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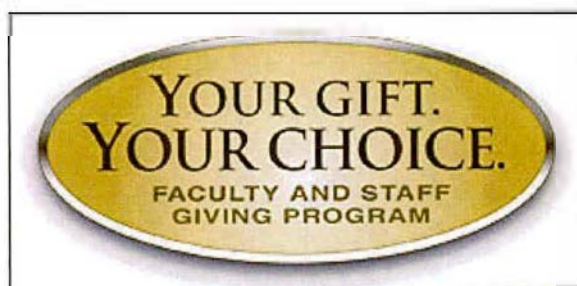
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By Ron Podell

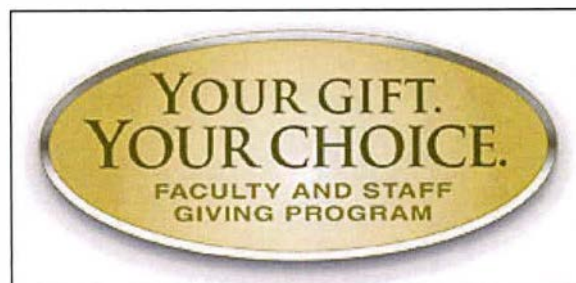
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"This is my 40th year working for EMU. Since 1968, I've witnessed a lot of good things happening at the University and had many opportunities to grow as a person and professional — opportunities that I wouldn't have received working anywhere else," said Bob England, director of the Rec/IM and member of the Faculty and Staff Giving Program's steering committee. "I make gifts to areas that I'm interested in, particularly my own department and athletics. When I give to my own department, it's because I know the needs intensely and how tangibly the needs can be met. Mostly, I give to give back. I love EMU and am grateful for the opportunities."

For each donation made, 100 percent of each pledge goes to the account the donor designates.

Faculty and staff are encouraged to donate at any time, but late fall is the

period to consider making your end-of-the-year donations for tax purposes. The deadline to make a contribution through full payroll deduction is Friday, Dec. 7. That will ensure that payroll deduction pledges start with the first pay period in January 2008. If a staff or faculty member's pledge is received after that date, the pledge will be divided over whatever number of pay periods remain for the year. Gift receipts for payroll deduction gifts will be mailed in January 2009.

Every gift counts toward the campaign total and will be listed in the Faculty and Staff Giving Honor Roll.

"Our faculty and staff are so generous," said Wright, who said there is no dollar goal this year. "We just encourage our faculty and staff to participate."

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**EMU professor
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By Amy E. Whitesall

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Gathered in a multi-purpose room at the church that represents the hub of the local Vietnamese community, a group of women gets familiar with a sobering reality.

As immigrants from Southeast Asia, they're at a higher risk to develop breast cancer than women who stayed in their native Southeast and South Asian countries. And because of language and cultural barriers, they're also less likely than Caucasian or African-American women to catch the cancer early when their odds of survival are better.

Tsu-Yin Wu, an associate professor of nursing at Eastern Michigan University, hopes the breast health clinics she organized for immigrant Indian, Filipino and Vietnamese women in metropolitan Detroit will begin to improve those odds.

"We find Asian women are being diagnosed at later stages, and there's something we can work on there — increasing awareness," Wu said. "The screening rate for Asian women is much lower than the general population."

The clinics were part of a three-year project supported by a \$249,096 grant from the Susan G. Komen For the Cure. With the grant, Wu, who's also director of the Healthy Asian Americans Project at the University of Michigan, pulled together teams of nurses, nurse practitioners and students to run the clinics.

Working closely with social anchors like temples and churches, as well as with focus groups and cancer survivors, Wu developed clinics with an emphasis on clearer communication and cultural sensitivity.

"We had one Filipino nurse in a focus group who said it's a sin to talk about any (part of the body) that's supposed to be covered," Wu said.

Each clinic started with a culturally appropriate PowerPoint presentation about breast cancer screening. Each was offered in the native language of that country, and included the testimonials of breast cancer survivors --



PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE: Tsu-Yin Wu, associate professor of nursing at Eastern Michigan University, talks to a woman about the importance of breast cancer screenings among Indian, Filipino and Vietnamese women. During the past three years, Wu, with the support of a \$249,096 grant from the Susan G. Komen For the Cure, has organized breast health clinics in metropolitan Detroit.

themselves immigrants from the same country as the audience. They shared their stories, including the things that, in hindsight, they would have done differently. These including mentioning breast irregularities to a doctor and insisting on a second opinion.

"The mammogram is, for sure, the gold standard in the medical profession, but a lot of women have the taboo and don't want to go," Wu said.

With that in mind, Wu's clinics stressed three screening techniques — self-exams, clinical exams and mammograms — in hopes that, if women rejected one, they'd still use the others.

Working with interpreters, nurses and nurse practitioners, the women learned not only how to advocate for themselves in the doctor's office, but also how to perform a breast self-exam and how often they should do it. Nurse practitioners did exams on-site, and there was information available about a program that provides free mammograms, a screening many of them have no experience with. In their home countries, a mammogram, if it's used at all, is more likely to be the last step in a diagnosis rather than the first step in detection, Wu explained.

Wu's study is now in its final phase — conducting interviews with women who attended the clinics to see if the information has translated into action. She's hoping the information not only sticks, but begins to change perceptions about screening and mammograms.

"We provide them with a very comfortable environment, and we bring in all of the vital statistics," Wu said. "We really give them the knowledge, the skills and the access to increase their self-advocacy,"

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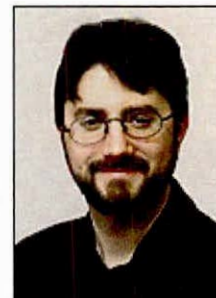
By Ward Mullens

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Eastern Michigan University's Honors College has received a five-year grant from the U.S. Department of Education worth \$1.1 million.

The grant will establish a McNair Scholars Program at EMU as part of the Ronald E. McNair Post-baccalaureate Achievement Program, which was created to help increase the number of low-income, first-generation college students attaining doctoral degrees.

The program is named for Ronald McNair, one of the astronauts who died in the Challenger space shuttle disaster of 1986. McNair was the first in his family to attend college. He went on to earn a doctorate in physics at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.



Knapp

"EMU's McNair Scholars Program will provide significant support for students who are either low-income and first-generation, or from underrepresented groups and who intend to pursue a doctoral degree," said Jim Knapp, director of EMU's Honors College. "In their junior and senior years, McNair Scholars will work closely with faculty mentors on undergraduate research projects that will prepare them for graduate study. In addition, the program will offer students workshops and seminars on undergraduate research, professionalization, and the graduate application process, among other topics."

Knapp said that "the real heart of the program is the Summer Research Institute (SRI), a 10-week intensive research experience for McNair Scholars in the summer between their junior and senior years. The SRI will give students hands-on research experience prior to the senior year, during which most students apply for graduate school.

The proposal is a collaborative effort, which includes contributions from biology, chemistry, teacher education and the Honors College.

"One of my roles was to research and prepare a statement of need for a McNair program at EMU," said Gary Hannan, professor of biology and faculty associate in the Honors College. "It became very clear that EMU was a perfect fit to the goals of the McNair program: prepare low-income, first-generation students for entry into Ph.D. programs. For example, in 2006, EMU enrolled 1,259 students who were both low-income and first-generation college students (7 percent of the total student population)."

The DOE grant will provide \$220,000 each year for the next five years and EMU has pledged \$96,000, or 43 percent of the project's overall cost.

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**WEMU exceeds fall
 fundraising goal of
 \$135,000**

From staff reports



89.1, WEMU, Eastern Michigan University's public radio station, exceeded its on-air pledge drive goal of \$135,000 by nearly \$4,000.

The pledge drive began Oct. 12 and ended at 6 p.m. Oct. 20, on 89.1 Jazz with Jessica Webster.

"This was a tough drive for us," said Mary Motherwell, WEMU's marketing and development director. "Just before the drive, we learned that Linda Yohn, our music director and flagship music host, was diagnosed with colon cancer and would not be available for the drive. That was a huge loss, not just in terms of what Linda

raises on her program, but on others as well. When she's not pitching her own program, she's helping out on others. Linda is so passionate — and that passion comes through on the air — that to have that spirit and fire missing is a huge loss. Wendy Wright, who is filling in while Linda is out, did an outstanding job of raising funds in the morning."

Yohn underwent successful surgery for her cancer Oct. 5 and is expected back on the air Nov. 26.

In addition to the loss of Yohn, WEMU's weeknight jazz program has been covered by a patchwork of guest hosts since longtime host, Michael G. Nastos, retired at the end of July. A successor will be named late this year.

"In essence, we are doing four different programs Tuesday through Friday," said Motherwell. "Even though each brings a fresh perspective to the program, the lack of a consistent voice can hurt during pledge time."



PLEDGE YOUR SUPPORT: Volunteers for this year's on-air fall pledge drive for 89.1 WEMU display the tally board early on. The pledge drive raised \$135,000, surpassing the goal by nearly \$4,000. Pledge drive volunteers include (front, from left) EMU staffers Judy Alexander and Molly Weir and (back, from left) Mr. B, a boogie woogie piano player who played live on-air; Ken Fischer, president of the University Musical Society at the University of Michigan; Bil Fennel, an EMU emeritus faculty member; and volunteers Mike Allemang and Mike Deren.

Fortunately, though, each host came through magnificently this time.

Morning Edition, with local host, David Fair, led all programs, raising just under \$34,000. 89.1 Jazz, with Michael Jewett, led music program fundraising with almost \$14,000 raised, and The Sunday Best, hosted by Dr. Arwulf Arwulf, had the single best music program, raising more than \$7,000 between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Oct. 14.

"David Fair, Michael Jewett and Arwulf were amazing during this drive," said Motherwell. "They volunteered to absorb a combined \$11,000 in additional goals into their programs because of uncertainty elsewhere and, for the most part, they hit them. It was incredible."

WEMU also conducts a mail campaign which, to date, has raised more than \$40,000 towards a goal of \$120,000. The combined fall fundraising goal is \$255,000. The station plans two more mailings before the end of the campaign.

WEMU will celebrate its successful fall fundraising with its 15th Annual Fundraiser Finale party Tuesday, Dec. 11, 5 to 8 p.m. at the Washtenaw Country Club. Open to all contributors who gave \$150 or more to the fall campaign, the event features Dave Isay, founder and producer of public radio's Story Corps project; music from local saxophonist Vincent York and his band; heavy hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar. For details, visit wemu.org.

WEMU is a listener-supported NPR and PRI affiliate with a format of jazz, local news, and blues in addition to NPR/PRI news, information, and cultural programming. The station broadcasts to an eight-county area that includes all or part of Washtenaw, Wayne, Oakland, Livingston, Jackson, Lenawee, Monroe, and Lucas (OH). Web casts live, 24 hours a day at wemu.org, and broadcasts WEMU2, an eclectic mix of folk, roots, blues and Americana on high definition radio.

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**Human subjects
review process
improved to speed
up campus research**

By Amy E. Whitesall

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Sometimes in this world of technology, there's no substitute for real human feedback. That's why several hundred Eastern Michigan University investigators apply to use human subjects in research each year.

But in the world of human subjects review, a little well-placed technology can work wonders.

Eastern Michigan's Graduate School, which processes human subjects applications, placed the human subjects review process online a year ago. Approval, which used to take anywhere from two weeks to several months, is now down to one to three weeks.



CURTAILING FEARS: (above, from left) Katie Porter, a graduate student from Ypsilanti, demonstrates the last stage of comfort with a snake by touching it. Karen Stanley-Keine, a researcher in clinical behavior psychology, holds the snake. Allaying one's fear of snakes was the focus of a recent human subjects review on campus. The human subjects review process has been streamlined and made faster since it was placed online, allowing research at EMU to take place more quickly.

"What we're hearing from people is it saves paper, it saves walking around forms and it speeds up the whole process," said Psychology Clinic Director Karen Saules, who co-chairs the human subjects review committee with Graduate School Interim Dean Deb deLaski-Smith.

The sluggish old process wasn't unique to EMU; Saules said she's abandoned studies at other universities because it took so long to obtain approval. Likewise, the solution has broader appeal. The psychology department is considering using something similar to streamline graduate admissions.

An application to conduct research on human subjects starts with the researcher and goes to the Graduate School. Two faculty members review it and respond — sometimes flagging potential problems — to the Graduate School. From there, deLaski-Smith and her staff work with the

researcher to get the problems resolved so that the application can be approved. Until last year, everything was printed in triplicate and delivered to each person in the process.

"Inevitably (the old way), something falls through a crack and there's no way to figure out where the crack was," Saules said. "This way, there's a trail."

The Graduate School now stores applications on password-protected servers, virtually at the fingertips of everyone who needs to work on them. Response is fast; changes can be even faster. Reviewers receive an e-mail with a link to the application, and can click a review form that's already partially filled out. Trouble spots, highlighted in a Microsoft Word document, are easy to find and fix. High-risk studies are still presented to the entire committee but, even then, the new process saves time and paper.

DeLaski-Smith's office even keeps approval letters on templates, so once a proposal is approved, she just orders up the appropriate letter and the research can go forward.

Approval is still subject to the same ethical and procedural rules as before. It's just less painful to get it there. The Graduate School has a template for a rejection of a human subjects review request but, in a period of a year, deLaski-Smith has never had to use it.

"We had a lot of faculty moaning about not wanting to do research because the human subjects process is so onerous and time consuming," deLaski-Smith said "We want to have faculty do quality research, and we don't want to be an impediment to that process"

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**EMU professor
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By Kimberly
 Buchholz

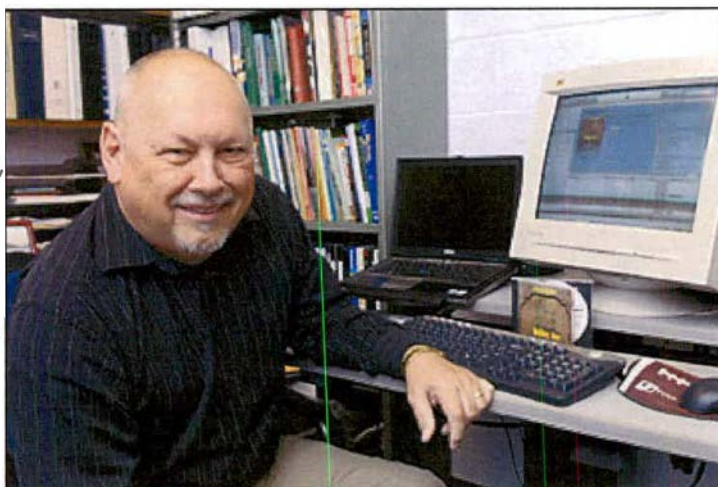
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Given today's ever-increasing popularity of reality television, it seems the surge of talent shows offering everyday people the chance at being a star is taking on tidal wave proportions.

Adding the Internet into the mix, it's clear a new era of being "discovered" has dawned and David Leopard, professor of marketing technology at Eastern Michigan University, is catching the wave.

Leopard, a country singer since childhood, is competing on FameCast.com, an online talent competition now in its third season.

Competitions are conducted on a dozen FameCast "stages" — rock, pop, hip hop R&B, singer-songwriter, comedy, electronic, spiritual, country, Latin, dance, spoken word, and film & animation — with the winner from each stage taking home \$10,000 in prize money.



SONG IN MY HEAD: David Leopard, a professor of marketing technology, is hoping to reach the Top 10 round in FameCast.com, an online talent competition. Leopard's entry, "You Never Even Call Me By My Name," is in the country category. Leopard is hoping for enough Internet votes to advance.

"While all of my music up until now has been cover songs, a goal of mine has always been to cut an original album in Nashville. The \$10,000 (award) would permit me to do that," said Leopard, who is competing in the contest for the first time

Leopard grew up in Greenville S.C., where he performed on early morning country music radio.

"I had a 'stage aunt' who would get me up at 5 a.m. and take me to sing on 'The Bob Poole Show,'" said Leopard, who cites Elvis Presley and Conway Twitty as early musical influences. "It was a lot of fun."

His entry, "You Never Even Call Me By My Name," written by Steve Goodman and released by David Allen Coe in 1975, is said by many to be the perfect country song. Complete with cryin' and fightin', drinkin' and prison, and trucks and trains, the twangy ditty also has been performed by

Modern artists like Kenny Chesney, Uncle Kracker and Hootie & the Blowfish, and is a perennial favorite in karaoke bars and honkey tonks around the world.

Winner of several karaoke contests, including one garnering him a recording contract with Big Mamma Recording Studio in Seymour, Tenn., Leopard recently released his third CD, entitled, "Contemporary Country Classics 3."

To enter a FameCast competition, artists upload a performance video online. If they do not have a video, artists can attend one of several casting calls throughout the country where FameCast will record the video for free.

Viewers vote through the Web site, with the top 50 artists progressing through a series of rounds until a winner is chosen. Some artists submit stationery camera footage of karaoke performances; others have videos professionally produced.

Viewers may vote for as many artists as they wish, but may only cast one vote per artist, per day.

With the exception of film and animation submissions, advancing contestants must submit a new video when they reach the Top 10 round. Each stage has its own voting deadline. Voting to determine the top 10 contestants ends at Tuesday, Nov. 6, at noon.

The final five contestants from each stage will be flown to Austin, Texas, in December to compete in FameCast Five, where the winner from each stage will be dubbed a FameCast Fenom.

On stage, Leopard is known as "Distillery Dave," in reference to The Distillery, a Toledo bar, restaurant and entertainment venue where Leopard regularly performs.

Consistently ranking between ninth and 12th place during the final weeks of voting, Leopard knows his road to Austin can only be paved by the viewers.

"If I can just make it to Austin, that would be an accomplishment," Leopard said. "The decision is made totally from the online votes. That's the power of the Internet."

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**Seven to receive
 Alumni Award
 recognition**

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Joseph Venuto, a senior at Eastern Michigan University, has won a Wall Street Journal 2007 Achievement Award for exceptional students.

Venuto, 24, is majoring in communication with a minor in entrepreneurship. He received a gold medallion, a one-year subscription to the Wall Street Journal, and his name will be on a plaque in the dean's office at EMU's College of Business.

"Joe is the most outstanding example of a student leader that has ever received this award," said David Mielke, dean of the College of Business, who nominated Venuto.

The Farmington Hills native is president of the Collegiate Entrepreneurs Club and vice president of the dean's Board of Student Advisers for the business school. He also is a member of EMU's forensics team, which ranked second in the nation in 2007.

Mielke nominated Venuto for his outstanding leadership in the Entrepreneurs Club and the advisory board as well as his efforts with Ethos Week, a weeklong series of events at EMU that promotes ethics in business. Venuto chaired one subcommittee and participated in two others, including making arrangements for ticket sales.

"I had no idea I was even nominated until I found out I won," Venuto said. "I became involved with entrepreneurship when I began running my own business since age 10. I've been selling sports memorabilia through my online and wholesale business, called Good Business, to pay my way through school."

After he graduates in April 2008, his goal is to find a full-time job to finance his future venture. "I love being an entrepreneur. You can be one in any form of life. I want to write my own ticket."

Diane Poretta Fox, an assistant professor in EMU's School of Nursing in the College of Health and Human Services, has earned the designation of Certified Nurse Educator(CNE). Poretta Fox received the designation after successfully completing a rigorous certification examination developed and administered by the New York city-based National League for Nursing (NLN).



Fox

"Through the certification program, we have made clear to the ranks of higher education that the role of nurse educator is an advanced professional practice discipline with a defined practice setting and demonstrable standards of excellence," said Beverly Malone, CEO of the NLN.

The NLN unveiled the CNE program in 2005, with 174 passing the examination the first year — an 85-percent pass rate — representing 45 states and the

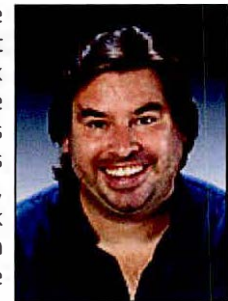


Sidlow

Ed Sidlow, a professor of political science, delivered the keynote address at the 39th Annual Michigan Conference of Political Scientists Oct. 11-12 in Kalamazoo. His topic, "What Professors Can Learn from Politicians," provided an insider's look at political campaigns gleaned from his years of following politicians on the campaign trail.

Victor Okafor, professor and interim department head of African-American Studies, had his book, "A Roadmap for Understanding African Politics: Leadership and Political Integration in Nigeria," receive an honorable mention book award at the 19th Annual Cheikh Anta Diop International Conference in Philadelphia, Pa., Oct. 12-13. The honorable mention described the book as "a visionary model for global leadership," which will definitely be important in the discussions about the future of Africa."

Ron Podell, assistant manager, news services, in the Office of Marketing and Communications, was a recent winner at the It Came From Lake Michigan Film Festival, which took place in Milwaukee Oct. 26-28. His script, "Pulp Science Fiction", won best screenplay at the fest. His script is currently a nominee for best screenplay at the Queens International Film Festival, scheduled Nov. 8-11, in Queens, N.Y. His script also was a finalist in The Writer's Film Desk Project, sponsored by Little Lip Productions; and placed in the top 20 percent out of more than 2,500 scripts at the Screenplay Expo 6 in Los Angeles, Calif.



Podell

Joanne Grabinski, a lecturer in EMU's gerontology program, has had some recent publishing success. Her book, "101 Careers in Gerontology" (Spring Publishing, 2007), was recently released. She also wrote a chapter, "Careers in Aging," for the Encyclopedia of Gerontology, Second Edition (Elsevier, 2007).



Jayaraj

Sunila Jayaraj, a Ph.D. candidate in EMU's College of Technology, participated in the Blue Planet Run this past summer. Jayaraj was a part of a group of 20 runners who began running June 1 to complete a 15,200-mile, 95-day run around the world. The Blue Planet Run Foundation, an organization that raises awareness and money for water improvement projects, sponsored the run.

When the run was completed Sept. 4, the runners had covered 15,200 miles cross 16 countries and four continents. During the run, each runner ran 10 miles per day.

"It's the obligation of every literate and fortunate world citizen today to act in every possible way to bring hope to our less fortunate fellow beings by providing the basic necessities, such as safe drinking water," Jayaraj said.

The Eastern Michigan University softball team made the top 10 All-Academic teams list as announced by the National Fastpitch Coaches Association (NFCA). The Eagles had a 3.528 team GPA, good for third in the country. This marks the fourth consecutive year the Eagles have been honored for their work in the classroom by the NFCA.



Pittman

Sophomore **Alyssa Pittman** was one of five named to the 2007-2008 Preseason All Mid-American Conference West Division women's basketball team. Pittman is coming off a campaign in which she garnered the MAC's Freshman of the Year and All-MAC freshman team accolades. Pittman led the MAC in three-pointers made per game (2.76) and was third in three-point field-goal percentage (38.8 percent). Nationally, she was listed eighth in three

pointers, made per game and 27th in three-point percentage, according to final NCAA statistics. She averaged 12.3 points per game.

Junior point guard **Carlos Medlock** has been named to the All-MAC Preseason West Division men's basketball team. Medlock started 18 of 19 games last season before suffering a broken foot in a Jan. 28 game against Buffalo, which caused him to miss the remainder of the season. He led the Eagles in scoring at 13.2 points per game, leading the team in scoring in 10 games. He tallied more than 20 points five times.

Zach Johnson, a redshirt sophomore punter, was recently named to the 2007 Ray Guy Award Watch List. The award identifies the nation's top collegiate punter. Statistics used to identify the top punter include: total yardage punted, the number of times a punt is downed or kicked out of bounds inside the opponents' 20-yard line, net average, average returned yardage and percentage of punts not returned. It also is important for the award winner to display team leadership, self-discipline and have a positive impact on the team's success. Johnson was one of 10 semifinalists in 2006. This year's watch list will be narrowed to 10 semifinalists in early November.



Johnson

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FLAGS OF MANY COLORS: A parade of flags took place around the track inside Rynearson Stadium before the Oct. 27 Homecoming football game between Eastern Michigan University and Western Michigan University. The flags of nearly 90 countries were represented. Photo by Alex Mandrila

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THIS IS OUR PROPOSAL: (above, from left) Kevin Boyer, a project designer with the architectural engineering firm, Holabird & Root, shows a model of their vision for the \$100 million Mark Jefferson Science Complex during a campus presentation Oct. 26 in 201 Welch. James Baird, a design principal for the Chicago firm, hosted the presentation. Lord, Aeck, Sargent; and Harley Ellis Deveraux are the other firms competing for the project that also made presentations that day. The Mark Jefferson Architectural Engineering Advisory Committee will make the final choice of an architectural engineering firm for the project, said Scott Storrar, manager, facilities planning and construction, EMU Physical Plant. Construction is expected to be complete sometime in 2011, he said.

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THANK YA VERY MUCH: The Communication and Theatre Arts Department won the "Flashback" Homecoming office decorating contest. The group, in 70s motif complete with Elvis Presley, includes (above, from left) Pat Barry, Ali Fournier, Nicole Brown, Karen Boehl, Meggie Brammer, Kim Parks and Andy Orscheln. The office and door decorating contest (the cashier's office, room 201 in Pierce Hall) winners will receive a monetary donation to the department's general fund, free office lunch and possession of the winner's plaque for one year.

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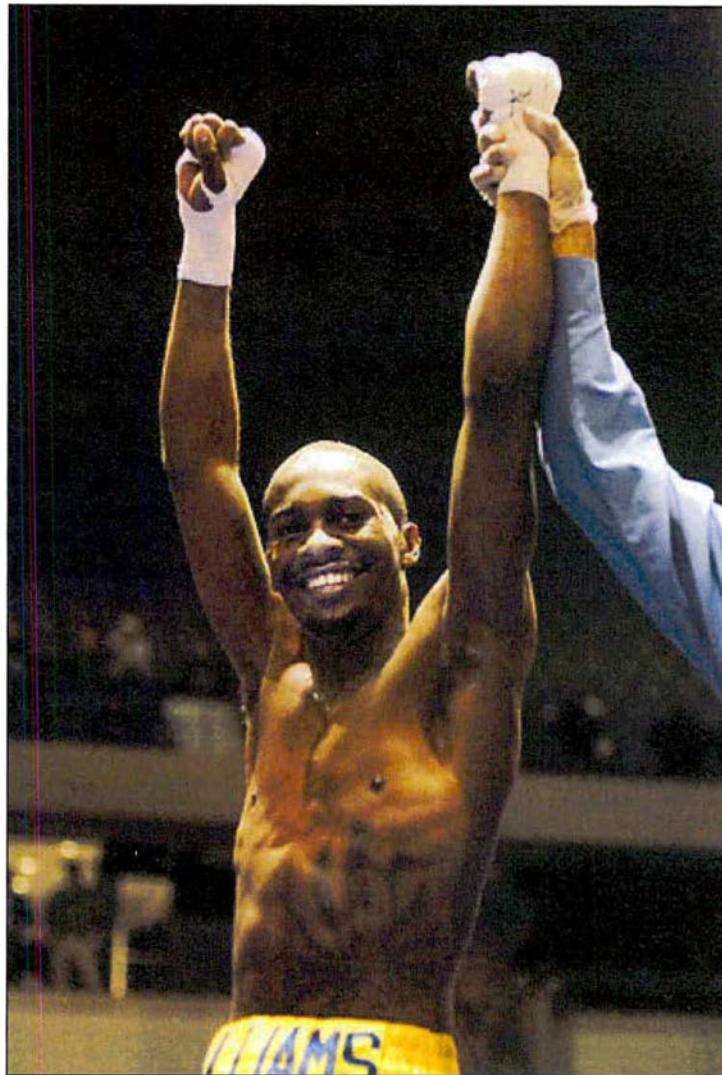
DISCO DRIVE: During Homecoming Week, the Eastern Michigan University campus conducted "Disco Drive," a project in which food was collected and donated to Food Gatherers. Approximately ?? pounds of food was collected during the effort. EMU students who collected canned goods are (above, from left) Zara Hakobyan, a junior from Armenia; Justin Fenwick, an AmeriCorps VISTA member working as a staff member in EMU's VISION Office as well as Diversity and Community Involvement; Lola Mukhtorova, a junior from Tajikistan; and freshman Jordan Dekker, of Grand Rapids.

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AND THE WINNER IS: Ed "Thoroughbred" Williams is all smiles after winning his professional boxing debut. He won by TKO in 43 seconds in the first round over Mike Fitzgerald during a bout in the Convocation Center Oct. 26. Williams, an EMU junior from Detroit, majors in industrial distribution. Students in two of his classes — taught by Bob Teehan, coordinator of EMU's industrial distribution program — applied their course lessons about marketing and business relationships into real-world use and helped promote Williams' fight.

EMU by the numbers

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During the last six years, Eastern Michigan University has posted a winning record, 4-2, in Homecoming games. Here, senior defensive lineman Eric Young strips the football from Western Michigan University's quarterback, stopping a third-quarter drive with EMU leading 9-2. EMU's junior lineman Spenser Smith recovered the fumble. EMU won the Oct. 27 Homecoming game, 19-2, and the EMU defense shut out the Bronco offense. The following are the dates, opponents and scores during that time period.

Oct. 27, 2007 **EMU 19 Western Michigan 2**

Oct. 21, 2006 **EMU 17 Toledo 13**

Oct. 1, 2005 **EMU 27 Kent State 20**

Oct. 2, 2004 **Idaho 45 EMU 41**

Oct. 4, 2003 **Western Michigan 31 EMU 3**

Sept. 28, 2002 **EMU 48 Southern Illinois 45 (2 OT)**

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The following are news briefs about important activities and events happening at Eastern Michigan University.

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- **Nominations sought for Ronald W. Collins Distinguished Faculty Awards:** The provost's office is accepting nominations for the 2007 Ronald W. Collins Awards. These awards give the University community the opportunity to recognize faculty who excel in their professional academic life.

This year, two additional awards have been added and one category changed. In addition to the Teaching I, Teaching II, and Service to the University Awards, the Creative/Scholarly Activity Award has been split into two Research Awards (Research I and Research II), divided by years of service at EMU, and a Creative Activity Award. This new configuration of awards is intended to expand the ways in which faculty at EMU may be recognized and rewarded for their outstanding work, and to express support for the value of all areas of scholarship.



FACULTY EXCELLENCE: These EMU faculty took home the Ronald W. Collins Distinguished Faculty Awards during the 2007 Week of Excellence. From left, Ann Orr, assistant professor of special education (Teaching I Award); Linda Lewis-White, professor of teacher education (Teaching II Award); Gregg Barak, professor of sociology, anthropology and criminology (Scholarly/Creative Activity); and Jessica "Decky" Alexander (Service to the University), associate professor of communication and theatre arts.

Each award carries a \$3,500 net stipend given as a one-time lump sum (not included in the faculty member's base salary). All tenure-track and tenure faculty members are eligible to receive only one EMU Ronald W. Collins Distinguished Faculty Award.

Nominations are to be submitted to the appropriate head or director by Jan. 4, 2008. Awards will be presented at the Faculty Awards Ceremony March 26, 2008, Student Center Ballroom A.

For questions, call Akosua Slough, 487-3200 or e-mail her at

- **International Education Week:** Mark your calendars. International Education Week is Nov. 12-17. A calendar of events will follow in the next few weeks. If you are planning any events for this week, please consider an international theme. The Office of International Students would like to advertise any programs along with the week's events. If you have any program ideas or would like to participate, please contact Russ Sommer, Office of International Students, at rsommer@emich.edu
- **Swipple Presents:** "Swipple Presents: New Faces and Old Favorites" continues through Nov. 19, Ford Gallery. Jason Wright founded Swipple, an artists' collective and online gallery of academically trained and self-taught artists. For information, call Larry Newhouse, 487-0465, 487-1077, or e-mail him at larry.newhouse@emich.edu



CAN YOU HEAR ME NOW? Brooks Stevens, a faculty member in Eastern Michigan University's Art Department, poses with her work "I Know You Can Hear Me BUT Are You Listening " The work is one of 14 on display as part of the New Faculty Exhibition, which continues through Nov. 14 in the University Art Gallery in the Student Center.

New Faculty Exhibition: The art department's New Faculty Exhibition runs through Nov. 14, University Art Gallery, Student Center. This exhibition features the work of art department faculty hired within the last five years. Works include serigraphy, oil paintings, digital video and large-scale installations. For information, call Larry Newhouse, 487-0465, 487-1077, or e-mail him at larry.newhouse@emich.edu

- **Budget information available:** In order to provide a better financial overview of the University, the office of business and finance is putting budget and financial statement information online. Go to www.emich.edu/budget/files/index.p

For questions on the budget, contact Veda Jenkins, 487-3226. For financial statements, go to www.emich.edu/controller/docs/financials2007.pdf. For questions about financial statements, contact Doris Celian, 487-0324.

- **Thanksgiving dinner tickets on sale:** Tickets for the 23rd Annual Thanksgiving Luncheon are now on sale. Guests will enjoy roast turkey, carved to order, with all the holiday trimmings Nov. 13, 11 a.m. and 1 p.m., EMU Student Center Grand Ballroom. This year, tickets must be purchased either in person or by phone (no e-mails). Cost is \$12.50 for faculty and staff,



HOLIDAY CELEBRATION: Eastern Michigan University employees enjoy last year's

and \$11 for students.

Tickets may be
purchased Monday-
Friday at the following

**Thanksgiving dinner. This year's event is
scheduled Nov. 13, 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.,
Student Center Grand Ballroom.**

locations: Convocation Center, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; the Student Center
Ticket Office, noon to 9 p.m.; or the Quirk-Sponberg Theatres Ticket
Office, noon to 5 p.m. All ticket offices share the same phone number
487-2282 (as always, first-come, first-serve). Cash, check, charge card,
banner numbers and requisitions will be accepted. Seatings are limited
for each buffet. Fifty cents from each ticket will be donated to Food
Gatherers. In addition, you are encouraged to bring canned goods, which
will be donated to Food Gatherers. For more information, contact Linda
Panzica, 487-0406.

- **FSA open enrollment reminder:** The open enrollment period for the Flexible Spending Account is in progress through Friday, Nov. 2. The enrollment kit and information about the new Flexible Spending Account debit card are located at the Human Resources Web site at <http://www.emich.edu/hr/benefits/FSA.html>. Print off the enrollment forms and submit to the Benefits Office by Nov. 2. Those who previously had a Flexible Spending Account must re-enroll each calendar year. For questions, Contact the Benefits Office, 487-3195.

Why I work at Eastern Michigan University

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Prior to working at Eastern, I was in computer sales for a number of years. In fact, I sold computers to EMU and that's how I got to know a lot of the people I would eventually work with. When my friend, Jean Rauch, let me know there was a job open, I applied right away.

I've been here a little over seven years, not counting my time here as an undergraduate. I started out in a unit in the library that was the precursor to the current Help Desk. Then I came over to the College of Education to work on a number of technology and learning grants. I started in the office of Academic Services on the NCATE/LiveText project last fall. I'm busier now than I've ever been and I really like that. I'm enjoying it as much as I've enjoyed anything else that I've done on campus.

This really is a team environment and it feels good working with my co-workers. We have tasks that we know we need to do, and we each have our own assignments, but we also chip in to get everything done.

NCATE is the College of Education's national accrediting body, and Eastern's next NCATE re-accreditation visit is in 2010. LiveText is an online documentation system that we're using to prepare for that visit. It lets us measure how well our students are doing in nearly 50 programs. Then, when we spot trends, we can use that information to make improvements.

I work with different departments and help them get documents ready in LiveText. I also work closely with ICT and as the conduit for information between the University and LiveText in Chicago. I started on this project last fall and it has been nonstop. It's been quite fun and it's also been challenging at times. For me, it's a fresh opportunity and a new team of people to work with.

EMU is one of the leading producers of professional educators (K-12 teachers, school counselors, school administrators, special education professionals, etc.) in the country and has been continuously accredited with NCATE for 50-plus years. It's a rigorous process, and we have to demonstrate that we're preparing our students to be highly qualified professionals in the K-12 environment. I'm glad to be part of such a well-regarded institution.

