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EMU to celebrate "Salute to Excellence" Week

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"The Graduate Research Fair annually showcases graduate student scholarly and creative activity through oral and poster presentations in a conference-like format with concurrent and overlapping sessions. We have 165 presenters scheduled," said Deb deLaski-Smith, associate dean for Student Affairs and coordinator of the Graduate Research Fair.

Oral presentations begin at noon and will take place throughout McKenny Union. Poster presentations will be shown in McKenny Union's Guild Hall at 12:30 p.m., 2:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m.

This year's Graduate Research Fair also includes free morning seminars for undergraduate and graduate students to attend. The first workshop, "Job Search and Career Services," begins at 9 a.m. in McKenny Union's Tower Room. Six other workshops, as well as a book publisher's fair and graduate program advising, are scheduled at various locations in McKenny Union.

Dr. Peter Mancuso, an assistant professor of environmental health sciences at the University of Michigan, is the Fifth Annual Sigma Xi keynote speaker. He will present "Phat Hormones: The Emerging Role of the Adipokines in Health Care" at 7:30 p.m., in the Marshall Building Auditorium. For more information about the Graduate Research Fair, call Deb deLaski-Smith at 487-0048.



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By Ron Podell

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The **Employee Service Recognition Breakfast** is set for Tuesday, March 28, 8:30-10:30 a.m., McKenny Union Ballroom. The program begins at 9 a.m. The program recognizes retirees and employees with 10, 15, 20, 25,

30, 35 and 40 years of service to EMU. Employees will receive a brochure from which to order their own individual gift. For more information, call Jeanette Hassan at 487-3195.



DISTINGUISHED COMPANY: Four faculty will receive the Ronald W. Collins Distinguished Faculty Awards during the Celebration of Faculty Excellence Awards scheduled Wednesday, March 29, 3 p.m., in the McKenny Union Ballroom. Last year's winners are (above, from left) Chris Wood Foreman, professor, communication and theatre arts; Allen Kurta, professor, biology; David Geherin, professor, English language and literature; and Carla Damiano, assistant professor, foreign languages and bilingual studies.

The **Student Gold Medallion Awards** also are scheduled Tuesday, March 28, 3:30-5:30 p.m., McKenny Union Ballroom. The ceremony celebrates excellence and honors students who have made significant leadership and community service contributions within the

Division of Student Affairs, as well as student organizations and student organization advisers who have made a positive impact on the University. Award categories include student leader, student volunteer, student ambassador, student innovator and student employee. For more information, call Mike Erwin at 487-2390.

The Celebration of Faculty Excellence Awards will be presented Wednesday, March 29, 3 p.m., McKenny Union Ballroom. The Ronald W. Collins Distinguished Faculty Awards are the highlight of this awards ceremony. This is the highest award that any faculty member can earn from Eastern Michigan University. Awards will be presented in the categories of Teaching I (0-4 years of teaching), Teaching II (five or more years), Scholarly/Creative Activity and Service to the University. For more information, call Akosua Slough at 487-3200.

The **Founders Day/Gold Medallion Awards** take place Thursday, March 30, 8:15-10:30 a.m., McKenny Union Ballroom. The program honors persons or groups who have made significant, ongoing contributions to the success of divisional programs, activities or services. The Gold Medallion is the most prestigious award presented by the Division of Student Affairs. This event is by invitation only. For more information, call Cathie McClure at 487-2390.

More than 200 students, will present research topics, in oral or poster form, at this year's **Undergraduate Symposium**, scheduled Friday, March 31, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., McKenny Union Ballroom. This event is free and open to the public.

"The Undergraduate Symposium, now in its 26th year, remains an annual tradition of the University to provide participating students with a distinguished event that celebrates their academic success," said Wendy Kivi, event coordinator for the Undergraduate Symposium. "On March 31, 212 students from across all disciplines will present their research and creative projects through 130 oral presentations and 64 poster displays. These students have been mentored throughout the year and supported for their presentations by 130 faculty members."

For more information about the Undergraduate Symposium, contact Kivi at 487-3198 or log on to www.emich.edu/symposium/index.html

The **College of Education Student Awards** also are scheduled Thursday, March 30, 3:30-5:30 p.m. in the McKenny Union Ballroom. Persons are asked to arrive between 3-3:30 p.m. This event honors students from various fields in the COE. For information, call Virginia Harder, 487-1416.

Faculty and tutors who have helped the Holman Learning Center make a difference in the lives of students this past year will be honored during the **Fifth Annual Faculty and Tutor Appreciation Day**, Monday, April 3, 3-5 p.m., McKenny Union Ballroom. Faculty, lecturer, tutor and supplemental instruction leader awards will be presented. The Holman Learning Center provides supplemental instruction to students; tutors for a variety of subjects; skill-building workshops; testing accommodations; and has a first-year academic support program. For more information, call Judy Mack, 487-2133.

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**EMU students
 capture honors at
 Model United
 Nations Conference**

By Ward Mullens

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Seven Eastern Michigan University seniors recently earned recognition at the Midwest Model United Nations (MMUN) Conference in St. Louis.

Patrick Hain (Clinton Township) and Zacheria Garrett (Newport) earned "Outstanding Delegation" recognition for their participation as Cuban delegates on the Economic and Social Council while Justin Lini (Monroe) and Laura Sallows (Findlay, Ohio) earned the same for their participation as Cuban delegates on the World Health Organization. Hain, Garrett, Lini and Sallows also earned "Outstanding Delegation" recognition for their work as part of the Economic and Social Council Plenary committee.

Eric Moise (St. Clair Shores) earned an honorable mention for her role as a Russian Federation delegate on the Disarmament and International Security Committee. Grant Seafross (Troy) earned an honorable mention for his participation as a Russian delegate on the Historic Security Council. Kevin Sanders (Pontiac) received an honorable mention as a Russian delegate on the World Health Organization.



A UNITED FRONT: Seven EMU seniors recently won honors at the Midwest Model United Nations Conference in St. Louis. They are (above, from left) Grant Seafross, Zacheria Garrett, Patrick Hain, Laura Sallows, Justin Lini, Erica Moise and Kevin Sanders.
 Photo provided by Judith Kullberg

"This is possibly the best conference performance of an EMU Model UN team in the history of our program," said Judith Kullberg, professor of political science and adviser for the team. "In terms of number of awards and recognitions, we were one of the top three schools at the conference."

The Midwest Model United Nations is a non-governmental organization officially affiliated with the United Nations that promotes awareness of world issues through its intercollegiate conference. More than 600 students from universities and colleges around the country participate in the conference, representing 77 delegations. Each school represents countries

selected from a lottery. EMU represented Cuba, Spain and Russia.

Students serve on various committees and represent the history and foreign policy of their respective countries. Recognition and honors are given by the staff that oversees each committee.

"I give all of the credit to the students," Kullberg said. "They all put a lot of effort into the program and are very committed. They won awards because they knew their countries and the issues very well."

Kullberg pointed out that it's not just political science that helps EMU's students excel.

"The team's success is an illustration of the fine liberal arts education students receive at EMU," Kullberg said.

EMU has been participating in the Model United Nations Conference since 1992.

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**COE Alumni Hall of
 Fame to induct four
 educators**

By Leigh Soltis



Eastern Michigan University will honor four EMU graduates for their work in the field of education by inducting them into the College of Education Alumni Hall of Fame.

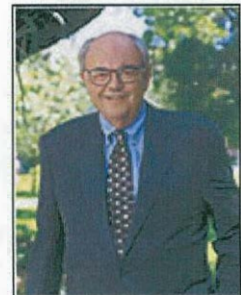
The ceremony will take place Friday, March 31, in the Student Lounge (second floor) of Porter Building. A reception begins at 4:15 p.m., followed by the induction ceremony at 5 p.m. After the ceremony concludes, the reception will continue until 5:45 p.m. The Hall of Fame has honored 31 educators in the past five years.

Those eligible for the Hall of Fame include alumni of the University who have distinguished themselves in the field of education or alumni of the College of Education who have distinguished themselves in education or other professions.

"The Education Alumni Hall of Fame gives us an opportunity to recognize our alumni who have contributed significantly to the field of education, at both state and national levels," said Vernon Polite, dean of the College of Education. "These individuals have taken and applied our philosophy and mission with them in all of their work. We are honored to recognize them in our ceremony this spring."

This year's honorees are:

Samuel Yarger who has dedicated his life to education, starting in the late 1950s as an elementary school teacher, school psychologist and elementary school principal in Michigan. He received his master of arts degree from Eastern Michigan University in 1959 and earned his doctorate in educational psychology at Wayne State University in 1968. Yarger served as professor and dean at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee; associate dean at Syracuse University; and professor and dean at the University of Miami. Under his leadership, the education programs at these universities flourished and continue to credit their success to him. Yarger died in November 2005.



Yarger

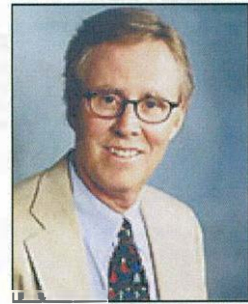


Floyd Clack received a master of arts degree in counseling from Eastern Michigan University in 1972. Clack served the Flint Public Schools as a counselor and teacher for 22 years. Additionally, he was a member of the Genesee County Board of Commissioners for eight years; served as a state representative in the Michigan House of Representatives for 14 years; was a member of the Flint City Council for three years; and was a president of the Flint Branch NAACP. In 2005, Governor

Clack

Jennifer M. Granholm appointed him to the Eastern Michigan University Board of Regents.

Michael Flanagan received his master of arts degree from Eastern Michigan University in 1974. The State Board of Education appointed him State Superintendent of Public Instruction on May 18, 2005. Previously, Flanagan served as the executive director of the Michigan Association of School Administrators and served on the board of the Michigan Association of Intermediate School Administrators. For seven years, he served as the superintendent of the Wayne Regional Educational Service Agency, where he placed a strong emphasis on rising to the challenge of educating children living in poverty. Additionally, Flanagan served as superintendent of the Farmington/Farmington Hills School District in Michigan for five years; was a member of former Michigan Governor John Engler's Reading Plan for the Michigan Council; and was appointed education commissioner on the Detroit 300 Commission by former Detroit Mayor Dennis Archer.



Flanagan



Durbin

Mary Lou Durbin received her state limited degree and certificate, and her bachelor 's of science degree from Michigan State Normal College in 1947 and 1952, respectively. She received her master of arts and specialist degrees from Eastern Michigan University in 1960 and 1966, respectively. Durbin received a doctorate in education from the University of Michigan in 1977. For more than 50 years, she has used her professional experience, joined with a background in classroom teaching and administration in special education, to help elementary students realize their potential and self worth. For her extensive contributions to education and the community, Durbin was given special tribute by former presidents George W. Bush and Bill Clinton, former Michigan Governor John Engler and three members of Congress.

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**Campus safety
 update: Fifteen
 buildings now using
 card access reader**

By Pamela Young

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The physical plant is on schedule with the installation of the new card access program and several more buildings are now using the program. Here's a look at what to expect this week:

More on the building access program

Three buildings — Bowen, Warner and Central Stores — will be outfitted with the card access system this week. That leaves five remaining buildings, which need to be retrofitted.



BOWEN ACCESS: Bowen Fieldhouse is one of three areas on campus that will have the card access system installed this week. The Warner Building and Central Stores are the other two.

There are 15 buildings currently using the system. Rackham will go online this week. Sill Hall, the College of Business, Welch, Hover and Porter implemented the system last week.

Building administrators who need training in the card access system should call Lt. Bob Heighes in public safety at 487-0892.

Emergency assistance stations

EMU's public safety department and ICT are making progress on the installation of the emergency assistance stations in Mark Jefferson and Strong. The campus community will be notified when the stations are in operation.

A quick look at what's happening at EMU

SEEUS (Student Eyes and Ears for University Safety) continues to offer its escort and mobile escort service. There were 1,314 escorts provided by SEEUS in January 2006, up from 638 one year ago.

Members of the safety committee recently walked around campus during the evening in order to identify any lighting issues. If you have any questions or concerns, contact your representative or call Anita Amrhein, committee secretary, at 487-0892.

Keeping you and EMU safe

Now that the Internet plays an important role in our lives, play it smart by remembering these safety tips:

- Keep all passwords private. Your online service will never ask for them, nor should anyone else. If you have to write down your

password, don't leave it where it is easily accessible.

- Nothing you write on the Web is completely private — including e-mail. Be careful and think about what you say and what you reveal. Don't share personal photos or information with strangers you meet online.

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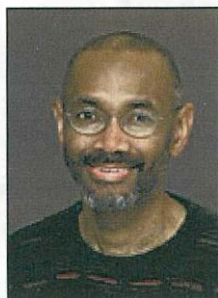
Christine Karshin, associate professor in the School of Health Promotion and Human Performance, and **Jeff Schulz**, associate dean of the College of Health and Human Services, were recently interviewed by the Society for Human Resource Management for their study on hiring practices and body art.



Karshin

Andrew Cluley, a WEMU news reporter, recently won the Michigan Association of Broadcasters 2005 Broadcast Excellence Award for the Best Feature/Use of Medium for his story, "Pinball Art," a report on the pinball art display showcased on EMU's campus last winter. He received his award March 14.

Young Iob-Chung, a former EMU professor of economics and former head of the economics department, recently had his book, "Korean Under Siege, 1886-1945: Capital Formation and Economic Transformation," published by Oxford University Press. The book is a study of transformation of the Korean economy from the time of the opening of the hermit kingdom in 1876 to the end of Japanese rule in 1945, focusing on capital formation, economic growth and structural changes.



Semmes

Clovis Semmes, professor of African-American Studies, recently had his book, "The Regal Theater and Black Culture," published by Palgrave Macmillan. The book chronicles more than 40 years of critical changes in African-American expressive and popular culture, covering diverse forms of music, dance and comedy. The Regal Theater (1928-68) was the largest and most architecturally splendid movie-stage-show venue ever constructed for a black community. In this history of that theater, Semmes reveals the political, economic and business realities of cultural production and the institutional inequalities that circumscribed black life. Several grants, including a Spring-Summer Research Award and a Faculty Research Fellowship, both from EMU; and a National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship helped to support a portion of research for this book.

The EMU men's indoor track and field team tallied 171 points to capture its 10th Mid-American Conference indoor track and field title in the past 11 years. The meet took place at the Perry Center near Bowling Green State University. Junior **Dave Adamek** won the Most Outstanding Field Performance as he broke the MAC championship record in the shot put with a throw of 61 feet, 11 inches. **Brad Fairchild**, EMU's head track coach, was named MAC Coach of the Year.

Adamek and high jumper **Adam Kring** qualified for the NCAA Indoor Track and Field Championships, which took place at the University of Arkansas March 4-5. Adamek placed 13th in the shot put while Kring was 15th in the high jump at nationals.

The EMU women's swimming and diving team captured its first-ever MAC title. The women won by 11 points over Miami (Ohio), which had claimed the

MAC title the previous four years. Sophomore **Madeleine Pilchard** won the 100, 200- and 500-meter freestyle races, and anchored the winning 400-meter freestyle relay team. She was named MAC Women's Swimmer of the Year. Senior **Sarah Chrzanowski** finished first on the one-meter diving board. Both Pilchard and Chrzanowski were named All-MAC First Team. EMU Head Coach **Peter Linn** was named MAC Women's Swimming Coach of the Year and **Buck Smith** was named MAC Women's Diving Coach of the Year.

Two EMU women divers qualified for the NCAA championships March 16-18. Sophomore **Becky Renkola** finished sixth on the 3-meter board and senior **Sarah Chrzanowski** was seventh at the NCAA Zone C Diving Qualifying Meet recently hosted by Ohio State University.

John Bowler, a senior forward on EMU's men's basketball team, was named First Team All-MAC, the first Eagle to do since Earl Boykins in 1997-98. Bowler led the MAC in scoring (20.1 ppg) and rebounds (10.8 rpg). Bowler finished his career as the 11th-leading scorer in EMU history with 1,427 points and his 801 rebounds ranks fifth. Freshman point guard **Carlos Medlock** was named to the MAC's All-Freshman Team. Medlock led the Eagles in minutes played (823), was the team's second-leading scorer at 11.5 ppg, and topped the team in assists, at 3.3 per game, and in steals with 50.

The EMU women's basketball team had three players selected for All-MAC teams. Senior forward **Ryan Coleman** was named First-Team All-MAC while teammates **Nikki Knapp** and **Patrice McKinney** were named to the second team.

Coleman earned first-team honors for the third consecutive year, the first player in the program's history to do so. Coleman led the team in points (17.3 ppg), field goals made (161), three-pointers made (31), assists (4.2 per game), steals (2.2 per game), blocks (0.6 per game) and minutes (37.2 per game).

Coleman also was named a finalist for the Kodak/Women's Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA) All-America Basketball Team March 13. Coleman is one of 48 finalists, voted upon by WBCA member coaches in each of eight geographic regions. Coleman, one of six players named to the Region Four team, is now in the running for a spot on the 10-member All-America team.



Coleman

Knapp, a senior forward, was a third-team selection last year. She leads the team in field goal percentage (.482) while ranking second on the team in scoring (13.1 ppg). McKinney, a sophomore guard, averaged 9.2 points, 7.4 rebounds and 3.0 assists per game during the season. Those numbers rose to 12.5 ppg and 8.5 rebounds per game during MAC play.

Junior forward **Sarah Van Metre** was named to the 10-person Academic All-MAC women's basketball team. Van Metre is only the 10th women's basketball player in school history named to the Academic All-MAC team.

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Joseph Fauman, an Eastern Michigan University professor of sociology from 1958-86, died Feb. 26 in St. Louis, Mo. He was 87.

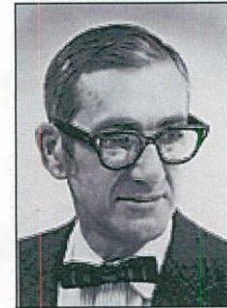
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**Former sociology
 professor dies**

Formerly a resident of Huntington Woods, Mich., Fauman began his teaching career at the University of Michigan as a teaching assistant (while pursuing his master's degree) in 1939. He continued as an assistant until 1942.

By Ron Podell

At that time, Fauman became a 1st Lieutenant in the United States Air Force, where he remained until 1946.

After World War II, he returned to the University of Michigan, where he was a teaching fellow from 1946-47. After receiving his doctorate, Fauman was a part-time faculty member at Wayne State University from 1950-58. He also was a lecturer for University of Michigan extension courses beginning in 1955.



Fauman

He came to EMU in 1958, where he was a professor of sociology until his retirement. Fauman was instrumental in founding EMU's Criminal Justice program.

Fauman received his doctorate, juris doctorate, master's degree and bachelor's degree, all in sociology and all from the University of Michigan.

Survivors include his wife, Lilo; a son, David; two daughters, Dr. Debra Horwitz and Dr. Ruth Fauman-Fichman; and seven grandchildren.

A campus memorial service and celebration of Fauman's life took place March 19 via teleconference in Halle Library.

Contributions can be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 9374 Olive Blvd., St. Louis, Mo., 63132. Berger Memorial Service..

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Oral presentations **80**

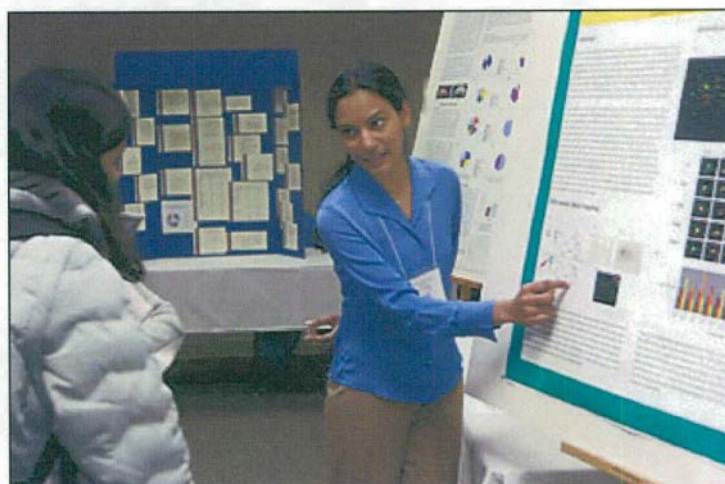
Poster presentations **44**

Students participating **165**

Faculty sponsors **84**

Morning workshops **8**

**Source: Deb deLaski-Smith, Coordinator,
Graduate Research Fair**



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News Briefs



The following are news briefs about important activities and events happening at Eastern Michigan University.

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 - Government Career Fair scheduled March 22
 - Flexible Spending Account (FSA) deadline is March 31
 - Health workshop set for April 1
 - Diva performs April 7
 - BJ Thomas and Billy Joe Royal in concert
 - Ain't Misbehavin'
 - Celebrate National Nutrition Month
- **Board of Regents meets March 21:** The Eastern Michigan University Board of Regents meets Tuesday, March 21. The schedule is as follows: Athletic Affairs Committee, 8-8:45 a.m., Room 201 Welch; Faculty Affairs Committee, 8:45-9:30 a.m., 205 Welch; Student Affairs Committee, 9:30-10:15 a.m., 201 Welch; Education Policy Committee, 10:15-11 a.m., Room 205 Welch; Finance and Audit Committee, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Room 201 Welch; Regular Board meeting (communication section), 12:45-1:15 p.m., Room 201 Welch; Adjourn for lunch, 1:15 p.m.; Reconvene regular Board meeting, 2:15 p.m., Room 201 Welch. For more information, call Dana Aymond, 487-2410.
 - **Government Career Fair scheduled March 22:** The Career Services Center's Fourth Annual Call to Serve Government Career Fair is scheduled Wednesday, March 22, noon-4 p.m., McKenny Union Ballroom. This event is open to all students regardless of major or year in school. Faculty should encourage their students to come and learn about career opportunities. Recruiters represent a variety of agencies and departments such as: Michigan State Police, FBI, IRS, Oakland County Human Resources Department, U.S. Customs and Border Patrol, U.S. Attorney's Office, Veteran's Affairs Healthcare System, Department of Health and Human Services, National Labor Relations Board and more. For questions, call Barbara Jones, 487-2419.
 - **Flexible Spending Account (FSA) deadline:** The 2005 calendar year Flexible Spending Account year for medical and dependent care expenses ended Dec. 31, 2005. Any receipts for claim expenses incurred as of Dec. 31, 2005, must be submitted for reimbursement by the run-out period of March 31, 2006. Reimbursement forms are available on the Human Resources Web site under HR Forms or in the Benefits Office, 235 Warner. Due to the increased volume of claims submission, Ceridian Benefits Services are extending their Flexible Spending Account (FSA) Call Center hours to accommodate the higher call volumes during this time of the year. The hours are Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-9 p.m. EST; and Saturday, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. EST. If you have any questions about eligible expenses, call Ceridian Benefits Services, (877) 799-8820, or go to www.ceridian-benefits.com.
 - **Health workshop set for April 1:** EMU's School of Health Sciences' Occupational Therapy Program hosts "Creating an Optimal Healing Environment to Promote Positive Growth," Saturday, April 1, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Room 300, Halle Library. The workshop will offer healthcare professionals and educators an expanded way to view the world that will enhance their effectiveness in communicating and effecting change with clients, students, families and colleagues. Lana Warren, vice president of clinical programs at the Kennedy Krieger Institute in Baltimore, is the keynote speaker. To register, call Judy Olson, 487-2280.

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- **Diva performs April 7:** Diva, one of the nation's foremost big band jazz orchestras, performs Friday April 7, 8 p.m. Pease Auditorium. Tickets are \$5 for EMU students and \$12 for the general public. Diva swings with spontaneity, originality and finesse. Jazz Times raves, "They punched, kicked, roared and swung with a disciplined abandon and an unaffected joie de vivre." For tickets, call 487-2282.



Diva

- **BJ Thomas and Billy Joe Royal in concert April 8:** The Michigan Professional Fire Fighters Union presents BJ Thomas and Billy Joe Royal at the EMU Convocation Center Saturday, April 8, 7:30 p.m. Thomas's hits include "Raindrops Keep Fallin' On My Head" and "New Looks From An Old Lover." Royal's big hit was "Down In The Boondocks." Tickets are \$20 each and are available at the EMU Convocation Center Box Office, 487-2282, or www.emich.edu/convocation



JUMP, JIVE AND WAIL: (above, from left) Courtney A. Eaddy-Richardson, a junior from Ann Arbor, and Johnny Cuff, a junior from Detroit, perform during a scene from "Ain't Misbehavin'," scheduled March 31-April 1, April 6-8, 8 p.m., and April 2, 2 p.m., Quirk Theatre.

office in 108 Roosevelt Hall.

Ain't Misbehavin': Eastern Michigan University's theatre production of "Ain't Misbehavin'," is scheduled March 31-April 1, April 6-8, 8 p.m., Quirk Theatre; and April 2, 2 p.m., Quirk Theatre. The play, highlighted by the music of Thomas "Fats" Waller, is based on an idea by Murray Horwitz and Richard Maltby, Jr., with lyrics by various artists. "Ain't Misbehavin'," directed by Wallace Bridges, is a musical revue filled with jumpin', jivin' and wailin'. Join a group of five friends dressed to the nines while they dance the night away singin' some of the most swingin' tunes of the 20th century. This classic show is sure to get you on your feet. Ticket prices are \$15 for regular admission, and \$12 for EMU students and MAINSTAGE members. Additional discounts for advance purchase and groups of 10 or more are available. For more information, call the EMU Theatre Box Office at 487-1221 or go to <http://www.emich.edu/public/cta/ted/>

- **Celebrate National Nutrition Month:** Step up to the challenge in March for National Nutrition Month. Participate in the Office of Nutrition Services Scavenger Hunt through March 31. For information, call 487-6572, e-mail chhs_nutrition@emich.edu or stop by the

Why I work at Eastern Michigan University

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I first taught social work at Catholic University in Washington, D.C. When I moved to Michigan in 1977, I taught at the University of Michigan for three years before coming to EMU in 1980. I have been working here at EMU ever since, and love it.

There is a commitment in this School of Social Work to social justice and there is emphasis on teaching about social justice and social change. I love that my colleagues share this vision with me.

I am constantly awed by EMU students' strength and resilience. They come from all kinds of places: economically, socially and culturally. I am always learning from their life experiences that they share in and out of the classroom. EMU is the kind of place where people are given opportunities.

Since last May I have been in a new role, as director of the school. I am spending a lot of time helping to build community among students, among students and faculty and among the wider community and our school. We work a lot with community agencies where students are doing practicum and being prepared for professional social work practice. I probably will retire within 3-5 years and look forward to spending more time working for peace and justice causes.

I decided to become a teacher because I wanted to help students to learn what good social work is about. I felt I could have the greatest influence on how social work services are delivered by being involved with people just starting out in the field or returning to increase their skills.