

**FILLING IN:** Eastern Michigan University senior Todd Wise (far left), a telecommunications major, was "President For A Day" Feb. 5 and wasted no time getting down to business in his Welch Hall office. EMU President Samuel A. Kirkpatrick (above, right) learns about television production from lecturer Keith Damron (above, left). "TV Lab" was one of six classes that Kirkpatrick attended during the role reversal.

## Wise takes over presidential duties; Kirkpatrick handles heavy class load

By Ron Podell

Eastern Michigan University President Samuel A. Kirkpatrick and EMU student Todd Wise may have felt like they took a trip to the twilight zone Feb. 5.

Kirkpatrick, used to Board of Regents meetings, fundraising events and receiving updates on a number of programs from University officials, spent the day in the classroom, where the frank talk included sex, music in movies and the different ways to shoot a television production.

Wise, who spends his time like most typical college students (going to class, studying, participating in student organizational activities, etc.) donned a suit and went from one meeting to the next, spending time with University administrators and traveled to Lansing to meet lobbyists.

These scenes were all part of the Third Annual "President For A Day" event, an exchange program in which an EMU student takes over the reigns of the University for a day. On the flip side, Kirkpatrick was reminded of the hectic, daily life of a college student, including juggling six classes and having dinner with members of the Delta Zeta House.

Both agreed their schedules were the same in that they were demanding, just in different ways.

"Todd does not have an easy schedule," Kirkpatrick said. "He had six classes today. It's unbelievable."

"It's definitely an amazing experience I'll never forget," said Wise, a senior telecommunications major from Galion, Ohio. "It was a very full day. I didn't expect to be exhausted at this

point. I thought my six classes were a lot."

Wise attended several meetings, including those where he received updates on campus enrollment projections, strategic planning and Faculty Council. He met with representatives from Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick's office to discuss a

*"I just told him (Kirkpatrick) to take some good notes. He has a full day, with six classes. I told him, Don't let me get behind."*

**Todd Wise**  
EMU Senior  
President for a Day

program for giving underprivileged persons a chance in the business world and discussed textbook contracts with executives from Barnes and Noble.

Wise also sat in with Provost Paul Schollaert, who interviewed a candidate for assistant vice president for academic affairs.

During a meeting of the Enrollment Services Executive Council, Wise listened to projected enrollment numbers, a review of the number and overall amount of academic scholarships for 2003-04 and a discussion about the new on-line registration system students will begin using in March.

"It's very interesting to see their passion, and that they don't want a tuition increase for students," said Wise, who is an office assistant in student government.

Of strategic planning, Wise said, "It's great to think that they're thinking so far ahead with students. Putting the students No. 1 is important."

Wise also said he felt like he was in a reality TV show, with the constant media attention and people accompanying him everywhere. As the day went on, Wise said he didn't notice the swirl of people so much.

Meanwhile, Kirkpatrick was encountering a wide array of subjects.

The "Healthy Sexuality" class he sat in on centered on a pop quiz that included some frank use of sexual terms, but in a comfortable classroom atmosphere. Students were divided into small groups and wrote answers to multiple-choice questions on a sketch board. Groups with the correct answers were awarded points.

"I goofed them up once," Kirkpatrick said of his input. "Three times, I couldn't persuade them with the correct answer. Had I, they would have won."

Of a "Film Music" class he attended, Kirkpatrick said he was the only one in the room who had probably seen the two movies — "Picnic" and "Bell, Book and Candle" — where the film's scores were discussed.

"I walked into a 'History of Theatre' class and didn't know what century we were in," Kirkpatrick said. "Todd didn't give me a syllabi."

By 5 p.m., most people's workdays are over. But Wise learned a university president's day is sometimes just beginning. Wise made the trip to Lansing to hear Governor Granholm's "State of the State" Address.

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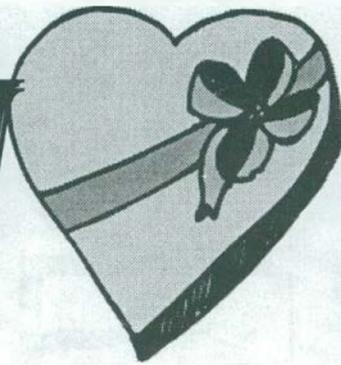
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# All in the family

EMU couples continue to work and live together in harmony



By Kathleen Shields

With Valentine's Day just around the corner, couples often reminisce of how and where they met.

But not everyone can say they met at their place of work — and continue to maintain balance in their home and work lives.

After all, it's easy to detach when you don't really know the parties, the politics and the pitfalls of someone else's place of employment.

Marcelo and Stella Marandino, however, do understand those workplace complexities, as do EMU's Gary Evans and Katherine Strand-Evans; Jayne and Dave Carroll; and Carlos and Martha Costa.

In fact, there are quite a few married couples working at EMU. It's getting them both in the same room at the same time that's tough. At least on campus.

Most of them say that not seeing each other throughout the day is exactly what makes it work for them.

Although Dave and Jayne Carroll have worked in the

most a year later. The very worst thing about working together, they both say, is bringing work home.

"Sometimes it's helpful, but most of the time we stay away from talking about our jobs and the people we work with at Eastern," said Jayne. "We'll talk about the general things — new construction, the sports teams. We very rarely have driven in together. I like that time alone, and I think Dave does, too."

They've both had other job offers, but stay at EMU because they don't think they could match the quality of life they have here.

"The benefits definitely outweigh the risks," Dave said. "The students keep you young."

Marcelo and Stella Marandino agree. Marcelo works in the event planning office as a catering sales associate while Stella is the assistant manager of Dining Commons ONE.

"The rewards we've received from Eastern are tremendous," Marcelo said. "We are very family oriented and

*"We (husband Carlos Costa) both work in Student Affairs, so we both know a lot of the same people. That's helpful when we're home and talking about our day."*

**Martha Costa,  
Manager  
Pro Shop and University Park**

same department on-and-off for almost 14 years, they've never worked in the same building. Dave is currently the assistant director of dining services and Jayne is the general manager of The Lobby Shop and the food shops in McKenny Union.

The Carrolls even went through the same new hire orientation, although they didn't start dating until al-

our department has become an extension of our family."

Stella and Marcelo moved from Argentina to the United States in 1984, mainly to provide their daughter with a better education. Marcelo began work at EMU in 1987 and Stella followed suit in 1990.

"All the success that we have earned over the years, Eastern has been a part of. They've always worked with



**SO HAPPY TOGETHER:** Stella and Marcelo Marandino review menus together at Dining Commons ONE. Stella is the assistant manager of Dining Commons ONE while Marcelo works as a catering sales associate in the event planning office at McKenny Union. The Marandinos are one of several couples that work together on campus.

us if we've had a problem. They didn't have to do that," Marcelo said. "After all, I went looking for Eastern. Eastern did not come looking for me."

Stella said that while it's nice to be able to relate to the same stories, mostly "business is business and home is home." If an employee had a problem with Marcelo, she always directed the employee to discuss it with Marcelo first, and learn to solve problems in a more constructive way.

The Marandinos and the Carrolls work in departments big enough that they rarely see each other during the day.

What happens, though, if you're in the same small department as your spouse? What if you're the boss or department head?

Gary Evans and Katherine Strand-Evans were in that position for one year — Gary as department head in theatre and Katie as a member of the theater faculty. Gary said he hated it.

"I was not very patient with that, and Katie had no sound-

ing board," Gary recalled.

But that was just one year in their 10-year marriage. Overall, Evans said working together has been "a definite plus for us."

Like the Carrolls, Gary and Katherine met at EMU. They were simply colleagues for years. At one point, they even shared an office.

However, circumstances changed, their friendship deepened and led to marriage. Now, they juggle their blended family and busy schedules.

"Being in the same department has actually helped us," Gary said. "Katie knows the demands of my job and I hers. We're on roughly the same schedule year-round and have the love of theater in common. We go to Stratford and The Fisher Theatre, and we both love it."

The Costas are one of EMU's newest couples, having married in October 2002 after dating for nearly two years.

Martha Costas (formerly Emerich), manager of the Rec/

IM Pro Shop and University Park, said Valentine's Day is a key holiday for the couple.

"One of our first big dates was Valentine's Day," she said. "Carlos is very creative and romantic. He changed his little apartment into a beachfront. We had a little picnic on the floor. It was really sweet."

Because they work in different buildings on opposite ends of campus, Martha said the two see very little of each other at work. They catch up when they get home.

"We both work in student affairs, so we both know a lot of the same people," Martha said. "That's helpful when we're home and talking about our day."

Carlos, associate director of McKenny Union and Campus Life, agrees.

"When we speak about work, we certainly do have more insight into the issues and its implications than if we worked outside of EMU," he said. "But, we also try to leave work at work. — Ron Podell contributed to this report

# Seale visits campus during Black History Month

Black Panther founder headlines lineup of activities, events scheduled to honor black contributions

Black History Month at Eastern Michigan University means more than straight-up historical data. It means poetry readings, fairs, lectures, receptions, plays and more.

Bobby Seale, co-founder of the Black Panther Party, kicked off EMU's Black History Month schedule of events. Seale spoke about the social action movement of the 1960s, social injustice and economic liberation Feb. 6 at the McKenny Union Ballroom (see story in the upcoming

Feb. 18 issue of *FOCUS EMU*). His speech was part of Campus Life's Spectrum Lecture Series.

**BLACK HISTORY month**

campus include:

■ **Beverly Jenkins: African American Women's Literature,**

Some of the other major Black History Month events on

Thursday, Feb. 13, 7 p.m., Marshall Auditorium. Jenkins, a historical writer and Detroit native, will discuss African American women's literature from a historical perspective. She has written more than 10 books and received numerous awards for her works. She is also a winner of the YWCA Woman of Achievement Award.

■ **Def Poetry College Tour,** Saturday, Feb. 15, 8 p.m., Pease Auditorium. Sponsored by Campus Life, the

Def Poetry College Tour will feature live performances by five poets and spoken word artists from the HBO hit, "Russell Simmons Def Poetry Jam."

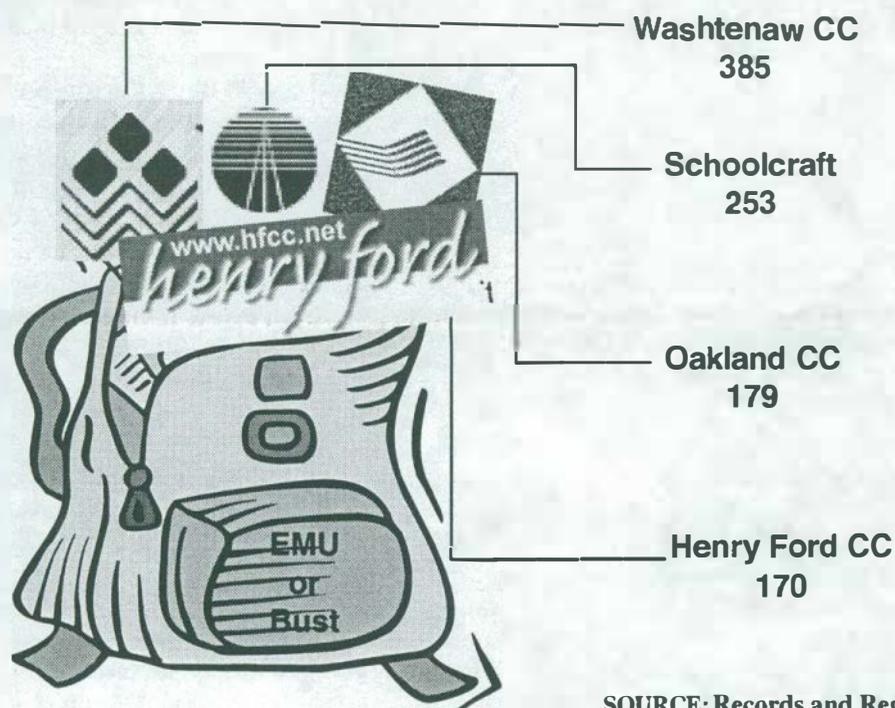
Tickets are \$10 for students and \$18 general admission. Call the EMU Convocation Center Box Office, 487-2282, and Quirk Theatre Box Office, 487-1221.

■ **HIV and Aids in Black Com-**

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## EMU BY THE NUMBERS

More and more students at community colleges are transferring to Eastern Michigan University. The top 15 community colleges sending students to EMU combined for 1,366 transfers in 2000-2001. Washtenaw Community College has been number one in this category since 1996. Based on number of transfer students sent (2000-01), here are the top four:



## Marcello Truzzi dies

Marcello Truzzi, professor of sociology, anthropology and criminology at Eastern Michigan University from 1974-2003, died Feb. 2. He was 67.

Truzzi was born in Copenhagen, Denmark. He moved to the United States in 1940 with his Russian-Italian circus family, which was a part of Circus Truzzi in Russia. He thus had a passionate and intellectual interest in magic, juggling, sideshows, carnivals and circuses, as well as sociology, anthropology, psychology and folk culture.

"I recall frequent e-mail exchanges with him on everything from hoaxing and anomalous phenomena, to ice falls and cryptozoology," said Loren Coleman, professor at the University of Southern Maine. "Marcello loved to coin words like 'pseudoskepticism' and 'cryptometeorology.'"

Truzzi was associated with

the Resources for the Scientific Evaluation of the Paranormal, whose members included Martin Gardner, Ray Hyman and James Randi, all magicians.

In 1976, he co-founded the Committee for the Scientific

Investigation of Claims of the Paranormal. But, he later broke from that and, in 1978, be-



Truzzi

gan publishing the "Zetetic Scholar" and created the Center for Scientific Anomalies Research.

Survivors include his wife, Pat; and his two sons Gianni and Kris, of Grass Lake.

Funeral services are pending.

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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/)

### University Marketing, HR head faculty and staff campaign

The 2002-03 Faculty and Staff Campaign recently wrapped up and University Marketing and Human Resources set the standard by winning the participation challenges.

For departments with 6-14 members, University Marketing had the highest percentage (67 percent) and was treated to lunch, compliments of the EMU Foundation.

For departments with 15 or more members, Human Resources had the highest percentage (53 percent) and was treated to specially baked cookies, also compliments of the EMU Foundation.

For more information, call Nancy Mida, communication coordinator, EMU Foundation, at 481-2325 or e-mailing her at [nancy.mida@emich.edu](mailto:nancy.mida@emich.edu)

### Jazz concert will benefit endowed scholarship fund

The EMU Jazz Ensemble along with special guest Wycliffe Gordon, trombone; George Benson, saxophone; and The Couriers, a nine-member band led by Al Townsend, will perform Monday, Feb. 17, 8 p.m., Pease Auditorium.

Concert proceeds fund the Al Townsend Endowed Scholarship Fund. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for students and seniors.

For tickets, call the Convocation Center at 487-2282, or Quirk Theater at 487-1221.

For event information, call 487-2255.

### EMU hosts Automotive Heritage Lecture Series

The Eastern Michigan University Automotive Heritage Lecture Series will take place Wednesday, Feb. 12, 7 p.m., Auditorium #1, EMU Corporate Education Center, Ypsilanti Marriott.

Dr. Heather Ann Thompson, assistant history professor, University of North Carolina, will present "Firing up the Shop Floor: Polarization and Possibility in Detroit's Auto Plants, 1965-1975." This lecture series is open to the public and free of charge.

For more information, call 487-1018.

## 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, February 17. **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)

CSBF0313 CS05 \$26,118 Customer Service Rep. II, Student Loans. Some evenings required.

CSAA0335 CS05 \$26,118 Senior Secretary, Economics.

### ADMIN./PROFESSIONAL

(Hiring Range)

APEN0301 AP12 \$57,088-70,788 Registrar, Records/Registration.

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### FOOD SERVICE/MAINT.

(Hiring Rate)

FMSA0316 FM06 \$10.52 Custodian, Cust. Prorate/Downing, 6:30 a.m.-3 p.m., Sunday-Thursday.

FMSA0317 FM06 \$10.52 Custodian, Cust. Prorate/Floater-Complex II, 3-11:30 p.m., Tuesday-Saturday.

FMBF0335 FM06 \$10.52 Custodian, Pray Harrold/Physical Plant, 11 p.m.-7:30 am, Sunday-Thursday.

FMSA0318 FM10 \$9.18 Special Projects Crewperson Cust. Prorate/Complex III, 6:30 am-3 p.m., Monday-Friday.

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Before Wise departed, Kirkpatrick lent him this advice. "Learn how to beg and do it politely," Kirkpatrick of dealing with lobbyists and legislators.

Wise said he applied to be president for a day to receive a real, inside look at what really happens on a day-to-day level at the University.

"You always read about what's going on," he said. "But, I wanted to get my hands dirty."

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munities, Monday, Feb. 24, 6:30 p.m., Alumni Room, McKenny Union.

The HIV and AIDS Resource Center (HARC), will conduct an educational program that focuses on the impact of HIV and AIDS in black communities. Information on HIV/AIDS, personal stories and local resources will be shared.

■ The Physical Education Organization presents "African Americans in Sports: 1860-1950," Thursday, Feb. 13, 2 p.m., Room 202, Porter Building.

■ Black Student Union Poetry Night, Friday, Feb. 14, 7 p.m., Multicultural Lounge, King Hall.

■ The National Society of Black Engineers presents, "How Has Technology Impacted Your Life?," Monday, Feb. 17, 5:30 p.m., The Lakehouse.

■ Black Faculty and Staff Association/Student of Color Reception, Tuesday, Feb. 18, noon-1:30 p.m., Faculty Room, McKenny Union.

■ Charles Simmons, professor of English language and literature, presents, "EMU Immersion: Economics and Racism," Thursday, Feb. 20, noon, Wise Room, Dining Commons ONE. A free lunch will be provided.

■ "The Brown Bomber: Joe Louis," Thursday, Feb. 20, 8 p.m., Faculty Room, McKenny Union.

■ "Urban Legends with Pamela Jacobs," Tuesday, Feb. 25, 7 p.m., Multicultural Lounge, King Hall.

All events are free unless noted. For information about these and other Black History Month events, call the Dean of Students Office at 487-3118.

**When you need to know if bad weather has forced the cancellation of classes or University events!**

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487-2460**

## Why I work at Eastern Michigan University



*"An aspect of my job that I particularly enjoy is hearing from alumni about people who influenced their future and loyalty to EMU."*

Nancy Mida  
Communications Coordinator  
EMU Foundation

I have never been bored during my 24 years at EMU. Where else can you talk to an expert on tornados in the morning and discuss bats with an authority in the afternoon? That was part of my first job as assistant publications editor in information services.

Six years ago, I had an interesting opportunity to expand professionally at the Foundation. I became involved with the annual report and materials for development, the Board of Trustees and individual proposals.

I know I'm a small part of the EMU picture, and since I'm not a wealthy person, I do my part for the Foundation by helping to write grants and encouraging donations.

An aspect of my job that I particularly enjoy is hearing from alumni about people who influenced their future and loyalty to EMU. One individual, James "Bingo" Brown, is mentioned more often than anyone else. He was dean of men and really cared about students. He wanted to help students with problems, find them jobs and even met them at the train station.

Due to Bingo's generosity and good deeds in the past, many alumni donate to the Foundation today. Generosity has a way of coming back to the giver.



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