

## Delpit is new John W. Porter Chair

Educator's vast background in urban education lands her prestigious position

By Ron Podell

An admirer of Dr. John Comer now occupies the prestigious endowment chair Comer christened at Eastern Michigan University.

Lisa Delpit, currently the Benjamin E. Mays Chair of Urban Educational Leadership at George State University and director of the Center for Urban Educational Excellence at that university, is this year's John W. Porter Chair in Urban Education.

The chair is named in honor of the former EMU president and it is the first endowed chair in the College of Education. Dr. James Comer, M.D., Maurice Falk Professor of Child Psychiatry at the Yale University School of Medicine's Child Study Center, served as the first chair holder.

"Dr. Comer worked with two urban schools in the Yale area for 14 years," said Lisa Delpit. "I don't know many academics who make that kind of commitment."

Delpit said she accepted the chair because she was impressed with Comer's work with Detroit area schools and added that her colleagues at Georgia State had good things to say about Jerry Robbins, the dean of the College of Education, who was a former dean at Georgia State.

"EMU is very interested in providing alternate views for their students," Delpit said. "Many students have had little exposure in urban settings or experience with people that don't look like them. The faculty is very committed to their



**IN THE HIGH CHAIR: Lisa Delpit is the new John W. Porter Distinguished Chair in Urban Education at EMU.**

students having knowledge of diverse lives and diverse communities."

"The purpose of having an endowed chair is to bring a scholar to campus to interface with students, staff, faculty and our administration," said Jackie Tracey, interim department head for leadership and counseling. "We'll have her on campus four to five times during the year."

During her first appearance on campus Oct. 16, Delpit presented a public lecture "Transforming Education for Other People's Children by Transforming Ourselves" and hosted a reception and book signing in the Student Lounge of the Porter Building. She also lectured to four classes and talked with the

Multicultural Student Group.

She is the author of "*Other People's Children: Cultural Conflict in the Classroom*," a series of essays that adhere to the idea that education is taught mainly by the middle-class mainstream who are not usually exposed to other views and cultures.

"Our culture is very much like water to a fish," Delpit said. "It's just the way that the world works. To properly educate children, we need to understand both our own culture and the cultures of the children, particularly in ways that may impact the way we try to do things educationally."

Delpit said her experiences teaching in Alaska and Papua New Guinea opened her eyes to other ways of thinking and enriched her teaching.

Delpit has devoted much of her life working with inner-city children. In 1993, Delpit received a MacArthur Award for Outstanding Contribution to Education from the Harvard Graduate School, which recognized her as a "visionary scholar and woman of courage."

Delpit earned her Ed.D. in curriculum, instruction and research in 1984 and her EdM. in reading and language development in 1980, both from Harvard University. She received her bachelor's degree in education/psychology from Antioch College in 1974.

During her next visit in November, Delpit plans to visit the Comer charter schools in Detroit and EMU's Flint campus.

## Iannaccone places well in BBC music contest

By Kathleen Shields

Music professor Anthony Iannaccone's longtime nightmare turned into a dream when his composition, "*Waiting for Sunrise on the Sound*" was recently judged one of the top three entrants in the Masterprize international composing competition.

His composition was based on recurring nightmares of real-life incidents he experienced as a young man—being caught at sea in a storm.

Fellow American Pierre Jalbert was the overall winner, with Iannaccone and Chinese composer Qigang Chen named the other finalists. The

London Symphony Orchestra performed all three compositions during a concert final Oct. 10.

The British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) and the London Symphony Orchestra created the Masterprize in 1996. The goal of the competition is to bring living composers and the music-loving public closer together. This year's competition attracted 1,151 compositions from composers in 62 countries.

Prior to the Concert Final, the BBC and the London Symphony Orchestra organized performances of the finalists' compositions that were conducted by young festival orchestras throughout Great Britain.

"To participate in both ends of the spectrum — the



**Iannaccone**

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## Cornel West headlines National Conference on Curriculum Diversity

Best-selling author and philosopher Dr. Cornel West will be the keynote speaker when Eastern Michigan University hosts "Integrity and Inclusion: Diversity in the Academic Curriculum and Beyond," a conference on curriculum diversity, Nov. 2-3, at McKenny Union.

West will speak Friday, Nov. 2, 7:15-9 a.m., in the McKenny Union Ballroom. The conference runs 9 a.m.-9 p.m., Nov. 2; and 9:30 a.m.-noon, Nov. 3. The conference registration fee is \$95 for anyone outside of the EMU community. The registration fee is waived for the EMU community, but registration is required.

"As one of America's premier public intellectuals, Dr. Cornel West has for

many years compelled us to examine ourselves, our values and our actions. He has been provocative, precise, and profound. The EMU

community is extremely fortunate to have Dr. West inform its quest for integrity and inclusion in the

curriculum in his uniquely inspiring way," said Dr. Ronald C. Woods, professor of African American Studies at EMU and chair of the Academic Affairs Committee on Curriculum Diversity.

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**West**

# Sullivan starts EMU rowing program from scratch

By Ron Podell

Eastern Michigan University's inaugural women's rowing, or crew team, tested the waters for the first time Oct. 27 when they dipped their oars into Ford Lake against the University of Buffalo.

They traveled to Elkhart, Indiana the next day to compete in the Head of the Elk Meet against many of the Midwest's colleges and will take on the University of Michigan's novice rowers Nov. 3.

But to reach this point, Head Coach Charles (Charley) Sullivan has spent a little more than a year starting a program from scratch. He hired an assistant, Pam Besteman, and has recruited prospects on campus and off to build a squad he hopes to eventually turn into a national power.

After all, Sullivan is no stranger to success. Prior to coming to EMU, he was an assistant rowing coach at the University of Michigan.

Last season, U-M men's rowing finished ninth in the Ten Eyck Points Trophy at the Men's Collegiate National Championships. The team also won back-to-back men's and overall point trophies at the Champion International Collegiate Regatta.

Sullivan himself was a rower in the mid-1980s at Princeton, where he was an Eastern Sprints and Intercollegiate Rowing Association champion.

"What I really like about coaching is that you get to work with students on a daily basis for four years," Sullivan said. "You have the privilege of watching them develop



**PRACTICE ROW:** (from left) Seniors Sarah Jedele and Heather Nevins and (background) Cheryl LeFler practice their rowing on an erg machine earlier this fall. The rowing program began their inaugural season Oct. 27 with a meet at Ford Lake against the University of Buffalo.

as people and seeing them grow."

Even with that level of success, Sullivan, a Depot Town resident for the past seven years, said he used to drive past EMU each day on his way to work and joked to himself about how great it would be if EMU started a rowing program.

Then Sullivan's joke about convenience became reality last year when EMU announced it was adding a women's rowing program. Sullivan said EMU did its research to find out what it would entail to start a team, including conferring with schools that already had rowing programs.

"When they (EMU) posted the job, it was very flattering when I was contacted to see if I'd be interested in applying," he said.

After being appointed in fall 2000,

Sullivan began his tenure knowing he had only four scholarships to give. So, he went to work recruiting athletes in a variety of ways.

Sullivan did the traditional recruiting, looking for prospects at local high schools with rowing programs in the U.S. and Canada. He landed Lisa Monchalin from Ridgeway, Ontario, who was heavily recruited by a number of top 10 schools, including Michigan State University.

"Most of our (recruiting) success is coming with Canadian rowers," Sullivan said. "They're very well-trained and have excellent junior coaching there."

Second, Sullivan posted flyers around campus in search of walk-ons, particularly targeting women who were good athletes in high school.

Most who tried out had no prior rowing experience. Unlike tennis or baseball, rowing is not a sport that you have to start learning at an early age to do well, he said.

Third, Sullivan said he has contacted the top 200 high schools that send students to EMU about athletes who may not be able to compete at a collegiate level in their own sports, but who desire to compete athletically at the collegiate level.

To drum up interest, Sullivan and Besteman even parked one of the team's fleet of new Vespoli boats, or sculls, in the middle of campus during early September. The efforts paid off, with nearly 100 women attending informational meetings and 70 of those receiving tryouts. The final roster includes 50.

"The women on the team are already showing a great deal of maturity when it comes to hard work, and they're also a great bunch — good academically and personally," Sullivan said.

While the team's schedule is light this fall, the spring 2002 schedule will test their winter training. The team will face top 10 schools Michigan, Ohio State and Virginia as well as Michigan State, Texas, Notre Dame, Indiana, West Virginia, Dayton, Louisville and Cincinnati.

The team practices and competes at Ford Lake in Ypsilanti Township. Sullivan said having a large body of water so close to campus would be a dream for most rowing programs.

"Ford Lake has the potential to be one of the best rowing centers in the country," he said. — *Shaun Horrigan contributed to this report*

## Health care open enrollment period scheduled for Nov. 5-16 at EMU

By Ron Podell

The next open enrollment period for health care insurance is Nov. 5-16 and various health insurance carriers will make a few new changes.

For starters, the Community Blue PPO will be enhanced in 2002 by the elimination of the \$500 per member limit for annual preventative services. Effective Jan. 1, 2002, the PPO will offer unlimited wellness and preventative services.

"This is a good feature that goes along with our wellness initiatives on campus," said Jeanette Hassan, director, benefits program.

In addition, M-CARE has adopted a generic drug substitution policy. This means that EMU employees are responsible for paying the price difference — including co-payments — between generic and brand-name products, whenever a generic equivalent is available. This policy will now apply to prescriptions indicated as DAW (dispense as written).

"The cost of health care is going up due mainly to prescription drugs, which includes research and development of new medication but also the ex-

pensive marketing of these drugs," Hassan said.

Faculty and staff have received letters from the Benefits Office asking whether employees with children aged 19-25 wish to continue coverage for them as their IRS dependents. These dependents can be covered as a "Family Continuation Rider" at the employee's expense. These premiums are on a pre-tax, per payroll deduction basis, which saves the employee money. Employees will not be taxed on these rider premiums, Hassan said. Those health and/or dental dependent verification forms must be returned to the Benefits Office by Nov. 16.

The benefits office has scheduled two days where health insurance representatives from Blue Cross/Blue Shield, Care Choices and M-CARE will be available to meet with EMU employees to answer questions and review coverage options. The health care representatives will be on campus Nov. 6, 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m.; and Nov. 8, 1-5 p.m., in the McKenny Union lobby.

The Benefits Office, 207 Bowen Field House, must receive all enrollment forms no later than Nov. 16. Coverage changes take effect Jan. 1, 2002.

## Retired admissions counselor dies

Ralph Cowan, a retired admissions counselor who worked at EMU from 1967-96, died Aug. 18. He was 84.



Cowan

Cowan came to EMU in 1967 as an associate professor in military science, while still on active duty, to teach advanced courses for the University's ROTC program. Two years later, he became an admissions counselor at EMU, where he worked until his retirement in 1996.

Cowan called himself the "self-appointed vets counselor on campus" and was involved in recruiting top students into EMU's ROTC program. He earned his bachelor's degree from WMU in 1963 and his master's degree in higher education from EMU in 1969. He served in the Army from 1941-69.

Cowan is survived by his wife, Barbara; a son, William; and four grandchildren.

# McClure beats breast cancer with help from American Cancer Society

By Hollie A. Bayer

Five years ago, Cathie McClure was looking forward to an exciting new future. She was getting married. At the time, she was unaware that a challenge like none other she had faced before was about to surface.

A routine mammogram revealed five small spots that soon proved to be a rare form of breast cancer that results in calcification. Unlike other forms of breast cancer, it doesn't form a lump. The only way to detect the spots of calcification is with a mammogram.

"Mammograms are very important," said McClure, an administrative secretary in the office of student affairs. "It caught my cancer very early."

McClure had several lymph nodes removed as a result of the cancer and then underwent six weeks of radiation. Five years later, she is still cancer free.

"It actually ended up being a good thing that I was just getting married because my husband was there to help me," said McClure.

Throughout her treatment, McClure received a lot of help and support. One source of help was the American Cancer Society, a United Way Agency.

While the Cancer Society offers a host of services, ranging from research to house calls, McClure found one of their hotlines to be the most beneficial to her. The hotline was a toll-free number that patients could call to ask any question they had.

"I could call the number and they could tell me anything I needed to know," said McClure.

She found this especially helpful during non-business hours when she couldn't call her doctor. The Cancer Society then followed through with calls to make sure that McClure was recovering well and didn't have any other questions.

Another important source of support was a woman she met in her doctor's office who had just finished her treatment. After going through an experience like cancer, McClure finds it very important to extend a helping hand to others who are going through the same experience.

"I want anyone to feel comfortable calling me if they need to talk," said McClure. "It was one of the biggest things for me to find someone who could



**CANCER SURVIVOR : Cathie McClure shares a loving moment with her husband, Alan, who, along with the American Cancer Society, provided her with a support system during her time of need.**

talk to me without using doctors' language and who had experienced it."

While the Cancer Society offered a lot of services that she did not make use of, McClure said it was comforting just to know they were there. But there is one service — research — that benefits every cancer patient, she said.

"Most of their money, 40 percent, is spent on research," said McClure.

After her experience with cancer, McClure now finds it very important to give to the Cancer Society in any way she can. To show her support, McClure has participated in the "Relay for Life" for the past two years.

"We've come a long way," said McClure. "I'm very fortunate to be a survivor."

But the fight is long from over and there is still much more progress to be made, she said.

"We need to support them," said McClure, referring to the Cancer Society. "If we don't have the money for research, we won't have a cure."



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## EMU chapter wins award from American Chemical Society

The Eastern Michigan University Student Affiliates Chapter of the American Chemical Society (ACS) was one of 24 student chapters nationwide selected to receive an outstanding award for its chapter activities conducted during the 2000-01 academic year.

The award was noted in *Chemical & Engineering News*, the Society's official national newsmagazine; and in *Chemistry*, the Students Affiliates magazine. The award-winning chapters will be recognized at the 223rd ACS National Meeting in Orlando, Florida, April 7, 2002.

## EMU Education Hall of Fame nominees sought

Nominations are needed for the EMU Education Hall of Fame.

Nominees may either be a College of Education alumnus, living or dead, who is distinguished in any walk of life or an EMU alumnus who is distinguished in any aspect of education.

To nominate someone, send the name of the nominee(s) along with a brief statement of their criteria to Jerry Robbins, Dean, College of Education, EMU, Ypsilanti, MI 48097 or [jerry.robbs@emich.edu](mailto:jerry.robbs@emich.edu) Nominees will be chosen by a selection committee. Call 487-1414.

## Renowned organist Neswick to highlight improv symposium

Bruce Neswick, one of America's major talents in the field of organ performance, will appear as guest artist in the Fifth Annual Improvisation Symposium, Nov. 2-4.

"This is a rare opportunity to bring to campus one of the leading improvisers of our time," said Pamela Ruitter-Feenstra, professor of music and University organist.

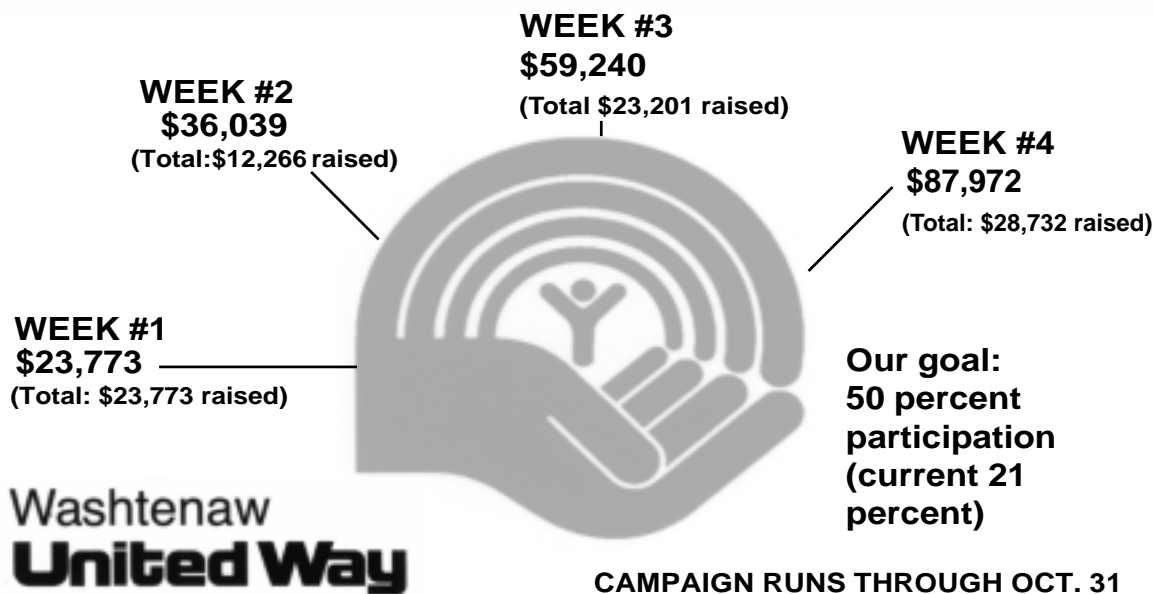


**Neswick**

During his visit, Neswick will offer an organ recital Friday, Nov. 2, 8 p.m., as part of the Bridge Concert Series at Pease Auditorium. He also will present an Improvisation Master Class Saturday, Nov. 3, 10 a.m., in Pease. Neswick will lead a Hymn Festival at First Presbyterian Church in Ann Arbor Sunday, Nov. 4, 4 p.m. All events are free and open to the public.

For more information, call Ruitter-Feenstra, 487-1314, or [pruiter@online.emich.edu](mailto:pruiter@online.emich.edu).

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West graduated magna cum laude from Harvard in 1973 and earned a master's degree and Ph.D. from Princeton. West was a professor of Afro-American Studies at Princeton and is currently one of only 14 University professors at Harvard. He also is one of the first black scholars appointed to that post, Harvard's highest.

He has written 15 books, including *Race Matters*, which became a best-seller and gained national attention from *Time* magazine and *Newsweek*.

The conference includes 40 speakers from across the country and addresses issues such as "Multicultural Children's Literature," "Moving Towards Socially Just Local Organizations," "Exploring the Geography of the Civil Rights Movement," and "Supporting LGBT Students: K-Graduate School."

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student end and the professional end — was very fulfilling to me," Iannaccone said. "(I enjoyed) hearing their performances, answering students' questions and seeing what interested young musicians."

Iannaccone also enjoyed working with Daniel Harding, the conductor of the London Symphony Orchestra.

"It is very difficult to prepare works for premiere, and Harding had to prepare five," he said. "Harding conducted all five pieces magnificently and the orchestra played brilliantly, as well."

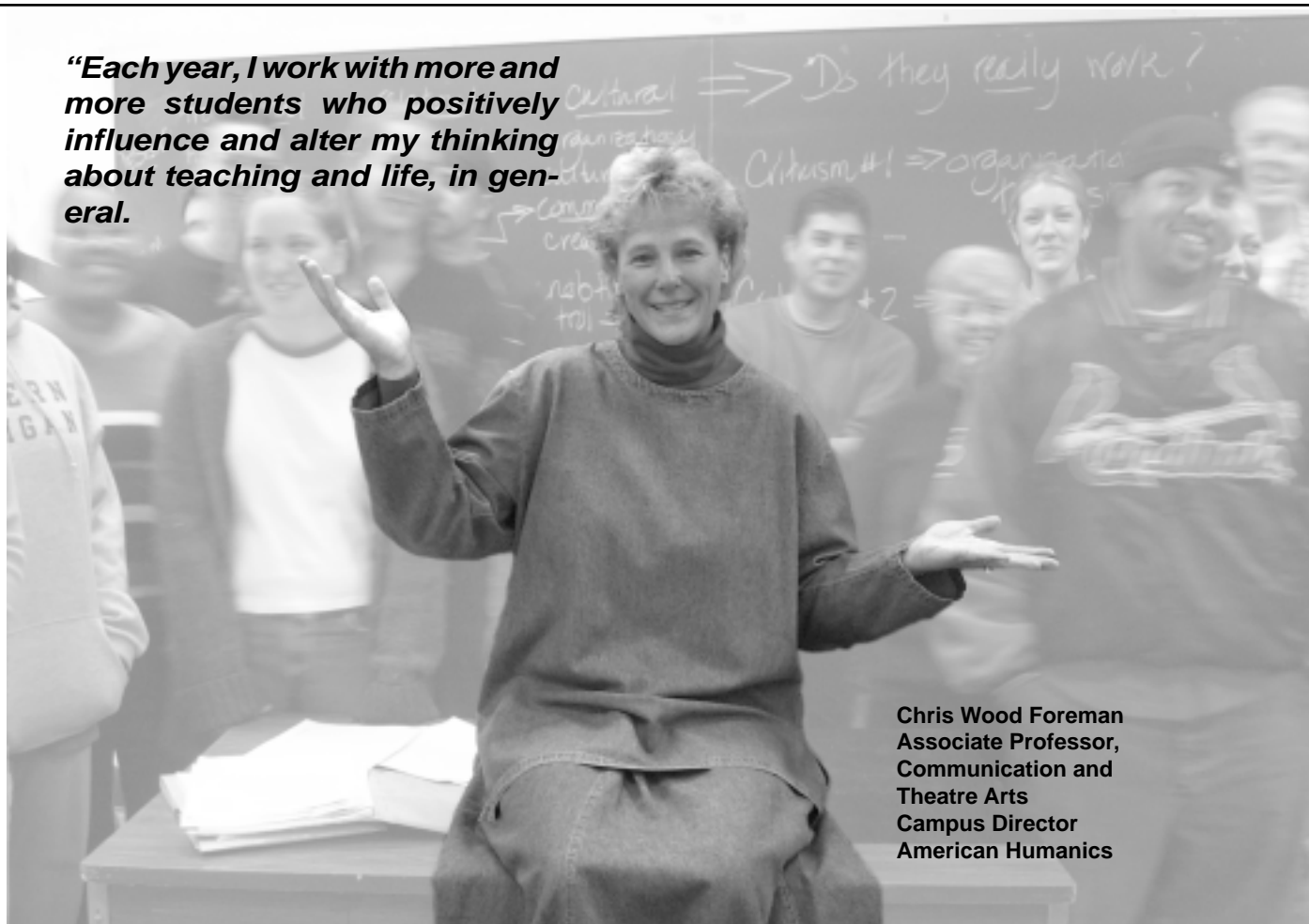
Iannaccone wrote his piece in spring 1998 as part of a series of orchestral works commissioned by the Prague Philharmonic.

The "Sound" in the title refers to the calm waters of Long Island Sound, where Iannaccone's cousins would dock the boats they used after commercial fishing and fishing charter trips out to the Atlantic Ocean. On four of those trips, the group encountered savage storms.

"In the nightmares, I am on one of the boats in a terrible storm, although in the Sound and not on the ocean," he said.

Since he wrote the score, Iannaccone reports the nightmares have ceased.

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## Why I teach at Eastern Michigan University

The reason I stay at Eastern Michigan University is really because of the students. My first year here, I read the names of students at graduation. When I got to read the names of two particular students — Jesus Hernandez and Jason Miller — I remember how proud I felt because they had helped make my first year here a positive experience. I was certain that I would never have that experience again, of encountering students who would leave such a mark on my life.

But seven years later, I do get that experience. Each year, I work with more and more students

who positively influence and alter my thinking about teaching and life, in general. They really inspire me to do what I came here to do — be the best teacher I can be for the students that are here.

Students like Bryan Hoeft, Patti Hanks, Ryan Janis, Kylie Crawford, Patrick Rowan, Sharon Crutchfield, Bryan Hightower, Kristy Kaminski, Shari Brousseau, Maurice Stovall, Emily Steinmetz, Reagan Matthews, Karen Blink and Stacie Ralston-Brown. I know now that I will keep adding those positive experiences to my list. And that's a list that isn't going to end.

*Chris Wood Foreman*