Although the semester is three weeks old, it's not too late to welcome you back to the chemistry department, or to welcome you to the department if this is your first chemistry course. With high enrollments, enthusiastic students, and eager faculty, even the very cold weather and snow haven't kept the semester from getting off to a good start. Good luck in all of your classes, and be sure to take advantage of the extras that the chemistry department makes available to all interested students.

The Chemistry Club, one of the most active groups on campus, has luncheon meetings in McKenny Union on Tuesdays and Thursdays. It would be good to see some new faces this semester since many activities are now in the planning stages. The major undertaking for the Club this year is the production of a series of video-tapes dealing with safety in chemistry labs. This is a project funded in part by a grant from the American Chemical Society. If you could contribute talent, ideas, or just emotional support, show up at one of the meetings and let us know. Or show up at one of the meetings anyway, even if this particular project doesn't appeal to you. Sharing ideas, activities, and just some time with other chemistry students is a good way to get the most out of your stay here at EMU.

The Chemistry Club is selling ACS T-shirts ("Chemists Have Solutions", and some other varieties on order) and chemistry bumper stickers. These can be purchased at any Chem Club meeting, at any Chem Club activity—like donut sales—or from Jeanette Stoffan in MJ 214. The Club is also continuing its tradition of making CRC Handbooks of Chemistry and Physics available to interested students at a special price of $20.00. Again, stop by Room 214 or a Chem Club meeting if you're interested.

Free tutoring for most chemistry courses is available throughout the week in Room 121. Schedules of tutoring hours are posted throughout the building—especially the Chemistry office (Room 225) and the tutoring room (121).

For those of you who really like to plan ahead, mark April 10 on your calendars as the date for the Chemistry Alumni and Awards Banquet. Chemistry majors, especially seniors, should plan on attending this very special year-end event.

Alpha Chi Sigma, the Professional Chemistry Fraternity, is looking for new members. If you are a chemistry major or minor and would like the chance to be with people of similar interests and life goals, feel free to contact one of our members listed here. Men and women are welcome to join this professional, academic organization. Just call: Frank Petelka (487-2986), Mark Reid (487-1767) or Bob Gedridge (487-4628).
This is a good opportunity to introduce the students, and to extend a warm welcome, to Ms. Sandy Haapala, who recently joined the departmental staff as the Laboratory Services Specialist. Her responsibilities include making the stockroom operations run smoothly—and it's already obvious what a fine job she is doing.

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Students in laboratory courses have noticed that some revised, improved procedures for checking out equipment have been posted in all of the labs. Cooperation with these policies makes everything in the labs work more efficiently and safely. Students have also probably noticed an increased emphasis on safe laboratory procedures. Our department is proud of its safety record and the cooperation of both staff and students in adhering to safety procedures. If you think your instructor or TA is being unreasonable—consider yourself lucky that these policies are being enforced so well. Especially the SAFETY GOGGLES!

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The departmental schedule of courses for the Spring and Summer sessions are now posted on the bulletin board across from the reading room. (Did you know the department has a science reading room--Room 227—which provides a quiet, comfortable place for students to study and work? Check it out soon.) The schedule for next Fall semester will be posted sometime in February. Also appearing soon will be the pattern of course offerings, evening courses and graduate courses which will be of help in your long range course planning.

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Cooperative Education News: This semester the following students are involved in co-op--Sabrina Hermann at Dow in Midland, Art Fowler at Udy-lite, Kathy Kinsland at the Army Corps of Engineers, Frank Petelka at Argonne National Lab, and Helen George and Deborah Franklin part-time at the Environmental Research Group. Students who completed their first co-op work experience last fall include Nancy Morehead, Keith Childs, Shawn Letwin, and James Johnson. STUDENTS INTERESTED IN CO-OP ARE URGED TO ATTEND THE CO-OP DAY ON FEBRUARY 4, 1981, FROM 1-TO 4:00 PM IN THE ALUMNI ROOM IN MCKENNY UNION. You may also want to talk with Erik Erickson, Co-op coordinator, 210 Goodison Hall (487-1005) or Giles Carter, Room 213 Jefferson (487-2039).

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Dr. Ronald Scott, professor in the department, is the author of a newly-published book--Fundamentals of Industrial Toxicology. Among his numerous other publications is the textbook now in use for Chemistry 120--Introduction to Organic and Biological Chemistry. Another recent addition to the display of Eastern's chemistry faculty publications on the second floor across from the elevators is Solving Problems in Analytical Chemistry by Dr. Stephen Brewer. This is currently used in Chemistry 281.

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All students in chemistry should note the Winter 1981 Seminar Schedule distributed in all upper-level classes. Both advanced undergraduates (juniors and seniors) and graduate students should be aware of the opportunities to talk one-on-one with these speakers on the days they will be visiting. These opportunities will usually be scheduled at 3:00PM on the indicated Wednesday for each seminar, in Room 225-C. Check seminar announcements to be sure. The seminar speakers are quite interested in talking to our students. They will be particularly concerned with those students who are contemplating graduate work in chemistry. This will give you an opportunity to learn what is available in programs and research at the schools represented, and to gain experience talking with professors from other universities.

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If your instructors seem to be giving fewer tests it might be because of the severe budget cuts affecting the department! Chemical supplies, office supplies and other materials are feeling the crunch. It is hoped that students will be understanding and not too seriously inconvenienced. Creative ideas and dollar contributions are welcomed by Dr. Ramsay, the current head of the Chemistry Department.

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ALUMNI AND AWARDS BANQUET - Friday, April 10 at 7:00 p.m. in McKenny Union. This annual and festive occasion and enticing meal will again be highlighted by the presentation of student academic and service awards, as well as some faculty surprises. Following the awards will be an illustrated talk on "Chemistry in China" by Fred Basolo of Northwestern University. Award winners, senior chemistry majors, and graduate teaching assistants eat free! Other chemistry majors and guests of award winners get a special rate of $4.00. Here's a chance to observe your favorite faculty members' table manners and to dress up in something other than blue jeans. Join us. Good food, plus, at no additional charge, and end-of-the-year-aren't-we-glad-it's-almost-over get-together at the Chem Club's favorite advisor's house. Details given to banquet-goers.

Get tickets at the Chemistry Office, Room 225, before noon on Tuesday, April 7, please.

ANOTHER AMAZING Chemistry Club "We do it better or we don't do it at all" MAGIC SHOW - presented for the squealing delight of some four-hundred of Ypsilanti's finest seventh-graders. Wednesday, April 15, at 10:30 a.m. in Strong Auditorium. If you think you can stand the excitement, join us. And this is a good opportunity to thank the members of the Chem Club and the chemistry faculty who have participated in these events - they have been fun, well-received, successful and free from fatalities.

During the week of March 30 - April 3, several members of the chemistry faculty attended the spring national meeting of the American Chemical Society in Atlanta, Georgia. Dr. Williamson spoke on our departmental chemical waste disposal policies, costs and procedures. Others in attendance were Drs. Moore, Ramsay, Hicks and Scott. Final reports aren't all back yet, but the initial word is that all behaved well for the most part and enjoyed the nice weather and peach blossoms. The mice who remained behind were too busy to play much while the cats were away.

COOPERATIVE EDUCATION - The following students are currently enrolled in Chemistry 387 or 487, Cooperative Education: Art Fowler at Udylite, Bonnie Carlton at Great Lakes Environmental Research Lab, Sabrina Kalsi at Dow Chemical, and Frank Petelka at Argonne National Laboratories. Interviews are being scheduled with Dow, Udylite and Immont for positions for Spring and Summer, and possibly in the fall. Several students will be returning to the positions they held last fall (Keith Childs and Nancy Morehead) or continuing on from the winter semester. Any student interested in co-op should see Dr. Giles Carter and Erik Ericksen (487-1005) in 210 Goodison, the Cooperative Education office.

Dr. Donald Phillips and Jeanette Stoffan presented papers at the spring meeting of the Michigan Science Teachers' Association in Lansing. Both got rave reviews.

Dr. Stephen Brewer's latest "Solving Problems in Analytical Chemistry" is about to come out in a Spanish edition (¡Finalmente, el mundo es listo por otro trabajo magnifico!)

Dr. Brewer was recently granted a Spring-Summer Research Award and a Faculty Research Fellowship by the EMU Board of Regents (or is that Reagents?). Congratulations!!
DEPARTMENTAL LOST AND FOUND DEPARTMENT:

LOST: (by students) 7,384 keys to laboratory drawers. Have you thanked a stockroom worker lately?

(by everyone) Dr. Brenda Manning - on to exciting new worlds in research, but we'll miss her.

FOUND: --an Undergraduate Research Participation grant. Again, this year, seven students will be involved in research with departmental faculty for ten weeks during the spring and summer under a grant from the National Science Foundation. It's not too late to still be considered.

--a beautiful departmental brochure. Congratulations and thanks to Dr. Phillips for his work in preparing this.

--a student in Dr. Brewer's lecture who actually moved closer to the front because he couldn't hear.

--a student in organic chemistry who wondered why the government doesn't free radicals now.

STILL LOOKING: for a permanent department head.

--for the time to get all those lab reports written, study a little for finals, and still get enough tennis played.

--for misspellings in the departmental brochure. So far so good, Don.

--for a psychic to help locate the missing balances.

FOR SALE: T-shirts! Tea-shirts! Stylishly designed by the American Chemical Society, in two exciting designs - "Chemists Have Solutions" and the even racier "Experiment With a Chemist". Just $6.50. No good chemistry major should be seen at the banquet without one. Stop by Room 214 for a private, discreet showing. Cash gladly accepted.

DID YOU KNOW that if you don't check out of lab properly, cleverly-disguised government agents will come knocking on your door and haunt you the rest of your life until you pay an extra $5.00. Plus $46.00 for losing your key!

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TODAY - a group of students is going to tour the Phoenix Nuclear Laboratory at the University of Michigan. There is room for a few more interested students. If you'd like to come along, be outside the reading room at 3:00 p.m. TODAY. Rides will be provided. A tour of Three Mile Island will be leaving later.

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NEW CHEM CLUB OFFICERS: Hot off the presses! You heard it here first! The results of the Chemistry Club election are:

President: Tim Newbound
Vice-President: Vicki Moses and Fran Donahue
Secretary: Denis Donahue
Treasurer: Jim Hylko

Congratulations! It'll be another great year. All my love - JMS, or most of it anyway.