

BOARD OF REGENTS
EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

SECTION: 5

DATE:

October 30, 2012

RECOMMENDATION

EMERITUS STAFF STATUS

ACTION REQUESTED

It is recommended that the Board of Regents grant Emeritus Staff Status to three (3) staff members: James J. Chance, Database Specialist Senior in the Division of Information Technology, who retired on September 7, 2012; and Mary Murphy, Library Administration Office Supervisor in the University Library, who retired on June 30, 2012; and Jim Streeter, Associate Athletic Director for Media Relations, who retired on October 19, 2012.

STAFF SUMMARY

According to University policy, retiring Administration Professional (AP), Athletic Coaches (AC), Confidential Clerical (CC), Food Service, Custodial & Maintenance (FM), Professional Technical (PT) or Clerical Secretarial (CS) staff members who have served the University for at least fifteen (15) years, may be granted Emeritus Staff Status. Such status is conferred based on the recommendation of the President and approval of the Board of Regents.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

None

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION

The proposed action has been reviewed and is recommended for Board approval.

University Executive Officer
President

Date



EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY
EMERITUS STAFF STATUS RECOMMENDATION

The Department/Office of Division of Information Technology recommends the awarding of **Emeritus Staff Status** for the following

retiring/retired staff member: **Retired**

Name of staff member: James J. Chance

Title upon retirement: Database Specialist Senior

Date of hire at EMU: 10/22/1984 Retirement date: 9/7/2012

Number of years at EMU: 28 years (Minimum of 15 years of service required)

Please complete the following information on the retiring staff member for whom you are submitting this recommendation. This information is needed for inclusion in the EMU Faculty/Staff/Student Directory.

Home address: _____

Home telephone: _____

E-mail address: _____

Name of spouse: _____

Degree(s)/institutions/year: Baccalaureate: _____

Masters: _____

Doctoral: _____

Please attach 2 letters of support to this application

Recommended by [Signature] Date _____ Recommended by _____ Date _____

Department Head and/or Supervisor [Signature] Date _____

Executive Council Member _____ Date _____

President _____ Date _____

Date Submitted to Board of Regents _____

After the Executive Council member signs, please forward this form and letters of support to: Cathie McClure, 101 Welch Hall. Upon approval of the President, the recommendation will be sent to the Board of Regents. Emeritus Staff status is contingent upon the approval of the Board of Regents. The above information will be kept on file in the Office of the Chief Financial Officer.

September 4, 2012

To Whom It May Concern:

I wish to express my support for the recommendation that Emeritus Staff status be awarded to James J. Chance. James has dedicated 28 years of service to Eastern Michigan University.

James' work ethic is beyond reproach, he has been very dependable and conscientious in his role here in IT at Eastern Michigan University. He has provided excellent customer service to those that we serve and is always pleasant and courteous to our constituents. James is always supportive of his peers and colleagues, ready to assist them with whatever task is at hand. I have always found James to be a great person to work with and appreciate all of his work at Eastern Michigan University during his tenure here. James is a valued team member and we will miss him upon his departure for retirement on September 7, 2012.

It is without reservation that I recommend James J. Chance be awarded Emeritus Staff status by the Eastern Michigan University Board of Regents. We in IT wish James all the best as he moves to his next endeavor.

Sincerely,

Lynnette K. Rose
Director, Enterprise Operations

September 12, 2012

To Whom It May Concern:

I recommend that Jim Chance, retired EMU IT employee, be awarded the status of Emeritus Staff. For 28 years, Jim was a dedicated and reliable member of the university's information technology team. Having retired on September 7, 2012, Jim left a legacy of excellence that will be difficult to surpass.

In my tenure as CIO, I have had the honor to work with Jim on several occasions. His calm and friendly demeanor made him a welcome member of several divisional committees, including the latest committee focused on improving conflict management and team building skills within the IT division. Jim's insight ensured a program that will be usable, effective, and results-oriented.


As a senior technologist, Jim's advice and counsel was often requested by more junior personnel within the IT division as well as across the university. His willingness to share his expertise with others kept his phone ringing and his email full. His focus was always on improving service to our students, faculty, and staff.

Personally, I enjoyed the times Jim and I had to talk. He was never focused on himself, but was always wondering what more he could do to help others in the division or across the university succeed. His dedication to EMU was commendable.

In closing, Jim's dedication to the university, his exceptional customer service, and his expertise navigating the complexities of our technology systems made him an invaluable asset to the university. It would be an honor to recognize him as an Emeritus Staff.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Sincerely


Carl R. Powell, Ph.D.
Chief Information Officer



EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY
EMERITUS STAFF STATUS RECOMMENDATION

The Department/Office of University Library recommends the awarding of **Emeritus Staff Status** for the following

retiring/retired staff member:

Name of staff member: Mary Murphy

Title upon retirement: Library Administration Office Supervisor, CS-06

Date of hire at EMU: September 23, 1985 Retirement date: June 30, 2012

Number of years at EMU: 27 years (Minimum of 15 years of service required)

Please complete the following information on the retiring staff member for whom you are submitting this recommendation. This information is needed for inclusion in the EMU Faculty/Staff/Student Directory.

Home address: _____

Home telephone: _____

E-mail address: _____

Name of spouse: _____

Degree(s)/institutions/year: Baccalaureate: Morehead State University, Morehead, KY, Sullivan Business College, Louisville, KY

Masters: _____

Doctoral: _____

Please attach 2 letters of support to this application

Recommended by _____ Date _____ Recommended by _____ /Date/ _____

Department Head and/or Supervisor _____ Date _____

Executive Council Member _____ Date _____

President _____ Date _____

Date Submitted to Board of Regents

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Emeritus Staff Recommendation

For

Mary Murphy

STATEMENT OF SUPPORT

Mary began her career at EMU in the Library's Circulation area on September 23, 1985. In January 1989, she was promoted to administrative assistant in the Library's Media Service area. Two years later, in 1991, she transferred to Library Administration where she remained until her illness that led to her retirement on June 30, 2012.

Mary has been known in the Library as an enthusiastic, cooperative employee, willing to explore new projects and help out where needed. For many years she handled the Library's United Way and in 1996 and 1997 single-handedly oversaw United Way for the entire Division of Academic Affairs. During her many years in the Library's Administration Office, she worked with human resources, facilities, and special events such as the EMU Faculty Publications and Honored Faculty Annual Celebration. In addition to the above, she worked with three administrators until the split of the department in 2001. She had a wonderful working relationship with everyone in the Library and the campus community. Mary led the Library faculty/staff in a Wellness/Weight Loss Program. Her understanding and patience in working with all departments on campus was an outstanding quality which was acknowledged by all of those who knew her.

The year 2002 brought many new challenges to the Library with a new administrator. Mary was extremely helpful with her knowledge and flexibility in the ever changing Library. In 2010 Mary worked diligently on the search committee to hire a new library dean and her expertise and valuable insight of the Library Administration Office was extremely beneficial.

Mary's dedication and loyalty to the faculty, staff and EMU community has been evident to all those she has served over her many years with EMU. She was excellent in solving issues within the department and the EMU community. The Library Dean highly recommends Mary Murphy for Emeritus Staff.



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September 12, 2012

It is with great pleasure that I support the recommendation of Mary Murphy for Emeritus Staff Status. I have known Mary since I began my EMU career in the summer of 2000. Over the following decade I came to appreciate and rely upon Mary's steady presence and knowledge in our administrative office as the library went through numerous changes in structure, staffing and leadership.

I have been fortunate to see Mary in action both as a stalwart facilitator assisting myself and other library personnel with payroll, human resources and physical plant matters. I also had the privilege of working with Mary on all aspects of library administration during my 6-month post as the interim University Librarian. Mary's institutional memory and contacts, varied expertise and good judgment helped to ensure a smooth transition from an outgoing administrator of many years, through my brief stint, to the current head of the library. The value of her contributions were magnified as we navigated these changes during the massive swing-space project on campus with simultaneous work on the Science Complex and Pray-Harrold happening, and the library taking on many additional tenants and related logistics.

Mary's efforts on behalf of the library were not limited to traditional administrative support roles. She was the leader of wellness and weight loss efforts for all library staff and faculty of which I was a beneficiary. Mary was also a major organizer and advocate for United Way fundraising campaigns in the library and Academic Affairs.

Mary always displayed the highest degrees of integrity, responsibility, and professionalism. She has been both a dependable team player and gracious leader. Mary has been an asset to the University Library and Eastern Michigan University, and I am happy to give my wholehearted endorsement of granting her emeritus status.

Sincerely,

Eric Owen
Associate Professor and Information Systems Librarian
University Library
Eastern Michigan University



EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY
EMERITUS STAFF STATUS RECOMMENDATION

The Department/Office of Athletics recommends the awarding of **Emeritus Staff Status** for the following retiring/retired staff member:

Name of Staff Member: Jim Streeter

Current Status at EMU: Associate Athletic Director/Media Relations

Date of Hire at EMU: Aug. 1974

Retirement Date: Oct. 19, 2012

Number of Years at EMU: 39 (Minimum of 15 years of service required)

Please complete the following information on the retiring staff member for whom you are submitting this recommendation. This information is needed for inclusion in the EMU Faculty/Staff/Student Directory.

Home Address:

Home Telephone:

E-Mail Address:

Name of Spouse:

Degree(s)/Institutions/Year: Baccalaureate:

Masters: _____

Doctoral: _____

Please Attach a Brief Statement of Support to this Form and Two Recommendation Letters.

Recommended by (please print) Date

Department Head and/or Supervisor Date

Executive Council Member Date

President Date

Date Submitted to Board of Regents

After the Executive Council member signs, please forward this form to: Office of the President, 202 Welch Hall. Upon approval of the President, the recommendation will be sent to the Board of Regents. Emeritus Staff status is contingent upon the approval of the Board of Regents. The above information will be kept on file in the Business and Finance Office.

8/13/12

EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

ATHLETIC MEDIA RELATIONS OFFICE

ASSOC. AD/MEDIA RELATIONS: JIM STREETER
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Oct. 4 2012

To Whom it May Concern,

It is with great pleasure that I help nominate Jim Streeter for the Emeritus Staff status here at Eastern Michigan University. This award recognizes a someone who has achieved distinction in career, community service and service to the University and I feel Jim is an outstanding candidate for this year's award.

For more than 39 years, Jim has been a fixture not only inside the Athletic Department but throughout the University as well. As a the sports information director (now Associate Athletic Director for Media Relations), Streeter has made an indelible mark at his place of employment.

A 2004 inductee into the EMU Athletics Hall of Fame, Streeter earned a bachelor's degree from EMU in Dec. 1973, with a major in physical education and minors in journalism and history. He was sports editor of the student newspaper, *The Eastern Echo*, for two years. After serving a two-year stint as a sportswriter for *The Ypsilanti Press*, Streeter joined EMU as an assistant sports information director in 1974. He was named SID in August 1975.

A member of the College of Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA), Streeter was a member of the publications committee for four years. He was the secretary of the Detroit Sports Broadcasters and Writers Association (DSBWA) from 1990-94 after serving as vice president for one year. Additionally, in 2007 he received the honor of "Best of the Best" from the DSBWA.

On a national level, Streeter was selected as one of nine Media Marshals for the 2004 Ryder Cup Golf competition at Oakland Hills Country Club. In addition, he was part of the media relations staff at the 2008 NCAA Men's Basketball Regional and the 2009 Final Four in Detroit, Mich.

Having worked closely with Jim for nearly a decade, first as his student assistant and now as his assistant director, I cannot imagine a person more deserving to be honored with the distinction of Emeritus Staff status. Over these years, I have personally witnessed him on many occasions help guide, support and inspire students in their pursuit of excellence.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,


Assistant Director of Athletic Media Relations
Eastern Michigan University



EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

October 9, 2012

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to recommend that Mr. Jim Streeter receive Emeritus Staff status upon his retirement from the university on October 18, 2012. I have served as Jim's supervisor during the past six years, thus, I feel qualified to speak on his behalf. He has certainly served his university with distinction and excellence during his 40+-year relationship with EMU as an undergraduate student and a long-time university employee.

Jim Streeter is currently in his 39th year with the Eastern Michigan University Athletic Media Relations Office, 37 of them as the director. A 2004 inductee into the EMU Athletics Hall of Fame, Jim earned a bachelor's degree from EMU in 1973, with a major in physical education and minors in journalism and history. During his time as an undergraduate at EMU, he also served as the sports editor of the The Eastern Echo. Since his time as a student here at EMU during the early 1970's, he has gone on to further distinguish himself as a university employee.

Jim is a member of the College of Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA) and served as a member of the publications committee for that organization for four years. Jim was the secretary of the Detroit Sports Broadcasters and Writers Association (DSBWA) from 1990-94 after serving as vice president for one year for the same organization. In 2007 he received the honor of "Best of the Best" from the DSBWA. Additionally, Jim was selected as one of nine Media Marshals for the 2004 Ryder Cup Golf competition at Oakland Hills Country Club. Notably, Jim was also part of the media relations staff at the 2008 NCAA Men's Basketball Regional and the 2009 Final Four in Detroit. As you can see Jim has served EMU with pride and distinction during his long career.

Jim is a respected member of our Athletic Department's Senior Staff and has made invaluable contributions to both the department and the university during the past 39 years. Jim is truly deserving of this esteemed university honor and, thus, has my highest recommendation. I thank you in advance for you time and consideration. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you need any additional information. I can be reached at (734) 487-1050.

Positively,

Derrick L. Gragg, Ed.D.
Director of Intercollegiate Athletics
Eastern Michigan University

- For Immediate Release -

July 13, 2007
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EMU's Streeter honored by Detroit Sports Broadcasters Association

YPSILANTI - The Detroit Sports Broadcasters Association (DSBA) recently honored Jim Streeter, Eastern Michigan University's longtime sports information director, with the 2007 "Best of the Best Award." The award was presented at the 21st Annual DSBA Charity Golf Scramble July 9 at Cherry Creek Golf Club in Shelby Township.

The Kathy Best "Best of the Best Award" is given annually for excellence in sports media/public relations in the state of Michigan. It is named after Best, a former media relations specialist with the Detroit Red Wings.

This fall marks Streeter's 34th year in the sports information department and his 33rd year as sports information director. Streeter received his bachelor's degree in physical education from EMU.

He was sports editor of the Eastern Echo, the student newspaper, for two years. After graduating, he was a sportswriter with The Ypsilanti press for two years before joining EMU as assistant sports information director in 1974. He was named director in 1975.

He is a member of the College of Sports Information Directors of America; and served a secretary of the Detroit Sports Broadcasters and Writers Association from 1990-1994 after serving as vice president for one year. Streeter was selected as one of nine media marshals for the 2004 Ryder Cup golf competition at Oakland Hills Country Club. He was inducted into EMU's Athletic Hall of Fame in 2004.

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Eastern Michigan University is a public, comprehensive university that offers programs in the arts, sciences and professions. EMU prepares students with the intellectual skills and practical experiences to succeed in their career and lives, and to be better citizens.

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Why I work at Eastern Michigan University

I came here as a student in 1966 because I wanted to be a teacher and a coach. I got involved in journalism and became the sports editor of the Echo and then worked for the Ypsilanti Press. I became the assistant sports information director in 1974 and then the SID in 1975.

After 25 years, you would think that you would know it all, but I learn something new every day. It changes constantly and that's I like about the job.

I like this level of sports because we get more of a blue-collar athlete. They work hard and the coaches work hard at making them better. We don't get the noteriety of some other institutions, but what makes us special is that our athletes are accessible to the other students and are not isolated from the student body. At EMU the athletes are part of the student body.

I think the strength of EMU is its people. The people here are genuine. Where else are you going to be able to play pick-up basketball on your lunch hour with a vice president and dean. There are not many places you get that type of access.



Jim Streeter ('73),
Director,
Sports Information

EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY
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TUESDAY, FEB. 8, 2000

02-08-00
Very nice, Jim!
Hope you're
feeling stronger
every day.
Diane

Why I give to Eastern Michigan University

FOCUS EMU Online

April 19, 2011 issue



The Eastern Michigan University Athletic Department went a perfect 70-for-70 this year, with 100-percent employee participation in the annual Faculty and Staff Giving Program.

In recognition of that contribution, FOCUS EMU interviewed five behind-the-scenes employees in the department, asking why they give to EMU.

Jay Sofen, equipment manager: *After my boss, Director of Athletics Derrick Gragg, gave me the opportunity to be the head equipment manager, I knew and saw the critical role donations play at the University.*

In my role, I have the opportunity to meet and cultivate relationships with many donors ... I know firsthand how much it means to receive donations, and it inspired me to fulfill my role as an employee and alumnus.

Jim Streeter, assistant athletic director for media relations: *Eastern Michigan University is the kind of school that allows you to make a difference. The University encourages its students to become involved in many activities and, because of that, I think faculty, staff and students stay active in their support of EMU.*

I used former EMU administrator John Fountain as a role model. He was a graduate of Adrian College but, because of his involvement with EMU, he became a life-long supporter of the University. His passion for all things EMU made me want to become much more active in giving back.

Blair Wagner, strength and performance coach: *I believe in this University. I trust and have great respect for President Martin, for Athletic Director Derrick Gragg, and the great support systems all around campus.*

I am proud to say that I work for Eastern Michigan University, and that I am affiliated with some of the best professors, coaches, staff and students in the country. I know that the more you invest into something or someone, the more you will see in return.

Scott Schultz, director of marketing and promotion: *I give to EMU because it is important for me to help provide the best opportunity for our student-athletes to compete and succeed on the field and in the classroom.*

Under the leadership of Derrick Gragg, members of the department feel part of a shared vision, where everybody plays a role in the growth and development of our student-athletes. This responsibility helps inspire me to give each year.

Greg Steiner, assistant director of athletic media relations: *The athletics' mission statement says we are here to guide, support and inspire our student-athletes in their pursuit of excellence- academically, athletically and socially, while maintaining a successful Division I-A athletics program."*

Not being a coach or someone who directly impacts the daily lives of our student-athletes, I still try my best to fulfill that mission for the graduate and undergraduate students who work in our office.

Having been a student here at EMU and now a staff member, I know of the challenges of our university, but also the great deal of learning and teaching that goes on here. Without the great people that who came in front of me to teach me the ropes, I wouldn't be able to help pass that knowledge on to our student workers and athletes.

*It's just my small way to show my appreciation and make more opportunities for students down the road.
— Contributed by Geoff Larcom*

Note: "Why I Give" has run monthly in FOCUS during the winter semester of the Faculty and Staff Giving Campaign.





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Jim Streeter Class of 1973

Induction Class of 2004
Media Relations

Graduated in 1973...Has served as EMU's Sports Information Director for the past 31 years...Joined the EMU staff as the Assistant SID in 1974 and was elevated to SID in 1975...Has won numerous College of Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA) Best in Nation Awards for publications over the past 30 years...The 2001 football media guide was singled out as the best in the Mid-American Conference...Selected as one of nine Media Marshals for the 2004 Ryder Cup Golf competition at Oakland Hills Country Club in Bloomfield Hills...Was secretary of the Detroit Sports Broadcasters organization from 1990-94 and vice president for one year, 1989...Before joining the EMU athletics staff, he worked as a sports writer at The Ypsilanti Press for two years...Was the sports editor of The Eastern Echo for two years while an undergraduate...A longtime member of (CoSIDA) as well as the MAC News Media Association.

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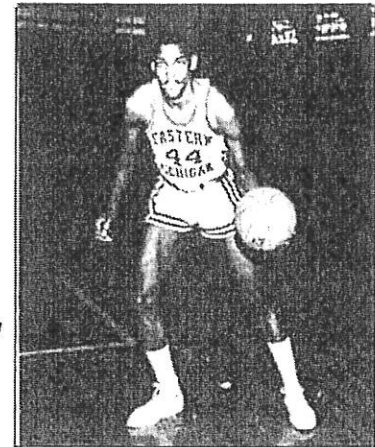


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four teams that qualified for national tournaments, including the 1970-71 EMU team that made it to the finals of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) national tournament. The 1971-72 team went to the final four of the NCAA Tournament. One of only two EMU players to grab more than 900 rebounds and score more than 1,000 points (Kennedy McIntosh is the other player), Dixon played in 118 out of a possible 122 games during his career and averaged 15 points a game in tournament play.



Dixon

He was an NAIA second-team All-District 23 selection and an NAIA honorable mention All-America pick.

Dixon currently is an administrator in the Southfield Public Schools. After graduating from EMU, Dixon added postgraduate degrees in 1976 and 1977.



Mireille (Sankatsing) Smith (1992 graduate) was an outstanding women's track competitor from 1989-92, earning All-American honors five times.

Sankatsing became EMU's first national champion in women's track when she won the 800-meter run at the 1992 NCAA Indoor Championships in a time of 2:03.47, the fastest time by a woman collegian that season. She finished second in the 800 meters at the 1991 NCAA Indoor Championships, sixth in the 800 meters at the 1990 NCAA Outdoor Championships, and fourth in that event at the 1991 and 1992 outdoor meets.

She won five individual and three relay championships in the Mid-American Conference Outdoor Championships, winning the 800 meters and the 1500 meters in 1991 and 1992, while also capturing the 800 meter title in 1990. She ran on the 1600-meter relay team that won MAC outdoor titles from 1990-92. She was named MAC Athlete of the Year in 1991 and Most Outstanding Meet Performer

Sankatsing

in 1992. She set school indoor records in the 600-yard run (1:23.14), 600 meters (1:30.85), and 800 meters (2:03.47); and outdoors in the 800 meters (2:03.65).

One of EMU's top scholar-athletes, Sankatsing received a bachelor of science degree in 1992 with a double major in computer science and mathematics. She earned an NCAA postgraduate scholarship in 1992 and completed her master's degree in computer-based information systems at EMU in 1995.

She is married to Keith Smith, Sr., a 1992 Olympian who competed in the 200 meters for the U.S. Virgin Islands. She is the middle distance/distance and cross country coach of the North Oakland Blue Dragons team.

Jim Streeter (1973 graduate) has served as EMU's sports information director (SID) for the past 31 years. He joined the EMU staff as the assistant SID in 1974 and was elevated to SID in 1975.



Streeter has won numerous CoSIDA Best in Nation Awards for publications over the past 30 years. The 2001 football media guide was singled out as the best in the

Mid-American Conference. Streeter was selected as one of nine media marshals for the 2004 Ryder Cup Golf competition at Oakland Hills, and was secretary of the Detroit Sports Broadcasters organization from 1990-94 and vice president of the group in 1989. Streeter is a long-time member of CoSIDA as well as the MAC News Media Association.



*Before joining the EMU athletics staff, Streeter worked as a **Streeter** sports writer at The Ypsilanti Press for two years. While an undergraduate, he was the sports editor of The Eastern Echo.*

To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to nominate James L. Streeter for the Distinguished Alumni Award at Eastern Michigan University. Jim has served EMU for all but a few months of his adult life and is more than deserving of this award.

Jim has spent over 38 years working in the Sports Information Office (now Athletic Media Relations Office). He first came to campus in 1966 as a student, studying Physical Education Teaching with a minor in Journalism. He served for two years as the sports editor for the Eastern Echo and in 1973, graduated from EMU. In 1974 he was hired as the Assistant Sports Information Director and was elevated to the Director in 1975, a position he holds to this day.

Jim really is a staple, not only in athletics, but the campus and Ypsilanti community as a whole. He truly does bleed green.

While working with "Streets" as a graduate assistant from 2007-2009, I was able to learn so much from him. He gave me the opportunity to be a grad assistant while working on my master's degree in sport management. Although I do not currently work in athletics, I owe most of where I am today to him. The skills that I honed in while working at EMU are used daily in my current position where I am in charge of much of the visual communication efforts for the EMU Foundation.

He gave me a chance at that time in my life where I needed that support and education from a mentor like him. He saw my passion for athletics and in particular Olympic (Non-revenue) sports and let me run with them. Most future SID's dream of working with a football or basketball team, but all I wanted to do was cover Olympic Sports and Jim gave me this opportunity. Jim's love and enthusiasm for EMU is the reason why I chose to come back to EMU professionally.

I cannot think of a man more deserving of this award. Jim Streeter has touched the lives of so many individuals through his love of EMU and would be a perfect candidate for this honor.

Amanda K. (Decker) Skowronek, '09
Master's in Sport Management
2007-2009 Graduate Assistant/Athletic Media Relations

Development and Design Associate
Eastern Michigan University Foundation

EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

ATHLETIC MEDIA RELATIONS OFFICE

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Sept. 22, 2011

For Immediate Release

To Whom it May Concern,

It is with great pleasure that I help nominate Jim Streeter for the Distinguished Alumni Award here at Eastern Michigan University. This award recognizes a graduate who has achieved distinction in career, community service and service to the University and I feel Jim is an outstanding candidate for this year's award.

For more than 38 years, Jim has been a fixture not only inside the Athletic Department but throughout the University as well. As a the sports information director (now Associate Athletic Director for Media Relations), Streeter has made an indelible mark at his place of employment.

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Having worked closely with Jim for nearly a decade, first as his student assistant and now as his assistant director, I cannot imagine a person more deserving to be honored with the Distinguished Alumni Award. Over these years, I have personally witnessed him on many occasions help guide, support and inspire students in their pursuit of excellence.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Greg Steiner
Assistant Director of Athletic Media Relations
Eastern Michigan University

To Whom It May Concern

My name is Mike Bond and I'm currently the Assistant Sports Information Director at Tiffin University in Tiffin, Ohio. I know how prestigious the Dr. John W. Porter Distinguished Service Award is. I'm not only an alumnus of Eastern Michigan but I had the opportunity to meet Dr. Porter numerous times as he was president of EMU for the first four years I attended. I can't think of a better person to nominate for the award than Jim Streeter, the Associate Athletic Director of Media Relations at EMU.

It may be cliché but if Jim Streeter gave blood, it would be green and white. Jim has been associated with EMU, in one form or another, for all but seven months since first arriving in September 1966. He was a student at Eastern, graduated in December 1973 and returned as Assistant Sports Information Director in August 1974. He assumed the role of Sports Information Director in Aug. 1975, a position he still holds.

I wouldn't be in the position I am today if it was not for Jim Streeter. That may sound like a typical line you use at speeches and dinners, but in my case it is true. When I arrived at EMU in August, 1987, I didn't really know what sports information did. I went to the office, which at the time was located under the bleachers in Bowen Fieldhouse. I was talking to an assistant, asking if I could have copies of the old football stats. I would even pay for them.

He asked if I was a student doing a paper or a reporter looking for stats. I replied, no, I just like compiling stats. The look I got was like I was on drugs or something. Jim happened to be there and called me into his office. We talked for a bit and I told him I had taken stats in junior high and high school. He said, well we could use some help at the games but I don't have paid positions right now. I said, okay, I'll try it.

I worked an event that night, and after it was over, little did I realize that nearly 24 years, I would still be in the field. I came to Eastern to be a teacher and I did teach for four years after graduation. However, Streets kept using me more and more because he realized that sports info was where I really needed to be. It took awhile but finally in 1997, I realized that he was right.

I was not the only person who was tutored by Jim, who I call the Professor of Sports Information. Some others over the years have been Tonia Branch (currently Assistant Executive Director of the Golf Association of Michigan), John Hamel (a former assistant at Cincinnati), Paul Helgren (currently Associate A.D. for Media Relations at Toledo), Mark Simpson (currently Assistant Commissioner – Media Relations, Big South Conference) and Tom Wywrot (currently Associate Director of Media Relations, University of Michigan).

Streets was my boss, is my friend and still is my mentor. I've always carried an important piece of advice he gave with me. When I asked him how I could do something better, he would ask, how do you think you can do it? He was always getting you to make an effort and

trying to figure it out, rather than having the answer handed to you. Even after all these years, I still call him for advice and to shoot the breeze.

This is not only because of the professional respect I have for him, but the personal respect I feel for him. Streets is a second father to me and his three sons and wife consider me part of their family.

In closing, Jim Streeter represents everything that is good and noble about Eastern Michigan. He is a tireless and dedicated employee of the university who is always striving to put EMU in the best possible light. In terms of his years of service to the EMU athletic department, I believe only Elton Ryncarson served longer. That is pretty good company if you ask me.

Sincerely

Michael Bond

September 26, 2011

Dear Selection Committee;

It is my extreme pleasure to submit a letter of support for Jim Streeter for an alumni award. Jim is such a deserving person, and to be truthful, I am surprised that he has never been nominated for such an award before.

Jim Streeter is a virtual legend at Eastern Michigan University. He has served our institution for so many years and in a very distinguished fashion. He is, without doubt, the best known personality in the athletic department, and he not only knows the history of EMU athletics, but he has been a significant part of it.

Jim adds to his knowledge and dedication with such a winning personality. He is always available to any who seek out information. In addition, his years of experience have caused him to be a person to whom many people go for advice. Jim plays a unique role in keeping our current university activities firmly seated in the events of the past.

I certainly give him my absolute endorsement for an alumni award. In fact, I believe that it would be a great oversight to let another year go by without recognizing him for the exceptional individual he is and for his outstanding contributions to Eastern.

Sincerely,

Jack D. Minzey
Emeritus Professor, Department Head and Dean
Eastern Michigan University



The University of Toledo

To whom it may concern,

I would like to nominate Jim Streeter for the Distinguished Alumni Achievement Award at Eastern Michigan University. I had the pleasure to work for "Streets" and benefit from his tutelage as EMU's assistant sports information director from 1985-89. Since then, I have held numerous positions at other universities, but never have I experienced someone as devoted to his alma mater as Jim.

It was my good fortune to learn the ropes from Jim at the start of my career. Work ethic, attention to detail, keeping cool under pressure. These are just a few of the lessons I learned in my four years working for Jim. I'm certain that working for Jim has helped me in my career in media relations. But no matter what I achieve, there is one way in which I can never hope to match him—having the passion that comes from working for the same school in which you once cheered on your sports teams to victory.

In our profession, sometimes there is no substitute for genuine passion and enthusiasm for your school. It's what drives Jim to go just a little further for EMU in innumerable ways, many of which go unnoticed. It's one of the things that him special. Making that extra phone call, staying late to wait for a deliberate sportswriter, whatever needs to be done Jim will do it. Anything for EMU. Over the years, these little things have added up to a mountain of support for the school Jim loves. Jim is modest by nature, and would probably shrug it off, but there is no doubt in my mind that Eastern Michigan University has been darn lucky to have Jim Streeter on its side these past 38 years.

Go Eagles! Go Streets!

Sincerely,

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September 30, 2011

Dear Alumni Awards Search Committee:

It is my pleasure, on behalf of the Eastern Michigan University E Club Alumni Letterwinners, to add our support to the nomination of Jim Streeter for the Distinguished Alumnus Award.

Jim graduated in 1973, was named Assistant Sports Information Director in 1974 and the Director in 1975. Since then he has served the Department of Athletics with distinction. He has also served as the Department liason to the E Club and his service has been invaluable to us, particularly with the E Club Athletics Hall of Fame. Jim was named to the Hall of Fame in 2004.

Over the years Jim has been recognized, outside of the University as he won COSIDA awards for publications. In 2001 the EMU media guide was voted best in the MAC. He was Secretary of the Detroit Broadcasters Association from 1990 through 1994 and Vice President in 1987. He was also named a Media Marshall at the 2004 Ryder Cup golf tournament at the Oakland Hills CC.

In all of his endeavors, Jim has demonstrated a high level of expertise and integrity and has been a great example of what makes an EMU graduate special. I am pleased to recommend Jim Streeter to you for the Distinguished Alumni Award.

Sincerely,

Ken Behmer
E Club President

October 4, 2011

This letter is written in support of the nomination of Jim Streeter for the honor of being named Distinguished Alum. This prestigious award goes to an alum who has distinguished him/herself since graduation from Eastern Michigan University. I can think of no other person who is so deserving of this award than Jim Streeter.

Streeter has been associated with Eastern Michigan University for more than 30 years. As a student he became interested in reporting on university sporting events for the Eastern Echo and was, in fact, the Sports Editor for the Eastern Echo. Following graduation, he remained in Ypsilanti and worked for the Ypsilanti Press.

"Streets" returned to the campus to work in Sports Information with John Fountain. He is currently the Director of Sports Information as well as an Associate Athletic Director. There are not many athletes who have played for Eastern that does not know. He has helped many of them in countless ways.

"Streets" has been the public face of Sports Information for 30 years. When someone wants information about current athletes or of someone who has played a sport at Eastern he typically comes to "Streets" to get his information.

Streeter has been an outstanding example of the type of alum we cherish. He has been loyal to EMU; he has brought integrity to his work and diligence to his assignments. This award not only brings credit to an outstanding individual and his career at EMU, it brings credit to Eastern Michigan University.

Bert Greene

Eastern Michigan University
Emeritus Faculty Member

October 5, 2011

Alumni Awards Selection Committee:

It is with great pride that I write this letter about Jim Streeter and why he is deserving of the Distinguished Alumni Achievement Award.

I have known Jim since 2003 when I was a student-athlete at Eastern Michigan and am forever indebted to him for everything he has done for me in the professional setting. Jim gave me a chance to work in the Sports Information office at EMU as an undergraduate student and followed that with the opportunity to pursue my master's degree as a graduate student in his office. He took a chance on me as a student-athlete with not much experience and taught me so much as I transitioned from student-athlete to a "real" adult. I owe so much to him for where I am at today, doing what I love and doing it the right way.

I have never met anyone who loves Eastern Michigan as much as Jim. He has been a fixture at EMU events forever, even working events that he does not need to be at. You can ask him anything about the Eagles, the Hurons, a certain game back in 1992 and he will know the answer. It is hard to think of anything that has happened in the last 30 years at Eastern Michigan and not automatically think of "Streets." I enjoyed interacting with him while I was still playing and when I was working for him. He just has the ability to talk to anyone and make you feel important.

Having worked at Eastern Michigan and now the University of Michigan, I can say that the amount of coverage the sports at EMU receive with the limited amount of people they have in Jim's office is amazing. They do so much with such little staffing, which is a testament to Jim's leadership. He shows everyone the right way to do things and never stops teaching.

I cannot think of anyone more deserving than Jim Streeter for the Distinguished Alumni Achievement Award. There are so many people across the country who owe their careers to him. I know that I would not be where I am without him.

\ Sincerely ,

Sarah VanMetre

October 3, 2011

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I would like to enthusiastically endorse the nomination of James Lloyd (Jim) Streeter for the 2012 John W. Porter Distinguished Service Award.

It has been my pleasure to know, be a colleague of, and friend of Jim Streeter (just Streets to his friends) since his days as an undergraduate at Eastern Michigan University. I have followed his career from his fledgling days as a reporter and later Sports Editor of the Eastern Echo. Following graduation Jim took a job as a sports reporter at the Ypsilanti Press where he covered Eastern Michigan athletics.

I made one of the finest administrative decisions in my long career at Eastern Michigan University in 1974 by hiring Jim as assistant sports information director. I moved on one later and appointed Jim as director of sports information a position he has held for some 36 years. Like a Timex, he still keeps ticking today.

I am so proud of Jim, a person who came to campus as a student, put down his roots in the Ypsilanti area close to campus, raised a family and never sought another job. He was so proud of his alma mater and he had what he considered, "the best job in the world.

Others have validated my opinion of Jim by inducting him into the EMU Hall of Fame and honoring him with official positions within the ranks of the College Sports Information Directors of America and Detroit Sports Broadcasters Association. The latter organization honored him a few years back as the Best of the Best, an award presented annually to the best public relations professional in the Detroit area.

More importantly, Jim Streeter is the face of Eastern Michigan University on campuses throughout the Mid American Conference and the Midwest. Talk to anyone from any of the MAC universities or the reporters that cover those universities and you will find universal respect for his professionalism. He has continued for almost four decades to represent the university in the most positive light. His tenants have been honesty in reporting and loyalty to his university.

Jim Streeter has also been mentor to many students who interned under his direction and moved on to full time jobs in the profession. For this he is to be commended.

As a person who personifies everything that is good and positive about Eastern Michigan University, Jim Streeter is extremely deserving of the John W. Porter Distinguished Service Award.

~~Former~~ Vice President of University Relations

RECOMMENDATION

I would like to support the nomination of Jim Streeter for the Distinguished Alumni Award. Jim was the Sports Information Director for Eastern Michigan University when I served, first as the Women's Tennis coach and then as the Associate Athletic Director-Primary Woman Administrator.

For several of these years Jim functioned admirably in fulfilling his duties for as many as 16 or more sports, sometimes with only a graduate assistant to help. He had demands for brochures, programs, newspaper coverage and yearbooks, just as an example. Trying to cover football and basketball games was really a full time job.

While not always being able to fulfill all of our requests, Jim would try to help us with our needs for recruiting materials and coverage in local media. Since women's sports were new in the Athletic Department we sometimes needed more help than Jim's office could provide. When a whole new set of sports was assigned to the Athletic Department, there was not new support staff added to help.

Jim always was very welcoming to me and any time he could offer help he did so. Always pleasant and understanding he helped me a great deal with ideas for increasing interest in our athletic program.

I feel that Jim is an excellent nominee for the Distinguished Alumni Award and after 38 years of outstanding work for his university he is a perfect example of a Distinguished Alumnus.

Lucy Parker

RECOMMENDATION

I would like to support the nomination of Jim Streeter for the Distinguished Alumni Award.

I was a former tennis and volleyball coach, and Jim's role with both programs involved providing recruiting brochures, game stats and press releases. He also was extremely helpful when we established the Lucy Parker Golf Outing, especially in the areas of handicapping and scoring. His knowledge was invaluable.

Jim has a pleasant and open demeanor, which made him easy to work with, and his willingness to be a resource person has proven to be most valuable.

Jim is an excellent nominee for the Distinguished Alumni Award.

October 6, 2011

Claudia Wasik

October 7, 2011

Ms. Amanda Decker
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Dear Ms. Decker:

Please accept this letter in support of Jim Streeter's nomination for Eastern Michigan University Distinguished Alumni Achievement Award.

I first became acquainted with Jim in 1985, when I was a lowly student volunteer in the University of Michigan Sports Information Department. He was in his 10th year as the director of EMU's sports information operation. We played softball in Ann Arbor on a team made up of sports media and athletic department administrators from EMU and U of M, and it was only by the grace of God that someone thought enough of me to allow me to play.

In the 26 years since then, my career has taken me from the University of Michigan to the Detroit Tigers, on to Northwestern University, and then back to southeastern Michigan and a communications agency... all in public relations leadership positions involving professional or collegiate athletics.

I owe a great measure of my direction and success to "Streets" and the gracious manner in which he answered my questions, dispensed advice, and encouraged my development in this field. His manner, candor, and humility have been great examples for me as I deal with the tremendous egos in our business. After all, we are called to serve others in these positions, and Jim is quick to remind me of that.

I am so sure of his leadership, that to this day, he is one of my first calls when I am looking to hire an intern or an entry level public relations coordinator. John Hamel and Mark Simpson are two young men who worked for both Jim and me for significant lengths of time, and I take very little credit for any of their professional achievements. Jim's formative work with them was by far the most important influence.

Jim's 36 years as the head of public relations for the EMU Athletic Department are astounding. There is very little loyalty of this type remaining in this industry. And while I am certain that Streets would say that EMU has been very good to him, I would argue that he has been uncommonly good to the university as well. His work, for all these years and in very challenging times, has reflected very well on Eastern Michigan. And I can think of few better ways to recognize that than to bestow upon Jim Streeter this singular honor.

Sincerely,

Greg/Shea
Chief Operating Officer
PCGCampbell



THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
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October 13, 2011

To Whom It May Concern,

If there is one man that can weave the rich historical tapestry of sports at Eastern Michigan University, it is Jim Streeter.

Considered by the media, his peers and EMU's former student-athletes to be one of the top Public Relation's men in the state of Michigan, Streeter's name has become synonymous with Eastern Michigan University.

His easy going style and his knowledge of the community has allowed Jim to serve EMU and the Ypsilanti Community for over 40 years.

I first had the opportunity to work with 'Streets' in 1974. I was a cub reporter for The Ypsilanti Press and he was starting a new career as a Sports Information Director with EMU.

As I arrived at my first EMU football media day, John Fountain and his new assistant Streeter made me feel welcomed like a seasoned veteran.

Now, almost 38 years later, Streeter still makes young reporters, bloggers and seasoned veterans feel welcome to all EMU sporting events. He helps you at every turn and he does it in a way that represents Eastern Michigan University's finest attributes.

Please accept this letter as a nomination for support of Jim Streeter being nominated for the EMU Distinguished Alumni Achievement award.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Bruce Madej
University of Michigan
Associate Athletic Director

Oct.12, 2011

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Members of the Alumni Board:

It is my pleasure to recommend Jim Streeter as a candidate for the Distinguished Alumni Award at EMU.

I have known Jim for over 35 years as an EMU graduate and E-Club colleague. Jim is an outstanding person with great character and integrity, always willing to “go the extra mile” to make any task a complete success. He is a devoted alum and employee, who always represents EMU in a totally professional manner. Jim has excellent rapport with all athletic alumni and friends of any EMU sport, and he has established positive relationships and life-long friendships with not only athletic alumni, but all alumni. As an EMU graduate himself, Jim is always fun to be around during any athletic or alumni activity.

As a former E-Club president, I know first hand the enormous impact Jim Streeter has brought to our alumni group. As a fellow board member he guides our activities, such as being the key historian in the Hall of Fame Selection Committee and the Varsity Letter Jacket ceremony. In fact, Jim is an active participant in all E-Club business and decisions. His skills and interactions with various university departments greatly contribute to the success of our events.

Jim Streeter is an EMU Hall of Famer. He is extremely reliable and loyal to EMU. I know for a fact Jim deferred his nomination into the Hall of Fame so others could gain entrance before his own induction. This is not an act of a normal individual, it is of a noble individual. I do not know of any other EMU alumnus who deserves a distinguished award more than Jim Streeter.

I proudly say Jim is a friend of mine and a true EMU great. He has elevated our sports information and athletic department and athletics across the board. I strongly recommend Jim Streeter as an EMU Distinguished Alumni Award Winner!

“Go-GREEN”

Ed Mizinski
E-Club Board Member



EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

October 12, 2011

Dear EMU Alumni Award Selection Committee Members:

I am writing to recommend that Mr. Jim Streeter receive strong consideration for the 2012 Eastern Michigan University (EMU) Distinguished Alumnus. I have served as Jim's supervisor during the past five years, thus, I feel qualified to speak on his behalf. He has certainly served his university with distinction and excellence during his nearly 40+-year relationship with EMU as an undergraduate student and a long-time university employee.

Jim Streeter is currently in his 38th year with the Eastern Michigan University Athletic Media Relations Office, 37 of them as the director. A 2004 inductee into the EMU Athletics Hall of Fame, Jim earned a bachelor's degree from EMU in 1973, with a major in physical education and minors in journalism and history. During his time as an undergraduate at EMU, he also served as the sports editor of the The Eastern Echo. Since his time as a student here at EMU during the early 1970's, he has gone on to further distinguish himself as a university employee.

Jim is a member of the College of Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA) and served as a member of the publications committee for that organization for four years. Jim was the secretary of the Detroit Sports Broadcasters and Writers Association (DSBWA) from 1990-94 after serving as vice president for one year for the same organization. In 2007 he received the honor of "Best of the Best" from the DSBWA. Additionally, Jim was selected as one of nine Media Marshals for the 2004 Ryder Cup Golf competition at Oakland Hills Country Club. Notably, Jim was also part of the media relations staff at the 2008 NCAA Men's Basketball Regional and the 2009 Final Four in Detroit. As you can see Jim has served EMU with pride and distinction during his long career

Jim is a respected member of our Athletic Department's Senior Staff and has made invaluable contributions to both the department and the university during the past 37 years. Jim is truly deserving of this prestigious award and, thus, has my highest recommendation. I thank you in advance for your time and consideration. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you need any additional information. I can be reached at (734) 487-1050.

Positively,

Derrick L. Gragg, Ed.D.
Director of Intercollegiate Athletics
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October 20, 2011

Dear Alumni Awards Selection Committee:

This letter is written in support of the nomination of Jim Streeter for the Eastern Michigan University Dr. John W. Porter Distinguished Service Award. I have known Jim for several years and believe him to be an outstanding choice for this award. He has served the university well since 1974 in his role as the Assistant Sports Information Director and then in 1975 became the Sports Information Director. He continues in that position at the present time and constantly works to promote and serve the University with students, athletes, alumni, faculty, and the fans. As Secretary of the Alumni E-Club I have been able observe closely Jim's loyalty and devotion to the University and those around him. He is an active member of the Alumni E-Club Board keeping the Board and E-Club members up to date with the goings on at the University and the Athletics Department. Jim works effortlessly gathering info for the Alumni E-Club Athletic Hall of Fame Selection Committee. You can see him at athletics events not just because of his position as SID but as a fan and supporter of EMU.

He serves as an excellent teacher/mentor to his staff of assistants and student assistants as is evidenced by the many numbers of those individuals who have moved on to work in the field of sports information at many universities and colleges around the country. He is well respected by those in the field of Sports Information throughout the country and the members of the sports media field.

I am sure his selection for this award would reflect well on the Athletics Department as well as the University. His selection would also be applauded by those of us who know him and have worked with in addition to all the student athletes he has come in contact with throughout his career.

As a past recipient of the Dr. John W. Porter Distinguished Service Award I would consider it an honor to have a person of Jim's devotion and service to the University become fellow member of this select group of EMU supporters.

Respectfully submitted,

Jack (John E.) Johnson
MSNC/EMU June 1952

October 12, 2011

EASTERN
MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY
FOUNDATION

Dear Review Committee Members:

It is with great pleasure and fond memories that I nominate James Streeter for the Distinguished Alumni Award at EMU. Few people I know have exhibited the professionalism and loyalty to EMU that Jim shows on a daily basis as long-time Sports Information Director.

Jim and I first crossed paths at our *Eastern Echo* days during the 70s, he in sports of course, and me in the newsroom and "comp" shop. I recall Jim writing really long headlines for his sports stories, which I always ended up cutting, in the days that "cut and paste" involved x-acto knives and wax. That was my first real exposure to sports writing, which I love to this day and continue to read all and any sports media I come across. As opposed to most rather dry news stories, sports stories are more descriptive, fun to read and engaging! Jim's writing followed that model.

Since we both made our careers at EMU, our paths crossed often. Usually, it was me bugging him for some tidbit of sports history or fact to support an article. Jim was (and still is) a veritable EMU sports encyclopedia. And I knew I could count on him for accurate statistics and lively copy.

In addition to his demanding SID duties, Jim mentored and befriended numerous assistant SIDs and graduate assistants through the years. In this role he excelled, becoming a guiding light and a good friend to so many who went on to successful careers in sports media. As well as "fathering" these young professionals, he raised his three sons with great patience and pride.

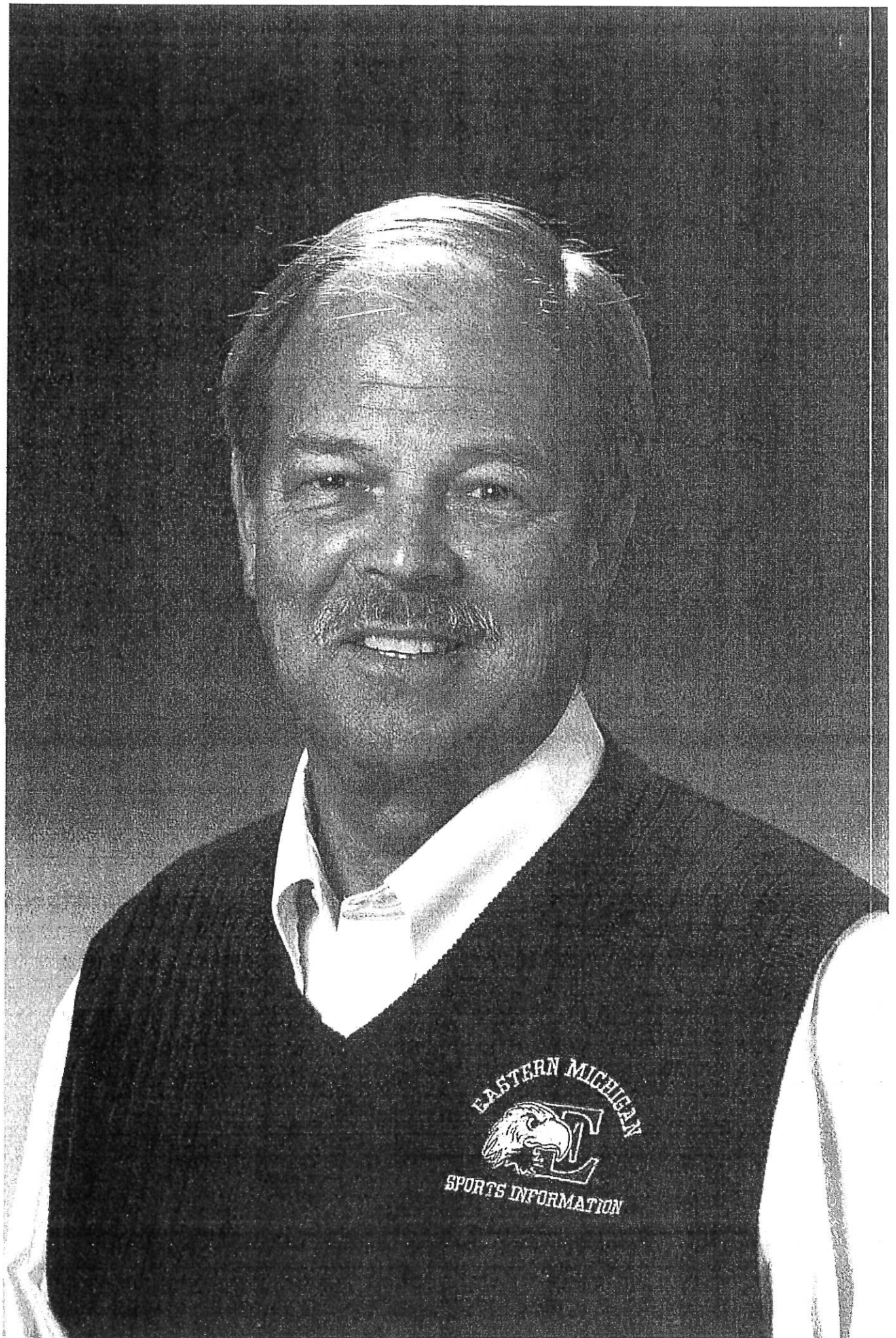
He and his wife, Mary, are loyal EMU supporters and attend many campus events despite Jim's busy travel schedule. His cheerful demeanor can always be counted on at these events.

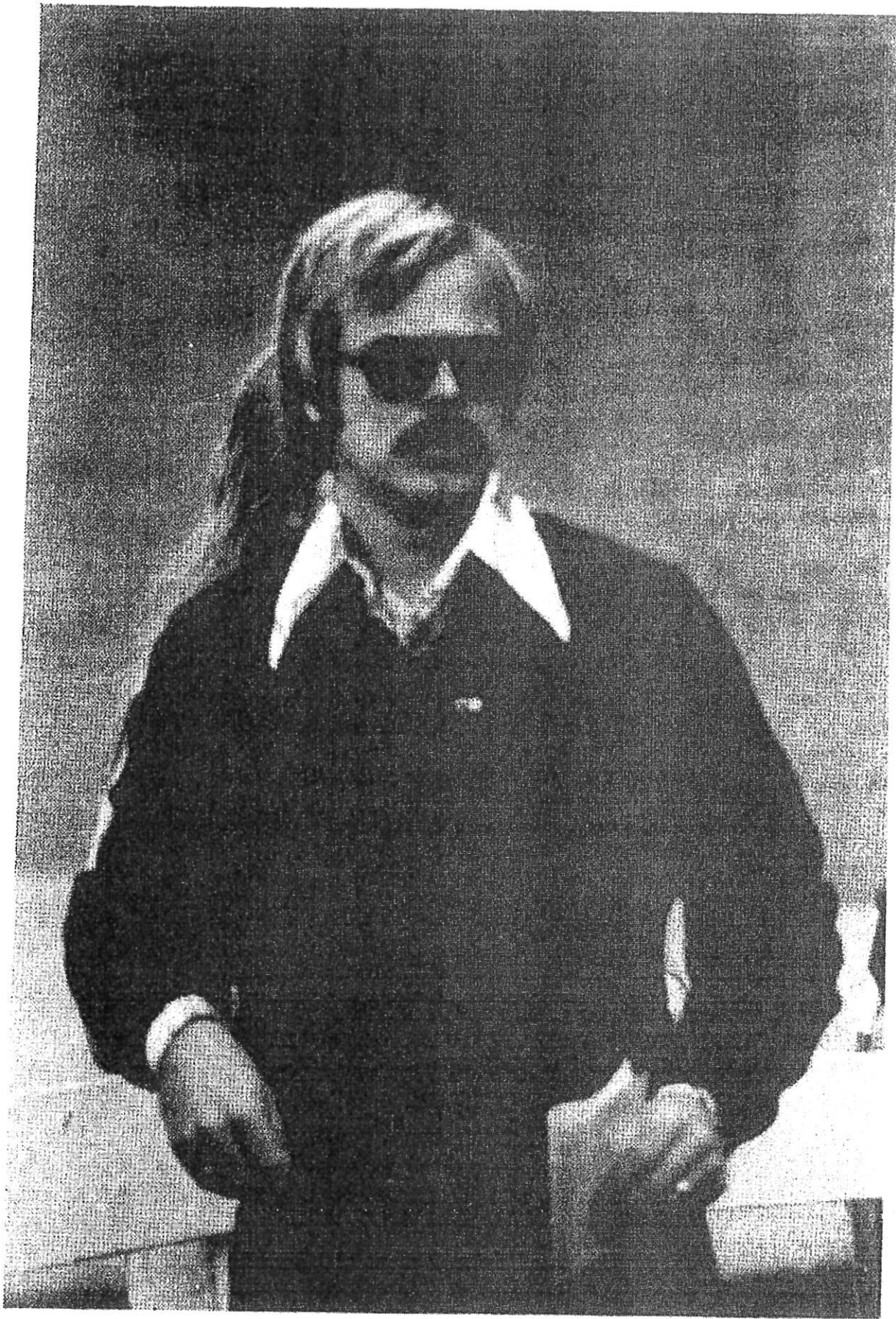
Please seriously consider Jim Streeter for this distinguished award. He represents the very best of Eastern Michigan University...professionalism of the highest order, good friends and dedication to family.

Sincerely,

Nancy J. Midá '72,

Emeritus Staff





Jim Streeter