

On-line class registration starts in March

Students need my.emich account in order to register for spring, summer and fall

By Ron Podell

Hang up the phones. Starting next month, Eastern Michigan University students will be able to register on-line for spring, summer and fall classes. But they'll need a my.emich e-mail account to do so.

"The only way students will be able to register for classes is through a my.emich account," said Sherry Kelley, administrative associate for the Information and Communications Technology Division (ICT).

To help students set up their accounts, Help Desk kiosks have been made available this month at various campus locations.

"The Help Desk will be out on campus for the whole month. Additionally, faculty will be handing out fliers in their classes to make students aware that they need to get a my.emich account," Kelley said. "We want students signed up for my.emich before the mad rush in March."

The Help Desk kiosks will be available Wednesday, Feb. 19, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., Mark Jefferson, outside room 104;

STEP BY STEP	
SETTING UP A MY.EMICH ACCOUNT	
1)	Using any computer connected to the Internet with any Web browser (Internet Explorer 5.5 or above or Netscape 6.2 or above), go to the following URL: my.emich.edu.
2)	Click on the link, "How Do I Get My Username and Password."
3)	Click on the link, "Currently registered student."
4)	Click on the link, "Lookup New Account."
5)	Enter your student I.D. number (including the three leading zeros, i.e. 000123456). If you don't remember your PIN number, call 487-2300.
6)	Enter your student PIN number (same PIN you normally use to telephone register).
7)	Enter your birth date.
8)	Click on "Lookup Logon."
9)	Congratulations, you're done.

Thursday, Feb. 20, 2:30-7 p.m., Rec/IM lobby, table near TV; Wednesday, Feb. 26, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., Pray-Harrold, outside room 201; and Thursday, Feb. 27, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., Mark Jefferson, outside room 104.

On-line registration for spring, summer and fall classes begins March 25 and runs through April 10. After that, there will be open registration periods for all

students to add and/or drop courses.

"Spring, summer and fall registration all begin at the same time," said Registration Coordinator Marian Groce. "As long as the student is eligible to register, he or she can register for all three semesters at the same time."

Like the old phone system, on-line registration will allow access to students only at certain times. For example, honors students can register March 25 while seniors have to wait until March 28 to begin registering.

The on-line registration system will function similar to the phone system, Kelley said. Students will be able to sign up for the classes they want and receive instant verification of whether they have a spot in the class. They also will be able to add and/or drop classes through the on-line registration system, she said.

"It's going to operate pretty much the same way," Kelley said. "It's just that it will be done on the Web rather than over the phone."

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Fleming helps shape future of special education

By Ron Podell

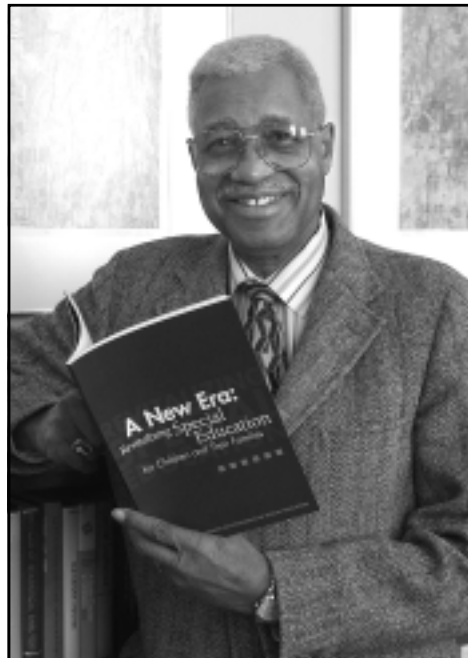
As a young teen, Thomas Fleming used his fists to cover his frustration with being unable to read. At the time, he didn't know he was a special needs student.

Today, he is one of 16 select persons appointed by President George W. Bush to serve on the president's Commission on Excellence in Special Education.

Fleming, special assistant to the provost, was appointed to the commission Oct. 19, 2001. The commission serves as an advocate for the 2.8 million students classified as generally disabled in the United States. Fleming was recently in Washington, D.C., to see the committee's final report and to receive congratulations from President Bush.

The report "A New Era: Revitalizing Special Education for Children and Their Families," was completed July 1, 2002, and is considered one component of Bush's No Child Left Behind Act of 2001. The committee saw the report for the first time Jan. 8, when Bush lauded the team in the Roosevelt Room of the White House.

Fleming described the in-



SPECIAL CONTRIBUTION: Tom Fleming, special assistant to the provost, recently met with President George W. Bush and his Commission on Excellence in Special Education.

Fleming, a member of the the commission's professional development committee, made contributions to the report, specifically on how to attract and prepare teachers for teaching special education.

cident like this: "We're all sitting in the Roosevelt Room. He (Bush) comes right down the side and shakes all of our hands. As he's congratulating us for doing the work, he drifts off into talking about the (potential) war (with Iraq)."

The report includes recommendations from more than 100 recognized special education experts, education finance experts, education and medical researchers, parents of children with disabilities and individuals with disabilities. The report was compiled based on comments from these

experts and parents who showed up at public hearings scheduled throughout the country, said Fleming who attended such meetings with his committee members in Miami, Houston, and Washington, D.C.

"I was on the professional development committee," Fleming said. "I talked to people in special education to get feedback on not only how to attract, but to teach special education teachers."

A summary of major recommendations the committee made includes: focus on

results, not on process; embrace a model of prevention, not a model of failure; and consider children with disabilities as general education children first.

Fleming said he was grateful to have some impact in shaping national policy for special education students, especially since he understands being such a student himself. Fleming said he was a product of 1940s and 1950s Detroit, where he came from one of only three black families living on the east side.

"In those days, they did not have a classification for special education," Fleming said. "I could not read, write or spell comprehensively. When I was 14 or 15, I dropped out of school."

Fleming was bounced in and out of 21 special education schools before he lied about his age to gain admittance into the National Guard. He later enlisted in the U.S. Army. While stationed in Germany, Fleming became a jeep driver for a lieutenant. He was given a handbook of the German language. Fleming said he could never figure it out, but by listening to others speak

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Geography professor Xie named Bai Ren Scholar

Yichun Xie, professor of geography and geology, was named a Bai Ren Scholar by the Chinese Academy of Sciences in December 2002. This is the highest award a scholar can receive in China.

The award, worth approximately \$120,000 in U.S. dollars, is for 2003-05. Xie's award came in the "Overseas Distinguished Scholars" category, of which there were 20 recipients.

His responsibilities include raising the research capacity of a group of three to five Chinese scientists to international recognition; provide advice on the development of the national ecological 3S lab (geographical information system, remote sensing and spatial modeling) at the Chinese Academy of Sciences; promote international academic exchange and collaboration in ecological 3S studies; and conduct joint research in ecological 3S studies of international significance and recognition. Xie will visit China in May.

■ **Marvin Johnson**, professor of health, physical education, recreation and dance, was profiled in the Feb. 3 issue of the *Ann Arbor News*. Johnson's 60-plus years of experi-



Xie

ence in gymnastics as an athlete, coach, teacher and youth gymnastics volunteer was highlighted.

■ **Martha Tanicala**, professor of nursing, was a health volunteer at Makerere University in Kampala, Uganda from June 27-Dec. 17, 2002. During her stay, Tanicala taught two courses, "Physical and Health Assessment" and Pediatrics and Child Health," to students working toward their undergraduate degrees in nursing.



Tanicala

■ **Lisa Webb Sharpe**, currently a trustee of the EMU Foundation and a 1985 EMU graduate, was recently appointed to serve as education adviser to Michigan Gov. Jennifer Granholm.

■ **Eastern Michigan University** was recently noted for its stellar contribution to last fall's Washtenaw United Way campaign. A Jan. 28 press release from Washtenaw United Way noted that "Eastern Michigan University doubled its employee participation rate to 49 percent of employees giving, resulting in a record \$160,000 total."

■ **Nikki Pascuru**, an EMU graduate student, recently ran and completed the Walt Disney World Mar-

athon Jan. 12. Pascuru ran the 26.2-mile race to raise money for the American Diabetes Association. She raised \$3,800, \$300 more than the required registration fee to run.

■ **Nelson Maylone**, assistant professor of teacher education, was presented with the Phi Delta Kappa Annual District Dissertation Award at Halle Library Dec. 3. Maylone, a doctoral candidate in educational leadership at EMU, received the \$500 award for his dissertation, "The Relationship of Socioeconomic Factors and District Scores on Michigan Education Assessment Program (MEAP) Tests: An Analysis."

■ **Ellen Hoffman**, assistant professor of teacher education, was recently cited and quoted in a Jan. 6



Hoffman

USA Today article in connection with her work to create digital libraries. Hoffman has a National Science Foundation grant to design a special K-12 portal with a team of others. The National Science Digital Library is aimed at addressing widely acknowledged problems with science and mathematics education in the United States.

■ **Victor Okafor**, associate professor of African-American Studies, recently had his book, "Towards an

Understanding of Africology," published by Kendall/Hunt Publishing Company. His book examines the functional value of Black Studies in the age of multiculturalism and cyberspace educational technology. It also discusses the evolution, scope and philosophical and theoretical foundation of Black Studies.



Okafor

■ **Suzanne Hobson**, professor of leadership and counseling, was the recipient of the Human Rights Award from the Michigan Counseling Association.

■ **Shawn Quilter**, interim assistant dean, COE Advising Center, is a member of the editorial board for the *On-line Journal of Distance Learning Administration*.

■ **Valerie Polakow**, professor of teacher education, was mentioned in a recent *Ann Arbor News* article on her son, Sasha Polakow-Suransky, who receiving a Rhodes Scholarship.

■ Two of EMU's Charter Schools — **Oakland Academy** in Ferndale and the **Great Lakes Academy** in Pontiac — were recipients of the Governor's 2002 Golden Apple Award in recognition of significant improvement on MEAP test scores. Each school received \$10,000.

HAPPY 80TH BIRTHDAY, THEO



TURNING 80: Theo Hamilton (left), a full-time employee in Career Services who provides teacher placement and career counseling, receives congratulations and a plaque from Vice President for Student Affairs Jim Vick. Hamilton celebrated his 80th birthday with friends and family on campus Feb. 6. Hamilton came to EMU in 1967 and has no plans to retire.

Peter Schickele headlines Music Now Fest Feb 26-28

By Ron Podell

Peter Schickele, well known for his P.D.Q. Bach concerts, is the guest composer for this year's Music Now Fest, scheduled Feb. 26-28.

Music Now Fest, which began in 1979 and occurs biennially, features three days of musical activity centered on the work of a distinguished living composer.

"This year's festival includes concerts, lectures, open rehearsals and discussions, and allows the entire department to immerse in the music of Peter Schickele. He is a well known and highly respected composer of concert literature, often with jazz, rock or folk elements tucked inside," said Kristy Meretta, coordinator of EMU music events.

Schickele will discuss top-

ics in 21st-century music during a "Composer Convocation" Thursday, Feb. 27, 11 a.m., in Pease Auditorium. An open rehearsal with Schickele and EMU's Orchestra, Wind Ensemble and Choir is scheduled Friday, Feb. 28, 11 a.m., at Pease Auditorium. Schickele also will interact with EMU music students and faculty during a "Meet the Composer Forum" Friday, Feb. 28, 1 p.m., in the Alexander Rehearsal Hall.

Schickele's chamber music will be featured during a Faculty Recital Thursday, Feb. 27, 8 p.m., in Pease Auditorium, and again during the Festival Finale, Friday, Feb. 28, 8 p.m., in Pease Auditorium. Tickets are \$8 for this all-campus collaborative concert. All other events are free.

For more information, call Meretta at 487-0482.

Seale wants justice for everyone

By Summer Wilhelm

In 1962, a young man sat in an auditorium in Oakland, Calif. and listened to a guest speaker talk of discrimination and equality, Wonderbread and Greyhound bus boycotts. In 1962, a young man found his first inspiration.

The young man was Bobby Seale, co-founder of the Black Panther Party, and the inspiration was Martin Luther King, Jr.

Seale related this story to a crowd of more than 400 in Eastern Michigan University's McKenny Union Ballroom Feb. 6. Seale's visit is part of the Campus Life's Spectrum Lecture Series.

Seale spoke of his influences and discoveries leading up to the creation of the Black Panther Party. A book signing and question and answer session followed the lecture.

Seale wasn't aware of the African American struggle for civil rights until he joined the Afro-American Association (AAA), an Oakland City College campus organization that stressed black separatism and self-improvement.

"I got lucky the day I walked outside and saw the AAA having a street rally. They were rapping about people I had never heard of. It blew my mind and pretty soon I was interested in a whole new thing," Seale recalled. "I wanted to know about W.E.B. DuBois and Marcus Garvey. I got books and I read about the past and I learned that black folks did not sit on their butts during slavery. They fought, they struggled, they died."

Through the AAA, he met activist Huey Newton in 1962. Both greatly admired Malcolm X and were drawn to the idea that black people had to defend themselves against white brutality and inaccurate education. After parting ways with the AAA and after the 1965 assassination of Malcolm X, the

two founded the Black Panther Party for Self-Defense in 1966.

Beginning as an armed patrol dedicated to the defense of Oakland Blacks against the brutality of the city police, the Black Panthers quickly garnered national attention in 1967 when they sent an armed contingent to the state capital in Sacramento, Calif., to protest a proposed gun-control law and to assert the constitutional right of blacks to bear arms against their white oppressors.



Seale

By 1968, the Black Panther Party had opened recruitment centers across the nation and caught the attention of FBI head J. Edgar Hoover, who called them "the number one threat to the internal security of the nation."

"Huey was two years in law school and I was ex-military," said Seale. "We trained all of the party members how to safely handle guns. We didn't just pick them up and start shooting."

Seale expressed that many people had misconceptions about the Black Panther Party and that many people still do today, especially after the release of the movie "Panther" in 1995.

"That movie is 90 percent fiction," Seale said. "When 'USA Today' asked me what I thought about it, I told them it was a bunch of cheap fiction. The Black Panther Party slogan was all power to all people."

Seale left the Black Panthers in 1974 and went on to publish his autobiography, "A Lonely Rage," in 1978. Throughout the 1980s, Seale continued to develop and support organizations dedicated to combating social and political injustices. He continues to lecture about his past and current experiences struggling for civil rights.

"We captured the imagination of the people," Seale said. "The Black Panther Party is a piece of American history."



EMU BY THE NUMBERS

The Office of Financial Aid is responsible for delivering aid to students to help cover college costs, including tuition, room and board, books, etc. More than 13,000 students received some form of financial aid from Eastern Michigan University in 2001-02. Below are the dollar amounts and number of awards for each category for 2001-02.

FEDERAL FUNDS

\$71,336,507
25,638 awards

STATE FUNDS

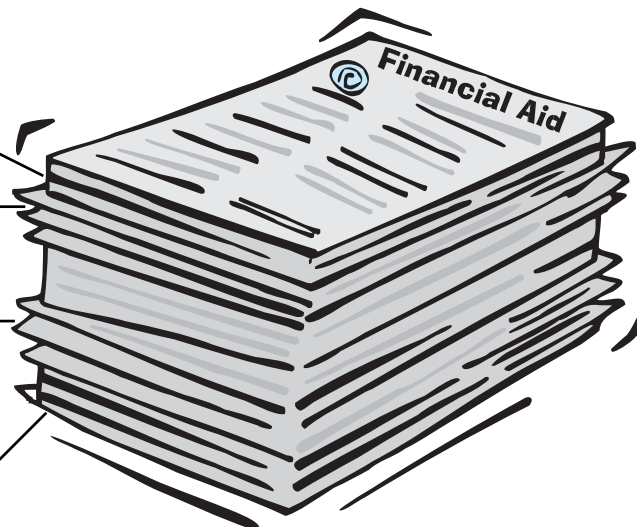
\$4,710,161
3,026 awards

UNIVERSITY FUNDS

\$12,532,025
4,617 awards

OTHER FUNDS

\$10,156,103
5,280 awards



SOURCE: Financial Aid



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

Candidates sought for Teaching Excellence Awards

Nominations are now being accepted for the 2003 Teaching Excellence Awards, sponsored by the Alumni Association. The award recognizes superior teaching in the classroom.

To nominate a faculty member, download an application from www.emich.edu/alumni. Applications will be accepted until Friday, March 7.

For more information, call Alumni Relations at 487-0250.

Gold Medallion Award nominations for students being accepted

Nominations are now being accepted for Student Gold Medallion Awards. Award categories include: student leader, student volunteer, student ambassador, student innovator, student employee, graduate assistant/graduate student employee, student organization: affiliated or non-affiliated, student organization adviser and student organization program.

Pick up and submit nomination forms at 11 McKenny Union. The application deadline is Friday, Feb. 28. For more information, call 487-3045.

Applicants sought for Collins' Medals for Excellence

Applications are now being taken for the annual Ronald W. Collins Medal For Excellence in scholarly and creative activities and the Geri Collins Medal for Excellence for exemplary service by a graduate assistant. The \$500 awards and plaques will be presented during the Graduate Research Fair awards ceremony March 24.

Applications and information on the award can be found at www.gradord.emich.edu. All completed application packages must be received by the Graduate School by 5 p.m. Feb. 28.

For more information, call Patrick Melia, 487-0379.

Tickets on sale for EMU's "A Moon for the Misbegotten"

Tickets are now on sale for EMU Theatre's production of "A Moon for the Misbegotten," directed by George Bird.

Performances are scheduled Feb. 20-22, Feb. 28, and March 1, 8 p.m.; and March 2, 2:30 p.m., Quirk Theatre.

For tickets, call 487-1221.

JOBSLINE

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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 24. **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)

CSBF0314 CS05 \$26,118 Senior Secretary, Financial Services.

CSUR0303 CS05 \$26,118 Senior Secretary, Institute for Community and Regional Development (ICARD). Typical schedule is 8 a.m.-5 p.m., but may have some exceptions and would be needed 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Ability to run errands to campus and community locations is necessary. Proficient in Microsoft Office.

PROFESSIONAL/TECHNICAL (Hiring Range)

PTAA0311 PT06 \$27,089-31,638 Program Assistant I, Continuing Education Regional Center, Livonia. Some evenings and weekends required. (REPOST—Correction to location).

PTAA0313 PT07 \$31,151-36,635 Coordinator, Distance Education Programs, Continuing Education, Credit Programs. Some evenings and weekends may be required.

PTAA0314 PT07 \$31,151-36,635 Coordinator, Marketing and Events,

Continuing Education, Administration. Some evenings and weekends may be required.

PTAA0315 PT08 \$35,516-42,638 Manager, Continuing Education, Continuing Education Weekend University. Some evenings and weekends may be required.

PTAA0316 PT08 \$35,516-42,638 Manager, Continuing Education, Continuing Education Credit Programs. Some evenings and weekends may be required.

FOOD SERVICE/MAINT. (Hiring Rate)

FMSA0318 FM10 \$9.18 Special Projects Crewperson, Custodial Pro-rate/Complex III (REPOST) 6:30 a.m.-3 p.m., Tuesday-Saturday.

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While many details of how the system will work are not yet available, students are encouraged to sign up for their my.emich accounts so they will be able to register.

When it is time for the students to register, they will log in to my.emich and click on the "Student Services" tab, which links to the on-line registration system. From there, students will be given further instructions to register, Kelley said.

Course schedule books will be mailed out to students the first week of March and should reach students the second week of March, Groce said. Schedule books also will be delivered to records and registration the first week of March and will be distributed on campus as quickly as the mailroom can distribute them, she said.

On-line registration will be available for Fast Track March 11, 2003. The registration system will be available again the first day of registration, which is March 25, 2003, Kelley said.

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German, he said he caught on to understanding the language.

Fleming said many special education students have auditory and visual strengths that help them compensate for their struggles with reading and writing. When he later became a teacher, Fleming incorporated his auditory lessons he learned in the Army into his classroom.

"You not only had to get them to read words, but to understand it," Fleming said of special education students he taught at Washtenaw County Youth Center. "Every sentence has to have a proper noun. Every sentence is the completion of one thought. If you can understand one thought, a combination of thoughts will get you a paragraph."

Fleming, who also is a minister, said a highlight of his visit was being able to say a prayer with the president in the Rose Garden.

Why I work at Eastern Michigan University

The most memorable time during my 19 years at Eastern Michigan University was the winter of 1999. More than 30 inches of snow fell over three or four days in January. The grounds department worked around the clock, using 18 semi-trucks and trailers to clear snow. When we finished, the west campus looked like Mt. Brighton.

EMU is a good place to work. I enjoy being outside and seeing things grow. During last summer's drought, it was sad to see so many trees and scrubs die. But, just as September arrived, everything greened up again.

We're really the workhorses of the University. We assist the trades people and custodians and try to give a quick response to everyone whether it's cutting grass, saving the landscaping, removing snow, or salting the sidewalks.

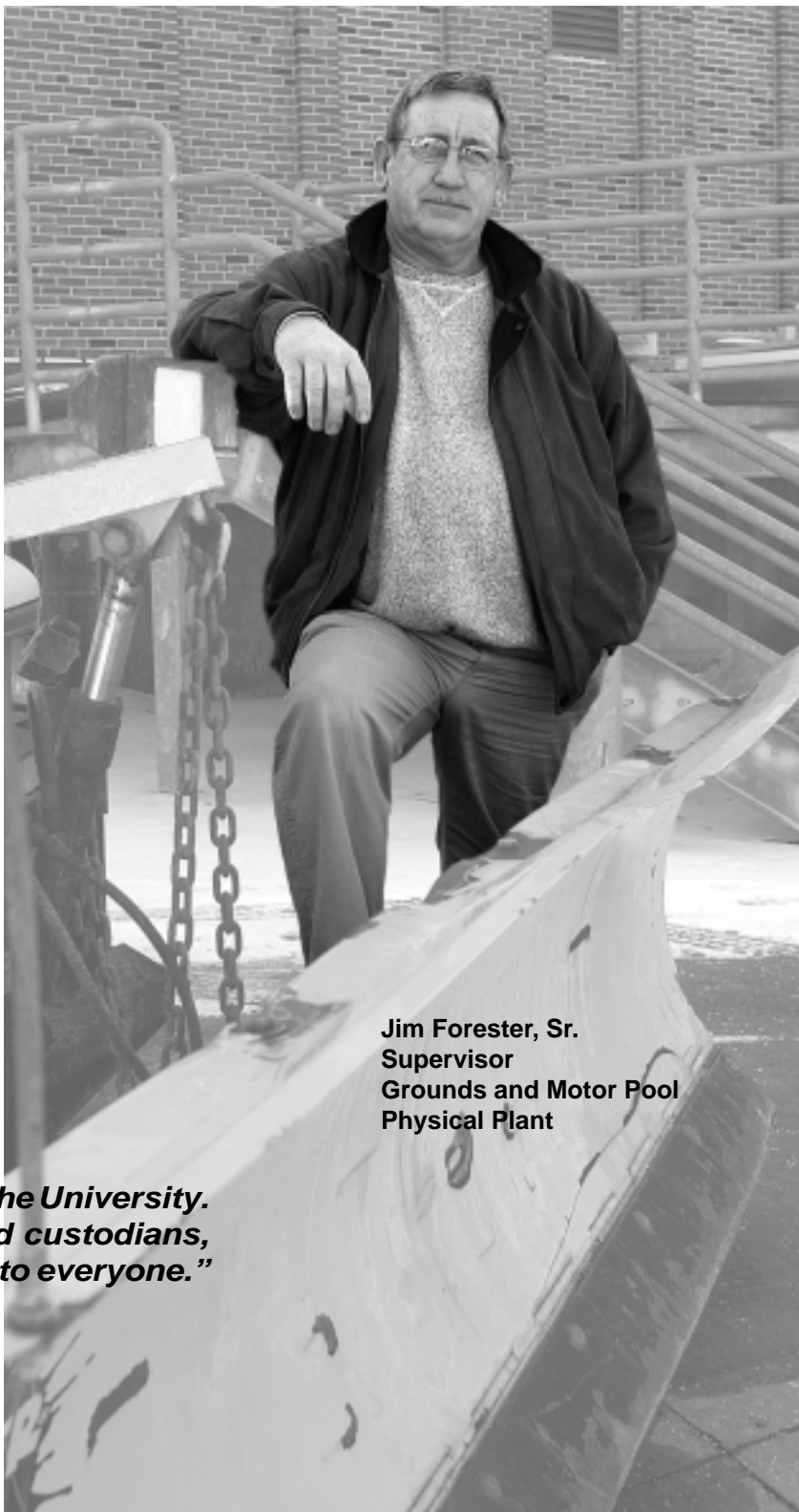
We're considering new equipment to use magnesium chloride instead of salt on the sidewalks. It can be sprayed before a snowfall and is effective for up to three to four days after. It's non-corrosive and saves sidewalks from cracking.

Our special projects have been memorial gardens. We poured the cement; planted the flowers, bushes and trees; and added the benches and plaques. Another memorial site is planned this year.

I've seen many changes over the years and hope to see a few more before I retire and take up fishing full-time.

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Supervisor
Grounds and Motor Pool
Physical Plant**