

EMU honors campus excellence

By Ron Podell

Eastern Michigan University rolled out the red carpet to honor its faculty, staff and student stars during the University's Annual Week of Excellence.

The awards ceremonies included the Graduate Research Fair Awards; the Human Resources Employee Service Awards (for years of service); Student Gold Medallion Awards; the Celebration of Faculty Excellence Awards, which included the prestigious Ronald W. Collins Distinguished Faculty Awards; Founders Day/Gold Medallion Awards; the College of Education Salute to Excellence and the Undergraduate Symposium.

Four Ronald W. Collins Distinguished Faculty Awards — the University's most prestigious for faculty and renamed last year to honor the late, former provost Ron Collins — were handed out.

Barbara Leopard, assistant professor of mathematics, took home the Teaching I honor; **Daniel Seely**, professor of English language and literature, won the Teaching II Award; **Mary Ann Watson**, professor of communication and theatre arts, garnered the Scholarly/Creative Activity Award; and **Daryl Barton**, professor of marketing, earned the Service to the University Award.

"Today's honorees represent the dedication and passion that make our faculty special," EMU President Samuel A. Kirkpatrick said during the 27th Annual Celebration of



DISTINGUISHED COMPANY: (from left) Professors Daryl Barton (Service to the University Award), Barbara Leopard (Teaching I Award), Mary Anne Watson (Scholarly/Creative Activity Award) and Daniel Seely (Teaching II Award) proudly display their Ronald W. Collins Distinguished Faculty Awards, the highest bestowed during EMU's Salute to Excellence Week. The four each received a plaque and a check for \$3,500.

Faculty Excellence Awards Ceremony. "We know you not only teach in the classroom, but you make a difference in the lives of your students."

Office of Academic-Service Learning Fellows, Sabbatical Leave recipients, Faculty Research and Creative Fellowships, Graduate School Research Support Fund Awards, Spring-Summer Research Awards and the Provost's New Faculty Research

Awards also were announced at the Celebration of Excellence.

James Knapp, professor of English language and literature, received the Faculty Scholarship Recognition Award for his book, *"Illustrating the Past in Early Modern England: The Representation of History in Printed Books."* **Wallace Bridges**, professor

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YELLOW BOAT



A FAMILY MOMENT: (clockwise) Brian M. Scruggs, as "Father," and Rachel Michel as "Mother" remember singing a lullaby to their son, "Benjamin" (played by Chris Griesinger) when he was a baby during a scene from EMU Theatre's production of "The Yellow Boat." Griesinger plays Benjamin through various stages of his life. When he is holding the baby, he is portraying baby Benjamin. "The Yellow Boat" continues April 1-3, 8 p.m.; and April 3, 2 p.m., Sponberg Theatre. For tickets, call 487-1221.

EMU students to team up with IRS to investigate fictional fraud cases

By Carol Anderson

Fraud investigation and the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) are not words that bring a smile to most, but that's not the case for some Eastern Michigan University students.

About 40 students will become honorary IRS agents for EMU's first Fraud Investigation Day, scheduled Friday, April 2, 12:30-5 p.m. at the College of Business.

"Students have a great opportunity to learn what a fraud investigator does. It's exciting to see all the diverse career opportunities out there for an accountant," said Dan Brickner, assistant professor, EMU department of accounting and finance.

"There has been an increase in accounting majors across the country. The profession appears more sexy when people see the chief accountant walked away in handcuffs. They realize how much power accountants have in a company," he said, referring to

the Enron case.

Student teams will go undercover, execute search warrants, do surveillance, interrogate potential witnesses and follow paper trails for evidence. IRS agents will direct the operations while assisting the students in their tasks.

Since the detailed scenarios draw on a student's accounting knowledge, training and logic to solve the case, participants must be EMU juniors, seniors or graduate students majoring in accounting, Brickner said.

EMU is partnering with the IRS to provide students with increased job options and to assist the IRS in recruiting future agents. IRS agent Stephen Moore said 2004 should be a big year for employment opportunities since the IRS has plans to hire about 500 agents nationwide for criminal investigation. The IRS and the Michigan Association of Certified Public Accountants co-sponsor the event.

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of communication and theatre arts, was the winner of the Faculty Artistic Recognition Award for his January production of Suzan-Lori Parks' play *"In the Blood."* **Rebecca Sipe**, professor of English language and literature, was recognized for earlier winning the 2003 Michigan Outstanding Professor of the Year Award.

Since 1982, the Gold Medallion Awards have honored persons or groups who have made significant contributions to the success of divisional programs, activities or services.

"This is a great day, a great week at EMU," said Jim Vick, vice president for student affairs. "We're going to celebrate a lot of people who have served as captains on rough seas this year."

Awards were presented in 12 categories at this year's breakfast ceremony March 25.

Faculty and staff Gold Medallion honorees were: **Clara Hoedema** (clerical/secretarial); **Justin Gerboc** (professional/technical); **Cynthia Jones** (food service/maintenance/custodial); **Jennifer Schrage** (administrative/professional); **Bernie O'Connor** (faculty); **Ann Blakeslee** (person/group external to the division but within the University); and **Dr. Leon James (Jim) Quinn** (person/group external to the University). In addition, Gold Medallion awards were given to **Stephanie Percy** (new employee); **Chris Aris** (innovation); **Jim Locke** (divisional ambassador); **Dr. Kimberly Keller** (outstanding service by

an individual); and **Office of International Students** (outstanding service by a group or team).

Winners produced the expected reaction of tears and joy, and often credited their co-workers for their awards.

"This is truly an honor. But this year, this honor goes to all of you," said Hoedema, fighting back tears.

"Those of you who know me know that I have a lot to say. Right now, I'm speechless," said Jones upon receiving her award.

O'Connor, who accepted his award and announced he will be leaving EMU at the end of the school year to accept a post at the Vatican in Rome, Italy, said, "There's a remarkable degree of goodness at EMU. It is that goodness that gives me the confidence to paint a canvas out in the world."

Approximately 214 EMU employees were recognized for their years of service to the University at the Human Resources Employee Service Awards March 24. The award honors EMU employees who have provided at least 10 years of service to EMU. **Monroe Friedman, Thomas Gwaltney, Kurt Lauckner** and **Sarah Moore** were honored for serving 40 or more years.

"Today, we honor years of service. But this is more than just time on the job," said WEMU General Manager/Director Art Timko, who emceed the event.

Student Gold Medallion recipients were recognized March 23. The awards honor student leaders who have made outstanding contributions to EMU and



SOLID GOLD: (left) Winners of the Gold Medallion Awards and (below left) Student Gold Medallion awards proudly display their plaques and medals. (below) Thomas Gwaltney and Sarah Moore are all smiles after being recognized for 40 years of employee service.



the community.

Those individuals and organizations honored and their respective categories were: **Civic Engagement Project – VISION** (student organization program), **Campus Connections** (student organization affiliated), **Alpha Phi Omega** and **The Poetry Society** (student organization non-affiliated), **Musonda Mwila** (student organization adviser), **Erica McNamara** (graduate student/graduate assistant), **Abhijit Modak** (student innovator), **Lauri Karol** and **Iman Khalid** (student mentor), **Laura Quashnie** (student ambassador), **Beth Canfield** (student volun-

teer), **Alena Frey** (student leader) and **MaryAnne Kopecky** (student employee).

"Probably the most rewarding thing for me is to interact with student leaders," Kirkpatrick said. "They really help ground us in our mission."

During the Graduate Research Fair award ceremonies March 22, **Minden Shadle** was awarded the Ronald W. Collins Medal for excellence in scholarly and creative activity and **William Saunders III** won the Gerri Collins Medal for excellence in exemplary service.

Peter Distelzweig (oral presenter) and **Erin Winterhalter**

(poster presenter) were the recipients of the Sigma Xi Awards. **Cassandra Wilson** (oral presenter) and **Benjamin Darragh**

(poster presenter) were the winners of the George Brower Scholarship, which is awarded to a College of Education graduate student who received the highest marks for an oral/poster presentation. Outstanding Graduate Fair presenters were **Cristina Bueno** (oral presentations) and **M. Lauren Earls** (poster presentation).

Artistic Excellence Purchase Awards were given to **Janice Garrett, Adrian Deva, Marilyn Prucka, Michael Lonos** and **Jennifer Stafford**.

EMU BY THE NUMBERS

Since 1995, at least 56 high schools in the state of Michigan have provided an average of at least 10 students per year who enroll at Eastern Michigan University. From 1995-2003, the top five feeder high schools providing the highest average number of students per year who enroll at EMU are:

Plymouth-Salem High School	56.0
Plymouth-Canton High School	55.7
Cass Technical High School	47.1
Ann Arbor Pioneer High School	46.4
Saline Area High School	45.2



Source: Institutional Research and Information Management

GOING BOWLING



LUCKY STRIKE: Mike Koiveniemi, of Ann Arbor, practices before the Professional Bowlers Association (PBA) World Championships March 20-21 at the EMU Convocation Center. It took 30 workers approximately 36 hours to build the four regulation bowling lanes. The event also required installation of special lighting, oversized viewing screens and seating. More than 3,000 attended the event, which was aired on ESPN.

Photo by Ward Mullens



TALK TO ME: Malaina Vanderwal, a blind EMU junior from Caledonia, regularly uses EMU's Center for Adaptive Technology and Education (CATE) to keep up with class reading. Here, she uses the new E-Text equipment, which can scan a syllabus or an entire textbook. A commercial bindery cutter (foreground) removes the book binding so the high-speed duplex scanner can read both sides of a text and convert the material into either Braille or to an audio output, such as a floppy disk, CD or an e-mail attachment for a student studying at home.

E-Text equipment talks to visually impaired students

By Carol Anderson

With numerous bookbindings scattered on the floor, the room looked as if there had been a rebellion against literature. But, in fact, students were celebrating the new equipment added to the Center for Adaptive Technology and Education (CATE) by "beheading" their books.

The CATE lab recently acquired new equipment called E-Text, a combination that includes a commercial bindery cutter, high-speed duplex scanner, Braille printer and special software that converts text to audio.

"Students started chopping the spines off their books as the equipment was being installed," said Jenny Clark, coordinator of the CATE lab.

The cutter removes the book binding so that the scanner can read both sides of a text and convert the material into either Braille or to an audio output, which can be a floppy disk, CD or even an e-mail attachment for students studying at home. Users also have variable speed control that adjusts a speaker's speech rate.

"It (speed control) is addictive," said Clark. "Students sometimes listen at warp speed just before a test."

The scanner can read a page of material in about 30 seconds and the Braille printer can complete a 100-page book in 10-15 minutes, Clark said. In the past, it would take about an hour to scan a book of that size and someone would have to physically flip each page, she said.

One EMU student who has first-hand experience with the CATE lab is Malaina Vanderwal.

"I use the Braille printer for class notes or something that's not too long," said Vanderwal, a junior special education major. "A human reader is good for reading mail, but long copy is no fun for them or me."

This new equipment also helps those with dyslexia, a learning disorder marked by a severe difficulty in recognizing and understanding written language, said Don Anderson, director of Access Services.

Reading becomes much more demanding in college than it was in high school and many EMU students, especially those with dyslexia, are discovering that they can't keep up with the reading assignments, Clark said. There is a big need for books to be read aloud to students.

Within the past two years, the CATE lab has increased its clientele from 150 to 350 students, faculty and staff, Clark said.

"It's one of the best kept secrets in the state for the learning disabled and visually impaired," said Anderson, describing the CATE lab that currently serves enrolled students, faculty and staff with disabilities.

A \$15,300 award from EMU's Innovagency provided the E-Text equipment. EMU Innovagency is an initiative launched by the Department of Student Affairs to find creative ways to meet the needs of EMU students.

Levine recommends dose of exercise for diabetics

By Carol Anderson

"Men's Fitness" magazine recently dubbed Detroit the "champions of chub," ranking the metro area as the No. 1 fat city in the nation for 2004. Some of the many criteria used for the ranking included total participation in sports and fitness-related activities, as well as the number of fast-food restaurants located in the area.

Shel Levine, assistant professor of clinical exercise physiology, and coordinator of the exercise science program at Eastern Michigan University, knows it's difficult for many persons to eat healthy, let alone combine that with exercise.

But, he is trying to reverse that attitude, especially among diabetics.

Levine frequently talks to groups about exercise and stresses the benefits for diabetics in reducing their risk of heart disease. Diabetes is the inability for individuals to eliminate glucose from their bloodstream.

Each diabetic must balance medication, diet and exercise to properly manage glucose in their bloodstream, Levine said.

Medication is either insulin or oral hypoglycemic agents (pills). A good diet basically includes eliminating simple carbohydrates, such as candy and soda, and controlling complex carbohydrates. Exercise is aerobic and can include walking, running, swimming, biking or stair climbing.

"Exercise will get the blood sugar under control, but exercise is boring," Levine said. "Diabetes management is a balancing act."

That balancing act becomes even more important when risk factors such as high blood pressure, high cholesterol, smoking or inactivity enter the picture, Levine said. Without any additional risk factors, diabetics are at a slightly higher risk for heart disease than those without diabetes.

He cites the Framingham Heart Study that concludes one risk factor increases a diabetic's chances of heart disease by two

times; two risk factors, eight times; and three risk factors, 11.2 times.

An external goal of rewarding oneself with clothes or material things won't sustain a long-term exercise routine for most people, Levine said. Rather, Levine learned that internal motivation is the key. And he learned that bit of wisdom from a diabetic.

Following one of his lectures, Levine had an audience member come to him for advice. From the attendee's diary of

vital personal statistics, Levine discovered the individual was a diabetic who, a year earlier, had been overweight, inactive, had high sugar levels and was taking a lot of insulin for his weight.

Within a year, the individual had lost 100 pounds and drastically reduced his 240-250 blood sugar levels to 130-140. In addition, he was off insulin and was taking oral medication.

"This (going from insulin to pills) usually doesn't ever happen," said Levine, who asked the audience member what he did to get

those results.

The individual said he started walking 10 minutes a day on a treadmill and currently was doing 75 minutes daily. The man, who appeared to be in his 50s, said he was 72 years old.

"Why did you so radically turn your life around at 72?" Levine asked. "The man replied, 'My grandkids are having kids and I want to see them.'"

Before coming to EMU in 1999, Levine spent 14 years in cardiovascular rehabilitation as a clinical exercise physiologist at Botsford General Hospital in Farmington Hills and the Medical College of Ohio. He is certified by the American College of Sports Medicine as an exercise specialist and has a master's degree in exercise physiology.

He recommends that people check with their doctor before starting an exercise program.

For more information, contact Levine at 487-7120, extension 2713.



A STEADY PACE: Shel Levine (standing) monitors the blood pressure of EMU senior Leon Vietinghoff, of Ann Arbor. Levine, assistant professor of clinical exercise physiology, advocates exercise for everyone and stresses its benefits for diabetics in reducing the risk of heart disease.

JOBSLINE

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SERVICE ANNIVERSARIES

These people are celebrating service anniversaries with the University in April.

30 years

Gerald Davis (38 years) library-media services

Candace Thompson (36 years) physical plant office

Luinda Smith (34 years) library-general account

25 years

Susan Brazin (25 years) office of vp business and finance

Becky Kramer (25 years) office of the registrar

Sherry Winterson (25 years) office of the registrar

20 years

Don Fiorina (20 years) dining services

Robert Jones (20 years) plant support services

James Grady (20 years) HDC support services-housing

Robert Heighes, Jr. (20 years) public safety support

15 years

Sylvia Bethea (15 years) office of the education dean

Judith Church (15 years) director of risk management

Sherie Tripp (15 years) HDC support services-housing

10 years

Bruce Cunningham (10 years) golf-intercollegiate athletics

Lawrence Vaughn (10 years) custodial services

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Professor of English
Director
Undergraduate Studies

Why I teach at Eastern Michigan University

I came to Eastern in 1996 because I was impressed with the quality of the faculty and their commitment to undergraduate education. I was really happy to come to a university that placed so much value on teaching.

In my capacity, I work a lot with faculty members and I see their sincere interest in doing what's best for their students. There's an energy here, especially in relation to our first-year students. Our faculty works together to give them the best experience possible.

Also, faculty members here are constantly looking for ways to improve or enhance their teaching. They want to do things in ways that benefit their students.

Because of that, there is a nice connection between what the faculty do professionally, like research, and what they do in their classrooms. As Writing Across the Curriculum director and now, as director of Undergraduate Studies, I've seen these connections play out frequently.

Overall, I value the dedication and concern that so many of our faculty show for our students. They place a high level of importance on students' educational experience. It demonstrates nicely how great the potential is when we all work together.