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Alumni Action

NEWS

March 1990

New Benefit...Tower Inn Offers Discount

The Tower Inn restaurant stands at the corner of Cross and College Place in the same location that an 800 square foot restaurant called Roy's Grill used to occupy. The atmosphere may have changed, but not the friendliness.

The Tower Inn is home to many EMU students, faculty, administrators and other campus regulars. Upon presenting an Alumni Action Green card, alumni will receive a 20% discount on the total bill. While you are there say "hello" to the Roumanis family, owners of the restaurant; John and Louis, their cousin Louis, and John's wife, Vivi.

John and his parents came to Ann Arbor in 1971 where John worked for his brothers in the restaurant business. After four years, he scraped and saved enough money to open his own business. He looked around the Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti area until he found his "kind of spot." In 1975, along with brother Louis and cousin Louis, John purchased Roy's Grill. After six years of cramped space and a growing EMU campus, there was a name and space change. The Tower Restaurant emerged in 3200 square feet. The administrators and clericals were the backbone of the clientele. It did not take long for the students to discover the extra space

and the warm smiles. In 1987, the Roumanis felt it was necessary to again enlarge the restaurant to a seating capacity of 170 people.

The Tower Inn is dedicated to making its "EMU Family" happy. They particularly enjoy serving the teams and fans of college sporting events, and have served many winning teams.

The Alumni Outreach Theater event on March 30, 1990, will feature the Tower Pizza. Due to their generosity, our ticket prices are much more reasonable. Theodora Kolonelos, manager, has a special interest in the theater. She keeps the Tower Inn open on play nights to give the performers a chance to wipe off the last bit of makeup and head over for a late night supper.

EMU and the Tower Inn have a very special relationship and as alumni, we're happy to join "The Family."

Education Program Lauded by Association of American Colleges

The preservice elementary teacher science education program at EMU recently was cited for its innovative approach by the Association of American Colleges in its publication "Those Who Can: Undergraduate Programs to Prepare Arts and Sciences Majors for Teaching."

The book, which was prepared with the support of the Rockefeller Foundation, examines the status and future of teachers in the United States and offers numerous suggestions for institutions wishing to build or strengthen their curricula. It also outlines suggestions for increasing minority enrollment and describes "innovative programs" at 11 colleges and universities.

EMU's preservice science education program was instituted as a pilot program in 1969 and became a requirement for certification in elementary science teaching six years later.

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memo:

Be sure to plan for these upcoming alumni events: The Pajama Game, March 30; the Alumni Association Golf Outing, June 18; the Davos, Switzerland package through Alumni Relations, the Division of Continuing Education and the World College, July 15-30.

CHAPTER NEWS

In the last issue of *Alumni Action News* we introduced you to several Alumni Chapter presidents. We would like to continue our tribute to these volunteers, whose time and talents are so critical to the success of our chapters.

Stan Bochniak is president of the Southern California Alumni Chapter. Though he grew up in the Detroit area, he now resides in Thousand Oaks in the greater Los Angeles area. Bochniak is vice president and general manager of High Lift Equipment Corp. He is also a certified, Dale Carnegie instructor, affiliated with Louis A. Johnson & Associates, teaching two or three classes a year in the L.A. area.

Bochniak is the father of three grown children, one is a chiropractor and the other two currently are attending California State universities.

Working during the day and attending EMU at night, Bochniak graduated in 1978, with a major in business computer systems.

"Because I worked, I never had an opportunity to be involved as a student. Now, being involved in the Southern California Chapter gives me this opportunity," Bochniak said.

In addition to his volunteer work for EMU in California, Bochniak has attended recent football games and alumni events in Arizona and Colorado and helped in all details of these events, according to Carole Lick, assistant director of Alumni Relations. "Stan consistently shows the kind of leadership the University appreciates," Lick added.

Ted Center is president of the Southeast Florida Alumni Chapter, located in the Boca Raton area.

Center retired in 1985 from a distinguished career in education that included teaching geography and serving as an elementary and junior high school principal in Van Buren Schools. He also was affiliated with the Belleville Kiwanis for 25 years.

An avid golfer, Center and his wife, Barbara, spend their summers in Michigan and their winters in Florida. He also enjoys photography, running and softball.

Like our Southern California Chapter president, Center was also married and working while attending EMU. He earned three degrees, a bachelor's in 1953, a master's in educational administration in 1957 and his specialist's in classroom teaching in 1972.

Center's children have continued the EMU tradition. One of his three sons is an EMU graduate and teacher and his youngest is a senior at EMU.

"I'm proud of my affiliation with Eastern because it gave me an opportunity to proceed with an occupation that I really love," Center said.

George Wilson is president of the St. Petersburg Area Alumni Chapter. He too was a "non-traditional" student and worked while attending EMU. Wilson majored in political science and geography and earned his bachelor's degree in 1973.

He later moved to Florida where he is now employed as a commercial real estate appraiser in the

Tampa area.

Wilson is an amateur photographer and has traveled to Europe and Hawaii. He is the father of four children and also a grandfather.

"I enjoyed my time at EMU. That was during Watergate and it was a good time for discussing divergent opinions. I miss campus life because of the activity and the positive, 'town and gown' relations.

"I feel strongly about participating now because I can't get back to campus much. This gives me the opportunity to keep up with what is going on at EMU.

Fran Kujda earned a bachelor's degree in 1983 from EMU in Spanish and public administration. Kujda was an active member of the Sigma Kappa sorority.

For the last four years she has been teaching Spanish at Boone High School in Orlando, Fla.

In addition to sponsoring the high school Spanish Club, she chairs the ninth grade transition committee and the accreditation committee. Kujda recently completed a master's degree in educational leadership. She also enjoys singing in the choir at her church.

Kujda says that her experience at EMU opened up a whole new world, and prepared her for what she is doing today.

Kujda feels that it is very important and useful to stay involved with EMU in some way. If a job in high school administration opened up for her in another area, she says that she will continue to help identify and organize Eastern alumni.

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION NEWS

President's Pen

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

Over the past few years, the Alumni Association Board has broken new ground in reaching out to you, our members. We have tried to adopt benefits and implement programs which are meaningful to you. Now we believe it is time to find out how we're doing from your perspective.

From March 12 to April 5, we will be conducting a phone-a-thon designed to find out how you feel about our past efforts and to find out what other types of programs and benefits you would like to see offered through our association.

Volunteers from the Board, alumni chapters and the student body, will be calling a random sample of 2,000 alumni with a goal of reaching at least 1,000. Fifty percent of the sample will be dues-paid association members; fifty percent will be alumni who are not dues-paid members. Our goal will be to add an additional 250 members through this calling campaign.

We are asking those of you who receive calls to take five minutes to let us know what you like about what we've been doing and how we can be better. If you do not receive a call during the phone-a-thon and would like to give your input, the Alumni Office will gladly accept

and pass along your comments and suggestions.

You may also receive another call during this same time period from a representative of the EMU Development Office as their annual fundraising phone-a-thon will be running concurrently. Please keep in mind that your alumni association is an entity separately incorporated from the University which exists to further the University's goals. During this time, your University will be requesting contributions to its general fund; your alumni association will be asking for your opinions and ideas. Please support your university and your association during these two very important telephone campaigns.

Alumni Awards Dinner Dance

Last month, Bill Mays, Jr, president of the Alumni Association, presented this year's Alumni Award recipients in his column, the President's Pen. As a follow-up to that presentation, here are the rest of the details about the event.

The annual Alumni Awards Dinner Dance will be held on Saturday, May 12, 1990 at the EMU Radisson Resort and Conference Center. The affair will begin with cocktails at 6:00 p.m. Immediately following will be the presentation of the awards, dinner and dancing.

Attire is black tie optional. The cost for the evening is \$35 per person. For more information or for tickets, please contact the Alumni Relations Office at (313) 487-0250.

Education

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The program requires prospective teachers to complete courses in biology, chemistry, earth science and physics which blend methodology and content into an integrated curriculum.

This methods/content area mix in the science education program is further lauded in "Those Who Can" which says classroom teachers have "unusual confidence in the (EMU) student teachers' ability to teach science" because of the EMU program, which "exemplifies how liberal arts can successfully blend with professional preparation."

Dr. W. Scott Westerman, Jr., dean of the College of Education, said EMU owes much of the success of the program to the science faculty who teach the preservice classes.

In 1985, the program won the Showcase for Excellence Award from the American Association of State Colleges and Universities.

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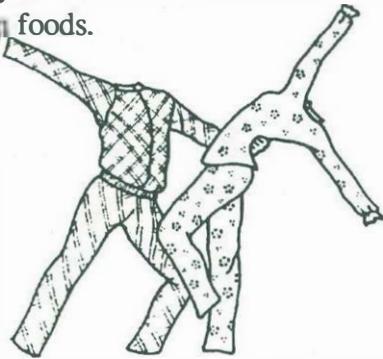
Board Actions:

Next meeting--March 17, 9 a.m.
205 Welch Hall--featuring a
presentation on Alumni giving

COMING ATTRACTIONS

The Pajama Game

The fourth annual Alumni Night at the Theater will be held during an advanced opening night of "The Pajama Game," Friday, March 30. Quirk Theater has been reserved for EMU alumni and friends to wear their silliest slippers and nuttiest nightcaps, enjoy the musical comedy and feast on an assortment of fun foods.



The evening will begin with a pizza party at 6:30 p.m. The musical will follow at 8:00 p.m. with more refreshments served throughout the night. Tickets are \$12 per person for Association members and \$14 per person for non-members. Please reserve by March 27. Contact the Alumni Relations Office. ♦

Huron Valley Chapter General Membership Meetings

April 28, 10:00 a.m.
June 9, 10:00 a.m.
September 8, 10:00 a.m.
November 10, 10:00 a.m.

Check future Alumni Action Newsletters for details and locations.

Alumni Association Golf Outing

The Alumni Association Annual Golf Outing will be held on June 18 at the Huron Golf Club. Please make reservations early as space is limited. For more information on the event or to make reservations, please call the Alumni Relations Office at (313) 487-0250. ♦

Summer In Switzerland

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

For more information on any events or happenings, please contact the Office of Alumni Relations at (313) 487-0250.

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