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## United Way campaign kicks off Oct. 1

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** Eastern Michigan University's United Way campaign runs Oct. 1-31 this year. The following is an introductory letter from this year's United Way chairman, Earl Potter, dean of the College of Business.

Dear Colleagues,

Eastern Michigan University will open this year's EMU United Way Campaign Oct. 1.

Throughout the campaign, you will be able to

read about members of the EMU family who have been helped by United Way agencies. Representatives in your departments will be



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available to answer your questions and help you fill out pledge cards.

But before the campaign begins, as campaign chair, I

would like to share my own thoughts on this year's campaign with you.

I have been a United Way donor and volunteer for more than 25 years in four different communities across the nation. In each community where I have lived, I have watched friends and neighbors come together to offer their time and talent to build a stronger community. The events of two weeks ago have underlined that this commitment, this energy is something that is uniquely American.

When others hurt, we come

forward to give aid.

This year, those agencies that are supported by the United Way need your help. In turn, your help is spread out among a diverse array of agencies that build and sustain the well-being of individuals and families throughout our region and across the nation.

Some members of our community may choose to withhold their gifts this year in order to make a statement about the position our United

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## Harry Potter, other fun events slated for Family Day at EMU

By Hollie A. Bayer

If you're looking for fun the whole family can enjoy, look no further.

Eastern Michigan University's main campus will soon be the site of its annual Family Day celebration. Bring the family to EMU to participate in the nearly 50 free, educational activities scheduled Saturday, Oct. 6, noon-4 p.m.

Children can enjoy numerous events and activities, including magic shows, face painting, wax hand molds, a Harry Potter cake walk, diving exhibitions, Colors the Clown, and the parachute game. There also will be instructors to help kids learn how to draw their favorite character.

Kids should come dressed to impress, as Coke will sponsor a Harry Potter and Hermione look-alike contest, offering prizes for the winners.

They won't be the only people dressed up, though. EMU's own mascot, Swoop, will be on campus, along with Trooper Buckle Bear, Ronald McDonald and Louie the Lightning Bug.

For those who love the theatre, there will be a performance of "Twisted Tales and Bits of Cheese." But for children who'd rather participate than watch, there will be a theater production put on by the children themselves.

But Family Day isn't just for the little ones. There will be many facilities open to the public for tours, including the watertower, the Rec/IM, the greenhouse, and guided tours of the campus itself. For those who like things a little more interactive, there will be lessons in making scrapbooks and learning how to line dance.

Participants also can expand their horizons at the intercultural booth, which will include instructions in origami, an ancient Japanese art form; and mehndi, a form of Indian body art. While you're there, see France, Spain, and Germany



**WEIRD SCIENCE:** Future scientists explore the wonders of chemistry during Family Day 2000.

in a two-minute tour of Europe.

Family Day also will offer a wide range of activities to help bring those technologically challenged up to speed. Learn about video editing, designing a Web page, printing your own customized newsletter, or the latest technology available on Macintosh computers.

When it's time to relax, drop by the health and safety show. Learn how to enrich your life and eliminate stress with the help of music, exercise and massage.

Family Day offers not only the chance to have fun, but it offers a glimpse into the future for children and high school students.

"Learning is a lifelong pursuit, so enjoy it," said Gerri Beaugrand, administrative secretary and coordinator of Family Day.

For more information about Family Day, call 487-4400 or stop by the McKenny Union Information Center the day of the event to pick up a program.

## O'Connell named director of EMU's World College

By Carol Anderson

Her credentials are very international: born in Sweden, lived in England, a first name "like the Mexican drink" and an Irish last name.

Margareta B. O'Connell was recently named director of Eastern Michigan University's World College, which promotes and guides the internationalization of activities, curricula and programs across the University.

Dr. O'Connell will provide leadership to facilitate international programming at EMU. She succeeds interim director George Klein, who now heads EMU's Academic Programs Abroad.

"She has held several key leadership positions and brings a breadth of experience in international programming," said Don Lopnow, associate vice president for extended programs. "We're very impressed with her experience and abilities, and look forward to her contributions to the University."



O'Connell

O'Connell says she was impressed to hear that one of EMU President Samuel A. Kirkpatrick's main strategic goals was to have EMU become a university with global and multicultural perspectives.

"These are exciting times," said O'Connell. "I'm pleased to be here and think I can make a difference. EMU is an excellent school. I look

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# Honors program expands to Wise Hall

By Ron Podell

William Miller envisions the day when Wise Hall is filled and bustling with Eastern Michigan University honors program students who can conveniently interact with one another and have support services readily available on site.

Miller, director of the honors program, is working with Housing Services to make that prospect a reality. The process started last fall when freshmen students enrolled in the honors program were assigned to Wise Hall. Those students will continue to live in Wise as sophomores, and were joined this fall by incoming freshmen enrolled in the honors program.

"Wise gives us a place to call our own," said Miller, who expects it will take two more years to fill the 320 living spaces in that facility with honors students. "As we transition honors students out of Jones and Goddard (halls), this will allow us an identity. We will be able to have programming there (Wise)."

While specifics are not yet available due to continued work on Academic Affairs' strategic plan, Miller does expect the spacious lounge in Wise to serve as a community activity center for honors students. He also suggested a commuter center could be established there as well.

The honors program originated at EMU in 1983. Today, nearly 1,000 students are in the honors program, with 400 of those living on campus during the traditional school year. Upperclassmen in the program are scattered between Jones and Goddard halls, said Miller. A number of other honors program students commute or live nearby off campus, he said.

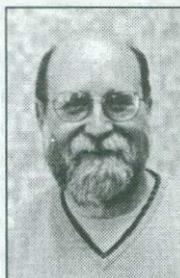
Academic Affairs conducted an evaluation of the honors program two years ago. Two key suggestions were:

■ the program needed to establish a better sense of community, and;

■ the way honors program courses were offered should be changed to further enrich the students' experience.

With regard to the first point, Miller said the University could never fill Jones and Goddard halls with enough honors program students to give those locations a real sense of community among those students. In addition, Miller said the program has outgrown its small offices in Jones Hall and a technology upgrade is needed for the program.

Referencing the second point, Miller said the most significant change



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EMU Honors Program

will be having students in upper-level courses move away from individual contracts they make with faculty. These contracts allow students to conduct an individual project to earn honors credit for a particular class.

Currently, there are 160-180 such individual contracts active per semester. Miller would like to see a system where honors students work together on projects assigned by faculty and fewer individual contracts exist.

Miller stressed it's always advantageous for a student to work closely with a faculty member, but pointed

out a contract is an individual thing.

"Students work by themselves and the disadvantage is that an opportunity for a student to work together with other students is lost," Miller said. "Students who go from one (individual) contract to another don't reach a sense of belonging to the program. They don't get to meet with other students."

Ideally, faculty should design an honors course project for five students to work on together, he said.

To graduate with honors, a student must take a minimum of six of 16 general education courses at the honors level and 12 credit hours of what is usually a 30-credit hour major. Contracts with faculty are only allowed in upper-level courses, Miller said. Honors courses typically have a maximum of 20 students each.

To expand the honors program, Miller said there is "a movement

afloat" within faculty departments to also offer honors classes to students identified by faculty as having the potential to succeed in such a curriculum.

Adding those students would bolster enrollment in existing honors classes or provide the necessary student numbers to create new honors courses, Miller said.

"That way, we're not using up all of our budget to offer honors courses with only six people in it," Miller said. "This way we can get enrollment up and keep costs down."

## COB founder Earl Roth dies

Earl Roth, former director and founder of the College of Business, died July 13. He was 86.

Roth served Eastern Michigan University from 1954-1978. In that time, he was appointed head of the business department in 1961, founded the College of Business in 1964, and served as the first dean of the college until his retirement.

The business school grew to be the second largest in the state during Roth's leadership as dean.

While at EMU, Roth served as chairman of the Council of Business School Deans, where he represented the council when meeting with state and national agencies.



Roth

He also was chairman of the Faculty Senate (now Faculty Assembly), acting dean of the graduate school and acting vice president for instruction.

"He was very faculty-oriented," said Colin Newhaus, a professor of marketing. "He used to invite the entire faculty from the College of Business over to his house. We always enjoyed getting together with him."

Roth earned his bachelor's and master's degrees from Ohio State University and his doctorate in education from Indiana University.

He is survived by his wife, Shirley Grace Roth; his daughter and son-in-law, Diana and Clyde Boudrie of Ypsilanti; a brother, Carl A. Roth of Toledo; and three grandchildren.

## SERVICE ANNIVERSARIES

### These employees celebrated service anniversaries with the University in September.

#### 25 years

Mary Jane Case (25 years), Faculty Council

Donald Loppnow (25 years), president's office

Michael Beebe (25 years), special education

#### 20 years

Carol A. Varney (20 years), management

John Clark (20 years), learning resources-library

John L. McManus (20 years), psychology

Willard D. Zirk (20 years), music

Michael J. Paciorek (20 years), HPERD

Marjorie Ziefert (20 years), social work

Lorraine Uhlaner (20 years), management

Chandra P. Pathak (20 years), accounting

Kathleen B. Hillegas (20 years), nursing

Imtiaz S. Ahmad (20 years), finance and computer information systems

Bill M. Woodland (20 years), economics

Mohsen F. Sharifi (20 years), accounting

John W. Prince (20 years), music

Kenneth W. Rusiniak (20 years), psychology

Irene M. Ametrano (20 years), leadership and counseling

#### 15 years

Mary E. Niehaus (15 years), Business-office of dean

Paul R. Lehman (15 years), music

Sharon Miller (15 years), financial aid office

#### 10 years

Lorraine Johnson (10 years), health services-pharmacy

Rebecca Figura (10 years), residence hall prorator

Donna F. Greene (10 years), music

Ila Louise Grant (10 years), cashier's office

Gregory Peoples (10 years), dean of students

Joyce Billings (10 years), career services administration

William Johnston (10 years), Courtside

Gregg Barak (10 years), sociology

Steven Kirby (10 years), foreign languages/bilingual studies

## REMEMBERING THOSE WE'VE LOST



**A FEW WORDS OF COMFORT:** Eastern Michigan University faculty and staff sign a few words of support for those who lost their lives in the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center, the Pentagon and Pennsylvania Sept. 11. The annual all-campus picnic, scheduled Sept. 17, included a memorial and fundraiser for the American Red Cross. Approximately \$2,300 was raised in less than three hours.

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forward to working with all of the departments and I think this position is a very good fit for me."

O'Connell was director of the Office of Study Abroad at the University of Kansas, where she increased participation in the program by 39 percent and directed more than 70 semester programs and 32 short-term programs.

As coordinator of the Office of International Studies and Programs at Illinois State University, she developed more than 40

colleagues abroad.

Her world travel to develop new programs includes 19 countries, the latest of which are Cuba, China and Argentina. She is fluent in Swedish, French and German and conversational in Spanish.

O'Connell's formal education includes a doctorate of education with an emphasis on international education and a master's degree in French language, culture and literature, both from Illinois State University. She also has educa-

of whom are students who eventually study abroad at her suggestion.

"Several times I've recruited students at the local grocery store check-out line. They realize that I'm not from the area when they hear my accent," said O'Connell. "This is a lead-in to my work with students and the international arena."

Since the world has become more internationally focused, O'Connell said that all students, no matter which profession they choose, need to be more culturally aware. We are all meeting people who speak a different language and have a different way of thinking," she said.

As an active member of NAFSA: Association of International Educators, O'Connell has planned and organized conferences. She is currently a member of the Task Force for National IIE-NAFSA Data Collection and secretary of the Sister City Advisory Board in Lawrence, Kansas.

O'Connell has received many grants, including the NAFSA In-Service Training Grant to visit and study the international offices at Harvard, MIT, Lesley College, Tufts and Northeastern University.

The Board of Regents approved O'Connell's appointment Sept. 25.

"I'm pleased to be here and think I can make a difference. EMU is an excellent school. I look forward to working with all of the departments and I think this position is a very good fit for me."

**Margareta O'Connell**  
Director,  
World College

new programs abroad, including student teaching and business programs.

In addition to students, the World College also can provide opportunities for faculty to travel and research abroad, she said.

While at Illinois State University, she arranged opportunities for faculty to participate in mini-exchanges with academic

tional credentials from Sweden.

As director of the World College, she said her first order of business would be to meet with people on campus and listen to their thoughts on international needs.

She has plenty of experience listening to people. Her Swedish accent is the icebreaker for conversations with strangers, many

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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/](http://www.emich.edu/public/public_information/)

### New residence halls to be dedicated in ceremony Sept. 25

Dedication of The Village, EMU's new residence hall, is scheduled Tuesday, Sept. 25, 2:30-4:30 p.m., Commons Area of The Village. There will be a program at 3 p.m. followed by tours and refreshments. The campus community and the public are invited. Call 487-4400.

### Women's Association hosts fall scholarship reception Oct. 3

The EMU Women's Association and EMU Women's Commission invite all faculty and staff to a fall reception honoring their scholarship recipients, Wednesday, Oct. 3, 3-5 p.m., Carillon Room, Halle Library.

The Women's Association will present Merit Awards to four full-time students with a GPA of 3.5 or better and financial assistance awards will be given to two full-time students with a GPA of 3.0 or better. The Women's Commission will award 10 scholarships.

For information, call Teri Green at 487-3113.

### Faculty, lecturers invited to breakfast at Halle Library

Faculty and lecturers are invited to the Halle Library for breakfast Thursday, Sept. 30, 8:30-10 a.m. This is an unprogrammed open-house for faculty to relax, chat with librarians and learn about new resources and services in the library. Experienced faculty members are encouraged to invite a newer colleague to come along.

For information, call Lisa Klopfer, 487-0020, extension 2123.

### Campus office telephone updates needed by Sept. 28

Information from the online phone directory will be used for the front section of the printed version of this year's telephone directory.

Deans, department and program heads, office directors or senior secretaries/administrative assistants should review the online information for their office, and submit any changes to [patricia.pablo@emich.edu](mailto:patricia.pablo@emich.edu) by Friday, Sept. 28. In addition, please review all cross-referenced listings.

Call 487-4400.

# 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 5 p.m., Monday, Oct. 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 5 p.m.

## CLERICAL/SECRETARIAL (Hiring Rate)

CSBF0205 CS04 \$22,224  
Data Entry Clerk II, Payroll.

CSAA0205 CS04 \$11,112  
Secretary II, Geography/Geology (50% appointment, knowledge of ISIS, Microsoft Word, University policies desired.).

CSEN0206 CS05 \$25,113  
Customer Service Representative II Admissions.

CSSA0202 CS05 \$25,113  
Career Service Assistant II, Career Services (Microsoft Office Professional experience desired.).

CSSA0203 CS05 \$25,113  
Account Specialist Housing, Contract Service Prorate.

## FOOD SERVICE/MAINT. (Hourly Rate)

FMSA0204 FM06 \$8.36  
Cook, Dining Commons I (appointment duration: 8/15-5/15, annually).

## An Affirmative Action/ Equal Opportunity Employer

FMSA0205 FM06 \$8.36  
Cook, Dining Commons I (appointment duration: 8/15-5/15, annually).

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.

**UNITED WAY, from page 1**  
*Way has taken on funding the Boy Scouts of America.*

*Personally, I understand that choice but it would not be mine. EMU is holding a campaign this year in order to give EMU employees an opportunity to choose to give. Those who do not want their money to go to the Boy Scouts can designate the agency to which their funds should go.*

*Some may feel that this choice simply reduces the money that goes*

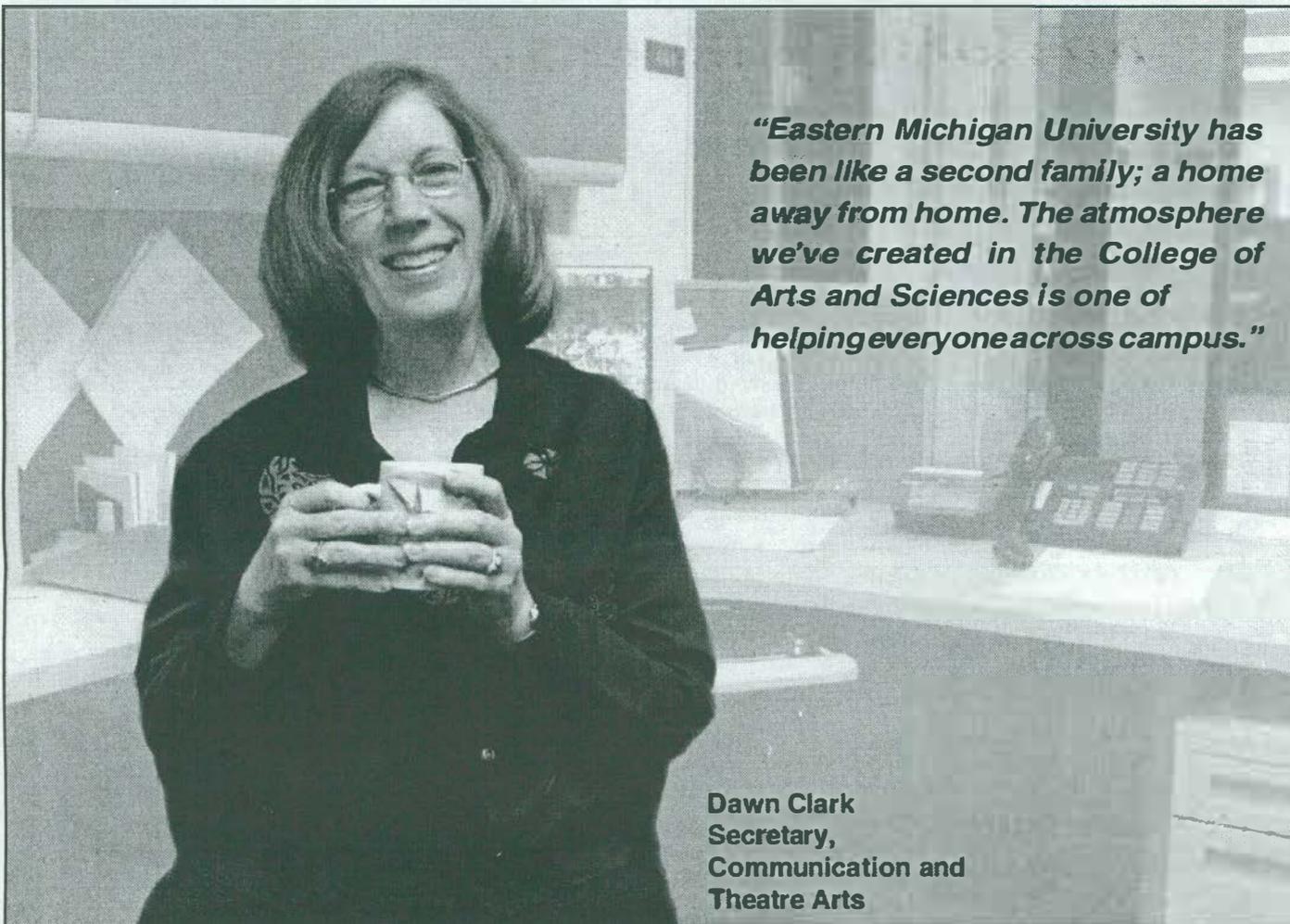
*to help others. But I have seen the impact of the community building and problem solving activity that takes place within the United Way system.*

*Hundreds of volunteers — our friends and neighbors — work together to distribute the funds that are gathered. United Way professionals and volunteers provide evaluation and professional development services that improve the effectiveness of the agencies whose front-line services save and strengthen lives. The combined effect of these shared endeavors build healthier communities.*

*I believe that the United Way is a precious national resource, and I prefer to work from within to change aspects of the system with which I disagree. Over the years, there have been a number of occasions when I have felt this way. This year I will designate my gift and work as a partner in helping to build a stronger community.*

*I want to thank all of you who will take a leadership role in this year's campaign. Your efforts will save lives and give your colleagues the opportunity to express that spirit which comes alive in Americans when they see others in need. Thank you.*

Earl Potter



**Dawn Clark**  
Secretary,  
Communication and  
Theatre Arts

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## Why I work at Eastern Michigan University

**E**astern Michigan University has been like a second family; a home away from home. The atmosphere we've created in the College of Arts and Sciences is one of helping everyone across campus. We're always interested in supplying support to students and faculty both inside and outside of the college.

You would think it would be boring to work in the same place for 31 years, but there are always new people to meet, something new to learn, and people willing to teach you. Over the 21 years spent

in the dean's office, I have worked for two different deans, and three interim deans. I've found that it is not necessary to physically change jobs in order to be challenged.

The students at EMU have always been a bright spot in my day. They have kept me thinking young. I admire their energy and dedication in pursuing their educational goals.

One of the other things I have found so satisfying here is that if a person is capable, their skills and knowledge are acknowledged, nurtured, and allowed to flourish.