



LeRoy Troyer in the winter of 2003-04 before the Campus Center, which he designed.

making the most money (see what members of the class of '59 did with their lives on page 48).

“Eastern Mennonite University offers a different – a unique – type of education,” says President Loren Swartzendruber. “This was true when our school was founded, and it remains true today. Nine decades of people have recognized this. They have said it is worth supporting, and they have done so year after year, generation after generation, often sacrificially.”

Today, in his fifth year as the eighth president of Eastern Mennonite, Swartzendruber knows he must do as his seven predecessors did. He must secure the money necessary to keep EMU current, while continuing to produce its uniquely prepared graduates.

He'll have help – a talented vice-president for advancement, Kirk Shisler '81, whom Swartzendruber recruited from a major non-profit based in upper New York state. He also has an enthusiastic board of trustees and a donor base that gives more with each passing year, especially through writing EMU into their wills.

In 90 years, EMS-EMC-EMU has grown:

- from a faculty-employee group of fewer than 10 to more than 350.
- from a population of 40 students from several states to about 1,600 undergraduate, graduate and seminary students from across the United States and 36 countries.
- from less than a dozen courses (and those mainly on the high school level) to 892 courses in 37 college majors, four graduate programs and the seminary.
- from one old hotel building and a “tabernacle” on 30 acres to 50 buildings on almost 100 acres.
- from an alumni association of seven members in 1919 to more than 14,000 in the spring of this year.

Politically and socially, EMU remains in its own unique “box,” different in significant ways from secular colleges,

## EMU Buildings

This is not a complete list of EMU buildings, but a reference list for sites mentioned in this issue.

Building Name	First Year Used; End Date	Purpose
Assembly Park (former hotel)	Occupied 1917; razed 1941	Multi-purpose: worship, academic, office, housing
Administration building	1920; burned in 1984	Multi-purpose: worship, academic, office, housing
South annex to ad building	1926; burned in 1984	Multi-purpose: addition to ad building
Exercise (X-) Hall (first)	1926; felled by 1930 twister	Exercise
X-Hall/"Kuhl Hall" gym ('til 1957)/Bard's Nest/The Guild	1930	Multi-purpose: in sequence, exercise, the arts, storage
Observatory	1938	Academic
Trailer court	1940; closed 1980s	Housing
Industrial Arts building	1941; razed 1967	Practical skills, then seminary
North Annex to ad building	1942; burned 1984	Multi-purpose: addition to ad building
Lehman Auditorium	1943	Worship/music/academic
Block dorm/Birchwood	1947; razed 1988	Housing
Home Economics building	1947; razed 1967	Practical skills, then seminary
Northlawn dorm begun	1948	Housing/food
Park Cabin	1950	Worship/music/socializing
Astral Hall/WEMC building	1955	Academic, then broadcasting
Northlawn dorm finished	1957	Housing
Student center/gym	1957	Multi-purpose: in sequence, exercise, socializing, offices, arts
Elmwood dorm	1963	Housing
Maplewood dorm	1963	Housing
High school building	1964	Academic
Roselawn dorm	1967	Housing
Seminary (former)	1968; razed 1990	Academic
Suter Science Center	1968	Academic
Oakwood dorm	1969	Housing
Sadie Hartzler Library	1971	Academic
Discipleship Center	1974	Worship/music/ socializing
Lehman auditorium renovation	1975	Worship/music/ offices/academic
Village apartments	acquired in 1984	Housing
Campus Center	1986	Multi: academic, office
Mt Clinton apartments	1988	Housing
Parkwood apartments	1989	Housing
Seminary	1992	Worship/academic
Northlawn dorm renovation	1995	Housing
Hillside Suites (dormitory)	1995	Housing
Esther K. Augsburg Art Ctr	1997	Bookstore/arts/academic
University Commons	2000	Multi-purpose: exercise, socializing, offices, classroom, food