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Alumni Action

NEWS

February 1992

Alumni Meet at Paesano's and Tower Inn

In December, approximately 50 EMU alumni met at Paesano's restaurant in Ann Arbor before the Eastern Michigan vs. University of Michigan basketball game for the first Alumni Association Steering Committee meeting of 1992.

The purpose of the gathering was not only to give area alumni an opportunity to meet and mingle and enjoy pizza and refreshments, but also to recruit volunteers interested in assisting the Alumni Association in developing its yearly plan.

Alumni Association President John Fovenesi gave an update on the Association's 1992 program of work and the alumni survey was circulated to those attending. The event

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Welcome New Alumni



Eastern Michigan University welcomed nearly 1,600 new alumni December 15, 1991, at winter commencement. EMU President William Shelton presided over the ceremonies, which involved approximately 1,100 undergraduates and 500 graduate students.

The keynote speaker was Dr.Carolynn Reid-Wallace, assistant secretary for post secondary education in the U.S. Department of Education. Eastern also awarded her an honorary doctorate at commencement. Her two main suggestions to the graduates were to look around themselves and to do the right thing. Our very own Alumni Association president, John Fovenesi, also shared remarks with the graduates.

We wish each graduate all the best of luck in your future endeavors. Enjoy your one-year free membership in the Alumni Association. We hope you find the benefits of being a member worthwhile and we look forward to your active participation in our future events.

Alumni Awards Nominations Still Open

The annual Alumni Association Dinner Dance and Awards Banquet will be held May 9 at the Radisson on the Lake in Ypsilanti. Nominations for the awards annually presented at this event were due in January, but if you would like to see any Eastern Michigan University alumni recognized for their outstanding efforts and contributions, nominations are still being accepted. For nomination information, contact the Alumni Relations Office at (313) 487-0250.

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President's Pen

First, I would like to thank all those who have responded to our alumni survey, which was included in our last issue of Alumni Action News. If you have not yet responded, I encourage you to do so. All responses are being reviewed by your Alumni Board.

Second, recognizing the outstanding accomplishments of our alumni is an important part of your Alumni Board's activities. To date, we have recognized the accomplishments of more than 150 alumni. Did you know our alumni include such individuals as:

- a 1991 Pulitzer Prize winner in journalism,
- an assistant to the president of the United States,
- a presidential awardee for math and science from the White House,
- the CFO of a professional sports team,
- the president of J.L. Hudson's,
- the president Frank B. Hall Insurance Company, and
- the president of First of America Bank.

On May 9, we will recognize a number of additional awardees at our annual Alumni Awards Dinner Dance at the Radisson on the Lake. If you would like to recommend a candidate, contact George Beaudette.

Third, I would like to welcome the Accounting Alumni Association formed by Ken Shelton, Jennifer Edward, Troy Machiela, and Tom Cianciola, head of the Accounting Department. If you are interested in forming a chapter, call us at 487-0250.

Last, if you want to get involved, be more informed, and make a difference in effecting change, consider

joining the Alumni Association Steering Committee of Advisers, which has more than 50 members.

I hope to see you soon,
John Fovenesi
Alumni Association President

Alumni Meet at Paesano's, Tower Inn

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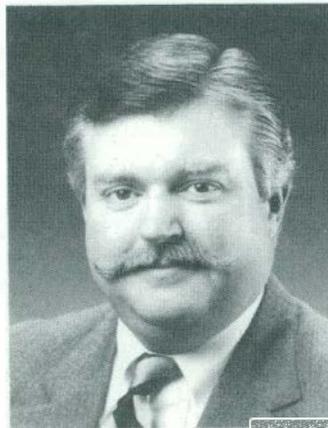
proved to be both fun and informative for all.

A second meeting was held January 15 at the Tower Inn in Ypsilanti before the EMU vs. Central Michigan basketball game. A handful of loyal supporters braved the elements to participate in the festivities.

Call the Alumni Relations Office at 487-0250 for information regarding these informal, fun alumni gatherings. Also, anyone interested in getting involved with the activities of the Alumni Association Board, please contact John Fovenesi. The Alumni Board welcomes your participation.

Patterson Heads Golden Years Program

Golden Years alumni (those who graduated 50 or more years ago) have a new link to Eastern Michigan University in Bruce C. Patterson, who joined the University Development Office in November 1991.



A native of Detroit, Bruce lives in Canton with his wife Phyllis and their three children, Justine, Dennis, and Lauren. He is an enthusiastic golfer and sportsman and has been a leader in civic and community activities throughout southeastern Michigan.

Bruce is a graduate of Wayne State University Law School and has been an attorney in private practice for twenty years. He brings a wealth of enthusiasm to his new role and looks forward to getting to know all the Golden Years alumni. One of his first initiatives is to resume publication of the Golden Years newsletter on a quarterly basis, and the first issue should reach

Golden Years alumni in March.

We welcome Bruce to the University and we know he will be a valuable addition to the alumni program.

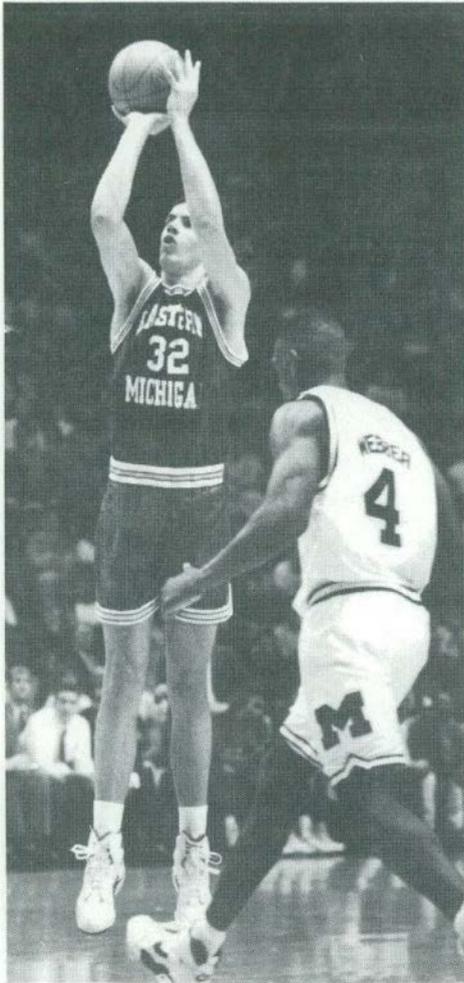
Alumni Directory Update

The 1992 Eastern Michigan University Alumni Directory is scheduled for completion in April. The directory promises to be a truly valuable keepsake and reference to more than 70,000 of your fellow alumni. It will include such important biographical data as class year(s) and degree(s) from EMU, job title, employer name, address and phone, plus residence address and phone. This is your chance to keep in touch with old school friends, as well as to help you make professional contacts with other EMU graduates in your field.

Eastern has not produced a directory like this since 1980. You will not want to miss out on this fantastic opportunity.

The response for the directory has been greater than expected, but if you haven't responded it's not too late. Just call toll-free 1-800-326-5955 for the traditional edition, an 8-1/2 x 11" soft-cover volume at just \$36.95, or the deluxe edition, an 8-1/2 x 11" hard-bound volume for just \$3.00 more.

Upcoming Events



Senior Kory Hallas (32) is Eastern Michigan's leading scorer, averaging 17.4 points per game.

Dinner Dance May 9

Mark your calendars now for the annual Alumni Awards Dinner Dance. This is your chance to enjoy an elegant evening of fine food, entertainment, and dancing. We will be honoring several of our dedicated alumni who have made significant contributions in their professions and to the University. This is a perennial favorite for young and old. It is a great chance to renew ties with old classmates and meet other alumni.

B-Ball and Pizza

Come cheer our basketball team on to victory as they challenge Western Michigan in Kalamazoo. The women's game is at noon; the men's game is at 2:30.

We will be having a pizza party and cash bar before and after the games. We will meet at Waldo's Campus Tavern, 1408 West Michigan, across from the stadium field house. Come out and show your school spirit with us!

Mark Your Calendars for March Events

- 4 EMU vs. Miami, basketball, at home
- 7 EMU vs. WMU basketball, pre-game party at Western
- 13-15 MAC basketball tournament and alumni event, Detroit
- 20 Undergraduate Symposium, McKenny Union
- 21 EMU Night at the Theatre, "Death of Zukasky," alumni guest director, Richard Strand

Eastern Erudition

Following is a short quiz testing your knowledge of EMU's history. While there is no penalty for trying, the person with the highest score will receive a valuable prize from the Office for Alumni Relations. (In case of a tie, George will be blindfolded and choose one of the high scorers.) So test your erudition. Call 313-487-0250 or 1-800-U-ALUMNI with your answers by March 10. The winner's name will be published in the April issue of *Alumni Action News*.

1. What was the year of Michigan Normal's first graduating class?
2. How many people graduated from that class?
3. Who was Michigan Normal's first president?
4. When was McKenny Union built?
5. What was the nickname of Michigan Normal's sports teams from the school's founding until approximately 1930?

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Next Alumni Association Board Meeting:

Saturday, March 7, 1992
205 Welch Hall

Chapter News

Huron Valley

I look back on the "Year of Expansion" for the Huron Valley Alumni Chapter with pride in the accomplishments of a few dedicated members. Our focus was expanding our membership and, in so doing, expanding the membership of the Alumni Association, with whom we cooperate in Outreach activities. We have grown to approximately 160 and participated in four successful Outreach events. Still, we have a long way to go in finding members who want to get involved and expand our base of friendship and support.

As we continue our fund-raising efforts, our hopes are some day to offer a scholarship. The concession stand at the games has been our major fund-raising endeavor.

The annual general chapter meeting will be held Saturday, February 14 at the Huron Golf Club from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Dr. Barbara Richardson, associate dean of Eastern's College of Arts and Sciences, will be the speaker. Business will include the election of a new board.

Thank you one and all for a great year!

Joyce Squires
HVAC President

Southeast Florida

The Southeast Florida Chapter recently attended a "Native American '92" event. More than 55 Native American tribes participated in the meeting. The chapter also is planning several meetings all over Florida with other alumni chapters to spread their "restore the Huron" position.

Washington, D.C.

Our Alumni Association has a great resource in professor Joe Ohren. He has actively been recruiting assistance from our National Capital Area Chapter in placing interns from the Political Science Department. Several people indicated a willingness to help with internship placements, career placement contacts, and even possibly housing assistance for students in Washington. A couple have lent their support in very specific ways. Moira Foley, from the Close-Up Foundation, is willing to help incoming interns get acclimated to Washington and serve as their mentor. James Carey, Federal Aviation Administration, assisted a recent graduate in the career search process and established some connections between the FAA and Eastern's Cooperative Education Office.

Alumni Association Benefits

- Two-for-one tickets for EMU basketball
- Scholarships for children and grandchildren of alumni
- Opportunity to join Olds Rec/IM center
- Use of EMU Library
- 15% discount at EMU Bookstore
- Ticket discounts at Quirk Theatre
- 10% discount at Dom Bakery (Ypsilanti)
- 15% discount at President Tuxedo
- 20% discount on greens fees at Huron Golf Club

The Concession Stand Needs You!

The Huron Valley Alumni Chapter concession stand has moved from the out-of-doors and football to the warm indoors and basketball. Carlos Falcon heads that committee, which is our primary scholarship fund-raiser. He is in need of salespeople for February 19 and 26 and March 4. If you enjoy meeting people, like volunteering for worthy causes, and watch basketball, call Carlos at 485-5683, and join the fun.

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