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NEWS

May/June 1991

Eastern Michigan Eagles!

EMU Regents Choose New University Name

Bringing an end to approximately two years of debate and controversy, the EMU Board of Regents voted Wednesday, May 22, 1991 to replace the Huron name with "Eagles."

The name Eagles was chosen from three recommendations submitted by a Logo Committee chaired by Regent Richard Robb. The recommendations included the names Eagles, Green Hornets and Express.

Twenty-one people requested speaking time to express opinions on the name and logo before the Logo Commission gave its recommendations to the board. Included was John Fovenesi, president-elect of the Alumni Association.

Fovenesi expressed the formal action taken by the Alumni Association Board at the May 4 meeting to keep the Huron name and change the logo. (The Alumni Board had previously stated a position of keeping both the name and logo before EMU President William Shelton had asked the

regents to drop both). Of the 21 persons requesting speaking time, only one person was not present, and 15 persons supported the Regent's previous decision to change the name and logo.

Upon listening to the 20 speakers, Regent John Burton, supported by Regents Thomas Guastello and James Clifton, moved to reject the Logo Committee's recommendations.

Burton's motion was defeated, however, following discussion.

Clifton then moved to accept Eagles as EMU's new name. Regent Robert De Mattia seconded the motion.

The vote for Eagles passed with only Burton's opposition.

Although Student Government President Geoff Rose said he is aware most of the student body did not support the logo change, he spoke in support of Shelton's decision.

"I'm in support of the change," he said. "When I spoke, I spoke as Geoff Rose, regardless of the fact that I am

student body president."

Rose said he believes Eagles was the best choice and "the student body will eventually be able to grasp it."

"Well it's a name," Guastello said. "I don't know of any indigenous support or loyalty for the name; but I'm glad to see this mascot issue behind us."

Plans to gradually phase out the use of the Huron name and logo on clothing, stationery and other University items will continue. In addition, work will begin on creating a new Eastern Michigan logo using the name "Eagles."

If you have any further questions regarding the Board of Regent's May 22 meeting, please feel free to call the Alumni Relations Office at (313) 487-0250. A special edition of the Eastern Echo covering the Regent's meeting also is available.

Quotations taken from Eastern Echo article, May 23, 1991, by Julie Cantwell, Jody Reichenbaugh, and Rob Shereda

Celebrating 100 Years of Eastern Michigan Football

One of the most exciting home schedules in the history of EMU football favors Eastern Michigan as it shoots for the Mid-American Conference title and a trip to the California Raisin Bowl. This year EMU will pay special tribute to our armed forces at the Ball State game (Oct. 12) which is also Band Night. Other special events will include: Youth Night (Sept. 21), Homecoming/Parents Night (Oct. 19), Bring a Friend Night (Nov. 2) and Torpedo Toledo III (Nov. 16). Don't miss out on the fun and excitement; order your season tickets TODAY! (313-487-2282)

Aug. 31	at Bowling Green	1:30 p.m.
Sept. 7	at Purdue	1:00 p.m.
Sept. 4	at Miami	1:30 p.m.
Sept. 21	LOUISIANA TECH (Youth Night)	6:00 p.m.
Sept. 28	at Wisconsin	1:05 p.m.
Oct. 5	at Kent	1:00 p.m.
Oct. 12	BALL STATE (Band/Armed Forces Night)	6:00 p.m.
Oct. 19	WESTERN MICHIGAN (Homecoming/Parent's Day)	6:00 p.m.
Nov. 2	CENTRAL MICHIGAN (Bring a Friend Night)	6:00 p.m.
Nov. 9	at Ohio	1:30 p.m.
Nov. 16	TOLEDO (Torpedo Toledo III)	6:00 p.m.

Alumni Association Board of Directors

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President: William Mays, Jr.
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Next Meeting:
Saturday, July 13, 1991
205 Welch Hall

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The Renovations of Old Pierce Hall

Looking at the picture, you can see that old Pierce Hall was a beautiful structure. The upper part was built entirely of native white pine timbers. The window sills were of precast iron. The lower structure was supported by 6-inch cast iron posts. Cut nails used throughout the building were of tensile strength. The wrecker declared that even the bricks were well preserved. They built it to last, and rumor was that the walls were 16 inches thick.

On Friday, October 28, 1859, the building burned. While classes continued in city facilities, the building was renovated and was ready for occupancy by April 1860.

Special items in the building were the "Grand Organ" and the "Class Bell." The organ was in the Assembly Hall. It was purchased in 1856 for \$3,600 and was inscribed "Johnson & Sons, Westfield, Massachusetts Opus 656." It was originally hand blown by William Putnam (perhaps a student). Later it was moved to the Little Theater and a mechanical pump was installed.

Before the building was demolished, two local citizens bought the organ. Its whereabouts are unknown today.

The bell was found recently in the basement of Roosevelt. The bell has a stamp disclosing that it was made in Naneely Foundry, N.Y., in 1874. In a list of purchases recorded by the State Superintendent of Instruction, the bell and its installation cost \$320. It was hung in a tower that the citizens of Ypsilanti paid \$2,000 to erect in the second building. It was rung by hand to call students to class. In 1936, Pierce Hall was turned into an office building and housed the departments of Geography, Mathematics, Education, History, Sociology, Economics, Political Science, Speech, Handwriting and College Extension. It was truly the Main Building in the lives of people two, three or more generations ago.

Alumni, including myself, who return for Homecoming and the Golden Years Brunches recall experiences in this former classroom building.

-Normajean Anderson



Original Building, Erected 1852.

Dedicated October 5, 1852
Burned October 28, 1859
Two additions built in 1890
Rear addition demolished 1928

Cost: \$15,200

Rebuilt and open April 1860

Removal in South Wing, 1958

North wing demolished, 1946

Main building leveled, 1948



Main Building After Front Addition, 1878.

President's Pen

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



Since our last communication to you, our favorite university has experienced some key activities.

Many of us can remember when, not too many years ago, the MAC Conference took a vote on whether or not Eastern Michigan University would remain a member. The 1990-91 athletic activities culminated with EMU being awarded the Reese Cup all sports trophy for men's athletics. Much of this credit goes to our wonderful year when Coach Bob Parks brought to Eastern Michigan University the Men's Cross Country Championship and the Men's Indoor and Outdoor Track Championships. These accomplishments were complemented by the great basketball season for our men. Our university has come a long way with the improvements of our athletic teams.

This year we were honored with our women also winning the MAC Indoor and Outdoor Track Championships. Our thanks goes to Coach Bob Maybouer.

On May 4, 1991, we had our annual Awards Dinner Dance where we honored six of our alumni who have made significant accomplishments. This is always a highlight of any year and this year was no exception.

Now your Alumni Association is planning on a fine turn-out for the Monday, June 17th Golf Outing at our Huron Golf Club.

Plans are being finalized for our 1991 **Homecoming** which will be **Saturday, October 19**. Begin now to hold this key date and come to Homecoming!

Summer Quest '91 at EMU "An Experience in Learning That You'll Love"

What is Summer Quest? Summer Quest is Eastern Michigan University's summer residential youth program designed to give high-ability college-bound teenagers the opportunity to get in-depth experience in an area of study that interests them under the guidance of some of the finest teachers among EMU faculty. They also get to take an active part in the learning process through small-group problem solving, simulations, role playing and group discussion. They increase their awareness of what it takes to become well-rounded, thinking, feeling, involved members of the world community. They develop close friendships with students from around the United States and abroad. They have a chance to acquire supportive mentors within the University and professional community, and they discover how to plan and implement their own personal plan for success.

What makes Summer Quest unique? "Learning how to learn" is the challenge for bright young people moving into the 21st century. Developing this ability involves academic, social and personal growth. Summer Quest approaches young people as whole human beings, providing them with the opportunity within the framework of a challenging, positive environment of respect.

Information concerning participation may be directed to: Eastern Michigan University, Honors Program, Ypsilanti, MI 48197 (313-487-0902)

Alumni Have Say in Learning University

How can you help build the Learning University? Blueprint 150 is a collaborative plan to involve the entire University community, including faculty, staff, students, alumni, and parents. That means you!

Each member of the President's Commission on the Learning University has been assigned by **President Shelton** to serve as a leader or member of either a task force, estate panel or the Commission Budget Committee. The Estate Advisory Panel for alumni is chaired by **Dr. Patricia Weber**, director of the Center for Entrepreneurship. Other members of the panel are **George Beaudette**, director of Alumni Relations and Alumni Board members **John Fovenesi**, **Jack Minzey**, **Valerie Mills** and **Ann O'Beay**.

All estate panels have been asked to review the preliminary plans of attack and the preliminary recommendations from the strategic area task forces and provide comments and concerns on these issues. The panel recently met to consider the position paper on learning

assessment provided by the Assessment Task Force. The response offered suggestions for change and comments regarding the emphasis which might be placed on considerations of learning assessment from the perspective of the alumni.

The Estate Advisory Panel for Alumni offers an excellent opportunity for alumni to have concrete input into the strategic planning process. Key to an output driven organization is the usefulness of the learning we are promoting as a value outcome and alumni are a good judge of the usefulness. "Your point of view, comments, suggestions and participation are invited and will be valuable to the panel as we frame our vision of a 21st century Eastern Michigan University graduate," said Dr. Weber.

Comments and inquiries may be directed to **Estate Advisory Panel for Alumni**, Office for Alumni Relations, 15 Welch Hall; or **Center for Entrepreneurship**, 121 Pearl St., Ypsilanti, MI 48197.

Golf and Tennis Outing June 17, 1991

Come join friends and fellow alumni of Eastern for a fun-filled day of golf, tennis, food, competition and prizes.

WIN A CAR!
HOLE - IN - ONE CONTEST
Jack Webb Chevrolet/Geo
(Professional golfers not eligible.)

WIN A TRIP!
Raffle - Northwest Airlines,
anywhere in the contiguous U.S.
Jo Anne Ripley, Travel By Design

Enjoy your favorite sport during the day and settle down to a celebrity tennis match at 6 p.m. Dinner will begin at 7 p.m. and will include the presentation of the **Golfer of the Year Award** and the **Tennis Recognition Award**.

MAC At Meadowbrook

This popular event from last year is being repeated this summer for the entertainment pleasure of our alumni and friends.

DIONNE WARWICK SUNDAY, AUGUST 18

Join alumni from Eastern as well as the other MAC universities for a "party under the tent" prior to the performance. Details are being finalized - we will keep you up to date.

Did You Know...

- • • In the top of the tower of Pierce Hall was a huge bell that was rung by the janitor? Issac Kimball was so kind hearted that he was known once to ring the bell for 15 minutes overtime so lagging students would not be late to class.
- • • The pipe organ lodged in the auditorium and theater in Pierce Hall for 62 years was purchased by James Barnes and a friend? They hoped to have it placed in a church after the building was demolished.
- • • The 1991 graduating class totaled an all-time high of 2,100 students? Approximately 1,600 undergraduates and 500 graduate students were eligible to receive their degrees Saturday, April 20, 1991.

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