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Retiring President Eugene B. Elliott: After 17 Years, the End of an Era.



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Dr. Harold E. Sponberg

To the alumni and former students of Eastern:

The opportunity to serve Eastern Michigan University is surpassed only by the privilege of becoming a member of the Eastern family. To assume the presidency of this distinguished University means the we must continue the legacy of McKinney, Munson and Elliott.

As Michigan Normal, a noble tradition of excellence in education was established. Early academic giants created the reputation of intellectual distinction. Among them were Hoyt in Education, Gorton in Physics, D'Ooge in Ancient Languages, Ford in Modern Languages, Miller in Music and German, McFarlane, Jefferson and Colby in Geography, Sherzer in Natural Sciences, Strong in the Physical Sciences, Smith and Stone in Mathematics and Carl Pray in History.

Now we have the responsibility not only to continue the legacy of this noble heritage but also to enlarge and enrich it. More students must be given the opportunity to be educated at Eastern. We must strive to make that opportunity a privilege at the time the student becomes an alumnus. If we can create an atmosphere for learning that will be well and favorably remembered, we will then engender an attitude of affection and respect for Eastern. But this atmosphere must be developed by administrators who strive to serve the students by helping them succeed, by a faculty who care and care deeply about students, and by students who will develop pride in their own efforts and enthusiasm for the University.

As we look forward to the opportunity of becoming a part of the more than 22,000 alumni and former students, we contemplate the ways of strengthening the affection for Eastern. It would be our hope that we could develop strong chapter groups throughout the state and nation. We could improve communication between alumni and the University. Perhaps it will be possible to have a full time alumni director who will accelerate the services to alumni.

Since the value of a University education is immeasurable, it may be feasible to provide the opportunity for the alumni to invest in the future of our alma mater through annual contributions, scholarship awards, bequests, wills and grants.

There are many other ways for the University and alumni to pursue the common cause: the improvement of the University. In the days and years ahead, I shall exercise the authority of the President's office to mobilize the talents and inspire the cooperation of the alumni everywhere and together create a greater Eastern for the many tomorrows.

Through the leadership of Professor Studt and with the encouragement of the capable officers, Mr. Donald Currie and Dr. Elven Duvall, we can stretch the loyalty of all alumni to new heights and make us all renew our pride in Eastern, ennobling

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FIVE TO RECEIVE HONORARY DEGREES



Five recognized leaders in the fields of education, art and business will have the honorary doctor of laws degree conferred upon them during the 112th Commencement of Eastern Michigan University on Saturday, June 12, 1965. The honorary degree recipients (reading counter-clockwise) are: Mssrs. Stanley S. Kresge, Donald M. Currie, Wilfred F. Clapp, Harris F. Fletcher and Miss Gwen Frostic.

Stanley Sebastian Kresge, vice chairman of the board of the S. S. Kresge Company, has been cited many times for his dedication to public service. As trustee of the Kellogg Fund, Albion College and the Metropolitan Detroit YMCA, he has encouraged strong support for worthy educational projects. Mr. Kresge also acts as the president of the Kresge Foundation, established by his father in 1924.

Donald M. Currie, president of the EMU Alumni Association, will do double duty on June 12. In addition to accepting his honorary degree, he will be featured as commencement speaker. His present position as superintendent of the Royal Oak Public Schools follows a varied career as a teacher and educational administrator. He has been an elected member of the EMU Alumni Board for fourteen years.

Former assistant superintendent of public instruction for the State of Michigan, Wilfred F. Clapp, joined the department as a consultant in 1937. He served the state until his retirement last January, with the exception of two years spent in the U. S. Office of Education. He has supervised activities in numerous areas related to the State of Michigan's public educational program.

Harris Francis Fletcher, a retired professor of English at the University of Illinois, was born on a farm in Washtenaw County and graduated from EMU in 1912. He is recognized as one of the world's leading authorities on the life and works of the English poet, John Milton. The recipient of many scholarly honors, Dr. Fletcher was granted the EMU Distinguished Alumnus Award in 1962.

Miss Gwen Frostic is a nationally known graphic artist and the author of five books. She presently specializes in the design and cutting of linoleum blocks used in printing greeting cards, papers, calendars and books. She employs four automatic presses in the reproduction of over 600 linoleum blocks currently in use. Miss Frostic received a Life Certificate from Eastern in 1926.

\$25,000 Scholarship Gift From EMU Alumnus



Arthur F. Lederle

A gift in the amount of \$25,000, donated by a former Chief of the U. S. District Court, Judge Arthur F. Lederle, is the largest ever received by Eastern Michigan University from an alumnus. Judge Lederle has asked that the monies be used to establish the Arthur F. Lederle Scholarship Fund. The scholarship is to be awarded on a continuing basis.

The scholarship funds have not been restricted to a particular field of academic specialization. Any outstanding student can make application for the award, whatever his major and/or minor field of study. Though Judge Lederle has been a member of the bar since 1915, he expressed a desire to assist that student judged most worthy, regardless of his anticipated career choice.

Judge Lederle graduated from the Michigan State Normal School in 1909. In 1959, fifty years later, he was the first person to receive the Eastern Michigan Alumni Honors Award.

Deepseated humanitarian principles guided and marked Lederle's long career on the bench. Testimonials offered at the time of his retirement in June, 1960, repeated his view that the "law is the people's servant, not their harsh master."

Judge Lederle has been cited for his humane treatment of Haywood Patterson. Patterson, a negro, had been hounded by the infamous Alabama 'fugitive

warrant'. The charge was dismissed by Lederle in the famous 'Scottsboro case'.

When Patterson wept with gratitude and appreciation for the kindness shown him, the judge stated, "you were treated with dignity because that is the right of anyone who comes before the court." To this Patterson replied, "it was something never shown to me before!"

Judge Lederle taught school in Traverse City and River Rouge before being admitted to the bar. Despite the career change, his interest in education has been a continuing one. He has served as chairman of the Citizens for Schools Committee in Detroit, and was an assistant for the Detroit corporation council assigned to the Board of Education.

In 1957, on the occasion of Lederle's 70th birthday, his friends, endowed the Arthur F. Lederle Scholarship Fund at Wayne State University's Law School. It is fitting that his name be remembered in connection with both endowments.

While a public servant, Judge Lederle described his bank balance as "never large." EMU is especially proud that a man of such moderate means has seen fit to honor his Alma Mater so generously. As President Elliott has remarked, "the association of Judge Lederle's gift with his personal qualities of vision and integrity will serve to inspire today's students at Eastern Michigan University."

Dr. Kenneth Cleeton, acting dean of the College of Education (l.) and Author Gesler (r.) discuss project with Peace Corps volunteers Nancy Spencer and Ben Kasper.



Peace Corps Training Project at Eastern

by Ralph Gesler,

*Assistant Director of Field Services and
Director of Eastern's Peace Corps Training Project*

In the summer of 1964 Eastern Michigan University developed and carried out its first Peace Corps Training Project. One of approximately fifty projects in the United States held during July and August, the program at Eastern was designed to prepare volunteers for teaching in the intermediate schools in the Somali Republic.

At present Eastern Michigan University is under contract with the Agency for International Development to assist the Somali Republic in developing its teacher training institution at Afgoi. This program under the leadership of Dr. Stanley Gex was referred to in the October, 1961 issue of the Alumni Newsletter. Until such a time as the National Teacher Education Center is able to prepare enough Somali teachers to man its classrooms, the Peace Corps will probably be sending volunteers to fill the gap.

Seventy-four trainees reported to the Eastern campus on June 21. These students, all graduates of colleges and universities, came from thirty of our fifty states. The greatest number (9) came from New York, while Michigan, Massachusetts, Illinois and California, each, was represented by five. Sixty-eight of the seventy-four were single. There were three married couples. Forty-eight of the group were males and twenty-six were females.

The entire group was housed in Wise Hall and was assigned a separate area in the dining commons. This was done in order to keep the trainees together as a group, and to enable them to use the dining hours to practice the Somali language and to discuss their other classroom work.

The training program consisted of 600 hours of instruction over a ten-week period. This compares roughly with a fifteen semester hour load of forty weeks. No attempt was made to give the trainees a full program of pre-professional experiences as is given for the regular student of education, but it was intended that the program meet the emergency of the time and speedily develop them into resource persons needed in Somalia.

The 600 hours were broken down into seven components consisting of 100 hours of technical studies—the knowledge and skills to do the job; 75 hours of area studies—the history, political, and cultural aspects of Somalia; 70 hours of American studies and world affairs—including contemporary international problems and the role of the United States in the world scene; 20 hours of Peace Corps orientation—the aims of the Peace Corps and the volunteer's role; 65 hours of physical education and recreation—including personal conditioning and practice in United States and Somali games; 30 hours of health and medical training—first aid, personal hygiene and preventative measures required in the Somali Republic; and 240 hours of the Somali language. Also included in the program were the schedule of inoculations and psychiatric and psychological interviews, which were a necessary part of the preparation for overseas service.

Eastern was very fortunate in having on the campus, or having access to, the important resources needed to develop a teacher training program for a country such as Somali. The

technical studies area was supervised by Miss Erma Muckenhirn, who has done considerable research in African education. She was assisted by many of the most able of our Education Department staff and supervisors from Roosevelt and Lincoln Schools. The area studies sections was handled largely by Mr. Frank Mahoney, a cultural anthropologist who had just returned from six years' study of the Somali people.

Language was a real problem in that there is no written Somali language. We were fortunate in engaging the services of a linguist, Mr. Joseph Pia, from the University of Indiana, who together with two assistants and the help of some of the Somali nationals who are on the campuses of Eastern, Western and Central Michigan University, developed a type of phonetic language and from that a Somali Primer. Dr. Bowen and the Physical Education Department, Dr. McLarty and the social science division of the History and Social Science Department, and Dr. Sirola and the health center all worked hard and long to adapt their particular areas to the preparation of these young people for two years in a strange land.

A typical day (Monday through Saturday) consisted of breakfast at 6:30, classes until 12:00 noon, lunch until 1:00 p.m., classes (including physical education) until 6:00 p.m., dinner until 7:00 and classes until 9:00 p.m. — Sundays were free! Seeing that this tight schedule of classes and activities was followed was the responsibility of Mr. Gene Megiveron, principal of Lincoln Consolidated High School.

Sundays were free except that on a few occasions full days of recreation were planned in which students could participate if they wished to do so, and nearly all of them did. One day, Dr. and Mrs. A. F. Milford invited all the students out to their cottage at Portage Lake. When those seventy-four trainees got out of the buses and immediately headed for the lake it looked like the Normandy invasion in reverse. Other planned recreational activities included a picnic at Lincoln School, a trip to Detroit to watch the Detroit Lions play the Baltimore Colts in exhibition football, and numerous small group parties at various faculty members' homes.

Many people helped to make the project a success. Assigned to the project were twenty-eight full-and/or part-time instructors in addition to the clerical, secretarial and other non-academic assistants. The total budget, paid by the Peace Corps, was approximately \$160,000.00.

At the close of the program fifty-eight trainees qualified as volunteers and were sent to Somali, where they are now teaching in twenty different communities.

Eastern Michigan University's participation did not end with the completion of the training program, as it is also responsible for the overseas administration of the volunteers. Mr. Eino Waara received the appointment as Contractor's Overseas Representative and is now on the scene with the volunteers, maintaining close ties with each one and rendering them whatever assistance is necessary for each volunteer to do a competent job of teaching in the Somali Republic.

ALUMNIGRAMS

... In a recent communication, **F. ROY KEPLER** ('05) tells us he was the first man permitted to enroll in manual training (1904-05), and the first man to be placed by Michigan State Normal College as the first teacher of manual training (industrial arts) in the Detroit public schools. Mr. Kepler retired in 1945 from his position as supervisor in the Vocational Department of the Detroit schools.

... After teaching 25 years in Seattle and 6 years in Walla Walla, Washington, Mrs. **FLOY DELL RAMSDELL BUMGARNER** ('07) has retired and is living at Grey Gables, Ojai, California.

... **HOMER HUNT** ('16) has retired and is now living in Malibu, California, where he is raising orchids and has taken up the art of lapidary.

... Professor Emeritus **PAUL B. SAMSON**, retired member of the Physical Education Department, and Mrs. Samson (**ELSIE MUSOLF** '25) are spending the winter in Miami, Florida.

... **WALTER W. BELLMAN** ('33) has been appointed counselor in the new Municipal College at Ventura, California. Mrs. Bellman is the former **EDNA HALLOWAY** ('34).

... **RALPH F. CHAPMAN** ('43), manager of the Convention Department of the Greater Tampa (Florida) Chamber of Commerce, is the city's convention champion. He has attended more than any other person in the area, and on a recent weekend went to five conventions in two days. It is Ralph's job to crowd as many people into Tampa as it will hold. For the past five years he has lured a yearly average of 66,000 delegates who have pumped millions of dollars into the economy of the city. Says Ralph, "We go to conventions in order to interest them in Tampa as a meeting site. In the five conventions I attended on one weekend, we managed to book four of them."

... Major **OREN E. DeHAVEN** ('48), plans officer of the Eighth Army Logistics, has received an army commendation medal

and was cited for meritorious service as secretary of the general staff at Fort Benning, Georgia. Major DeHaven is presently on a year's duty in Korea, while Mrs. DeHaven, the former **PATRICIA WILSON** ('48) and their two sons, Kirk and Kim, are residing in Bradenton, Florida.

... **RAYMOND ARNOLD MANN** ('49) recently became a life member of the EMU Alumni Association. Raymond is now living in New York City, working for Pan American Airways in their Service Department.

... **ROBERT W. MOFFETT** ('49), football and baseball coach at Ypsilanti High School for the past six seasons, has been named athletic director, succeeding **RICHARD LEE** ('50) who has taken a position in President Johnson's "war on poverty" program. Mrs. Moffett is the former **VALERIE TURNER** ('49) and is an instructor in the EMU Physical Education Department.

... **RICHARD D. LEE** ('50) left on January 31 to begin two months' training for a later position in southern Ohio as education director at Camp Vesuvius, a retraining camp for high school dropouts from 16-21 years old who have fallen into the ranks of the unemployed and the impoverished. Dick coached track and cross country at Ypsilanti High School from 1953-1959 when he was appointed Director of Athletics. He will be succeeded in the directorship by **ROBERT W. MOFFETT** ('49).

... **JOHN C. GROOS** ('51) who now resides in St. Paul, Minnesota, holds a joint position with the State Departments of Education and of Public Welfare as a consultant in Special Education. This involves working with school districts, mental health centers and institutions for the mentally ill in setting up comprehensive education programs for disturbed children.

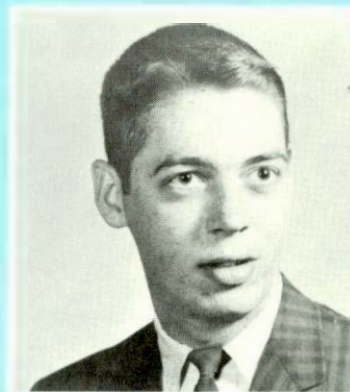
... **JACK PRICE** ('52), currently a department head at Southeastern High School in Detroit, is co-author of a new high school chemistry text. The text, *Chemistry: A Modern Course*, is published by Charles E. Merrill Books, Inc. of Columbus, Ohio, and is especially notable for its modern treatment of the principles of chemistry. Mr. Price received his Master's degree in Education from Wayne State University, was a John Hay Fellow at Yale University in 1959-60, and is now working on his Doctorate in Education. He has been an instructor in the Detroit Public Schools for more than ten years.

... **THOMAS H. ATKINSON** ('57) has been named registrar at Oakland University. His promotion was approved by the Michigan State University Board of Trustees on January 21. A teacher in Pontiac Central High School for five years, Mr. Atkinson joined the Oakland University staff in 1962 as assistant registrar.

... **DAVID A. ELSILA** ('60) is the editor of the *Civil Liberties Newsletter*, published quarterly by the American Civil Liberties Union of Michigan.

... **EDITH T. KAWAKAMI** ('60) is now teaching in Kahului, Maui, Hawaii. On February 18 she represented Eastern Michigan University at a meeting of the A.A.U.W. to give parents and prospective students information concerning the University.

... **DENNIS R. HODGES** ('64), of Toledo, Ohio, has been appointed to the sales staff of Wyeth Laboratories, Philadelphia pharmaceutical concern. Hodges was formerly associated with Hughes, Hatcher, Suffrin in Ann Arbor, Michigan.



... The Equitable Life Assurance Society of the United States recently honored **IBRAHIM ("ABE") KARAM** ('62) at its five-day National Leaders Conference in Miami Beach, Florida. Mr. Karam is a member of the R. L. Smith Agency of Flint and completed a highly successful sales performance in 1964 climaxed by 100% persistency.

... Mrs. **VELMA CURRIER TOMPKINS**, Lincoln School supervising teacher from 1928-1936 (one year in special class and seven years in the first grade), has left her share of a family inheritance to the St. Luke's Hospital of Phoenix, Arizona. The \$67,000.00 was given to the Hospital unconditionally, with no specification as to its use. Mrs. Tompkins died on March 12, 1963.

LETTER FROM PRESIDENT (Cont'd)

her traditions, enriching her heritage and embellishing her good name.

John Masfield gives us the inspiration when he wrote,

"There are few earthly things
More splendid than a University . . .
In these days of broken frontiers
And collapsing values,
When the dams are down
And the floods are making misery,
When every future looks somewhat grim
And every ancient foothold has become some-
thing of a quagmire
Wherever a University stands,
It stands and shines;
Wherever it exists,
The free minds of men,
Urged on to full and fair enquiry,
May still bring wisdom into human affairs.

"There are few earthly things
More beautiful than a University . . .
It is a place where those who hate ignorance
May strive to know,
Where those who perceive truth
May strive to make others see;

"There are few things more enduring than a
University,
Religions may split into sect or heresy;
Dynasties may perish or be supplanted,
But for century after century the University
will continue,

And the stream of life will pass through it,
And the thinker and the seeker will be bound
together

In the undying cause of bringing thought into
the world.

"To be a member of one of these great societies
Must ever be a glad distinction."

— Cordially, Harold E. Sponberg

Recent Alumni Contributors

Since the publication of the February, 1965 News-
letter, the following alumni have made contributions
of \$5 or more to Alumni Association Projects. Their
generosity is greatly appreciated.

Evelyn Agnew
Susanna Baltzer
Edith M. Barley
E. Jean Bartlett
Dan Batista
Emily K. Beardsley
Dorothy Benton
Lottie Brooks Conway
Mr. and Mrs. Grant A. Cornell
John deGiulio
Elvera M. Dodds
Charles P. Ellis
Mrs. Aida Van Tassel Erickson
Mrs. Thomas N. Hitchman, Jr.
Louise M. Hodgman
Katherine D. Holth
Irja Kettunen
Arthur F. Lederle
Cora E. Lindow
Louise Agrell MacLean
Ida H. McKay
Raymond A. Mann
Clarence J. Messner
Mrs. Freeman Monson
Josephine Pasquini
Estell M. Reid
Mr. and Mrs. Brian A. Rogers
Thelma L. Russell
Irene Saam
Mrs. Thomas P. Saddy
Elmer R. Stitt
J. Margaret Young

MEMORIAM

Miss Unabelle B. Bartlett ('15), Memphis, Michigan
Mrs. Myrtle Schomaker Berryman ('60), Detroit, Mich-
igan
Mrs. Albert H. Bethke (Louise C. Schuler '25), Ann
Arbor, Michigan
Mrs. Minnie H. Broesamle ('98), Chelsea, Michigan
Mrs. George J. Burke, Sr. (Edna Jane Fritts '08), Ann
Arbor, Michigan
Miss Lillian K. Coe ('12), Royal Oak, Michigan
Miss Sally Charlotte Davis ('57), Northville, Michigan
Mrs. James Drew (Bess Quantrell '15), Detroit, Mich-
igan
Douglas H. Ferriby ('14), Saginaw, Michigan
Dr. Harold M. Fox ('21), Portland, Michigan
Arthur J. Helfrich ('15, '23), Ypsilanti, Michigan
Harold Hurston ('34-'36), Amherst, Massachusetts
Mrs. Flora Saunders Jones ('14), Washington, D.C.

Mrs. Will D. Kimball (Una R. Gage '04), Elgin, Illinois
Miss Anna M. Klager ('15), Ann Arbor, Michigan
W. Glen Lewis ('07), Seattle, Washington
Mrs. J. E. MacAllister (Maude Davis '07), Ypsilanti,
Michigan
Mrs. Frank U. Mulholland (Ferne Genevieve Bell '31),
Ann Arbor, Michigan
John S. Page ('12, Hon. M. Ed. '43), Howell, Michigan
Mrs. Charles Root, Sr. (Hazel Irene Ceer '15),
Plymouth, Michigan
Dr. Bertram E. Rynearson ('10), Lincoln Park, Mich-
igan
George E. Shawley ('15), River Rouge, Michigan
Miss Josephine Sherzer ('11, Hon. M. Ed. '36), New
York, New York
Hiram Robinson Shimp ('13), Walnut, Illinois
Cyrus B. Tremper ('03), St. Petersburg, Florida
George Gill Warner ('98), Gregory, South Dakota

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COME TO EMU ON ALUMNI DAY, SATURDAY, JUNE 5

*Eastern Michigan University
and its
Alumni Association
request your presence on
Alumni Day
Saturday, June 5th
at
Ypsilanti, Michigan*

CANDIDATES FOR ELECTION

The Constitution of the Eastern Michigan University Alumni Association stipulates that for the annual election of board members, a nominating committee shall be appointed to prepare a slate of twice as many candidates as there are vacancies to be filled. Said nominating committee submits the following slate of candidates:

Mary Agnes Blair ('40) Joseph D. Reid ('65)
Donald M. Currie ('47) Donald L. Ridclering ('43)
Bertha Warner Davis ('22) Thomas C. Santer ('57)
Francis L. O'Brien ('30) William Shunck ('27)
M. Ethel O'Connor ('31) James R. Smith ('60)

PETITIONS, ABSENTEE BALLOTS AND VOTING

1. The constitution provides for additional nominations by petition of any ten members of the Alumni Association. These petitions must be in the hands of the Secretary of the Alumni Association by May 24.
2. The constitution also provides for absentee ballots for members who have paid their annual dues of \$2.00. *Requests for absentee ballots should be addressed to the secretary of the Alumni Association by May 24.*
3. At the annual election in Downing Residence Hall on Saturday, June 5, voting will be limited to those who have paid the annual dues.

ALUMNI DAY SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 10:00 a.m. *Registration:* Downing Residence Hall.
- 12:00 noon *Luncheon* – Tickets \$1.90. Reservations must be made with Earl Studt, Secretary of the Alumni Association by June 1.
- 12:30 p.m. *Program and Business Meeting:* *Presiding* – President Donald M. Currie ('47); *National Anthem* – Warren Joseph; *Introduction of Golden and Silver Anniversary Classes* – Perry Brundage ('08); *Special Music; Greetings from Alma Mater* – President Eugene B. Elliott; *Presentation of Life Membership Awards* – Eugene Beatty ('34). **NOTE:** All those who have become Life Members of the Alumni Association since last June are invited to be present for special recognition.
- 3:00 p.m. *Emeritus Club Meeting* immediately following luncheon program.