

Faculty, staff campaign raises \$200,000

The 1999 Faculty-Staff Campaign raised more than three times what it did during the same period last year.

"In cash and pledges, we have already raised more than \$200,000 toward our \$250,000 goal," said Susan Rink, director of annual giving at the EMU Foundation. "This figure is compared to just over \$60,000 raised after the active period of last year's campaign."

Rink said she is confident the goal will be met.

"We are on track to get there. Gifts from the numerous University Circle members who are faculty will help us reach our goal," Rink said.

The 1999 Faculty-Staff Campaign began Nov. 4, 1999. The active period ended Jan. 14, 2000. The active period is the time of the year that the campaign chairpersons and the departmental representatives solicit gifts from colleagues at EMU, said Rink.

"Participation in the Faculty-Staff Campaign has allowed us to give back to the University in a small way," said Marylyn Lake, professor of special education and a campaign co-chair for the past two years. "We appreciate the contributions individuals have made to the fund of their choice. Together these contributions can make a difference now and in the future. Congratulations must go to everyone involved in this very successful year."

"We continue to share the needs of departments, organizations and scholarships with the entire University community and encourage them to give freely," said Larry Gates, associate director of dining services and a campaign co-chair. "What they give will come back to them in many ways as it benefits the entire student body on this campus."

One new account that received "generous support" during the campaign was

the Stonewall Scholarship.

"The response we received from faculty and staff that we don't have direct contact with was encouraging," said Michael McGuire, professor of music therapy and one of the original contributors to the Stonewall Scholarship. "We appreciate the support in helping to get the scholarship endowed."

The scholarship was established in 1999 by a group of faculty and staff to support gay and lesbian students and has reached \$10,000 in just a few months.

Other areas of support during the campaign were WEMU, the honors program, the Arianna String Quartet, the Chemistry Club, and the King Calkins Award Endowment in the Arts.

"We hope to build on this year's success and strive to raise even more funds to support the programs and educational experiences provided at EMU," said Rink.

RADIO BUZZ



YOHN THE AIR: Linda Yohn, music director of WEMU, works in the studio during a broadcast. Yohn was recently nominated as "Jazz Programmer of the Year" by The Gavin Report.

WEMU, staff garner national award attention

Blanchard earns state award for environmental series

WEMU (89.1 FM), Eastern Michigan University's public radio station, received a Merit Award from the Michigan Association of Broadcasters Feb. 9 for reporter David Blanchard's series on the environment.

The series, which aired Dec. 13-17, discussed issues ranging from groundwater contamination to waste management and incineration at local hospitals.

WEMU was the only Washtenaw County-based station to win an award in the southeast Michigan/metro Detroit market.

"David Blanchard's series on environmental issues is an outstanding example of enterprise journalism," said WEMU News Director Clark Smith.

By **Elizabeth A. Dahl**

Last week, nominations for the Oscars were announced. It's a reminder that the beginning of the year is the season for awards throughout the entertainment industry.

Radio is no exception.

WEMU, Eastern's public radio station, has been nominated for the Gavin Report Award as "Jazz Station of the Year," and Linda Yohn, music director at WEMU, has been nominated as "Jazz Programmer of the Year."

The Gavin Report is a music publication that annually awards excellence in the radio industry, and works with both commercial and public radio stations. Stations are selected to report their playlists to Gavin to create the rankings in each category of music. A station must be a Gavin reporter in order to be nominated for the award.

"They're good business people at Gavin, so you've

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1999 Presidential Scholars

Scholarship winners have diverse backgrounds, educational interests

EDITOR'S NOTE: There are nine Presidential Scholars for 1999. The first four were published in the Feb. 15 issue of FOCUS EMU.

By Elizabeth Dahl

Sean Joyce

Sean Joyce is making a splash at EMU, and not just as a member of the swim team.

Joyce is one of nine Eastern Michigan University Presidential Scholars for 1999.

A graduate of Eastridge High School in Rochester, N.Y., he received the Rennselaer Math and Science Medal for Excellence and the American Chemical Society's Award for Excellence. He was also a member of the National Honor Society.

A competitive swimmer, Joyce was captain of his high school swim squad for three years; was named the team's MVP for four years; and competed on several state and regional all-star teams.

Not much has changed for Joyce since coming to Eastern Michigan.



Joyce

Joyce, a major in computer sciences, is obviously dedicated to his studies, but just as dedicated to EMU's swim team, spending more than 20 hours a week with the team.

"We swim together and eat together. We're definitely a close-knit group," said Joyce.

Joyce said he hopes EMU will provide him with the opportunity to gain valuable life experiences, make new friends, and "to live life and let it take me where it will."

After he earns his bachelor's degree, he said he plans to go to graduate school. He said he would like to be a software engineer and to coach competitive swimming someday.

"If I'm going to do it, I'm going to do it right," Joyce said about his college career. "I'm definitely not the best student at Eastern. In the scholarship competition there was some luck involved. But I worked for it and I'm happy I got it."

Laura Russell

When Laura Russell, of Delaware, Ohio, got the phone call that she was a winner of the Presidential Scholarship, she didn't believe it.

"I thought one of my friends was playing a joke or something," Russell said. "I thought they were kidding."

At R.B. Hayes High School in Delaware, Russell was a Gold Renaissance Club Card Member for five semesters. In order to be a Gold Renaissance Club Member, a student must maintain a GPA of 3.8 or higher. As a member of the National Honor Society, she tutored her classmates for a proficiency test required for graduation.

Russell knew what she wanted to major in college before she ever set foot on the EMU



Russell

Presidential Scholars receive a four-year award that pays 30 credit hours (15 per semester) per year of in-state tuition, housing, food allowance and mandatory fees. Students who receive scholarships must live in university residence halls the first two years of the award, complete at least 15 credit hours per semester and maintain a 3.5 GPA.

campus.

In high school, Russell said she severely injured her knee playing freshman soccer. While working with a personal trainer to strengthen her leg, Russell developed an interest in physical therapy. She is majoring in exercise science at EMU.

She said she would like to go to graduate school to study physical therapy and someday own a physical therapy rehabilitation facility.

Russell said one of the things that has helped her with the transition from high school to college is her involvement with the Alpha Xi Delta sorority.

"I'm making a good adjustment," Russell said of the transition. "It was awkward at first, but it's getting better. I've made so many friends through my sorority."

Audree Sinnett

Audree Sinnett definitely started her college career on the right note, winning one of the ten Presidential Scholarships.

A major in music education, Sinnett said she "pretty much fell into Eastern."

"I was looking for a school that was close, but not too close (to home) with a music therapy program," she said. "Now I'm in music education."

Sinnett graduated from Firestone High School, in Akron, Ohio, with a GPA of 4.1667. Taking six advance placement classes boosted her over the 4.0 mark. She was a member of the National Honor Society and a National Merit Commended Scholar.

Sinnett was the lead trumpet player in marching, symphonic and jazz bands during her junior and senior years. She also played the lead trumpet in the school's spring musical, a task not usually entrusted to a student due to the extreme difficulty of the part. But she said her biggest accomplishment to date has been tutoring sixth grade music students.

The music has continued for Sinnett at EMU. She is involved with the marching, jazz and symphonic bands. She also is a member of Kappa Kappa Sigma, a national band honors fraternity. Sinnett hopes to attain a teaching certificate in Spanish and music for high school. She said her



Sinnett

love of teaching was inspired by those who taught her.

"I've had some really wonderful teachers who have inspired me," said Sinnett.

Elizabeth Storey

Elizabeth Storey, of Olmsted Township, Ohio, helped herself by lending a helping hand in her community.

Storey, one of the winners of a Presidential Scholarship, volunteered while in high school. As a volunteer tutor at St. Pat's Outreach Center in Cleveland, Ohio, Storey said she was inspired to help children by observing the inner strength and drive many underprivileged children possess despite, or perhaps because of, their disadvantages.

"I think anyone given the right tools at the right time can become exceptional," Sinnett said.

That experience led Storey to major in special education at Eastern Michigan.

Storey continues to contribute to the community at EMU. She is a member of Best Buddies, a campus organization that connects EMU students to young men and women who are disabled. She's also a member of the forensics' team and has served as the community service coordinator for Goddard Hall.

As a student at Olmsted Falls High School in Ohio, Storey was the captain of the speech team; a member in Teen Institute, a group of students against alcohol and drug use; and a member of the National Honor Society.

"I guess I love to learn and never really worry about grades," Storey said of her academic success.

Jessica Virgin

For Jessica Virgin, determination and hard work are the keys to success.

"I always try hard and keep trying and don't give up," said Virgin, of Fenton. "I think that's a big part of getting what you want."

"I was surprised, and very excited," she said of finding out she had received a Presidential Scholarship. "I thought the test was one of the hardest things I've ever done."

Virgin is undecided about her major, but said that she is interested in pre-pharmacy studies or education. She said she is taking a variety of classes to try to better determine her interests.

Virgin attended Linden High School and served on its student council for four years. She was class secretary/treasurer, class representative and senior class president. She was a member of the school's poms/dance team and the National Honor Society.

Virgin said that she is treating college as an experiment because she wants to find a career that she really loves.

"I want to find a job that interests me," Virgin said. "I want to be one of those people who really loves her job, and enjoys what life has to offer."



Storey



Virgin



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

Study Abroad Fair set for Feb. 23

Eastern Michigan University's Office of Academic Programs Abroad will host its semi-annual Study Abroad Fair Wednesday, Feb. 23, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Main Lounge, McKenny Union.

The fair, which is free and open to the public, will introduce EMU study abroad programs for 2000. There will be information on financial aid for study abroad, discount travel, EMU's World Hospitality program, work abroad opportunities and international internships.

For more information, call 487-2424 or email programs.abroad@emich.edu

TV's Judge Mathis to speak at black alumni event

Judge Greg Mathis, star of the courtroom CBS TV show bearing his name, will be the guest speaker at the Eastern Michigan University Black Alumni Black History Month alumni tribute Saturday, Feb. 26, 7:30-11:30 p.m., Multi-purpose Room at the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History in Detroit.

The evening will feature a reception for Mathis, his keynote address, music and dancing. Tickets are \$35 per person and must be purchased in advance. All proceeds fund scholarships to African American EMU students. Call (313) 541-4320.

WEMU hosts Mardi Gras party

WEMU (89.1 FM), Eastern Michigan University's public radio station, is celebrating Mardi Gras with a party Saturday, March 4, EMU Convocation Center. The featured guest is Zydeco performer BooZoo Chavis. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. and the event features a Cajun/Creole buffet and dancing.

Tickets are \$35 per person and are available by calling 487-2229 or send checks to WEMU Mardi Gras Party, PO Box 980350, Ypsilanti, MI 48198-0350. All seats are reserved and are assigned in the order of purchase.

Dissertation defense

Terance Lunger, a candidate for EMU's Ed.D, will defend his dissertation Tuesday, March 7, 2-4 p.m., Room 304B, Porter Building (College of Education). The title of the dissertation is "An Examination of Hiring Practices for Elementary School Teachers in Suburban and Rural School Districts in the State of Michigan."

Gordon Food Service offers discount

Gordon Food Service, a primary vendor partner of EMU, is offering a 5 percent discount program to Eastern Michigan faculty and staff. The program offers the discount at GFS Marketplace stores, computerized party and banquet planning, food preparation and portioning advice and access to the full line of GFS items.

Letters will be mailed to EMU faculty and staff and should be presented at GFS Marketplace Stores to receive a "System Advantage Card." Any faculty or staff member who does not receive a letter should call 487-0074.

Lessons from a master

Adria Firestone, acclaimed vocalist and performing artist, will share her expertise with EMU students in a free master class, Monday, March 6, 3-5 p.m., Alexander Recital Hall. Firestone will join EMU faculty soloists Glenda Kirkland, Ernest Brandon and Donald Hartmann in the University Choir/Orchestra concert March 10, Pease Auditorium. For more information, call 487-2255.

No Leap Day issue of FOCUS EMU

FOCUS EMU will not be published Tuesday, Feb. 29 due to Spring Recess. The next issue of FOCUS EMU will be published Tuesday, March 7.

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got to be good business people to get recognized by Gavin," Yohn said. "If you say you're playing a James Brown record 20 times a day, you'd better be playing it 20 times a day."

"It's an indication that our reputation is becoming better known and a lot of that's through Linda's work," said WEMU station manager Arthur Timko. "Only so many stations are accepted for reporting. We've paid our dues and are on the forefront of things musically and in the community."

In order to become a Gavin reporter, a station must be seen as making a difference in the community by attracting acts the community and working with them, by making a difference in the record sales in the community, and by simply working in the community.

"Community involvement is a part of the package," said Timko. "The basis for a nomination is not only how well you do in the ratings. Other things are looked at like community service and involvement."

One major part of WEMU's community involvement is the educational programs with local schools.

"We've created a bond with elementary and secondary schools, as well as the colleges around here," Yohn said. "We're working to build the jazz audience for the year 2020, and we work with community leaders and educators on all levels. I think this is probably another reason for the nomination, and Art Timko deserves credit for this because he shepherded a lot of the initiatives."

"Personally, the biggest thing for me is the nomination for the station," Yohn said. "Partly because WEMU is in the most competitive public radio market in the nation. People in our listening area can listen to CBC in Canada; they can hear WUOM; they've got WDET coming in loud and clear from Detroit; WKAR from East Lansing; they can get WGTE from Toledo or they can listen to WCBN in Ann Arbor. These are all great, intelligent radio stations and they're all competition."

"I'm happy about the personal nomination, too," Yohn said. "This is the first time people really took notice of what we do and how we're trying to make a difference in the community."

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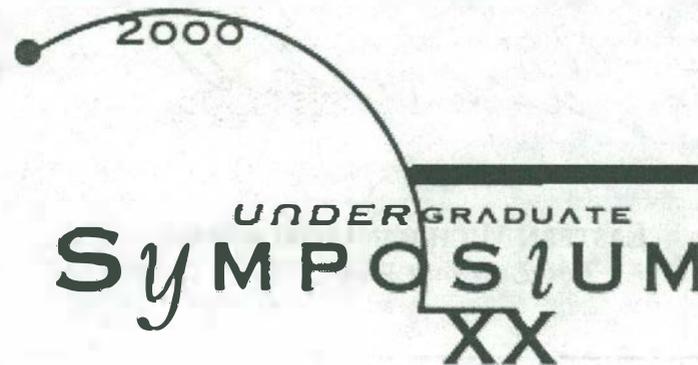
To celebrate the 20th anniversary of Eastern Michigan University's Undergraduate Symposium, FOCUS EMU will feature interesting facts and success stories related to this premier academic event. The Undergraduate Symposium XX is March 31.

Student emcees make debut in 1995

The 1995 Undergraduate Symposium served as the start of a new tradition – the selection of multiple-year Symposium participants to serve as student emcees for the luncheon. The first student emcees were Ted Vosk, representing physics and astronomy, and Cynthia Stemple, of music.

Ted Vosk participated in the Symposium for three years under the guidance of Norbert Vance ('92), Natthi Sharnay ('93) and Wade Shen ('95). Upon his graduation from EMU, Vosk entered graduate school at Cornell in physics and astronomy and then earned his law degree from Harvard. He is a lawyer with the law firm of Graham and Dunn in Seattle.

Cynthia Stemple was a two-time presenter at the Undergraduate Symposium with the support of faculty sponsors, Michael McGuire (94) and Marilyn Saker (95). Stemple, a 1998 graduate, was hired under the Outstanding Scholars program as an administrative intern with the Internal Revenue Service. This position provides two years of training followed by the offer of a permanent position.



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. 28. 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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Korpala dies

Brian Korpala, who had been with the University for 20 years, died Feb. 9. He was 42.

Korpala worked as special projects crew member at Hoyt Conference Center, setting up rooms for events.

"I worked with him for 18 years," said Ron Johnson, custodian group leader at McKenny Union. "He always had a good attitude and was willing to help out anyone."

Korpala also was active with the Ypsilanti American Little League Board and was a member of St. John the Baptist Catholic Church.

He is survived by his parents, his wife and four children.

Memorials can be made to the Ypsilanti American Little League.

Why I work at Eastern Michigan University

When I was a kid, music was as inspiring as it was entertaining. I wanted to be a disc jockey, but I also wanted to earn a college degree. When EMU extended an invitation to my high school for a broadcasting workshop, I attended and have been sold on the University ever since.

As a student, I had outstanding professors, and yet, the size and opportunities at EMU made me feel like I had ownership in the school. I was the first in my family to earn a college degree and was thrilled to have the opportunity to work here in broadcasting just a few years after I had graduated. Many of my professors are still here and to be able to call them friends now is just unbelievable.

I work with the best people in the world who are very much like family. We support each other—we even fight like family—and we all work together to put the audience first.

Now, I've been around this institution and the city for better than 30 years. I'm especially impressed with the physical growth and the tremendous growth in the quality of the university. EMU has always been a great school, but it's never been better than it is right now.



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