

President Clinton to visit campus

EMU one of only three colleges selected for commencement visit

By Ward Mullens

President Bill Clinton will visit Eastern Michigan University for the second time in four years when he delivers the commencement address during the April 30 ceremony.

Clinton, who first came to EMU in 1996, will deliver the commencement address at the 1:30 p.m. ceremony at the Convocation Center. The 10 a.m. ceremony will feature Dr. James P. Comer, the John W. Porter Distinguished Professor in



Clinton



Slater

Urban Education, as the commencement speaker.

Approximately 2,500 students, representing EMU's five colleges, are eligible to walk for the two ceremonies at the Convocation Center.

"This is very exciting for Eastern Michigan University and the Ypsilanti community," said Ron Miller, special projects manager for EMU. "But it will not be a typical commencement."

A letter will be sent to the campus community this week outlining changes to the April 30 commencement.

Everyone at both ceremonies will have to go through metal detectors, Miller said. That will mean that everyone should try to arrive early so that lines do not form. For security reasons handheld items such as umbrellas, purses, coats, balloons and flowers will not be allowed in the building.

Miller said that cameras would be allowed in the building.

"They understand that this is commencement," said Miller of the camera issue.

Everyone also should have a picture ID and be prepared to present it if asked, said Miller.

Miller said that the University campus should watch EMU TODAY, the public information Web site and the Eastern Echo On-line for additional updates about commencement.

According to Juanita Reid, vice president for University Relations, Eastern Michigan was simply chosen for the presidential visit. Every year three schools, one military, one private and one public institution, are chosen for a presidential visit for commencement.

Reid said factors that could have helped EMU land the

SECURITY CHECK

Expect some changes for the April 30 commencement ceremony with President Clinton. Here are some helpful hints from those who witnessed Clinton's first visit to EMU in October 1996:

■ **Arrive early.** There will be more people and metal detectors. There are 2,500 graduates eligible to walk during commencement. That's a lot of relatives. Mix in a few metal detectors for security and things are going to take a little longer.

■ **Leave the kitchen sink at home.** People bring a lot of stuff to graduation. Purses will slow you up at the metal detectors. Umbrella's will not be permitted, along with balloons, flowers and signs. The reason is simple - security. Cameras will be allowed.

■ **Picture IDs.** Everyone for both ceremonies should bring a picture ID and be prepared to present it if asked.

■ **Stay tuned.** Look for additional information updates about graduation via public information's Web site, EMU TODAY and the Eastern Echo On-line.

visit include President William Shelton's work with the National Committee on Time and Learning and commencement visits from Secretary of Transportation Rodney Slater; Secretary of Education Richard Riley; and White House economic adviser Gene Sperling. Slater will introduce President Clinton during the April 30 commencement.

As for tickets to commencement, there are none available to the general public, according to Miller.

"The priority is for graduates and their families to have

tickets," Miller said.

But there is a way for EMU faculty and staff to still be a part of the presidential visit. Miller said he needs volunteers to be ushers and for other jobs. Anyone interested should call 487-2420.

Any unclaimed graduation tickets they will be released through the Convocation Center box office beginning Wednesday, April 26, 8 a.m. Those attending the morning commencement ceremony will not be allowed to stay for the afternoon ceremony.

Governor names Brandon to Board of Regents

By Ron Podell

Jan A. Brandon of Ann Arbor was recently appointed to the Eastern Michigan University Board of Regents by Gov. John Engler.

Brandon replaces Carl Pursell, for a term expiring Dec. 31, 2000. The appointment brings the total number of board members to seven. There is still one vacancy. Donna Millhouse recently stepped down as regent to become a judge. Her seat has yet to be filled.

"I am proud to serve my alma mater as a member of the Board of Regents," said Brandon, a 1986 graduate of EMU. "Eastern Michigan University provided me with an outstanding education. As for what lies ahead, my first priorities will be to listen and to learn, so I may best serve the students and the university community."

Brandon earned her business degree,

with a concentration in marketing, from EMU, and was once named Outstanding Marketing Student of the Year.

"Jan is an exceptional person with a strong record of civic and community involvement," Engler said in a prepared statement. "Her success as a mother, as a volunteer, and as a woman in business reflects her ability and leadership. In addition, her prior experience on numerous educational boards is great preparation for serving as a regent of EMU."

Gov. Engler was looking for a candidate with leadership qualities, who had previously served on an advisory board, and who was familiar with EMU, said Susan Shafer, Gov. Engler's deputy press secretary.

"She brings a lot to the table," Shafer said of Brandon. "Her EMU experience speaks highly of her. Gov. Engler was looking for someone who knows the

EMU experience and what issues are affecting the campus."

Brandon previously was manager of marketing, research and development for Valassis Communications. She also has devoted much of her time and energy to a number of organizations, including: the Detroit Public Television Board of Directors, the Purple Rose Theater Advisory Board, Schoolcraft College Foundation Board of Directors, and the board of trustees for both America's Thanksgiving Parade and Cleary College.

In addition, Brandon has contributed her time to Angela Hospice, C.S. Mott Children's Hospital Advisory Board, Plymouth Christian Academy, and the boards of the UMRC Heritage Foundation as well as the Child Abuse and Neglect Council of Oakland County.

Brandon's first board meeting is June 20.

Aebersold uses Fulbright award to help others

By Ron Podell

One of the things Jo Ann Aebersold wondered about on her way to Argentina related to a language barrier. That's usually not a problem for a professor who teaches others at Eastern Michigan University how to teach English as a foreign language.

Her concern was how difficult it might be to teach foreign language department professors at the National University of Rio Cuarto on how to conduct research in foreign language learning and how to write their own research proposals. After all, the chief language in Argentina is Spanish.

What she found was a fairly English-fluent group of teachers – a pleasant surprise that made it easier for her to teach her research concepts.

"I was surprised by how well the teachers I worked with spoke English," Aebersold said. "It made my teaching a lot easier."

Aebersold, professor of foreign languages and bilingual studies, recently was given a Fulbright Scholar award.

Approximately 750 senior scholar Fulbrights are awarded annually by Congress to college and university faculty and professionals, said Bekah Ekstrom, a publications associate with the Council for International Exchange of Scholars in Washington, D.C.

The distinction allowed Aebersold to teach in Rio Cuarto, Argentina from September-November 1999. The Fulbright provided a teaching stipend and covered her transportation to and from Argentina, as well as housing in the South American country.

"I probably broke even financially," said Aebersold, who teaches English to foreign students at EMU and prepares students to become

English Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) teachers. "I came out ahead intellectually."

To elaborate, Aebersold said the experience refreshed her perspective of the value of English from a foreign point of view; allowed her to make new contacts with people who are in her teaching field; and allowed her to realize that students in Argentina don't simultaneously apply their English skills into other areas, such as computer science, as students do in America.

The 22 Argentinian teachers who took Aebersold's class on weekends already had full teaching loads, and many had families. Of that total, five of the teachers traveled from outside the province to attend classes, with two of those making a five-hour journey.

"It instilled in me how much education is valued," Aebersold said. "I have sometimes forgotten that. They're already teachers at the university (in Argentina) and still hungry for knowledge. That was very exciting."

The teachers in Aebersold's class had to critique English-language research articles Aebersold toted along, for fear the libraries in Rio Cuarto would not have sufficient materials written in English. She was right.

Because the teachers were well-versed in English, they were able to comprehend the English research-writing articles, Aebersold said.

Each Argentinian teacher Aebersold worked with also will have to write a "full-blown" research proposal, which will go toward earning their master's degrees, Aebersold said.

In Argentina, knowing English is "a prestige thing," Aebersold said. Many students there attend regular school during the day and then go straight to private language schools to learn English. Students usually start learning English in the fourth or fifth grade, she said.

Her decision to compete for a Fulbright stemmed



ARGENTINE WAY: EMU's Jo Ann Aebersold, foreign language, recently traveled to Argentina as a Fulbright Scholar.

Provost moves Harris to interim associate vice president

By Ron Podell

Michael Harris has been named interim associate vice president of academic affairs at Eastern Michigan University. Harris, who is the undergraduate studies coordinator and former interim head of political science, will start his new position May 1.

Harris replaces Kenneth Rusiniak, who will resume his former position as head of the psychology department.

"I'm enthusiastic about it. It's a great challenge," Harris said of his new position. "This job [will] provide me with the unique opportunity to work with others in shaping the way our academic programs will look and what we can offer."

Harris' responsibilities will include coordination of the academic program review process and the review and approval process for new academic courses and programs, and the revision of existing courses and programs.

Harris said he expects existing course offerings will be modified, and more new courses and programs offered. For example, Harris noted the university recently created a new Ph.D. program for clinical psychology.

"We continually have to change and adapt to reflect the needs of the university and the student body," Harris said.



Harris

As part of his duties, Harris also will supervise many areas, including the North Central Association (NCA) reaccreditation process, the director of the Faculty Center for Instructional Excellence, the director of the University Honors Program, the faculty course evaluation process, and preparation of materials for the Faculty Affairs and the Educational Policies Committees of the

EMU SHINES 'BRIGHT

Fulbright Scholars are selected based on a national application process. The candidates present an educational goal in a certain discipline that they would like to accomplish.

The following are the most recent EMU Fulbright Scholar winners:

■ Salma B. Khamash, teacher education, University of Qatar, Doha, Qatar, October 1998-March 1999.

■ Asrat Tessema, finance, Ethiopia, Addis Ababa University, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia; September 1997-July 1998.

■ Raymond A. Rosenfeld, political science, American Government Institute of Public Administration and Local Government. Kiev, Ukraine; September 1995-July 1996.

■ Valerie Polakow, teacher education, Royal Danish School of Educational Studies and Danish Cultural Institute, Copenhagen, Denmark, September-December 1995.

■ Thomas M. Gwaltney, teacher education, various institutions in Mexico City, Mexico, April-July 1991.

Source: Council For International Exchange of Scholars

from her love of travel and teaching. Aebersold has been to many places in the world, but had always wanted to visit the East Coast of South America, she said. The assignment in Argentina seemed like a perfect fit, especially considering the university there (with 25,000 students) was roughly the same size as EMU.

In addition to her teaching, Aebersold found time to sample some of the culture and use her Spanish, which she speaks fluently. While there, she rented a room from a retired middle school principal, who spoke no English, but whom

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Board of Regents.

Harris received his undergraduate degree in economics and business administration from Bar-Ilan University in Israel. He received his master's degree from Tel Aviv University and his Ph.D. in public policy from Indiana University. His areas of specialization include public policy and public administration.

A widely published author, his work has appeared in political journals such as *International Journal of Public Administration, Government and Policy and Utopian Studies*. He is currently working on two books.

Harris has received several awards, including The Michigan Association of Governing Boards' Distinguished Faculty Award, EMU's Distinguished Faculty Teaching Award, and the 1999 Teaching Excellence Award. He also was recognized for his teaching excellence in 1998 and 1999 by the American Political Science Association.

COT Spring lecture series focuses on technology, life

"Technology and Life in the New Millennium," is the theme for the 19th Annual Spring Lecture Series presented by EMU's College of Technology, May 10-June 14.

Topics being discussed will include whether technology has an impact on making peace more or less likely and how technology affects on social life. The lecture series is a collection of open-forum presentations facilitated by renowned experts in their fields. Each lecture will highlight individual speakers' contributions to their topic and the future outlook of the topic on the global society.

All six lectures are scheduled for Wednesdays, 7-9:30 p.m., Eagle Crest Conference Center, Ypsilanti. Graduate and undergraduate credits are available.

■ The lecture series will begin

May 10, when Brig. Gen. James Jaeger (Retired), U.S. Air Force, will present, "War and Peace." Jaeger will discuss how the public can respond to the growing threat of technology to the country's health, welfare and security. He also will discuss whether technology makes peace more or less likely, and whether the U.S. is prepared for war or peacekeeping in the future.

■ Dr. David Burke, Department of Human Genetics, Gerontology Research, University of Michigan, will give a lecture entitled, "Human Technologies: The Body," May 17. Burke will explore how science and technology have altered health and disease on the human body, whether diseases can be eradicated, and how long our children will live.

■ Dr. Al Teich, author and direc-

tor of AAAS, will discuss whether technology is redefining society in his lecture, "The Global Community," May 24. Teich will look at whether neighborhoods defined by location and geography may be redesigned into "virtual" communities.

■ Drs. Dan and Julie Ryan will focus on how technology affects the nature of work during their lecture, entitled, "The Future of Work and Business," May 31. The two will discuss how regional economic organizations and legal systems have a major impact on the future of intellectual property, cyber crime, technology transfer, business and work.

■ Dr. Thomas Whipple, an education and management consultant, will explore the connection between future leaders and technology in his lecture, "Leadership for the Future."

June 7

■ Walter DiMantova, director of the Centers for Corporate Training at EMU, will give the final lecture in the series June 14. During his speech, entitled "Human Technologies: Social Life," DiMantova will look at whether technology can affect your social life and whether technological developments will also mean a new definition of self.

EMU Continuing Education sponsors the series. Graduate students of Wayne B. Hanewicz, professor of interdisciplinary technology, and Charlene Warner, an adjunct professor, developed the lecture series.

Call more information, call Interdisciplinary Technology at (734) 487-1161.

A measure of his success



A RETIRING PERSONALITY: Larry Smith, vice president of university marketing and student affairs, and his wife Joanne talk to one of the many well wishers who turned out for a retirement reception for Smith, April 18. Smith will retire from EMU in June after 25 years of service. The EMU community packed 205 Welch Hall to say goodbye.

Alumni awards set for May 13

Eight Eastern Michigan University alumni will be honored at the 39th Annual Alumni Awards Dinner, Saturday, May 13, 7 p.m., Ypsilanti Marriott at Eagle Crest.

Anne J. Esposito ('91, '93), president of Avion Management Services Inc., and Paul S. McMullen ('95), who represented the U.S. in the 1,500 meter's in the 1996 Olympics, and is an accountant, will receive Outstanding Young Alumni Awards.

Dale E. Heydlauff ('79), senior vice president of environmental affairs for American Electric Power, and Gerald J. Grady Jr. ('85), shareholder and principal for the accounting firm Follmer, Rudzewicz & Co., will be honored with Alumni Achievement Awards.

Shirly Spork ('49), a professional golfer and a founding member of the LPGA, and Gerald Welch ('60), presi-

dent of Monroe County Community College, will be feted with Distinguished Alumni Awards.

Ron Oestrike ('54), EMU's former baseball coach and professor emeritus of health, physical education, recreation and dance at EMU, and Dennis Beagen ('66), department head, communication and theater arts, will receive Dr. John W. Porter Distinguished Service Awards.

A cocktail reception will begin at 6 p.m., with dinner and awards to follow in the Lakeshore Ballroom, at 7 p.m.

Tickets are \$45 per person and reservations can be made through the Office for Alumni Relations. Please R.S.V.P. by May 1. For more information, call alumni relations at (734) 487-0250.

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

Got an idea?

What lectures or topics interest you? What concerts and performing arts events interest you? Your input is key to a successful season of events. Respondents will automatically be registered for a drawing to win a \$100 gift certificate to the EMU Bookstore. Send your ideas to: campus.life@cl@mckenny; fax 480-1927 or call 487-3045.

Register here

Registration for spring, summer and fall 2000 has begun. The touch tone registration phone number is 487-3309. Please refer to the class schedule book for more information or call the registration hotline at 487-2300.

Summer Fun Camp

Registrations are now being accepted for Rec/IM Summer Fun Camp for 7- to 13-year-old kids. Camp sessions run from June 19-August 18. Session fees vary from \$100-\$200. Call Chris Voss at 487-1338.

Secretaries Day April 26

The annual President's Secretaries Day is set for April 26, 7:30-9:30 a.m., McKenny Union Ballroom. Walter DiMantova and Dr. Chris Foreman, co-directors of EMU's Center for Creativity and Innovation present, "Workplace Creativity." Continental breakfast served. Call 487-4249.

"Take Our Daughters to Work" Day, April 27

All faculty and staff are encouraged to bring their daughters to work as part of Eastern Michigan University's "Take Our Daughters to Work" Day, April 27. Children ages 9-18 can participate.

The schedule for the day is: registration, 8-8:45 a.m., McKenny Union Ballroom; concurrent workshops, 9-11:15 a.m., various campus locations; luncheon, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., McKenny Union Ballroom; "On the Job" with parent or sponsor, 12:30-5 p.m.

Faculty and staff must pre-register. If you have more than one guest, you will need to register each guest separately. Call 487-0020, ext. 2115.

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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, May 1. **NOTE: LATE OR INCOMPLETE FORMS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

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

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F2047 Instructor or Asst. or Assoc. Professor: Librarian (Public Relations/Welcome Center), Learning Resources and Technologies.

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.

History professor Abbott dies

Professor Richard Henry "Hank" Abbott, history and philosophy, died Friday, April 14. He was 69.

Dick Goff, a long-time colleague, said Abbott always lived by the highest moral standards. Professor Abbott joined the faculty union (AAUP) when it wasn't a popular thing to do. During the 60s and 70s Abbott protested the Vietnam war. Goff said both joining the union

and protesting the war could have cost Abbott his job, but he was a moral and upright individual and he sought to do what was right.

Richard Henry Abbott was born Aug. 18, 1936 in Petersburg, Illinois. He attended Grinnel College in Iowa where he was class president and a member of Phi Beta Kappa. He completed his master's at the University of Minnesota and his Ph.D. at the Univer-

sity of Wisconsin. He taught American history with a specialty in the Civil War at Old Dominion College in Virginia and came to Eastern Michigan in 1966. Abbott was the author of four books on political figures, the Civil War and explorations of the causes of that war.

Hereceived the EMU Distinguished Faculty Award for research and scholarship in 1992.

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Aebersold termed as "delightful."

She learned the tango is something Argentinians equate only with Buenos Aires, and that the country's landscape is very much like the U.S., in that it includes mountains, desert and tropical regions.

"Their Alaska is Patagonia," she said. "Their Florida is the border of Brazil."

Her experience may reap further rewards. Aebersold has been invited to speak this July at the Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) Academy in Montevideo, Uruguay, which is located near Buenos Aires. If she has the opportunity, Aebersold said she would make a point of stopping in Rio Cuarto to see how her teacher students' research proposals are being implemented.

EMU also may host a graduate student from the National University of Rio Cuarto's English department this fall.

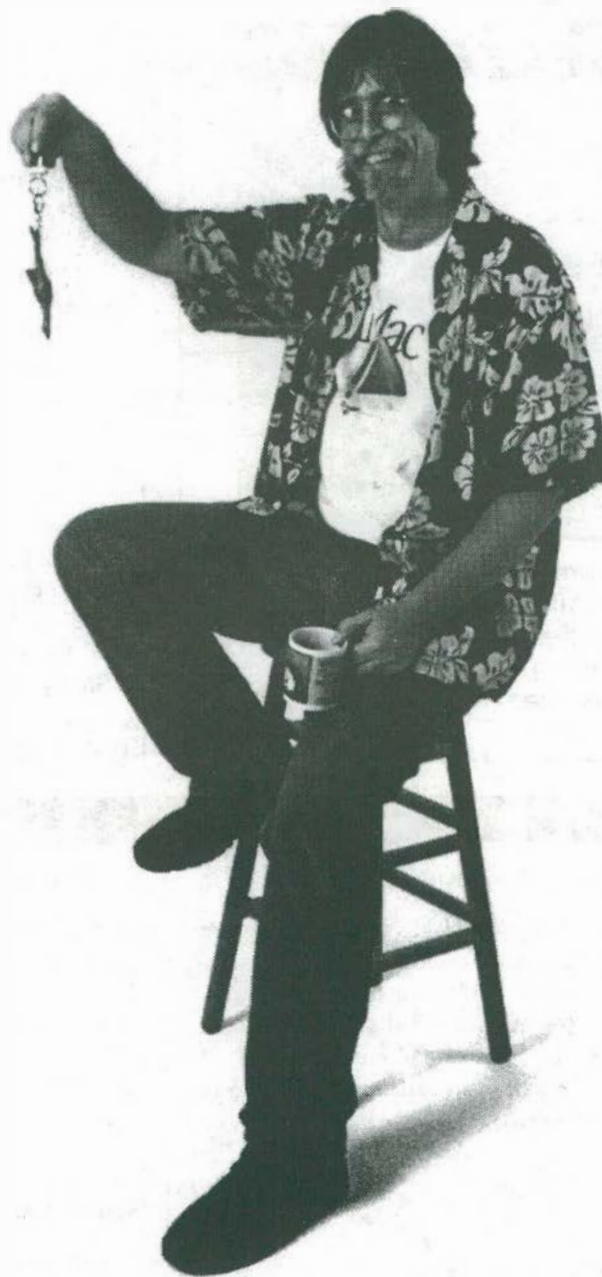
Why I work at Eastern Michigan University

I basically grew up with Eastern. It has always been involved in my life somehow. My mother is a graduate and I am second generation College of Education graduate. My daughter, who would prefer to remain anonymous and is perilously close to graduation, is also an EMU student. And Marilyn, my lovely but beautiful wife, just started attending EMU.

Teaching and learning are a part of life, not just a part of school. As corny as it sounds, my experiences with professors at EMU in the 70s fundamentally shaped the way I am. People still don't know whether to take credit or blame!

I've been a part of EMU's accreditation processes. In 1997 we did the North Central Accreditation for Teacher Education (NCATE). It was the first it was ever done on-line. All of the accreditations have gone as well as they possibly could, either because I was part of a cool team working for the good of the institution, or maybe it was The Chicken!

I enjoy these projects because they give me a sense of giving back some of what Eastern has given me. Some think I complain a lot, but it's just like any other family. I can pick on them, but nobody else can because ultimately we are still way cool.



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