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Alumni Action

NEWS

February 1991

Men's Basketball Leading the MAC

Hold on to your hats Huron fans! The EMU basketball team is burnin' up the courts.

A recent victory over the University of Toledo (82-60) has boosted the Huron's record to 7-1 in Mid-American Conference play, 14-4 overall. The Hurons have finished the first half of their MAC schedule, and will enter the second half of the season in excellent position to claim their second MAC Championship.

"Fan and alumni support for the team has been tremendous," commented Alumni Relations Director George Beaudette at the recent Alumni Board meeting. "The crowd spirit certainly has helped the team through some rough games."

Beaudette referred to the Hurons' inspiring win over Bowling Green University, when the team overcame a 17-point halftime deficit.

Alumni and friends of the University are encouraged to continue their support for the team. In the months of February and March, two exciting events will give Alumni a chance to see the team in action.

On February 23, the Alumni Relations Department, Athletic Department and the Fastbreak Club will sponsor "Coming Home to Eastern." This event is an opportunity to see Huron basketball vs. Toledo at EMU's Bowen Field House and visit classmates, former athletes, coaches, and University staff at a reception following the game at the Huron Golf Course Clubhouse.

Then in March, attendance is required for all Huron fans at the 1991 MAC Tournament at Cobo Hall in Detroit. We need to give our hoopsters the "Hometown Advantage" as we are the closest school to the tournament site.

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EMU to Change Huron Name and Logo

On Wednesday, January 30, the EMU Board of Regents unanimously voted to change the University's Huron name and logo, following a recommendation from President William Shelton that "Eastern change the Huron logo and name to symbols more compatible with our own institutional values and goals, now and in the future."

For more than two years, the use of the Huron name and logo has been a controversial issue for Eastern. In 1989, the Board of Regents appointed a committee to study the logo issue in response to the Michigan Civil Rights Commission's request that schools and universities remove Indian symbols from school-related materials. The committee recommended in early 1990 that the University keep the logo and symbol, but upgrade the logo's image and heighten the cultural awareness of American Indians. The Native American Indian Student Organization requested, through Board Chairman John Burton, that regents make a decision on the logo issue themselves.

At the November regents meeting, Chairman Burton asked President Shelton to make a recommendation to the Board concerning the logo.

"Symbols promote and perpetuate values, defining those who use them, creating their future as well as reflecting their past," said President Shelton in his recommendation to the Board of Regents. "As an educational institution, I do not believe we can justify the continued use of symbols which we now know offend and denigrate, however unintentionally, members of our community."



President Shelton has said that Eastern will have a process to identify a new logo and new name. The logo will gradually be phased out of University merchandise, stationary, etc. according to a normal replacement cycle.

The spring issue of *Eastern Today* will publish the entire text of Shelton's recommendation to the Board.

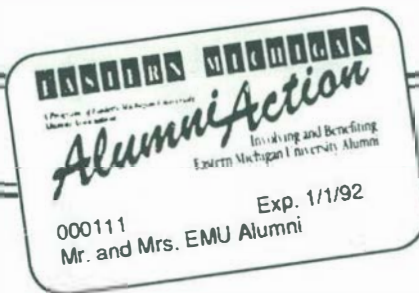
From the Alumni Relations Office:

"The decision to change the traditional Huron name and logo has been difficult and emotional. Our alumni have always thought of themselves as Hurons. We understand the disappointment many EMU alumni and friends feel with this recent announcement.

The pride and loyalty associated with the Huron name in reality is the pride and loyalty we feel for our University.

Careful consideration and input from numerous constituencies were included in the decision-making process. Now it is time to accept the decision and demonstrate our continued support and love for Eastern Michigan University (Michigan State Normal School - 1849, Michigan State Normal College - 1899, Eastern Michigan College, 1956)."

George Beaudette, Director, Alumni Relations and Carole Lick, Associate Director, Alumni Relations.



President's Pen

William Mays, Jr.
President,
Alumni Board of Directors



Your Alumni Association Board is excited about the winter activities which give our EMU family opportunities to get together.

Mark your calendar for these rapidly-approaching dates!

I hope to see many of you at our "Coming Home to Eastern" event on Saturday, February 23. The action starts at 1:00 p.m. when the Huron women take on Toledo at Bowen Field House. That game is followed by the Huron men vs. Toledo.

At 5:30 p.m. there will be a coming home reception for alumni and friends at our Huron Golf Course Clubhouse. I encourage you to call in your registration today, as this should be a fantastic alumni event.

Don't forget, the MAC Basketball Tournament is another must for alumni to attend March 8-10 at Cobo Arena in Detroit.

I'd like to see 15,000-20,000 Huron followers come support our team. That means we need your help in getting a great crowd to the games.

At this writing, the Huron men are 7-0 in the MAC Conference and rolling towards the tournament.

Plan on supporting our men's and women's basketball teams by attending these games.

EMU Library—a Benefit of Membership

Present your Alumni Action membership card and you are eligible to receive the EMU Library user's card. This card entitles you to all of the library's available services—one more reason for joining the Alumni Association.

Association Recruits Graduating Seniors

The Alumni Association Board of Directors recently voted to initiate a one-year complimentary Alumni Association membership program for all EMU graduating seniors.

All graduating seniors from EMU will receive the mailings and benefits of Alumni Association membership at no cost for one year.

The purpose of the program is to encourage brand new Eastern Alumni to become involved with Alumni Association activities, with the hope that these new alums will become dues-paying members after the one-year period.

After one year, the Alumni Association will evaluate the success of this new membership program in recruiting and retaining new members to the Alumni Association.

Alumni Nominations Sought for Teaching Excellence Award

Nominations are now being accepted for the first Teacher Excellence Awards, sponsored by the EMU Alumni Association.

If you are an alumnus, graduate student or senior graduating in 1991, we urge you to write a letter of recommendation for your nominee.

Your nominee must have taught at Eastern Michigan University for a minimum of three years. One year equals two semesters of instruction (spring and summer semesters count for 1/2 semester each).

The more explicit you make your recommendation, the better opportunity your nominee will have as the committee evaluates the candidates.

Please send in your letter of recommendation to the Alumni Relations Office, EMU, Ypsilanti, MI 48197, no later than April 1, 1991. The award will be presented at Homecoming 1991.

More EMU Seiko Watches Available

Due to popular demand, the Alumni Association is offering an additional supply of the official Eastern Michigan University Seiko watch. If you missed out on the first chance to order a watch, you can still purchase one by calling the Alumni Relations Office at (313) 487-0250.

The watch is offered in three styles: a ladies' wrist watch, a men's wrist watch and a pocket watch. The ladies' and men's wrist watches are \$200 each and the pocket watch is \$245. Payments can be made in monthly installments with no interest charges. Each style of watch carries a Seiko Time Corporation full three-year limited warranty.

These beautiful time pieces are a perfect gift for Alumni and students (a very nice graduation gift).

The second supply of available watches is limited, so order your EMU timepiece today.

Alumni Directory Available Soon

The Alumni Relations Office is pleased to announce that it is in the process of producing an all-new Alumni Directory.

This valuable publication will list current addresses and phone numbers for all EMU Alumni. In addition, all Alumni Association members' names will be highlighted in the book for added recognition.

Not since 1982 has a comprehensive Alumni Directory been published.

The directory is being produced with the assistance of Harris Publishing and is targeted to be released in November or December.

Be on the lookout for further updates on the progress of the directory in future newsletter issues. If you would like to place an early order for the directory, call the Alumni Relations Office at (313) 487-0250.

The tournament will run from March 8-10, and the winner gets an automatic berth in the NCAA tournament. The Alumni Association and the Athletic Department would like to see 20,000 Eastern fans at the tournament.

Galligan's (519 East Jefferson) is the headquarters for Eastern alumni and fans throughout the tournament. Plan now to attend the Huron games and then meet your friends for fun at Galligan's. Drink specials, munchies and Huron paraphernalia are all part of the excitement.

Call the Alumni Relations Office for additional information regarding tournament game tickets.

* Huron Hoopster Sets Triple Record

EMU basketball player Carl Thomas recently set a new MAC record for three-point baskets.

Thomas broke the record during the second half of the recent Toledo-EMU game when he hit his 149th triple. Thomas has made 149 of 349 attempts from behind the 19'9" arc, a 43% triple shooting average.

The previous record was held by EMU's Brad Soucie, who had 145 triples during the 1986-88 seasons.

Thomas has 974 career points—21st on the EMU all-time scoring list.

Alumni Association Board of Directors

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Next Meeting:

Saturday, March 23, 1991
9:00 AM
Welch Hall

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Campus News



EMU Dining Services Helps Troops in Persian Gulf

EMU students serving in the Persian Gulf will be receiving a lot of mail from other EMU students as the result of the initiative of Marilyn Szymanski, manager of EMU's Hill Top Cafe. Szymanski developed a method of showing support for U.S. troops.

"I have a lot of respect for those in the service. It is a very difficult job," said Szymanski. "This is a way of showing my support."

Szymanski worked with Robert Teehan of EMU's Veteran's Affairs Office to identify the students and then provided approximately 3,000 notecards which were placed at the checker stands in Dining Commons I and the Hill Top Cafe. The notecards were donated anonymously.

"It is a sad thing that the war is going on, but the soldiers need our support and they need to know that they are missed," said Szymanski.*

EMU's campus has experienced both pro-troop and anti-war demonstrations.

If you would like to write to an EMU student, send your letter to the Veteran's

Office, 201 Goodison Hall, EMU, Ypsilanti, 48197.

(*Quotes taken from Eastern Echo, story by Lorella Fredrick.)

EMU Professor Guest at Congressional Breakfast

Eastern Michigan University Biology Professor Stephen Liu and wife were recently invited to attend the 39th National Prayer Breakfast hosted by U.S. Congress members on January 31 in Washington D.C.

The purpose of the gathering was to bring leaders together in a non-political setting to discuss international issues. President George Bush addressed the group.

Professor Liu has been involved in developing educational initiatives with EMU and his native China and Taiwan.

Historic EMU The Many Names of Boone Hall

By: Normajean Anderson
Newsletter Committee

This building on Eastern's campus was constructed in 1917 at a cost of \$265,000. It was architecturally designed to resemble the recently built Pease Auditorium. Dedication services were held in June 1918, and the building was named the Administration Building. The University President and other administrators had offices here as well as offices for the Modern Language and Drawing Departments, Manual Training and Art Gallery.

In 1951 the name of the building was changed to the Arts Building. Housed here were the Art and Industrial Arts Departments, College Duplicating Service, Aurora and Normal College News office, and the Art Gallery.

In 1962 it was renamed the R. Clyde Ford Hall. The Art Gallery and Industrial Education and Applied Arts Department remained, but the Audio-Visual Center and the office of University Publications and News Services were added.

The building was again renamed the Richard Gause Boone Hall in 1968. At this time, the college of business moved here from Welch Hall. Sometime in the early seventies the College of Education moved into and continues to be housed in Boone Hall.

Did You Know...?

Richard G. Boone was the first man to be named president of Michigan State Normal School.

Chapter News

THE HURON VALLEY ALUMNI CHAPTER (HVC) will hold its annual meeting on Saturday, February 16, at 10 a.m. Election of new Board members and officers will take place.

Once again the chapter will co-sponsor the Alumni Night at the Theatre. This year's event will be on June 8th. The play is the hilarious off-Broadway comedy, "Nun-sense." If you would like to help plan this popular event, contact chapter President Tom Durant at 434-7076, or the Alumni Office at 487-0250.

THE HURON VALLEY CHAPTER REFERRAL CLUB is a group of Huron Valley Chapter members that meet the second Tuesday of each month at Bob Evans Restaurant, Ypsilanti, for breakfast at 7:30 a.m.

The referral club was started by Don Durham and Sally Tauriainen, members of the HVC Membership Committee. The purpose of the club is to share information, ideas and advice with other EMU Alumni. Ultimately, a referral file will be developed to assist one another with knowledge of products and services that may be shared with clients. This will help the group meet its goals of assisting the career development of the individual members, and assist the membership committee in increasing membership in HVC and in the EMU Alumni Association.

The HVC Referral Club extends a warm invitation to all EMU alumni in the Ypsilanti and Ann Arbor area to join us for breakfast and become involved in "networking."

HVC Referral Club
Bob Evans Restaurant
Carpenter Road (near Washtenaw)
7:30 a.m. Second Tuesday of the month

Information may be obtained by contacting Don Durham at 971-8180, or Sally Tauriainen at 434-9214.

THE FLINT ALUMNI CHAPTER is planning a bus trip to the MAC Basketball Tournament at Cobo Arena on March 9.

Anyone interested in participating in that trip can contact Joe Wargo from the Flint Alumni Chapter. Joe is also a member of the Alumni Association Board of Directors. Call (313) 744-4587.

THE FLORIDA ALUMNI CHAPTERS will be holding their annual events in February in Ft. Lauderdale, Ft. Meyers, and St. Petersburg.

Additional events will be held this year in Tampa and Jacksonville.

For more information, call the Alumni Relations Office at (313) 487-0250, or Jim Martin in Florida at (407) 335-1499.

Upcoming Events

FEBRUARY 23

The Alumni Relations Department, Athletic Department and the Fastbreak Club are sponsoring "Coming Home to Eastern," a day of food, fun, and championship basketball.

At 1:00 p.m., watch the Huron Women vs. Toledo at Bowen Field House, followed by the Huron Men vs. Toledo at 3:00 p.m.

At 5:30 p.m., enjoy a "coming home" reception for alumni and friends at the Huron Golf Course Clubhouse by the Radisson on the Lake. Plenty of delicious food, a cash bar, and a chance to visit with classmates, former athletes, coaches and University staff will highlight the evening.

Reserved game ticket and reception—\$10.00. Reception only—\$5.00 (for season ticket holders). Advanced registration only. Call (313) 487-0250.

MARCH 8-10

EAST OF EASTERN AND THE BLACK ALUMNI CHAPTER are working together diligently to provide a "Home-town Advantage" for EMU at the MAC Basketball Tournament at Cobo Arena in Detroit.

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