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# Alumni Action

## NEWS

July/August 1991

### First EMU Doctoral Program Ready to Enroll Students

After literally years of discussion, planning and lobbying support from other public universities to become a doctoral-granting institution, EMU is getting ready to enroll its first doctoral class this fall.

Having received full accreditation by the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools, the new EMU doctorate is an Ed.D. in educational leadership offered through the Department of Leadership and Counseling in the College of Education. It is designed for full-time administrators, requires 60 semester hours beyond the master's degree and includes a major in educational leadership, applied research, an administrative internship and completion of a dissertation.

With North Central scheduled for a "success-check" visit in 1995-96, getting students in and successfully graduated from the program is a top priority.

"For the initial class we had 35 to 40 applications and were restricted to 10 spots. So we're screening down to a smaller number and are doing individual interviews with people who meet the quantitative criteria," said Dr. Martha Tack, professor and head of the Leadership and Counseling Department.

Tack said one unique aspect of the program is its working-person focus. "We are building the program to service the person who works full time," she said. "But we're hoping several of them will take some kind of administrative

leave and come work for us because we do have doctoral fellowships available."

Another aspect of the program is its emphasis on applied research.

"We want people to do research that will be immediately useful in either their place of employment or other places of employment, having broader application than in just one setting," Tack said.

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**"We want it to be action-oriented research; things that are not going to collect dust on a shelf, but things they can take back and show that what they've done at Eastern makes a serious difference in the way education's provided in their particular location."**

Dr. Martha Tack

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Although the general public may see a doctoral program as simply a nice addition to an institution, academicians say offering a doctorate greatly changes a university. "It provides a form of credibility, in terms of the institution having the wherewithal with regard to my resources, such as the best faculty, library and/or computers, to be able to sustain the highest level of education that we offer in this country," Tack said.

"A doctoral program is the pinnacle of the educational experience, therefore you have people on your campus who are mature thinkers, who can bring a different level of conversation

to class. There is a typical upgrading in such areas as the library and support for research, because (faculty) cannot participate in a program where you ask people to do research, as in the form of their dissertations, and not be able to model good research for them," she added.

Tack said the doctorate has pumped up departmental faculty, as well as the general excitement level. "Faculty are challenged in different ways. There is excitement at having the opportunity to teach doctoral classes, to work with doctoral students, because they represent the 'cream of the crop.' They are the best we can find, the best minds, the best achievers. It is a stimulus for faculty and other students," she said.

Dr. Ronald Collins, EMU provost and vice president for academic affairs agrees. "There is a new tone of involvement with a doctoral program and there are many positive spinoffs," he said.

One long-range effect, according to Collins, may be the evolution of other doctoral programs at EMU. "Just gaining the accreditation was a major advance. Joining that elite group of doctoral-granting institutions puts us in a different category. We have laid the foundation now for continued evolution which hopefully will, in the long term, result in more doctoral programs but it's a very slow process," he said.

Tack also said the new doctorate represents a major hurdle jumped by placing EMU among Michigan's other doctoral-granting institutions.

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# ALUMNI UPDATE

## President's Pen

William Mays, Jr.  
President,  
Alumni Board of Directors



On Saturday, July 13, 1991 the Eastern Michigan Alumni Association Board of Directors voted overwhelmingly to support sending to the Eastern Michigan Board of Regents our request that the Board of Regents reconsider their action of May 22, 1991 and restore our Huron name. The Alumni Board can live with the elimination of the Logo.

The majority of the Alumni Board took this action based on the contacts we have received from you the graduates of Eastern Michigan University.

The Alumni Board spends a great deal of time discussing the many elements related to this subject.

The Alumni Board wants all alumni to understand that we have made our position clear to the Board of Regents in support of keeping our Huron name.

The Alumni Board had representatives on the committee which deliberated those many months discussing this matter.

We wanted the Eastern Michigan University alumni to know exactly where your Alumni Board stood on this issue. The Alumni Board of Directors looks forward to the day this topic is put behind us.

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"I think the institutions across the state now are going to be looking to us as the newest doctoral program to see if we really can do it, and unquestionably, we can do it," Tack added. "We just have to show them we have the quality offerings that a doctoral program exemplifies."

Taken from *Focus EMU*  
Tuesday, July 9, 1991  
Susan Bairley

## GOLF AND TENNIS OUTING A SUCCESS!

Plenty of good fun and food was shared by all who attended the Alumni Association's Annual Golf and Tennis Outing on June 17.

Over 115 alumni and friends enjoyed a beautiful day on the links and at the well known Huron Golf Course. And, for the first time, tennis was added to the activities of the day, as nine teams of alumni and friends participated in a round robin doubles competition.

Adding to the tennis festivities was a friendly celebrity tennis competition featuring some well-known persons of EMU, including: Tony Dorezlnski, EMU Regent; Roy Wilbanks, Executive Vice President; Juanita Reid, Assistant to the President; Ben Braun, Head Basketball Coach; Jim Harkema, Head Football Coach; Claudia Wasik, Women's Tennis Coach; and Denise Kaercher, EMU tennis alumna.

Special presentations were made during the dinner program to Jim Nelson, who received the Alumni Golfer of the Year Award and to Sherman Collins, who received the Alumni Tennis Recognition Award.

## HOME COMING 1991 October 19th

EMU and the Ypsilanti Community have decided to do it again! The spirit generated from the 1990 Homecoming by the Town and Gown Committee is alive and growing for 1991. A variety of activities and opportunities are being planned including a Pep Rally on Thursday evening October 17. Music, lots of green and white spirit, and a bonfire will ignite the start of Homecoming Weekend. The traditional Golden Years Brunch will recognize alumni of 50 years or more. This special group will be featured in the Homecoming Day Parade which has come to symbolize cooperation and beneficial relationships between the University and its hometown community.

**THE CLASS OF 1966 WILL CELEBRATE ITS 25 YEAR REUNION THIS YEAR.** The Homecoming Luncheon on October 19th will focus on these special honorees. Unique to Homecoming 1991 is the debut of the Alumni Association Teacher Excellence Awards. Five faculty have been selected to receive this award for their notable accomplishments.

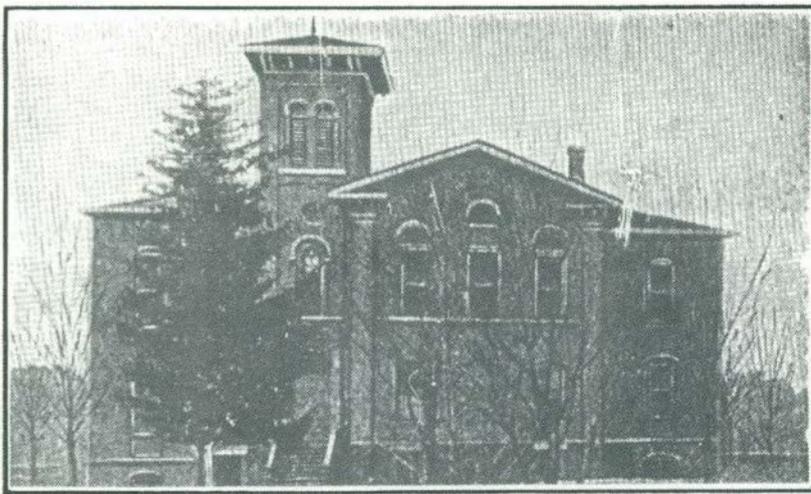
Homecoming isn't complete without the excitement and exuberance of a football game. This year's clash will be with Western Michigan University at 6 p.m. in Rynearson Stadium.

There is lots more being planned. Watch for further details and mark your calendars for Homecoming 1991!

## GOOD-BYES TO DR. WESTERMAN

After 20 years at Eastern Michigan University, Dr. Scott Westerman, dean of the College of Education is retiring.

"I began in the classroom and it will be nice to complete the circle and end in the classroom," Westerman said as he was honored at a retirement reception hosted in his honor. He will be teaching his final classes in the fall of 1991. Westerman began his career as a teaching fellow at University of Michigan's University School in 1948. In 1971, he was appointed head of EMU's curriculum and instruction department, and in 1980 became the dean of the College of Education. "I want to emphasize that the progress we have made is a consequence of the collaborative efforts you've allowed us to develop and the responsiveness of the entire University," Westerman said. He also indicated what he will miss most is "the regular opportunity to be in touch with colleagues and friends whom I respect so much and enjoy so much." (Quotes from July 3, 1991 *Eastern Echo* article by Allis R. Rodgers)



**THE OLD CONSERVATORY  
FIRST USED AS THE MODEL (TRAINING) SCHOOL**

The original act presented for the establishment of this building read "for instruction in the mechanical arts, and in the arts of husbandry and agricultural chemistry."

In March 1864, the executive committee proposed to the Board of Education, "to establish a library and cabinet on the Normal School grounds and to appropriate the sum of \$2,000 for the erection of the building on the condition the Board and the citizens of Ypsilanti and vicinity raise or appropriate \$3,000 for the same purpose."

Agricultural Society members in the area wanted to have meeting rooms and have agriculture taught so they invested \$3,250. In 1868, the Legislature decided to establish an agricultural school in East Lansing. The Society then assigned all their rights to the building to the State Board of Education and Legislature and were later reimbursed for their investment.

In 1869 the Legislature expended \$7,500 to complete the building and the grounds and refund to the Society so the total spent for the building was \$12,500. In January 1870, the Board of Education accepted the building and changed the name to New Normal School.

At first the building housed a large lecture hall with accommodations for cabinets and library selections. In 1882 it was used mostly as a conservatory of music with the upper floor used for Board of Education meetings or Christian Education meetings.

### **Alumni Association Board of Directors:**

#### **Officers:**

President: William Mays, Jr.  
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**Next Meeting:**  
Saturday, September 21, 1991  
205 Welch Hall

#### **Alumni Action Newsletter**

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Some interesting news in the Mid-American Conference: The University of Akron's board of trustees voted to accept an invitation to join the MAC! Akron now joins Eastern Michigan, Western Michigan, Central Michigan, Miami of Ohio, Kent State, Ball State, University of Toledo, Bowling Green State University, and Ohio University in conference play. All of Akron's sports, except soccer, will join the MAC beginning in the 1992-93 school year. Akron's football team, coached by ex-Notre Dame Jerry Faust, has been competing as an independent.

Ohio University recently was considering dropping out of the MAC and downgrading to NCAA Division I-AA. The Board of Trustees rejected the suggestion.

## **EMU Creates New Freshman Center**

A student's freshman year is one of the most important in his or her college career. Getting off to a good academic start in college, meeting new people and becoming acquainted with University resources can be a key to achieving success in college.

For this reason, Eastern Michigan University has created the Freshman Center - a residence hall center especially designed for first-year EMU students.

Eastern's new Freshman Center is comprised of Hill, Hoyt, and Pittman Resident Halls, located on the north end of main campus (you remember "The Hill"). These will be the only residence halls on campus designated "freshman only". Special programming, such as workshops on how to take tests, orientation sessions on using the library, tutoring assistance and career and academic advising, will be regularly taking place at the Freshman Center. In addition, the Hilltop Cafe, a buffet-style dining center and the Pittstop Convenience Store are new facilities that provide dining convenience to students living in the Freshman Center.

Staff at the Freshman Center are especially trained to handle the questions and concerns of freshman students. A Freshman Center Coordinator will live and work on-site to effectively manage the Center.

The Freshman Center is part of Eastern's commitment to provide quality co-curricular programming that will enhance learning outside the classroom.

# CHAPTER EVENTS

## NATIONAL CAPITAL AREA ALUMNI CHAPTER

invites you to join them at Baltimore Stadium for the Baltimore Orioles vs. Oakland Athletics baseball game July 28, 1991. Contact Jim Moors for additional information (703)548-1041

Also come to the picnic at Nottoway Park Saturday, August 10. If you would like more information call Margaret Feilke (301) 839-9449.

## HURON VALLEY ALUMNI CHAPTER

invites you to picnic with them Sunday, August 4, 1991 from 2-4 p.m. at Gallup Park. Bring your picnic basket and join in the fun!

Mark your calendar for the next general meeting October 5, 1991 from 10 a.m. to noon at the Gary M. Owen College of Business.

All HVAC members interested in participating in the planning for Homecoming 1991 events please contact Joyce Squires (313) 971-2321. It promises to be another "Great Day"!

## BOARD NOMINATIONS

Alumni Association Board member nominations can be made until July 31, 1991. The elections will be held on Homecoming, October 19, 1991.

## Holiday Treat: A Trip to Frankenmuth

EMU alumni and friends are in for a special holiday treat. Sunday morning, December 15, buses will depart for Frankenmuth. Participants will spend a full day among the sights, sounds, and spirit of the season. A "sweet tooth" stop at the Saunders Chocolate Haus, shopping at Bronner's Christmas Wonderland, and a festive meal at the colorful Bavarian Inn are a sample of what's in store.

Mark your calendar and watch for further details!

## STUDENTS FOR ALUMNI ACTION

SAA was formed last September by several Alumni Scholarship recipients for the purpose of assisting the Alumni Association in its activities and programs.

This fall, Homecoming will be the group's main focus. The group plans to be even more involved in the Homecoming Parade this year. SAA will also assign two members to help organize this year's king and queen contest. To gain visibility on campus and increase SAA membership, the group plans to sponsor several programs and events in the coming year.

The new SAA officers, as of September 4, 1991 are: Steven Queen, president; Chris Fleeman, vice president; Ann Ulrich, secretary; Melissa Zick, treasurer. SAA gives its best wishes to departing member and last year's President Mike Libbing. Thanks, and good luck, Mike!

## MAC AT MEADOWBROOK

Eastern Michigan University's Alumni Relations Office will sponsor a trip to the Meadowbrook Music Center in Rochester for a concert by Dionne Warwick Sunday, August 18th, as part of the Second Mid-American Conference "MAC At Meadowbrook" outing. EMU alumni and friends will join alumni from the other MAC schools for the evening, which will include cocktails in a MAC tent at Meadowbrook and a barbecue dinner. The event will begin at 6:15 p.m. at the MAC tent, followed by the Warwick concert at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$17.50 per person which includes dinner. Lawn seats have been reserved so participants should bring lawn chairs or blankets. Because tickets are limited, reservations must be made by Tuesday, July 30th. For reservations, call EMU Alumni Relations at 487-0250

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