Two Beloved Chemists Departing EMU

Iler Returning to Alma Mater

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After serving at EMU for eight years, Associate Professor of Chemistry H. Darrell Iler has developed a bit of homesickness. Longing to return to Greenville, a town in Illinois east of St. Louis, Iler has finally gotten the go-ahead to pack up and move back.

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Iler also looks forward to being able to watch the St. Louis Cardinals games again. Iler will be taking his three children, aged 13, 16, and 20, back to Greenville with him. While the two younger ones are opposed to the move, Iler said, "They're being gracious and stoic." He is delighted that his family is helping to make the transition easy.

"Iler's resignation has come as a surprise to students, many of whom consider his General Chemistry course the highlight of their first years. "I'm not believing it," said Greg Lamb, a first year student, upon being told that Iler will be leaving at the end of the semester. "It's a hard hit for the Chemistry department," said Senior Chemistry and Biology major Thaddeus Hollingsworth. "Darrell was actually the professor that got me interested in the major in the first place ... he's just an awesome teacher." Ben Heathwole, a first-year Biology major, said, "He enjoys doing fun demonstrations and activities so it makes it interesting for the students. I would have looked forward to having him again." Iler attributes this to "2000, Kauffman was honored for his commitment to the Chemistry department. Iler and Doug Grauer, also a professor in the Biology department, wrote to acclaim his achievements: "Glenn exemplifies the character of a Renaissance man who is skilled and conversant in a broad range of areas, such as philosophy, theology, music, gardening, sports and of course science ... the high academic standards

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Kauffman also takes his Chemistry career a step further. He serves on the Pre-professional Health Committee here and teaches many Pre-medical students in his Organic Chemistry class.

Outside of Chemistry, Kauffman enjoys classical music on a large collection of old LPs; he is especially fond of Beethoven. After being marginally separated from this hobby during his teaching years, he intends to explore it more after he retires.

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