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# Alumni Action

# NEWS

January 1991

## President's Pen

William Mays, Jr.  
President  
Alumni Board of Directors



As we begin 1991, I am very excited about the year that lies ahead for both the Alumni Association and Eastern Michigan University. Many events will be happening over the next six months, and I hope many of you have the opportunity to participate in some of our activities.

Let me remind all members that the Alumni Association's Awards Committee will soon begin its selection process to determine which of our many highly successful alumni will be honored at this year's Alumni Awards Dinner Dance.

This year's dinner dance is slated for May 4, 1991. Though a long way off, please mark this date on your calendar, as it is a very important evening for Eastern Michigan alumni.

The Awards Committee will be working to approve a slate of candidates by February 4. If you know of alumni who you feel demonstrate outstanding qualities, we encourage you to submit their names so that they can be considered. Details of the criteria for each award and the procedure to submit nominations are spelled out in the Alumni Awards Program article on the following page. Please feel free to call the Alumni Relations Office if you have questions.

For those of you who are considering vacationing this winter, a number of alumni events are scheduled in the Florida area for the month of February. I hope all you Florida alumni are planning to attend. For other members, here's a great opportunity to meet new Eastern alumni and enjoy the sunshine. (You Northerners may want to think about it!)

## Association Membership Growing

Less than three years ago, the Eastern Michigan University Alumni Association initiated a dues paying program and now has more than 1700 members represented in 35 states of the U.S. and abroad.

"We've come along way since starting the Alumni Action program back in 1988," said Association membership chair Dr. Sanford Herman. "But we still have a long way to go in recruiting more of Eastern's 70,000+ alumni to join the Association."

The Alumni Action program was designed to give alumni and friends of EMU special opportunities and benefits for their continued support of the University. Its goal is to maintain and improve the natural bond of kinship between alumni and the University by providing opportunities for involvement, networking with other alumni, and enhanced communications among all supporters of the program.

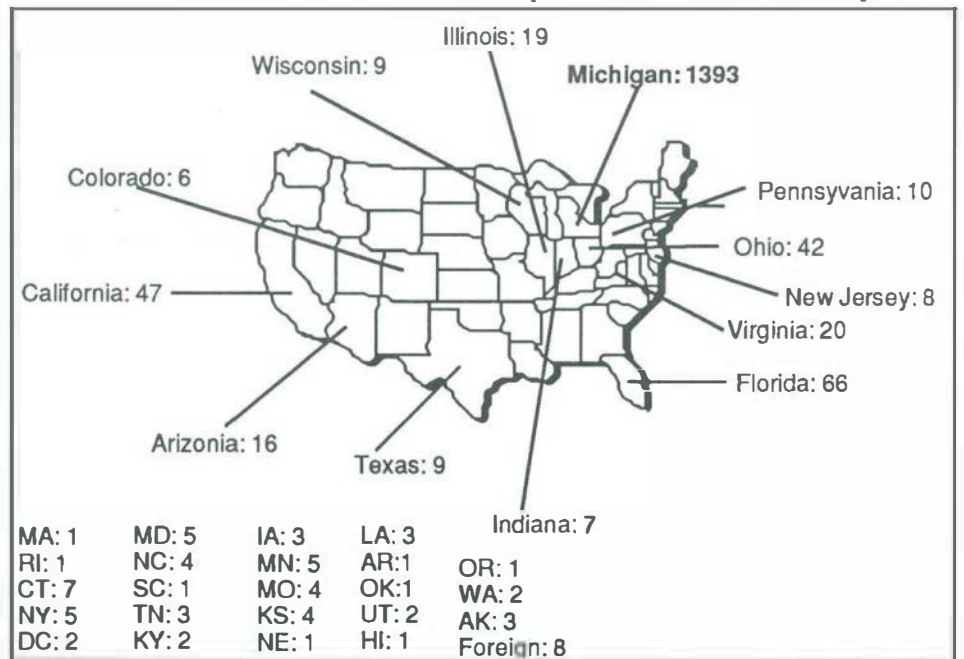
"We are continually working to provide more benefits for Association membership," said Herman. "We ask all current members to help in strengthening the Alumni Association by encouraging other alumni to join."

By far, the largest concentration of membership is still local, with 1393 members in Michigan. However, successful outreach events in other areas of the country, along with the formation of new alumni chapters across the United States, have contributed greatly to the Association's growth. In addition, membership has also extended to foreign countries.

Other states having a significant representation include: Florida, 66 members; California, 47 members; Ohio, 42 members.

If you would like assistance in locating other alumni in your area, contact the Alumni Relations Office at (313) 487-0250.

Alumni Association Membership Reaches Across the Country



## Don't Forget Your Alumni Association Benefits

As a member of the Eastern Michigan Alumni Association, you are eligible for numerous benefits and discounts from a variety of Association supporters.

The Alumni Association would like to thank again all organizations and businesses that have supported our program by offering a membership benefit.

### Partial List

20% discount — Tower Inn Restaurant, Ypsilanti

10% discount — Dom's Bakery, Ypsilanti

15% discount — President Tuxedo, Ypsilanti

25% discount — Business Resources, Ann Arbor

20% discount — Cottage Inn, Ypsilanti

\$1.00 off — Car Care Centers, Ypsilanti

20% discount on greens fees — EMU Huron Golf Club

Ticket discount — EMU Quirk Theater

15% discount on non-sale and non-textbook purchases — EMU Bookstore

5%-10% off room rental rate — Hoyt Conference Center, EMU

Your support is invaluable to our program!

## Alumni Association Board of Directors

### Officers:

President: William Mays, Jr.  
Past Pres.: Ann O'Beay Pavelka  
President-elect: John Fovenesi  
Secretary/Treasurer: Joan Colladay

### Next Meeting:

Saturday, January 26, 1991  
9:00 a.m.  
Welch Hall

Alumni Action Newsletter  
Editor: Carole Lick

Newsletter Committee:  
Denise Kaercher, Chair  
Norma Jean Anderson  
Gloria August  
Joyce Squires

## Campus News



### IBM Grant Funds New Computer Lab

The College of Education officially recognized the opening of a new computer laboratory on November 15 created by a \$200,000 grant from IBM Corporation. The grant provided for software and equipment to continue training new and practicing teachers in the expanded use of technology in the classroom.

IBM's Teacher Preparation Grant was awarded to the College of Education as part of a five-year, \$25 million, two-part program developed by IBM to improve elementary and secondary education in the United States with more efficient use of technology.

"We are of course delighted to receive the grant," said Dr. Scott Westerman, dean of the College of Education. "It enables us to improve our instruction in computers by a giant leap and will serve as an excellent stimulus for both faculty and students to more effectively incorporate computers in teaching and learning. We're grateful for what IBM has done."

The grant includes a laboratory of networked IBM Personal System/2 computers, IBMK-12 educational software and training and technical support.

(By Michael Jahr, from Focus EMU)

### Get Ready for EMU's Beaux Arts Ball

Saturday, January 26  
McKenny Union Ballroom  
8:00-12:00 p.m.

Enjoy this elegant evening of dinner and dancing.

(Featuring the sounds of the Don Korte Orchestra)

Formal and semi-formal attire

\$37.50/person

### EMU Basketball Kicks Off MAC Season

EMU men's and women's basketball play their MAC opener against Miami of Ohio on Saturday, January 5, starting at 1:00 p.m.

Other MAC games for the month of January are: Saturday, January 12 vs. Ohio U., women 1:00 p.m., men 3:00 p.m.; Saturday, January 19 vs. Bowling Green, women 1:00 p.m., men 3:00 p.m.; Wednesday, January 30 vs. Kent State, women 5:45 p.m., men 8:00 p.m.

For ticket information call 487-2282.

### Historic EMU

## Starkweather Hall — EMU's Ivory Tower

By: Norma Jean Anderson  
Newsletter Committee

On November 11, 1895, Mrs. Mary Ann Starkweather (1819-1897), described by historians as "a wealthy and public-spirited citizen of Ypsilanti," announced a gift of \$10,000 for a building to provide religious worship. The land was donated by the city, and private funds were solicited to bring the total to \$11,000.

Starkweather Hall is the second oldest building on EMU's campus, predated only by Welch Hall. It was completed in 1896 and dedicated on March 26, 1897, as a site for the Student's Christian Association meetings and served as a center for Religious Affairs for many years.

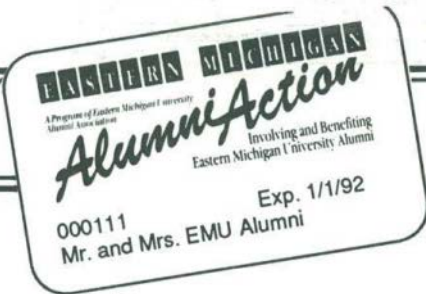
The building is of the Richardson Romanesque mode, built of squared fieldstone,

with a striking tower of Ionia sandstone decorated by a band of ornamental brick near the top. The original orange tile roof of the tower is still a distinctive feature.

The interior was remodeled in 1961 at the cost of \$90,000. The building was listed in the National Registry of Historical Buildings in 1973 and formally accepted by the National Parks Service Department of Interior in 1977.

Another distinctive feature of the building were vines of ivy that grew up the wall. In 1984 the ivy was stripped from the walls so that they could be treated for damage.

Today, Starkweather Hall houses the offices of EMU's Graduate School.



## Awards Committee Seeks Nominations

The Alumni Association Award Committee is currently seeking nominations for the 1991 Alumni Awards Dinner Dance.

The Dinner Dance is scheduled for May 4, 1991 (location TBA).

All nominations need to be forwarded to the Alumni Relations Office by January 7. If you know of alumni who you feel fit the general awards criteria, please submit their names so they can be considered in the deliberations. Contact the Office of Alumni Relations to receive the appropriate form to make a nomination to the committee. The committee will be working to approve a slate by February 4.

The awards and their criteria are as follows:

### Young Alumnus/Alumna Award

- a. Personal honor bestowed upon recipient by peers.
- b. Demonstrated evidence that the college education has functioned in life.
- c. Generally, a graduate of less than 10 years.

### Alumnus/Alumna Achievement Award

- a. Achievement that clearly distinguishes him/her among peers in chosen field.
- b. Demonstrated evidence that the college education has functioned in life.
- c. Continued interest in the University.
- d. Generally, a graduate of more than 10 years.

### Distinguished Alumnus/Alumna Award

- a. Extraordinary achievement in chosen field.
- b. Demonstrated service to mankind.
- c. Continued interest in the University.
- d. Generally, a graduate of 25 years or more.

### Dr. John W. Porter Distinguished Service Award

- a. Outstanding contribution to Eastern Michigan University or the Alumni Association by a person who does or does not hold a degree from EMU.

Please help us in identifying the outstanding men and women of Eastern Michigan. For further information, or to make a recommendation, contact the Alumni Relations Office at (313) 487-2050.

## Car Care Centers Offer Discount

Robert Park has long been a supporter of EMU and its activities. With his new business, Car Care Centers, he continues this support by offering Alumni Association members a discount on their car care needs.

Park moved to Michigan 10 years ago and "adopted Eastern." He said he felt EMU needed his active support, which he was eager to provide.

Park conducted a coast to coast marketing survey two years ago and found a need for the type of special services Car Care Centers offers. Their forte is "detail reconditioning." In three hours they can make your car look "as good as new or better." Car Care Centers has a multi-bay facility and uses a production line technique when caring for your vehicle. Their specialty service includes hand washing your car and degreasing and dressing the engine and hoses. This improves the

way your engine looks and also extends the life of the components. They also clean and dress the interior, buff, re-wash and polish your car and dress the tires and bumpers, all for \$125.

Car Care Centers can also hand wash your car inside and out while you enjoy a complimentary cup of coffee as you watch your car via closed circuit monitor. This service is \$8.

Car Care Centers is located at 2240 Ellsworth in Ypsilanti, 434-0444.

(By Barbra Lanagan, student)



**Association Members: Receive \$1.00 off services at Car Care Centers.**

## Association Introduces Teaching Excellence Award

The Eastern Michigan Alumni Association is committed to providing encouragement and incentive for superior teaching achievement. The award, a medallion and a framed Certificate of Teaching Excellence, will be presented annually at Homecoming. It will honor those faculty members who distinguish themselves as teachers.

It is intended that the award recipients will be selected from recommendations from members of the Alumni Association, graduate students and students in their senior year. Awards may be given to individuals in each of the colleges; Arts and Sciences, Technology, Education, Business, and Health and Human Services.

Watch for information on the nominating procedure in the February newsletter.

(Submitted by Joyce Squires, Newsletter Committee, Teaching Excellence Chair)

## A Note of Thanks:

We appreciate and treasure the generosity of our community. EMU alumni and friends attending the Homecoming luncheon had an opportunity to win some very valuable prizes contributed by businesses in the Ypsilanti/Ann Arbor area. We salute and thank the following:

### Allemon Rehabilitation, Ypsilanti

Ms. Agnes Allemon  
Prize: Dinner at the Radisson

### Lovejoy-Tiffany Travel Agency,

Ann Arbor; Ms. Roni Kraft  
Prize: \$150 travel voucher

### Travel by Design, Ypsilanti

Ms. Joanne Ripley  
Prize: Train to Chicago and "Phantom" tickets

### Radisson-on-the-Lake, Ypsilanti

Mr. Ned Heiss  
Prize: Weekend at the Radisson

# Chapter News

## Huron Valley Alumni to Meet in February

The Huron Valley Alumni Chapter will hold its annual meeting on Saturday, February 16, at 10:00 a.m. The tentative location is the Huron Golf Club. Election of Officers will take place and a special program is being planned. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend.

The chapter members will begin receiving a newsletter in March 1991. The new monthly publication will keep our alumni and friends informed about the chapter's activities and other newsworthy items of interest.

For information regarding the HVAC meeting, please call Chapter President Tom Durant at 434-7076.

## Attention: EMU Alumni Chapters

We'd like to hear from you!

Send us your news regarding your next meeting dates, activities you have planned, and any other news of interest about your chapter members.

The Office of Alumni Relations and the Association Newsletter Committee are currently working on producing a "Chapter News Form," which we will send to you on a regular basis. We hope that this will help us in getting more news about EMU alumni chapters across the country.

## Upcoming Events

### Alumni Events Scheduled in Florida

In February, EMU alumni and friends will have their annual events in Florida. St. Petersburg and Fort Meyers are each planning a brunch. Boca Raton will have a dinner and program. Jacksonville is a new location added to this year's calendar. We look forward to meeting alumni and friends in this northern part of the state!

#### MARCH:

Mark your calendars on the 8th and 9th of this month for the **1991 Mid-American Conference Basketball Tournament** to be held at Cobo Arena in Detroit.

#### MAY:

Don't miss the annual **Alumni Association Dinner Dance** on the 4th. Not only is this a great evening of dining and dancing, but also an event where some very special EMU alumni will be honored.

#### JUNE:

June is filled with numerous alumni events. On the 7th, join us for the **E-Club Hall of Fame Banquet** honoring some great EMU athletes. Then on the 8th, the Huron Valley Alumni Chapter will host an **EMU Night at the Theater**. Don't forget to mark your calendars on the 17th for the **Alumni Association Golf Outing**.

For information regarding any of these events, please call the **Office of Alumni Relations** at (313) 487-0250.

## East of Eastern A New Alumni Chapter in the Making

The Metro Detroit Area Alumni of EMU (nicknamed East of Eastern) is off and running in starting a brand new alumni group!

Spearheaded by Alumni Board President-elect John Fovenesi, the new group has already planned a series of events designed to re-unite alumni and friends of Eastern.

On Saturday, January 12, East of Eastern is hosting an alumni gathering at the Detroit Pistons vs. Miami Heat game at the Palace in Auburn Hills. You'll have the opportunity to meet Grant Long from the Miami Heat, the newest Huron in the NBA.

On Saturday, February 23, the group will host a "Coming Home" event. This will include the EMU Men's and Women's Basketball Double Header vs. Toledo.

Then on Friday and Saturday, March 8-10, East of Eastern encourages all Huron fans to attend the Mid-American Conference Men's and Women's Basketball Tournament at Cobo Arena. Eastern Michigan is the MAC school closest to Cobo Arena, so we should provide the largest crowd. LET'S PACK THE HALL AND GIVE OUR HURONS THE HOMETOWN ADVANTAGE.

For more information on the new Metro Detroit Area Alumni Chapter, or any of its upcoming events, call the Alumni Relations Office at (313) 487-0250.

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