure new books and research materials are accessible for students and faculty, gives me a sense of accomplishment. Sometimes, I meet the people who actually wrote the material I'm cataloging. It makes me feel special.

Besides the incredible friendships I've made, I helped organize a union to represent over 300 clerical workers and secretaries in 1975. Since 1991 I have been serving as president of the clerical union (Local UAW, 1975).

Many times, I stop and think about how lucky I am to have the opportunity to negotiate positive changes, while working at a job I really enjoy.



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