

OIS Newsletter - February 13, 2007



Hi! Hopefully everyone is keeping warm! Don't forget to wear your hat, gloves and warm shoes ... I'm still seeing students in sandals!!!!

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Winter Snow Advisory – School Closing Information



It's that time of year – when everyone is looking forward to a "snow day" – for those of you new to Michigan & snowy weather – a snow day is a day when school is closed because the snow is too deep for folks to get here safely. The University uses the following procedures to determine if EMU should close due to severe weather:

Should severe weather threaten the University, the campus emergency team (E-Team) will make the decision as to whether or not the University will close. Eastern Michigan is committed to fulfilling its instructional obligations. More than 3,000 students live on campus, and nearly

8,000 live within a one-mile radius of campus. It is the University's intent to conduct classes as long as it can maintain reasonable conditions on campus and the roads in the immediate areas are reasonably passable.

In making a decision, the E-Team considers: the conditions of campus parking lots; the condition of campus roads; the availability of uninterrupted electrical service; the condition of local and state roads as indicated by road and storm advisories; weather forecasts; and ice, wind and severe cold temperatures.

- * The decision to remain open or to cancel morning classes (those starting before 11:30 a.m.) will be made before 6 a.m., in order to provide sufficient time to notify the media.
- * The decision to remain open or to cancel afternoon classes (11:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.) will be made before 9:30 a.m.
- * The decision to remain open or to cancel evening classes (starting at 5 p.m. or later) will be made before 3 p.m.

Information regarding any closings will be carried on the EMU Newline (734.487.2460); the switchboard (734.487.1849); WEMU (89.1 FM); WJR (760 AM); WWJ (950 AM) WAAM (1600 AM), on the EMU Web site (www.emich.edu) as well as other radio and television stations. ****

OIS Seminars

Wed. Feb. 21	Resume Writing & Interview Techniques	3 – 4 pm	350 Student Center
Tue. Mar 6	H1B-EB Employment Seminar	10 -12 noon	247 Student Center
Thur. Mar 15	F1/J1 Off campus Employment Options Presented by: Esther Gunel	11am - noon	247 Student Center
Fri Mar 16	Tax Preparation Seminar	9 am – noon	350 Student Center

Wednesday, February 21, from 3:00 to 3:45pm in room 213 Alexander - **Culture Shock**

Come get the facts on Culture Shock...and how to **OVERCOME** it!!! Presented by the International Student Resource Center. **ALL EMU International Students welcome.**

DIVERSITY CAREER Fair

LOOKING FOR A JOB?

Join Career Services for their annual Career Fair on **February 20, 2007 from 1-3 pm** in the Student Center Grand Ball Room. Come meet and greet hiring reps from a wide range of employers including City Year, Comerica, Conway Freight, Enterprise Rent-A-Car, Glacier Hills Homecare, IRS (internal revenue service), Office Depot, Sam's Club, Sears, Target, Dunham's, Thomason Tax and Accounting (formerly Creative Solutions), UPS, US Food Service, Valassis, Washtenaw County Sheriff's Office, and many more! The employers will be talking about part-time, summer, full-time employment and/or internships. Bring several resumes!

Commuter Student Association



Many international students are considered "commuter students" since they live off-campus. You are cordially invited to join the Commuter Student Association! The CSA is an EMU recognized student organization that holds a seat on the Student Leadership Group, which regularly meets with the Board of Regents. The CSA supplies commuter camaraderie, a sounding board for improving the commuter lifestyle and an outlet for voicing commuter student needs and concerns. The CSA meets every other Thursday from 5:30 pm - 7 pm, in Room 104 of the Student Center. Mark your calendar with the upcoming **CSA meetings: March 8, March 22, & April 12.** For more information on the CSA, feel free to contact Nadir Akbar, CSA President, at nakbar@emich.edu, or Andrea Kiestler, CSA Vice president at akiester@emich.edu

University News & Information

Ever wondered what was going on at EMU? Looking for something fun to do this weekend? Need Information? Then check-out the following websites:

- ❖ University Calendar: www.emich.edu/univcomm/calhome
- ❖ Campus Life Calendar: www.emich.edu/clcal
- ❖ The Eastern Echo: www.easternecho.com
- ❖ EMU Today: www.emich.edu/univcomm/emutoday
- ❖ EMU Weather Policy: www.emich.edu/univcomm/weatherpolicy
- ❖ EMU Shuttle/AATA: www.theride.org

Student Center & Computer Labs – Limited Hours during Winter Break



Student Center Building

- Friday, February 23, close at midnight (vendors on reduced hours)
- Saturday, Feb 24, open from 8am-midnight (vendors closed)
- Sunday, Feb 25, building closed
- Monday, Feb 26 -- Friday, March 2, 7am - 11pm, some vendors closed others on reduced hours
- Saturday and Sunday, March 3 and 4, building closed. Computer lab open at 6pm

Student Center Computing Lab

- Friday, February 23: Closing at Midnight
- Monday, February 26 through Friday, March 2: 4pm - 11pm
- Sunday, March 4: Resume 24 hours operations at 6pm

The weekends and daytime hours during the week will serve as a maintenance window for ICT to upgrade the computer hardware in the lab. The labs in the Halle Library will be available for student use during these times:

Halle Computing Commons

- Fri. 2/23 7:30am - 4:45pm
- Sat. 2/24 8:00am - 4:45pm
- Sun. 2/25 12:00pm - 9:45pm
- Mon. 2/26 - Fri. 3/2 8:00am - 4:45pm
- Sat. 3/3 8:00am - 4:45pm
- Sun. 3/4 12:00pm- 11:45pm

Chinese New Year Celebration and Activities

Feb. 20, Tuesday 4:30-6:30 p.m., Carillon Room, Halle Library

Mei hua Tongxue Hui, the American-Chinese Student Association, is pleased to invite the campus community to an **inaugural reception** celebrating Chinese New Year Week



American-Chinese Student Association website: www.meihuatongxuehui.co.nr

Halle Library - Book Exhibit on China/Chinese from 2/16 - 2/23 in the Library Lobby

Documentary *China Rises* - screening in the EMU Student Center Auditorium

- ❖ Tuesday, Feb. 20
 - Noon- Part One- Party Games
 - 1:00 p.m.- Part Two- Getting Rich
- ❖ Wednesday, Feb. 21
 - Noon- Part Three- Food is Heaven
 - 1:00 p.m.- Part Four- City of Dreams

❖ Friday, Feb. 23

- Noon- 4pm – Parts 1, 2, 3, & 4

Combining the finest documentary talent of CBC, the New York Times and other broadcast partners, China Rises takes viewers inside this vibrant, fascinating nation during what may prove to be the most important period in its history. Airing over two days, China Rises explores four themes, each of them featuring compelling first-hand accounts of the triumphs and disappointments of the people who make up China's diverse population. Visually stunning, China Rises is filmed entirely in High Definition, capturing rarely seen images of both rural and urban China.

Additional information on Chinese New Year [here](#) & [here](#)

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