

WEMU-FM becomes first high-definition public radio station in state of Michigan

By Carol Anderson

Eastern Michigan University's WEMU-FM (89.1) has become the first public radio station in Michigan to broadcast in high-definition (HD) radio. HD is a new technology that combines analog signal generation with digital transmission on the same frequency.

"AM (radio) sounds like FM and FM sounds like a CD," said Art Timko, general manager of WEMU, describing the improved station transmission that went into effect April 7. "The sound is crisper, cleaner, and fuller and you can hear the bass and higher frequencies."

In addition to improved sound, listeners with an HD radio receiver in their car will receive data streaming information – an artist's name, song title, weather and traffic reports. The standard car radio will deliver only the station's call letters. Also, the technology will accommodate a service where listeners can record a program and lis-

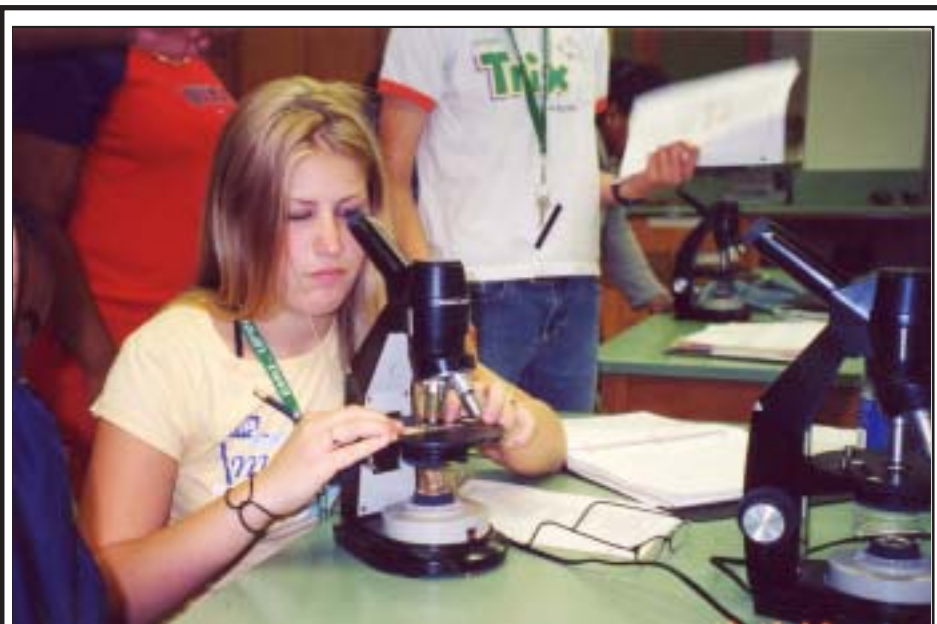


ten to it later.

Timko said the station added the new technology because it offers listeners better service and, in the future, the station could provide a secondary radio service on the same frequency. WEMU would maintain its current programming while additional programming, such as classical music, could be added.

WEMU used a Corporation for Public Broadcasting grant and other funding sources for equipment changes necessary to transmit this new technology. No listener dollars were used, Timko said.

For information, contact WEMU at 487-2229.



THROUGH THE LOOKING GLASS: Candice Stratton, a sophomore at Willow Run High School, observes a specimen through the microscope during a summer academy science class. Stratton is one of more than 75 area high school students that participate each year in the Upward Bound program at Eastern Michigan University. The program targets underrepresented high school students who need encouragement to attend college.

Upward Bound program introduces students to EMU

By Summer Wilhelm

During those four critical years of real world preparation called high school, some students just need a good shove. Not a push in the physical sense, but a nudge over the dividing line between attending college or not.

Upward Bound, a national pre-college program for underrepresented high school students, provides the fundamental support they need and encourages them to pursue higher education.

Upward Bound was created in 1965 as part of the federal TRIO program, funded from former President Johnson's War on Poverty, and was adopted by Eastern Michigan University in 1967. EMU's Upward Bound program, one of 800 in the country, recruits ninth-grade high school students from the Willow Run and Ypsilanti school districts, and provides sup-

port in four core areas: academics, college preparation, exploration and personal growth and development. The program is currently funded for 77 students.

"We look for students that have academic potential for college," said Amy Prevo-Johnson, director of EMU's Upward Bound program. "We recruit those that are at a fork in the road, who could go either way after high school and just need a positive influence to keep them on track."

Students from low-income families, potential first-generation college students and those lacking a positive role model are recruited and encouraged to apply. When applications are received, the Upward Bound team interviews students, reviews GPAs, essays and teacher recommendations before deciding whom to accept into the

COE receives reaccreditation from NCATE

By Ron Podell

The National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) has reaccredited Eastern Michigan University's College of Education.

The NCATE accreditation process establishes rigorous standards for teacher education programs and holds accredited institutions accountable for meeting those standards. EMU is one of approximately 550 institutions of higher education currently accredited with NCATE, with more than 100 others in process. EMU has been continuously accredited since NCATE was founded in 1954. The latest reaccreditation is good for seven years, through 2010, said COE Dean Jerry Robbins.

"I am really pleased that this has happened," said Robbins, who received notice of the reaccreditation April 20. "We would never expect otherwise. A lot of people here put in an enormous amount of effort to make this happen."

NCATE reaccreditation involves reviewing six key areas of an institution's preparation of teachers and other professional school personnel. They are: candidate knowledge; skills and dispositions; assessment system and unit evaluation; field experiences and clinical practice; diversity; faculty qualifications; performance and development; and unit governance and resources.

NCATE sent a reaccreditation review team to campus last November. The review team identified the following as strengths of the COE:

- The pre-kindergarten through 12 educational community values EMU and considers the institution's "products" of high quality.

- EMU's initial and advanced program candidates are "wonderful." Their students value the quality of education they have received at EMU and appreciate the support-

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Seven to receive Alumni Award recognition

By Summer Wilhelm

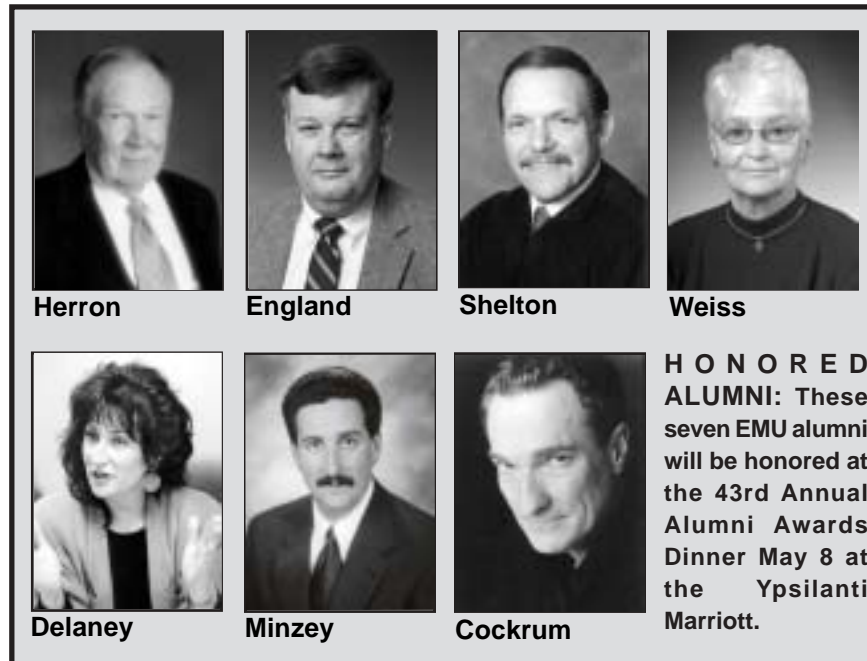
A sheriff, professional actor and a judge are among seven Eastern Michigan University alumni who will be honored at the 43rd Annual Alumni Awards Dinner, scheduled Saturday, May 8, at the Ypsilanti Marriott. A cocktail reception begins at 6 p.m., followed by dinner and awards at 7 p.m.

"The annual Alumni Awards Dinner is our showcase event," said Vicki Reaume, director of Alumni Relations. "This wonderful event began more than 42 years ago. This year, we continue the special tradition and induct a very distinguished group."

Those being honored include:

■ **Neeta Delaney**, '85, executive loaned to the office of Governor Jennifer Granholm and community development consultant, The Enterprise Group of Jackson. Delaney will receive an Alumni Achievement Award. After graduating in 1985 with her master's degree in arts administration, Delaney made many contributions to EMU. Delaney is founder and director of SUMMERQUEST, a program that offers in-residence, intensive learning adventures for high school students; was program associate and director of marketing for EMU Corporate Services; and was assistant acting dean for Continuing Education.

Delaney is a member of the Michigan Association of Com-



HONORED ALUMNI: These seven EMU alumni will be honored at the 43rd Annual Alumni Awards Dinner May 8 at the Ypsilanti Marriott.

munity Art Agencies, the Arts and Cultural Alliance of Jackson, the Council of Michigan Foundations, the Michigan Community Foundations Ventures, the National Community Foundation and the Michigan Nonprofit Association.

■ **Daniel Minzey**, '97, '98, sheriff, Washtenaw County. Minzey will receive an Outstanding Young Alumni Award. Minzey began his law enforcement career in 1980 as a deputy sheriff. Five years later, he was promoted to detective, where he worked in several undercover units, including narcotics, special investigations and conspiracy narcotics.

Since he was elected sheriff in 2001, Minzey has brought jail staffing levels up to full strength; integrated modern technology,

including live scan fingerprinting; and equipped every patrol car with radar and video cameras.

Minzey is involved in volunteer and community service work for several agencies, including the American Red Cross, Salvation Army, United Way and Washtenaw Area Council for Children.

■ **Dennis Cockrum**, '77, '84, professional actor. Cockrum will receive a Distinguished Alumni Award. Since his graduation in 1977, Cockrum has maintained an ongoing commitment to the University. His contributions include coaching the forensics team, coordinating fundraisers for the department of communications and theatre arts, and directing plays for theatre arts.

His movie credits include: "Uncle Buck," "The Glimmer Man," "Murder By Numbers" and "Daddy Day Care." He also has appeared on television series including "Frasier," "NYPD Blue" and "JAG."

■ **John Herron**, '41, retired corporate vice president, Aramark, and retired captain, U.S. Navy. Herron will re-

ceive a Distinguished Alumni Award. After graduating with a bachelor's degree in business education in 1941, Herron volunteered for Navy duty following the attack on Pearl Harbor. He began working in food services but, over time, was promoted to captain and was responsible for supplies and logistics on Navy ships. After retiring from the Navy, he climbed the ladder to become president of Aramark's Hospital Food Management Division and, later, corporate vice president.

His contributions to EMU include two \$500,000 donations to charitable gift annuities.

■ **Robert England**, director, Rec/IM, Eastern Michigan University. England will receive a Dr. John W. Porter Distinguished Service Award. England has

been the director of EMU's recreation center since 1968. With the opening of the new Rec/IM in 1982, he is one of a few directors who have had the opportunity to be involved in the entire process of planning, opening and managing a new facility. At its inception, EMU's Rec/IM was one of the first to bridge the gap between the utilitarian gym, pool and weight room. It also was a leader in various other aspects, including aerobic studios, walk-in sporting goods store, food operations and business-style operations.

■ **Honorable Donald Shelton**, judge, Washtenaw County, and EMU Regent Emeritus. Shelton will receive a Dr. John W. Porter Distinguished Service Award. A circuit judge since 1990, Shelton is now the presiding judge of Washtenaw County Trial Court's Civil/Criminal Division. He has a distinguished record of public service, including serving on the EMU Board of Regents; serving as mayor of Saline; and chairing the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments.

Shelton and his wife established the Donald E. Shelton Wrestling Endowed Scholarship, are members of the Silver and Heritage societies; and make generous annual contributions to EMU.

■ **Barbara Weiss**, '50, '69, retired teacher, Ypsilanti Public Schools. Weiss will receive the Dr. John W. Porter Distinguished

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EMU BY THE NUMBERS

Of approximately 2,200 students who were eligible to walk in Eastern Michigan University's April 25 commencement ceremonies, 611 were eligible to receive master's degrees or certificates. The following is a breakdown — by college — of the number of students who were eligible to receive graduate degrees or certificates.

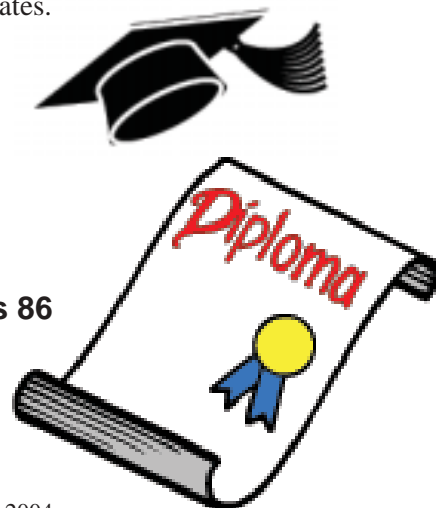
Arts and Sciences 208

Business 159

Education 97

Health and Human Services 86

Technology 61



Source: Spring Commencement Program 2004

WARM RECEPTION



BEST WISHES: Eastern Michigan University President Samuel A. Kirkpatrick (right) hosted approximately 200 EMU graduates and graduating seniors during receptions at University House April 13-14. Here, he talks with Sam Cannonier, a graduating senior (center) and Alumni Relations Director Vicki Reaume (left).

Photo by Shauna Wilson

Looking at information with an electronic eye

COT Lecture Series explores the digital information revolution and its impact on society

By Carol Anderson

Digital information has drastically changed how society handles information. At all levels of government and law enforcement, as well as in the automobile and entertainment industries, people have had to become familiar with electronic information.

"The Digital Revolution: The Impact of Electronic Information on Society," is the topic of the 23rd Annual Spring Lecture Series hosted by Eastern Michigan University and Lawrence Technological University.

The weekly presentations, scheduled May 12 - June 23 at the Eagle Crest Conference Center, focus on issues and challenges presented by digitally-formatted information in a variety of organizations. The public is invited to the free discussions that run from 7-10 p.m.

The COT Lecture Series' goals are to raise the public's awareness of technology-centered issues and help students understand issues relevant to their educa-

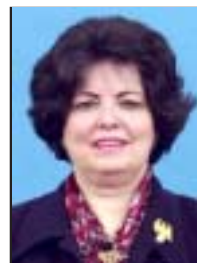
tional interests and partner with other educational institutions.

"The ever-increasing dominance of digitized information in today's society is both exciting and daunting at the same time," said Morrell Boone, professor of interdisciplinary technology and team leader of the lecture series. "All of the sessions have a different flavor."

The series will kick off with an overview of how the Government Printing Office switched from a print to a digital format. Sessions also will address: how to make informed decisions about the use of new technologies; cybersecurity and the threat of terrorism to personal privacy; challenges faced by businesses with electronic documents; the effect of intellectual property laws on copyright laws; local governments' use of digital information for city planning; and the impact of anti-terror laws, such as the USA Patriot Act, on civil liberties.

The COT Lecture Series line-up is as follows:

■ May 12: "**Paperless Federal Government: The Move From Paper to Electronic Information**," presented by Judith C. Russell, superintendent of documents, U.S. Government Printing Office.



Russell

■ May 19: "**From Concept to Production: Leveraging New Technologies**," discussed by Jamie C. Hsu, executive director, GM Technology Management.

■ May 26: "**Our National Cybersecurity Challenge: Hype to Hope**," addressed by John McCumber, strategic program manager, public sector group, Symantec Corporation.

■ June 2: "**Business Intelligence/Knowledge Management in an Electronic World**," presented by Leslie Banach, business development manager,

IBM2 Content Management Alliance Development.

■ June 9: "**Intellectual Property in the Digital Age**," discussed by Michael Huget, lawyer and chair of the intellectual property practice group, Butzel Long.

■ June 16: "**Economic Development and the Digital Revolution**," addressed by David Schreiber, supervisor, Business Development Services-Oakland County, and Susan Lackey, president, Washtenaw County Development Council.



Bankston

■ June 23: "**Data Communication and Privacy after 9/11**," discussed by Kevin Bankston, lawyer, Equal Justice Works, Electronic Frontier Foundation.

For information, call 487-1161.

First EMU graduates go into world with American Humanics certificates

By Kathleen Shields

Eastern Michigan University graduates often accomplish "firsts," such as becoming the first person in their family to earn a college degree. Last week's graduating class contained another new first — the initial class of students at EMU to earn American Humanics certificates.

American Humanics began at EMU in 2001. Students enrolled in the program earn an "enhanced" undergraduate degree by completing the requirements for their regular academic majors, as well as acquiring 14 specific competencies outlined by American Humanics. These competencies are earned through additional coursework, internships, academic service-learning and other co-curricular activities, such as membership in the American Humanics Student Association.

While some students who graduated in December 2003 technically earned their American Humanics certificate first, the April graduating class is the first full group of students to earn the certification.

"This is a critical milestone for the American Humanics program," said EMU President Samuel A. Kirkpatrick. "We started the program, attracted students to it, and we are now placing the first group in jobs all over the country."

Nationwide, nonprofits need to fill more than 50,000 professional positions annually. AH-certified students, specifically trained in the field of nonprofit management, are highly sought after to fill the demand for program directors, human resource managers, fundraisers, volunteer coordinators and other positions.

December 2003 graduate Nora Curiel just completed the first two weeks of her new job at a non-profit agency in Detroit.

"I did not sign up for placement interviews at the

American Humanics Management Institute (AHMI) in January. I was upset that I didn't, because the companies interviewing there included national nonprofits such as the Red Cross, Campfire USA and the Points of Light Foundation," Curiel said. "But it worked out, because I did do a lot of networking and followed up once we got back to EMU. I love the job I found here."

Other recent graduates are currently working at nonprofits in New Jersey and Florida.

Chris Woods-Foreman, EMU American Humanics director and associate professor in communication and theatre arts, isn't surprised.

"American Humanics graduates have an outstanding record of job placement, nearly 100 percent for those students completing all requirements," she said.

Toyin Olatunji, a graduate communications major, isn't worried about hunting for a job just yet.

"I was at the American Humanics Management Institute (AMHI) in January and a woman from the Kellogg Foundation walked up to me after I gave a presentation. She informed me that she enjoyed my presentation style, handed me her business card, and told me to contact her as soon as I started looking for a job," she said. "There was an incredible amount of networking opportunities for us at the American Humanics Management Institute."

A number of certificate earners, like Heather Mooney, who graduated April 25, are choosing to pursue advanced degrees. Mooney first thought that she would apply for a position in the Americorps program after graduation. Instead, she is looking at law schools and expects her AH certification to help her get into the school of her choice.



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program.

"We have very high expectations that students maintain or improve their academic progress and positive citizenship," Prevo-Johnson said.

Those who are accepted meet individually with the Upward Bound team to create a four-year support plan and needs assessment. The team reviews classes students should take to prepare them for college. Team members also decide in which areas, such as academics or career exploration, students need help.

During the school year, Upward Bound provides after-school tutoring sessions with help from upper-level EMU students. The high school students also have monthly group meetings, a career fair, workshops and two activities a month, such as going to plays or attending other campus activities.

Upward Bound also hosts a six-week summer academy where students stay at EMU and take core academic classes, such as physics and algebra, for which they receive high school credit. Other courses include ACT prep, career class and exploratory workshops that feature subjects students don't always have the opportunity to explore.

Past workshops, taught by EMU faculty, have highlighted fencing, sculpture, photography, law, culinary arts and global positioning systems.

Summer academy Thursdays are devoted to field trips where students visit various colleges and museums in the area. The longer road trip occurs during the last week of the summer session. In the past, students have traveled to various destinations, including New York City and Florida.

After students graduate from high school, Upward Bound tracks them for several years. Nationally, results have shown that Upward Bound students are four times more likely to attend a post-secondary school than others, said Prevo-Johnson.

"It's a wonderful program," she said. "The kids sacrifice a lot, but the benefits they obtain far outweigh the sacrifices."

For more information about Upward Bound, call 487-0488, or go to www.upwardbound.emich.edu.

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ive nature of the faculty.

■ EMU has many worthy collaborative projects/activities with the P-12 schools in the area.

■ Leadership and support, especially from the College of Arts and Sciences and the College of Technology, are strong.

■ The Porter Building and its features — intensive technology, services for candidates and the public, and handicapped accessibility — are a particular strength.

■ EMU has many successes

in attracting a diverse audience to its professional educator preparation programs.

Collecting and analyzing data of EMU students in initial and advanced programs while they're in college and during their first few years of teaching experience are areas that need the most improvement, Robbins said.

"Frankly, I'm not the least bit surprised by that," Robbins said of the cited deficiencies. "They want us to have data collection

so that we can determine program improvements. We got bits and pieces of that (data) and the review team took note. Everything must be in apple-pie order by 2010."

To complete this task, Robbins said he has sought help from Institutional Research and Information Management, and ICT.

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Service Award. After the closure of EMU's Pease Auditorium in 1990, Weiss formed "Friends of Pease," a group of alumni dedicated to securing funds for its reopening. After years of dedicating her life to raising interest in and money for the restoration of Pease, her goal was realized in 1995 when the auditorium reopened.

Weiss also is on the College of Arts and Sciences Resource Development Board and was named Woman of the Year by the Women of Washtenaw County organization in honor of her many long-standing charitable contributions and community-building activities.

The event is co-sponsored by the EMU Alumni Association and Alumni Relations. Reservations are \$50 per person and those wishing to attend should R.S.V.P. by May 4. For more information, call Alumni Relations at 487-0250.

FOCUS EMU goes online in summer

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Suzy Merchant
Head Coach
Women's Basketball

Why I work at Eastern Michigan University

When I first came to EMU, the Convocation Center was in the finishing stages of being built and there was genuine excitement and enthusiasm for the basketball season. It was obvious to me, during the interview process and the initial few months on the job, that there was a true family atmosphere on campus.

As the women's basketball coach, I love working with young people and want to help them grow, not only as players, but people as well. It's such an important time in their lives. For the first time, they are faced with new freedoms and new challenges.

Six years ago when I came here, the EMU basketball program hadn't had a winning season in 13 years. Our first season, we finished one game over .500 and it was extremely rewarding to see the players, the fans, and just everyone, so excited about the program.

This year, we did it! We won the program's first MAC West Division Championship, MAC Tournament Championship and NCAA berth. It's been a fun ride.

I saw how young ladies can impact other people's lives. Our winning team hit a chord with other people. Winning the championship was such an accomplishment and so many people were moved by that accomplishment. Everyone from vice presidents and academic advisers to people down the street were cheering for us.

Next season I'll be dealing with the word "expectation," but that's okay. I feel good about the program and the team. I expect to see more championships.

Suzy Merchant