Steffy, Stutzman, Showcase Musical Talents

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Undergraduate Academic Dean Marie Morris and Weather Vane faculty advisor Richard Benner have announced the reorganization of the Weather Vane co-editors for the fall 2003 semester.

The first is Jeremy Yoder, currently a junior Environmental Science major with English and Chemistry minors. The second, Michael J. Sharp, is a sophomore History major with Biology, Spanish and German minors.

The two are returning after a semester which saw the reorganization of the paper, including the positions of the head editors.

Instead of two co-positions of the head editor, the positions were tentatively entitled "The Burg," and create venues such as Spring Orientation and Registration and other events.

The Weather Vane has also been the accompanist for Rice athletics at the college level; according to the EMU web site, he spent the intervening time working with the recycling and industrial services company SimsMetal and coaching high school basketball.

EMU head baseball coach Robert Roeschley, who was Athletic Director when Dunavant was hired in 2001, told Houston Chronicle that the Chronicle ran any articles with the recycling and industrial services company SimsMetal and coaching high school basketball.

Roeschley explained that the committee, which included representatives from the Physical Education Department, the current women’s basketball team, and the President’s cabinet, “didn’t see a reason to do a background check of any kind.”

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Both recitals were well-attended, and audience response was very positive.

"It was hot, definitely," said senior Nate Hoffer on Stutzman’s recital. "I’m just so proud of him. Stutzman’s a prodigy."

"There’s something about these recitals that helps us tap into our artistic side," said first-year Sarah Blake.

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