Wednesday, November 14, 2012

SPECIAL NOTICES:

PLANNED COMPUTING SYSTEM DOWNTIME: Monthly maintenance of EMU's computing systems will be performed Friday, November 16, 6 p.m. to midnight. During this month's maintenance program, the following major computer systems will be unavailable:

- EMU Website (www.emich.edu)
- Banner
- My.emich (including self-service faculty, student and employee tabs)
- BOE
- EMS (Event Planning)
- Axiom
- Linguist List
- Library Card Catalog
- Library Research Database(s)
- Email child account and forward services only
- Red Lantern
- Resource 25
- fsaATLAS
- Service Desk Express

All other systems and services remain AVAILABLE including:

- Wired and Wireless Internet Access (residence halls, offices, and classrooms)
- EMU-Online course management system (http://emuonline.edu)
- Online Hiring System (www.emujobs.com)
- EagleMail (mail.emich.edu)
All planned maintenance for major EMU systems is scheduled in conjunction with the ERP-Business Operations Committee (BOC). The BOC includes representation from various campus units and Faculty Senate. Please contact the Help Desk at 487-2120 or it.helpdesk@emich.edu if you have any questions about this scheduled downtime. We appreciate your patience during this important and required system outage.

* EMU CLOSED ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 21: As part of the University’s campaign to contain costs and conserve energy, EMU is implementing another Energy Savings Day Program. This year, the University will be closed for business on Wednesday, November 21, however, some offices critical to the operation of the University will remain open despite this closure. All staff employees normally scheduled to work on this day will use four hours of vacation or sick/personal time for each eight-hour day. EMU will cover the second half of the scheduled work hours with paid release time. Questions from faculty employees should be directed to Academic Human Resources at 487-0076. Questions from staff employees should be directed to Human Resources at 487-3430.

POINSETTIA SALE SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISER: The EMU Women's Association Annual Poinsettia Sale offers beautiful, long-lasting poinsettias, fresh wreaths, and garlands to decorate your office or home - they also make great gifts. All proceeds go to the EMU Women's Association Scholarship fund. Last year four scholarships were awarded to deserving students, totaling over $3,400. To place your order, go to Poinsettias Order Form. The deadline for all orders is Monday, November 19. Poinsettia pick-up will be November 29 and 30, at the Welcome Center, Room 121, Halle Library. If you have any questions, please contact Susann deVries, sdevries@emich.edu, 487-2475.

DINING SERVICES CUSTOMER SATISFACTION SURVEY: Dining Services is conducting an electronic survey through November 21. Please take a moment to complete the survey and let them know what you think makes EMU one of the best college dining experiences or even what improvements we can make to increase your dining experience. There will be prizes that range from free Advantage Meal Cards to high-end electronics devices that include the Apple IPad 3. For questions or comments regarding the survey, please contact Dining Services or call 487-0418.

WINTER 2013 TUITION WAIVER DEADLINE: The deadline for submitting tuition waivers for Winter 2012 is Wednesday, January 16, 2013. All tuition waivers must be submitted to the Benefits Office, 140 McKenny Hall. You can also fax your waiver to 487-4389. Tuition waivers submitted after Wednesday, January 16, 2013, will not be submitted for approval. For questions, contact Helene Neely at 487-3195, or hneely@emich.edu.
CLEARANCE MERCHANDISE AT EAGLE CREST GOLF CLUB: The Eagle Crest Golf Club, located at 1275 S. Huron Street is having a blow-out clearance sale on their golf pro shop merchandise. Pro shop hours in November are Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. and in December the hours are Monday-Friday 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Gift cards are also available. For more information, call the Eagle Crest Golf Club at 734-487-2441.

ACADEMIC HUMAN RESOURCES WILL BE CLOSED: The Academic Human Resources Office located in 202 Boone will be closed today, November 14, from 12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

BIOLOGY DEPARTMENT SEMINAR: The Biology Department presents "Seeing the Light: Color Vision and Developmental Adaption in Photosynthetic Organisms," today, November 14, 3:30 - 4:30 p.m., room 154, in Mark Jefferson Science Complex. Guest speaker is Beronda Montgomery from Michigan State University. The seminar is part of BIO 502 course, is open to everyone and LBC approved.

GLOBAL MINING AND THE STRUGGLE FOR ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE: All are welcome to attend this lecture tonight, November 14, 7 - 9 p.m., in the Halle Library Auditorium. We will explore the extent and consequences of global mining, with a particular focus on the mining of gold and silver in Latin America and the Central American nation of El Salvador. EMU students and faculty who have recently traveled to El Salvador will share what they learned by visiting communities where mining is taking place and meeting with activists involved in the struggle for environmental justice. Several short films about mining around the globe will also be shown. For more information, contact Judy Kullberg at jkullber@emich.edu, or Rich Stahler-Sholk at rstahler@emich.edu.

POST AN EVENT TO THE EVENTS CALENDAR: To submit an event to the Events Calendar, go to the EMU website, click on "calendars," then click on the green button labeled "Submit an Event" (located on the bottom left) and enter your event information. If you need help or have questions, please contact Debra Johnson at djohn144@emich.edu or call 487-2484. All events are subject to approval.

DEPARTMENT DIRECTORY UPDATES: If your Department Directory listing is not accurate, please send the updated information to: dept_directory@emich.edu. For questions, contact Debra Burke at 487-6895 or by e-mail at dburke15@emich.edu. Please note that personal directory listings are populated by Banner and you will need to contact Academic HR or Staff HR to update personal listings.
SUBMISSIONS TO EMU TODAY: Please note, EMU TODAY is a internal daily e-blast sent to faculty and staff only. To submit an announcement or post an event, please forward your entry electronically to emu_today@emich.edu. Please be sure to format your entry with a title and include a description of the event, where the event will be held (room and building), the date and time, and a contact name, phone number and/or e-mail address. For questions, contact Debra Johnson at 487-2484.

NOTE: Asterisk denote new items.

Lectures and Meetings

GRADUATE COUNCIL MEETINGS: Graduate Council meetings will be held during the following dates from 2:15 - 4 p.m., in room 203, Marshall. Contact Susan Anderson at 487-0042 or email at sanderson1@emich.edu with questions.

   Friday, November 16
   Friday, December 14
   Friday, January 18, 2013
   Friday, February 15, 2013
   Friday, March 15, 2013
   Friday, April 12, 2013

DISSERTATION ORAL DEFENSE: Sarah Cline, M.S., from the Psychology Department, will defend her dissertation, "The Development of a Dyadic Assessment for Families Experiencing Adolescent Idiopathic Scoliosis," Monday, November 19, 2 p.m., Room 327 in Mark Jefferson Science Complex. For more information, contact Ashley Stauffer at 487-1155.

Seminars and Workshops

WELL-BEING EDUCATIONAL SERIES FOR FACULTY & STAFF: The EMU Benefits Office is pleased to offer the Ceridian Emotional Well-Being Education Series. Join them for the following Lunch & Learn sessions which are currently available for registration. Please call the Benefits Office at 487-3195 to register for one or all of the sessions.
"Understanding the Difference Between Depression and the "Blues," - Thursday, November 15, 12 - 1 p.m., HR Training Suite (100 McKenny). Everyone feels a little down from time to time, especially when dealing with tough life events. But there's a difference between feeling "blue" or "down in the dumps" and experiencing a clinical depressive disorder. If the sad feelings continue for a prolonged period of time and interfere with enjoyment of life, it could be depression. Participants will learn to:

- Recognize the myths about depression
- Clarify the difference between depressive disorders and the "blues"
- Define depression and the various types
- Identify the symptoms, causes, evaluation components, and treatments for depression
- Learn ways to cope with depression and support a family member or friend who is depressed

OFFICE OF RESEARCH DEVELOPMENT TRAINING WORKSHOPS: The Office of Research Development (ORD) will have the following development and training modules for faculty. For more information, go to ORD workshops or contact Margie Dargo at 487-3090 (ORD) or email at mdargo@emich.edu to register for the workshops.

- Technology Transfer at EMU: Friday, November 30, 12 - 1 p.m., 2nd floor in Starkweather. Presentd by Phil Rufe.
- Developing the Grant Budget: Friday, December 7, 12 - 1 p.m., 2nd floor in Starkweather. Presentd by Susan Campbell.

Activities and Events

BEADS-TO-BUSINESS JEWELRY SALE: Stop by the EMU Student Center lobby on Wednesday, November 14, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. and check out the beautiful display of handmade jewelry for sale. Proceeds will go to support the Emerge Lanka Foundation. Emerge Lanka, led by EMU alumnae Amanda Van Dort (BS10), helps Sri Lankan girls, ages 10-18, who have been removed from their homes due to past abuse or the threat of abuse. In the Beads-to-Business program, the girls make high-quality jewelry and this skill as a foundation for learning how to manage their own small business. For more information, contact Wendy Kivi at 487-3198 or wkivi@emich.edu.

RETIREMENT PARTY FOR MORELL BOONE: The campus community is welcome to attend Morell Boone's retirement party, Thursday, November 15, from 4 p.m. - 6p.m., at Woodruffs, 36 East Cross Street in Depot Town. Please join us in celebrating Morell's 32 years with EMU. There will be light refreshments provided. To RSVP and/or contribute a gift, please contact Rebekah McDow at rmcdow@emich.edu. Contact Don Keller at 487-2295 for any questions on this event.
THE GREGORY BROTHERS VISIT EMU: Eastern Michigan University's Campus Life welcomes the Gregory Brothers to EMU on Wednesday, November 28, 7 p.m., in the Student Center Grand Ballroom. Masters at the art of social media and marketing, The Gregory Brothers offer a unique, fresh and forward-thinking perspective on how to combine music, technical savvy, and humor to reach millions. Their YouTube series, Auto-tune the News has turned public speakers into pop speakers, catching the ears of The Today Show, Google ZeitGeist, Macworld and Comedy Central. The Gregory Brothers have their own YouTube channel, youtube.com/schmoyoho, featuring their Auto-tune the News series as well as many other compilations. They released "The Bed Intruder Song" on YouTube and quickly rose to stardom reaching Billboard's Top 100, and earned them a gold record.

This is a FREE event and is open to the general public. Please arrive early, doors to this event will open at 6:45 p.m. There will be a Q&A at the end of their presentation. For more information contact Campus Life at 487-3045, ext. 22038, visit campuslife.emich.edu, find us on Facebook at fb.me/EMUcampuslife and check out our Twitter @EMUcampuslife.

Arts and Entertainment

* EMU THEATRE PRESENTS: "WHITE AS SNOW, RED AS BLOOD: THE STORY OF SNOW WHITE": A richly warm and mysterious version of the tale, director Jenny Koppera encourages the magic and depth of V. Glasgow Koste’s adaptation of the traditional story. White as Snow, Red as Blood: The Story of Snow White will be at Quirk Theatre Friday, November 30 and December 1, 6, 7, 8 at 7 p.m. and Sunday, December 2 & 9 at 2 p.m. This production is strongly recommended for audiences ages 8+ as some scenes may be scary for younger audiences. Tickets are $15 regular admission, $12 for students and seniors, $9 for mainstage patrons, and $7 for children ages 8-12, no further discounts apply. Tickets are available by phone at 487-2282, in person at the Convocation Center, the Student Center ticket office or Quirk Box Office. To purchase tickets online visit: www.emutix.com. Please note that there is an additional fee for tickets purchased by phone or online.

For more information about EMU Theatre, our season and directions to our theatres visit www.emich.edu/emutheatre or, fan us on Facebook: Eastern Michigan University Theatre, follow us on Twitter: emutheatre or call our office at 478-1220.

THE NIGHT 89X STOLE CHRISTMAS: Featuring The Killers along with Tegan and Sara, Thursday, December 20, with doors opening at 7 p.m. and the show at 8 p.m., at the EMU Convocation Center. Tickets range from $32.50-$59.50. Tickets will be available online at emutix.com, by phone at 487-2282 or in person at any of the EMU ticket office locations. For more information go to the convocation website or visit the convocation center facebook page.
TIESTO: CLUB LIFE COLLEGE INVASION TOUR BRINGS DJ TO CONVOCATION CENTER: Tiesto: Club Life College Invasion Tour brings the world's biggest DJ for a return engagement to the EMU Convocation Center, Wednesday, February 27. Tickets can be purchased online at emutix.com or call 487-2282. Tickets are $40 for the Main Floor and $30 for the Lower Bowl. Students can purchase the lower bowl tickets at a student rate of $20 in person at any EMU ticket office. For more information go to the convocation website or visit the convocation center facebook page.

Athletics

EMU EAGLES FOOTBALL SCHEDULE: Show your support for the EMU Eagles and attend one or all of the football games. Below are the home and away games or click on 2012 football season. For ticket pricing and/or to purchase tickets, go to 2012 Football Tickets.

- Nov. 17 (at Western Michigan), 2 p.m.
- Nov. 23, Northern Illinois, TBA
- Nov. 30, vs. MAC Championship

FALL FITNESS CLASSES AT THE REC/IM: The 2nd session of the 2012 Fall Group Fitness Program will start on Friday, October 29 - Friday, December 14. Drop-in day pass (only $10) or sign up for an all-access pass for $75 for seven weeks. For more information, call the Rec/IM at 487-1338 or go to all fitness programs. Programs are offered through b.young b.fit.

Reminders

CALL FOR PROPOSALS: WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH: Please consider proposing an event for Women's History Month in March 2013. The theme for 2013 Women's History Month at EMU is "Breaking Boundaries: Women at the Forefront of Change." Female activists have been fighting for equality in the workplace, at home, and in every other aspect of their lives for decades. Unfortunately, they are often forgotten in terms of passing on their remarkable history. Women have been the founders of groundbreaking organizations, the heart behind grassroots movements, and the intelligence behind profound discoveries. These women will have the opportunity to tell their stories. All event proposals must be submitted by November 16 through the online Event Proposal Form. If you have questions about this form or the month's events, please contact Suzanne Gray sgray17@emich.edu.
2013 MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY CELEBRATION - CALL FOR PROPOSALS: The EMU Martin Luther King Day Celebration Planning Committee invites proposals for academic sessions to be offered as part of the MLK Day 2013 celebration. The theme for 2013 is "Igniting a Generation of Dreamers." The committee seeks academic sessions that explore, analyze, or inform our understanding of Dr. King's legacy, and especially how individuals or groups have interpreted and responded to Dr. King's mission to inspire others to dream and work diligently toward making dreams a reality. Session content may explore the past, present, or future and address various issues, challenges and successes related to the theme and Dr. King's life, work, and legacy.

Each academic session will run 50 minutes and will take place on January 21, 2013. Participants can choose the 2:00-2:50pm time slot, the 3:00-3:50pm slot, or both. Proposals are due no later than midnight on Wednesday, November 21, in electronic format. Please find the application and directions for submission by clicking on MLK Program Proposal 2013 Form. If you have questions, please feel free to contact the academic programs sub-committee chairperson, Dawn Pearcy at email dpearcy@emich.edu.

FACULTY DEVELOPMENT CENTER FALL WORKSHOPS: There are several events offered by the FDC. To see a complete list of events, go to FDC Events or contact Kelly Frisch at 487-0020, ext. 2112 or email at aavp_fdc@emich.edu for additional information.

ACADEMIC SUPPORT SERVICES OFFERED: The Academic Projects Center, an academic support service offering one-to-one writing, research, communication and technology assistance is pleased to announce the addition of communication consulting services for the fall 2012 term. Communication consultants will be available Mondays from 1 - 3 p.m., and Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 1 - 5 p.m., in the Academic Projects Center, 116 Halle Library, now through the last day of classes. Communication consultants offer training and coaching for individual and group speeches/presentations on content, research, writing, and delivery, including work with visual aids and other presentation technologies. Consultants facilitate communication and decision making when project groups are experiencing conflict, and assist students in the management and reduction of speech/presentation anxiety. Services provided through the generous support of a grant from Women in Philanthropy at EMU and a partnership with the Communication Across the Curriculum Program.

DO YOU LOVE TO COOK?: The EMU Children's Institute cookbook is now available and filled with over 140 recipes contributed by families and staff. The cookbook is $10.00 (spiral bound) and $5.00 for the CD (cash or check ) with proceeds going to the Family Scholarship Fund. Stop by the Children's Institute, 1055 Cornell, Suite 101, Fletcher between 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. or contact Tracey Buhinicek at 487-2348, or email at tbuhinice@emich.edu. Try a new recipe and help a child.
Scholarships

THE MARGARET M. SMITH SCHOLARSHIP FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF WOMEN: This scholarship is named in honor of Margaret (Peg) Smith, a community feminist, librarian, EMU alumna, and state athlete, by the contributions of friends and family in the celebration of her 80th birthday in 1994. Peg’s love of literature and literacy was legendary, and she paved a path for women with her own life achievements. The fund enhances the educational advancement of women through a scholarship award.

Eligibility: Any undergraduate or graduate student at EMU who can demonstrate 1) Financial need; 2) commitment to the advancement of women, evidence in a variety of ways, including by not limited to extracurricular activities or activism, enrollment in a women’s studies major or minor or graduate program, or a non-traditional major or minor, non-traditional career choice; and 3) minimum GPA of 3.0. Applications are due on Friday, November 16. Applications are available through the Women's and Gender Studies website at: http://www.emich.edu/wstudies.

SEARCH SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES: To find out about current scholarship opportunities, go to search scholarships.

On this day...On this day in 1832 - The first streetcar went into operation in New York City, NY. The vehicle was horse-drawn and had room for 30 people.

Quote: “The challenges of change are always hard. It is important that we begin to unpack those challenges that confront this nation and realize that we each have a role that requires us to change and become more responsible for shaping our own future.” - Hillary Rodham Clinton

Fact: Nellie Bly (May 5, 1864 – January 27, 1922) was the pen name of American pioneer female journalist Elizabeth Jane Cochrane. She remains notable for two feats: a record-breaking trip around the world in emulation of Jules Verne's character Phileas Fogg, and for faking insanity in order to study a mental institution from within.

In 1887, Bly talked her way into the offices of Joseph Pulitzer's newspaper, the New York World and took an undercover assignment for which she agreed to feign insanity to investigate reports of brutality and neglect at the Women's Lunatic Asylum on Blackwell's Island. Committed to the asylum, Bly experienced its conditions firsthand. The food consisted of gruel broth, spoiled beef, bread that was little more than dried dough, and dirty undrinkable water. After ten days, Bly was released and, later published the book
Ten Days in a Mad-House. A grand jury launched an investigation into conditions at the asylum, and recommended numerous changes for improvements as a result of Bly's reporting.

In 1888, Bly suggested to her editor that she take a trip around the world, attempting to turn the fictional Around the World in Eighty Days into fact for the first time. A year later, at 9:40 a.m. on November 14, 1889, she boarded the Augusta Victoria, a steamer of the Hamburg America Line and began her 24,899-mile journey. The trip took seventy-two days, six hours, eleven minutes and fourteen seconds, setting a world record. To read more about Bly, go to Wikipedia Facts-Nellie Bly.