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Alumni Action

NEWS

January 1990

Michigan's Power Is Mind Power

The human mind is a powerful tool and capitalizing on its potential is a goal of the state of Michigan and its higher education institutions. If education is the key to success then Michigan's power is mind power.

The Michigan Advancement Council and the President's Council are co-sponsoring a series of presentations featuring the chief executive officers of Michigan's 15 public institutions.

Institutions, like EMU, impact the quality of life for all citizens, not just its graduates. For example, the latest in medical diagnostics, nutritional information and technological advancements are elements of daily life effected by the universities and their faculties. The presentations will provide greater insight into this complex and comprehensive element of society.

A breakfast meeting in Saginaw on Jan. 23, 1990 from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. is the first in the series. The later presentations are scheduled to run from January to June 1990 in five other locations around the state including Detroit, Grand Rapids, Lansing, Marquette and Traverse City.

If you would like more information about the series, please contact Carole Lick at the Alumni Relations Office, (313)-487-0250.

memo:

Coach Ron Oestrike Honored

EMU's former baseball coach, Ron Oestrike, will be honored for his induction into the American Baseball Coach's Hall of Fame at the EMU-Miami basketball game on Saturday, Feb. 10, 1990. The tip-off will be at 7:00 p.m. and the game will be followed by a reception in Coach Oestrike's honor at the Olds Student Recreation Center. Everyone who plans to attend the reception will receive one complimentary ticket for the Miami game. Please call (313)-487-1050 to R.S.V.P. for the reception.

Awards Ceremony Honors Faculty

Four EMU faculty members were recently named Distinguished Faculty for 1989 in an annual awards ceremony.

Dr. Anne Grundstrom Nerenz, assistant professor of foreign languages and bilingual studies, received the Teaching I Award; Dr. Lester B. Scherer, professor in the Department of History and Philosophy, received the Teaching II Award; Clayton Eshleman, professor of English, received the Scholarly/Creative Activity Award; and Leroy W. Watts, associate professor of social work and assistant to the provost for faculty recruitment, received the Service to the University Award.

Nerenz, 36, joined the EMU faculty in 1986 and teaches French. In receiving the Teaching I Award, she was noted for her "student-centered "approach to teaching, her ability to "involve all students in the language-learning process while having fun" and her successful use of visual aids and examples, which "help students discover the meaning of language."

Scherer, 57, joined EMU in 1969 and teaches history and religion. He received the Teaching II Award for

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his "sense of fairness, organization of materials and class lectures, lack of bias in presenting his materials, enthusiasm for both the subject matter and the students and his ability to challenge students and foster their individual thinking."

Eshleman, 54, joined EMU's faculty in 1986 and teaches creative writing, specializing in poetry. In receiving the Scholarly/Creative Activity Award, he was noted for having "brought national recognition to the University through readings in the community and at universities throughout the country," as well as his extensive publishing history. In addition, Eshleman has received three of the few major fellowships available to scholars in the humanities—the Guggenheim, National Endowment for the Humanities and National Endowment for the Arts fellowships—and a National Book Award in 1979.

Watts, 61, joined EMU's faculty in 1969 and was named assistant to the provost for faculty recruitment in 1987. He received EMU's Service to the University Award for his work within the Social Work Department as well as on numerous University and community committees. Watts first served as director of EMU's Social Work Program and was instrumental in developing it into an academic department. He also developed the department's advising system, which has been commended by accreditation teams and has served as an advising model for other University departments.

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Beaux Arts Ball Caps Off Festival

Once again, the Beaux Arts Ball will cap off a week of fine arts events at EMU. Last year's addition of a musical revue and a comedy showcase will be repeated providing a variety of entertainment. The Don Korte Orchestra will also provide Big Band music for dancing throughout the evening. A unique and elegant buffet dinner will be served later in the evening and will be followed by more dancing. Call the EMU Theatre Department for more information.

Alumni Scholarship

The Alumni Association Scholarship Fund has applications available through the Alumni Office.

The fund was established in 1970 for alumni children and grandchildren who are enrolled at EMU as entering freshmen or first-year transfer students.

The scholarship committee from the Alumni Board, chaired by Tom Stobie, makes the recommendations following a careful review of all the applications.

The top award granted per recipient per year is \$1250. Applications must be received by March 1 at the Alumni Office, 015 Welch Hall.

New Alumni Office

Alumni Relations would like to announce that it has finally settled into its new office, 015 Welch Hall. Although the address has been changed, the phone number for more information on events will remain (313)-487-0250.

See Switzerland This Summer

Davos—for relaxation and recharging of your batteries, or for sport and health related activities—is the place. Davos, Switzerland has all the amenities of the city surrounded by breath-taking mountain scenery.

Alumni Relations, in conjunction with the Division of Continuing Education and the World College at EMU, is offering a very special travel opportunity for alumni. Participants may join in the educational programs offered by EMU faculty in international settings (creditor non-credit courses) or may design their own agenda, choosing from a multitude of activities and side trips readily available. The alumni trip is for one week, but can be extended to two weeks. Because the educational programs are offered from July 15-30, participants may choose the first or second week.

EMU Family Gathering In Cleveland

Alumni, faculty, staff, parents and students will come together on Sunday, Feb. 25 at the Holiday Inn in Cleveland, Ohio. EMU's Vice President for University Marketing and Student Affairs, Laurence Smith will be speaking on the topic: Understanding Changing America's Impact on Your Future--What you have to know about the year 2000 to be the beneficiary of changes shaping our nation. This event is being co-sponsored by Eastern's Admissions Office and the Alumni Outreach Program.

Alumni Association News

President's Pen

*William Mays, Jr.,
President, Alumni
Board of Directors*

The decade of the 80's, which has now become history, saw the foundation laid for monumental growth of the Alumni Association's membership, its visibility and its viability. During the 1980's the Alumni Association Board made a conscious decision to make a difference. For example:

*We monitored the composition of the Board to ensure it represented the alumni population at large.

*We solidified relationships with the EMU's administrative offices.

*We renamed one of our Alumni Association awards in honor of Dr. John W. Porter whose name is synonymous with EMU in the 80's.

*We instituted our membership dues program as a means for the association to better establish its independence and to pursue its own goals for the betterment of EMU.

*We created an ever-expanding benefits package for those dues paying association members, including the monthly newsletter, the quarterly Eastern Today alumni magazine and various discounts.

With these revisions in full force, the Alumni Association Board is prepared to continue to represent you. We ask that you would help us by supporting our programs, sharing your ideas with us and helping us to make the 90's the Association's most effective decade yet.

New Discount for Members Only at Cottage Inn

The Alumni Association circle of "Discount Friends" is ever widening. We are pleased to announce the addition of the Cottage Inn on Washtenaw.

The general manager and chef for the company is Patrick Pearson, who trained in the restaurant business under his father, a master culinary educator.

As consultant, he is called to assist at the other Cottage Inn restaurants as well. He leaves the Washtenaw restaurant in the capable hands of Mike Muldoon, our alumni contact.

Muldoon graduated from EMU in April with a degree in criminal justice. He became intrigued with the Cottage Inn after working his way through college in and out of restaurants and kitchens. Muldoon hopes to acquire his own franchise in the near future.

The newly decorated Washtenaw restaurant will be open for a Sunday morning brunch in mid-January and will uphold its tradition for being a great place to meet EMU alumni, students and friends.

Show your renewed Alumni Action card, say "hello" to Patrick or Mike and receive a 20% discount off the bottom line.

Bonus Benefit: Campus Life Offers Discount

The Alumni Office has reserved tickets for opening night performances to each of the three remaining Campus Life events of the 1990 season.

Alumni Association members will be able to buy one ticket at full price and receive a second ticket at half-price for the following shows: Feb. 2-The Late Great Ladies of Blues and Jazz, a musical revue performed by Sandra Reaves-Phillips; Feb. 24-Michael Winslow, an actor and impressionist who does vocal sounds, and who played roles in movies such as Police Academy; March 25-Empire Brass, a brass quintet that has performed from the Kennedy Center in Washington D.C. to the Bolshoi Zal of the Leningrad Philharmonic in the Soviet Union. For more information call (313)-487-3045.

Board Actions

Alumni Association Board Officers:

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President-elect: John Fovenesi

Board Update:

Next meeting-
January 20, 1990

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George Wilson-Florida Suncoast

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Karen Cogswell-Huron Valley

Vanessa McDaniels-Black Alumni

Nick Pappadakis-Flint

A Tribute To Black History Month

In honor of Black History Month, the Detroit Repertory Theatre in conjunction with the EMU Black Alumni Association will be pre-

senting the play, "Fences," by August Wilson.

The EMU Black Alumni sponsorship of the event will be on Saturday, Feb. 3, 1990 at 3:00 p.m. There will be no admittance after 3:00 p.m. Tickets are \$18 per person and orders must be received by January 25, 1990. The Detroit Repertory Theatre is located at 3103 Woodrow Wilson in Detroit.

For more information, please call (313)-868-1237.

New Area Chapter In The Planning

Attention all alumni in Western Wayne and Oakland counties:

Come out for dinner before the Central Michigan University basketball game for an opportunity to explore the possibility of forming a new chapter in this area.

Meet at the Tower Inn restaurant on the corner of Cross street and College Place at 6:00 p.m. to have dinner, share ideas and later attend the game. Contact Randy Wendt to R.S. V.P. or for more information at 836-3103 or 862-5200.

Join Alumni For Florida Fun and Sun

The Florida Alumni events will be taking place on the following dates: Feb. 27-a pro basketball game with the new Orlando Magic vs. the Charlotte Hornets at Orlando Arena, plus a pre-game party at the Omni Hotel immediately adjacent to the arena; March 2-program and dinner in Fort Myers; March 3-brunch and program at Isla del Sol in St. Petersburg; March 5-program and dinner in Fort Lauderdale. EMU's president, William E. Shelton will attend the last three events. Contact the Alumni Relations Office for more information.

Reminder from the Huron Valley Alumni Chapter to return the membership forms which were mailed out in December 1989. The chapter will also be holding their annual meeting and election of officers on Saturday, Feb. 10, 1990.

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