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SERVICE WITH A SMILE: EMU's Al Robinson said he never thought about public service until members of his church suggested he get involved. He has held numerous city positions including mayor pro tem of Ypsilanti and a position on the city council. Currently he is a member of the Washtenaw County Workforce Development Board.

Four EMU employees answer call to public service

For Eastern Michigan employees Greg Peoples, Tony Martin, Al Robinson and David Archbold, serving the public means much more than working for a university.

Although they each work in different areas on campus, off campus they share a similar interest in giving something back to their respective communities.

Peoples is the dean of students at EMU but he also is involved with education away from campus. He is a trustee for the Lincoln School District and the vice president of the Washtenaw Intermediate School Board.

Robinson, assistant director of risk management, is serving his third term on the Washtenaw County Workforce Development Board.

David Archbold, the assistant director of foreign student services at EMU, splits his off time between his duties on the Ypsilanti School Board and the Planning Commission.

And when he isn't cruising campus as an officer with EMU's Department of Public Safety, Tony Martin serves as chair of the Planning Commission and is a member of the Ypsilanti Board of Appeals.

"You can't just sit and complain. You have to get involved. You have to try and make a difference," said Archbold. "I like giving back to the community. You need to participate, especially if you are not happy with the way things are."

It wasn't something wrong that motivated Archbold to get involved, but his interest in education and a challenge from EMU President William E. Shelton.

"I have always been interested in education. My masters degree is in educational leadership. I got involved in several committees. This was the natural next step," Archbold said. "I also heeded President Shelton's invitation to get involved in the community. I felt

I could make a difference."

When Robinson left the Army and moved to Ypsilanti he had no intention of pursuing a career in local government. He said members of his church encouraged him to take an active role in the community and to get involved with local government.

"The thought that people will put so much trust in you is very humbling," said Robinson.

Robinson believes his customer service related approach to community service allows him to remain humble, and ensures that he serves the public.

"It's not Al on the council, it's what can be done. Whether my name is attached to something is really immaterial, it is how the public has been served and what I have done for my constituents that are important," Robinson said.

In nearly a lifetime of public service related jobs, Robinson has had the opportunity to fill many jobs in which the benefactor of his work is the local community. A 20-year veteran of the Army, Robinson has occupied seats on a variety of municipal boards. He is the chairman of the board of directors for the Ypsilanti Area Chamber of Commerce and a member and former chair of the Washtenaw County Workforce Development Board. He previously served on the Ypsilanti City Council for 13 years and was the mayor pro tem for the city of Ypsilanti.

Robinson is co-owner of the Ypsilanti Seafood Restaurant and a Sunday school teacher.

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Klein uses radio show to share cultural experience of jazz

As the director of academic programs abroad at Eastern Michigan University, George Klein has had many different cultural experiences.

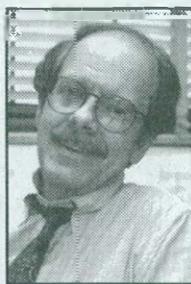
But one of his favorite cultural experiences doesn't have anything to do with a particular foreign country or exotic foods. It's jazz.

"There is a multicultural influence and a cultural expression in jazz," said Klein, who has been the director of academic programs abroad at EMU since 1974.

"I became aware of jazz back in high school in Philadelphia. I've been a fan and a music collector ever since," he said.

Klein admits that he is not a musician nor does he have vast technical knowledge of music, but that hasn't prevented him from sharing his love of jazz with listeners and students alike.

Last year Klein taught a new music course entitled "Jazz in America." He also has been talking with jazz musicians and playing the music on his radio show "The Groove Yard" on Eastern



Klein

Michigan's public radio station WEMU (89.1 FM) since 1982. "The Groove Yard," a classic 50s and 60s jazz show, airs from 1-3 p.m. Sunday afternoons.

"I have gained my expertise from listening, reading and talking to musicians since high school. Being on the radio and being involved with WEMU sponsored productions, I know how they think, feel and the context in which they create their music," said Klein, who is also an editor and writer for "The Entertainment Revue," a monthly magazine devoted to music, film, theatre and other cultural events in southeast Michigan.

As for the class he teaches, Klein said it is not a technical class but rather an appreciation of jazz from the listener's point of view.

"I can help the students respond to the music from the vantage point of the listener," he said.

For Klein, jazz holds a special appeal. "I enjoy the balance between the individual and the group, and the structure and the freedom of jazz. The individual has to step up to the front and do a solo and then has to fit back in with the band. There is a mix of group tension and individual expression," said Klein.

Klein admits that southeast Michigan has a rich tradition of jazz with the

WEMU to host listener call-in program Sept. 16

WEMU (89.1 FM), Eastern Michigan University's public radio station will host two listener call-in programs Thursday, Sept. 16, at 8:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. The call-in program will pre-empt the last half hour of NPR's Morning Edition in the morning and the last half hour of NPR's Fresh Air in the evening.

"Every year or so, we like to give our listeners the opportunity to tell us what they think about WEMU," said General Manager Art Timko, who will host the shows. "Listener input is important to us and we also think it's important to let them know what we're doing here at the station as well as our plans for the future."

Listeners should call 487.8936 locally or toll-free 1.888.299.8910 with their questions and comments during the two call-in programs.

Ann Arbor Jazz and Blues Festival, the Detroit Montreux Jazz Festival and the Frog Island Festival. But he would like to see more people "tuning" in to Jazz.

"I'd like more people to be open to the music and appreciate it and support it. We need a greater understanding of its rich tradition. I think more people would enjoy it if they discovered it," said Klein.

When he is not helping students and listeners tune into the cultural experience of jazz, Klein is busy administering the three overseas programs that make up EMU's academic programs abroad area. Those areas are: The Summer European Cultural History Tour, The Fall European Cul-

tural History Tour and The Fall Asian Cultural History Tour.

"About 200 students from Eastern and other universities participate in these programs every year," said Klein. Klein said that the program is a very unconventional way to learn and study and it isn't for everybody. But he encourages students to investigate overseas academic programs.

"Students come back changed in ways that are permanent," he said. "They have a greater sense of confidence and security, they learn more about America even though the focus is not on America and they become more aware of world events and how nations interact."

- Contributed by Eleanor Loikits

EMU chemistry department to cultivate future professors

By Kate Linblade

Eastern Michigan University's Chemistry Department has been selected by the American Chemical Society to participate in a national program aimed at bettering future faculty members.

The newly launched *Shaping the Preparation of Future Science and Mathematics Faculty* program will partner the chemistry departments of the University of Michigan and EMU in a collaborative effort to improve the understanding of faculty responsibilities for graduate students interested in teaching.

"When I went through my Ph.D. program they wanted me to stay in the lab all of the time. When I left and came here I had to figure out how to be a faculty member," said Dr. Wade Tornquist, department head of EMU's chemistry department.

Tornquist, who has been at Eastern since 1986, said he initially didn't know much about tenure track, teaching techniques or how to train undergraduate students. The new program will address that situation by pairing graduate students from UM with EMU's chemistry professors with similar fields of expertise.

"We want to show potential faculty members

how to teach effectively. We will move them out of the research environment and try to get them excited about education," said Tornquist, who earned his Ph.D from the University of Minnesota.

The process includes seminars in teaching and discussion of key concepts such as tenure and educational freedom. EMU will provide field experience for graduate students, who will "shadow" Eastern Michigan faculty members to see what the entire job entails.

"Hopefully, we can get these students interested in education and in teaching at places such as EMU," said Tornquist.



New University stationery designs available

As the University's Sesquicentennial celebration begins to wind down, new University stationery designs have been introduced.

The stationery design, created by University designer Elaine Martin, features the University's new corporate identity recently approved by President William E. Shelton.

The new designs again feature the University seal, but continue the same typefaces introduced with the Sesquicentennial stationery. The typeface used for "Eastern Michigan University" in the new designs will replace the Adobe Caslon font used before the Sesquicentennial.

The design is available on business cards, letterhead, notepads and envelopes. A price list is available by calling 487.3600.

Career Conference set for Sept. 15

The Career Services Center along with The College of Business and ANR Pipeline will sponsor the 9th Annual College of Business Career Conference Wednesday, Sept. 15, 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Area employers along with College of Business faculty and EMU staff will present workshops and various job search strategies. The keynote speaker is Dr. Sheila Feigelson, author of "Energize Your Meetings with Laughter." Call 487.0400 for location.

Party celebrates first home game Sept. 25

Alumni Relations will give Eastern Michigan University football fans the opportunity to have some pre-game fun Sept. 25 as the Eagles kick off their first home game of the season against Akron. Game time is 6 p.m.

The tailgate is from 4:30-6 p.m. outside the west entrance of Rynearson Stadium. Tickets are \$4 for alumni association members and \$5 for all other guests. To purchase tailgate tickets, call 487.0250. For game tickets, call 487.2282.

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

Joe Clark to bring educational motivation to EMU students

By Kate Linblade

Eastern Michigan University will host a lecture by celebrated high school principal, activist and author Joe Clark Wednesday, Sept. 15 at 7 p.m. in the McKenny Union Ballroom. The free lecture kicks off the Housing and Dining Services Learning First Series.

"His lecture focuses on taking charge of your life and education, and also taking responsibility for your actions. We're sure his motivational and fiery presentation will appeal to students," said Melissa Ginotti, program coordinator of EMU Campus Life.

Clark gained notoriety in 1986 as a newly appointed principal who converted a rough Patterson, N.J. high school into a model school honored by the state's governor. Named one of the nation's top ten "Principals of Leadership" in 1986, Clark's staunch disciplinarian approach differed greatly from standard practices of the time.

Known for calling out orders to students through a bullhorn, Clark used strict discipline and demanded excellence from his students. "If there is no discipline, no learning can take

place. Without discipline there is anarchy," said Clark.

Clark's battles were the subject of a "Time" magazine cover story, two "60 Minutes" profiles and appearances on television news and talk shows.

His accomplishments at Eastside High are the subject of the film "Lean On Me," starring two-time Oscar-nominee Morgan Freeman. Clark has also written the book "Laying Down the Law," in which he shares his beliefs and strategies for success.

After a seven-year stay as principal of Eastside High, Clark resigned in 1990. He went on to become an acclaimed speaker on the country's lecture circuit and was a nominee for the 1996 National Association of Campus Activities Speaker of the Year Award. In 1995, Clark was appointed director of the Essex County Youth House, a juvenile detention center in his hometown of Newark, N.J. "I will stay until I have brought about change, I can't think of anything more noble," said Clark.

For more information contact Melissa Ginotti at 734.487.3045.



QUARTET MEMBERS: (l to r) John McGrosso, Rebecca Rhee, Kurt Baldwin and Mahoko Eguchi.

Arianna quartet traveling to France for competition

The Arianna String Quartet will travel to Bordeaux, France Sept. 14-19 to compete in the International String Quartet.

"There are only a few international string quartet competitions in the world and this one only takes place every few years," said Kurt Baldwin, cellist for Arianna. "It's a great honor to be selected because it is a highly selective process."

The Arianna String Quartet is comprised of John McGrosso, violinist; Rebecca Rhee, violinist; Mahoko Eguchi, violinist; and Baldwin.

Baldwin said that the group had to submit a CD and then was prejudged based on many other criteria.

"We think there are only about 19 groups in the world performing," Baldwin said.

The winning quartet receives a cash prize, a concert tour of Europe and recording opportunities.

The group is funding the trip with

contributions from donors and from sales of its CD "Shubert's Death of the Maiden."

Baldwin said the competition consists of three single elimination rounds.

"You have to perform with as much energy as you can in a short amount of time. We will play 30 to 40 minutes in the first round. In that time we have to settle in, play well, and enjoy ourselves."

Baldwin said that the quartet has been practicing five hours a day and that no matter the outcome, the competition will provide a great opportunity for the group.

"We get to play great music and eat great food," said Baldwin. "The single most important thing though in our existence is having a home in Ypsilanti. We will carry that to Bordeaux and hopefully when we are done they will know Ypsilanti and Eastern Michigan University."

Music calendar is packed with diverse offerings

EMU music events for Sept. 14-18: The Posaune Voce Trio, an internationally acclaimed trio, will perform Tuesday, Sept. 14, Alexander Recital Hall. The cost is \$5 at the door. The program will include 17th and 18th century music of the Viennese Court.

An Improvisation Symposium will be offered Sept. 16-18, Organ Recital Hall. The cost is \$40 for adults and \$25 for students. The workshops are free with an EMU ID. Susan Tattershall, EMU's McAndless Distinguished Professor, and EMU organ professor Pamela Ruitter-Feenstra will host the workshops.

The Organ Recital Series begins Friday, Sept. 17 as EMU professors Nelson Amos, Glenda Kirkland and Ruitter Feenstra perform Spanish vihuela, vocal and organ music. The recital is at 8 p.m. at the Organ Recital Hall.

Dr. Michael Mark, noted music educator, will speak on "Change in Music Education," Saturday, Sept. 18, 10 a.m., Alexander Recital Hall.

There will be a violin recital featuring EMU faculty Daniel Foster and Joseph Gurt, Saturday, Sept. 18, time TBA. All events are free and open to the public unless otherwise specified. Call 487.1221 for information.

Sesquicentennial TIMELINE

Normal becomes first to teach special education

In 1923, the State Legislature decided to pass an act that provided financial aid for school districts wishing to organize classes for blind and deaf children. The State Board of Education designed that Michigan State Normal College would train the teachers for the districts. In 1924 Normal established the Department of Special Education under the guidance of Charles Morris Elliot. The result was that Normal became the first institution in the United States for the training of teachers in Special Education.

Homecoming/Family Day set for Oct. 4-10

Make plans now to join the entire Eastern Michigan University community for Homecoming and Family Day Oct. 4-10.

Special events include a celebration of the new John W. Porter Building (Friday, Oct. 8); Ninth Annual Teaching Excellence Awards (Saturday, Oct. 9); Eighth Annual EMU Traditional Pow Wow (Oct. 9); Family Day (Oct. 9); Homecoming football game against Western Michigan; and "The Roots" Homecoming finale (Sunday, Oct. 10).

For information, contact Alumni Relations at 487.0250.

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JOBSLINE

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PTSA2009 PT 05 \$845.81
Supervisor: Dining Services, Dining Services. August through May appointment.

PTSA2010 PT-06 \$476.73
Accountant I, McKenny Union and Campus Life. 50 percent appointment. Demonstrated experience with receivables desirable.

PTSA2011 PT-07 \$1,096.46
Program Coordinator for Technology/Operations/Events, McKenny Union and Campus Life.

PTSA2013 PT-07 \$548.23
Manager: McKenny Union (Weekend/Evening Operations), McKenny Union and Campus Life. 50 percent appointment. Wed.-Sat. Weekend, evenings are mandatory.

PTSA2012 PT-08 \$1,250.12
Program Coordinator: Student Transition/Student Development, McKenny Union and Campus Life.

The pay rates stated above reflect the probationary minimum rate 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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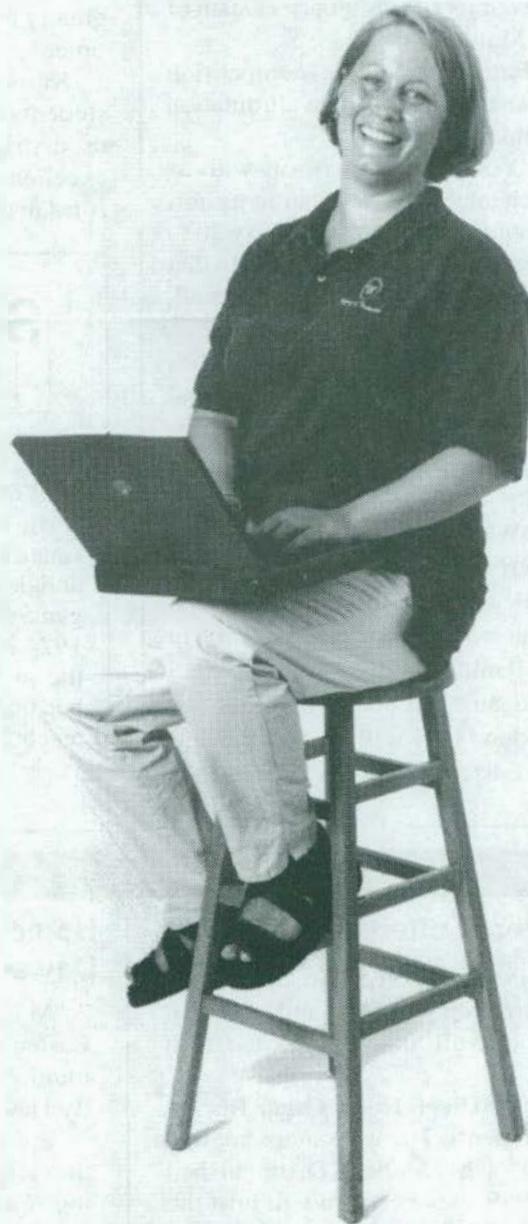
Why I work at Eastern Michigan University

I feel like I grew up here. I came to EMU as a student in 1990. I earned my undergraduate degree in economics in 1995 and now I am finishing my master's degree.

During my time here, I have seen many aspects of the university. I have been everything from a student assistant to a part-time lecturer. I am pleased to be in a position to give something back.

Now I am a network administrator at the College of Technology. Because this is where I started as a student employee, my students know I have been where they are. This provides them with a unique perspective. They take their positions more seriously because they see that they can get somewhere too.

Eastern has provided me with the opportunity to explore my potential. I couldn't ask to be anywhere better.



Katrina Cook
Computer Network Systems Administrator
College of Technology

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"I consider both public service and being an employee of EMU to be rewarding experiences," said Robinson. "And I feel fortunate to have been selected along the way to fill these jobs."

Like Robinson, EMU public safety officer Tony Martin participates in community government in order to help improve the lives of people in his community.

"The only thing I ever wanted to do was help people," said Martin, who also volunteers on a regular basis for the Lincoln and Ypsilanti school districts. "I get so much from this. It helps me define myself."

According to Martin, people in the community know that they need only ask for his help on a project or a committee. A father of two young boys, Martin believes his dedication to the community and his job at EMU will provide a clear example of the differences between right and wrong.

"I am giving them what I think is the future," Martin said of his children. "When I leave I will only be a memory. It's about how you want to be remembered."

Seeing the involvement of his parents in education and the community in Kent, Ohio is one reason Peoples became involved in public service.

"My parents were very active in their children's education," said Peoples. "My father was very active in the community. He was a civil rights activist and very much involved in making lives better. You need to make a positive difference."

Another motivating factor for Peoples' involvement in public service is a principle shared by EMU Vice President Laurence Smith.

"Vice President Smith believes that you have to make a positive difference in the lives of students. That model is true. If I can help make a positive difference then I have achieved my goal," said Peoples.

A life in public service can be demanding.

"Everyone has questions, comments and directions," said Archbold. "It's hard work. But it's very rewarding."

- Story by Sarah Meiras