

A Fulfilled Life

Born May 18, 1923 in Detroit, Durell "Dud" Emling was one of six children. After graduating from Detroit's Denby High School, his college education was interrupted by World War II, where he was commissioned as an officer in the navy.

After being discharged, he attended Central Michigan University where he graduated Cum Laude in 1948.

In 1947 he married the former Evelyn Kelley. His three children, Deborah, Trudy, and Dennis and his wife survive him.

In 1948 his first teaching position was at Vassar, where he taught physical education and coached. His 1951 championship football team was Vassar's last championship team until 1975 when they won the "Thumb B" conference trophy.

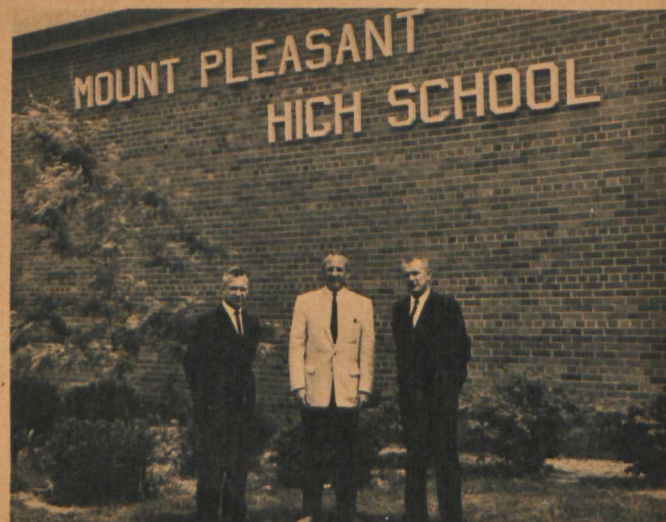
Moving back to Mt. Pleasant in 1955 he began his career with Mt. Pleasant High School by becoming a physical education teacher and tennis coach. In 1957 he was named assistant principal and athletic director but later in 1961 was named principal, a post he held for 14 years until his death.

Undoubtedly sports teams through Mr. Emling's encouragement have taken many titles. But sports weren't all he was involved with. Through his work and his belief that no student should graduate without a skill from MPHS, the vocational department grew. Clubs and organizations, such as the Derrick, often needed his advice and encouragement which he always found time to give.

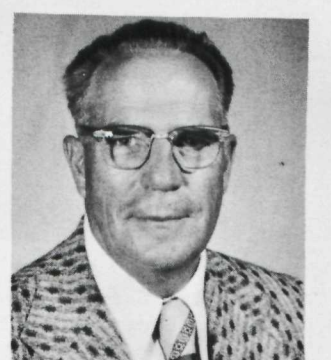
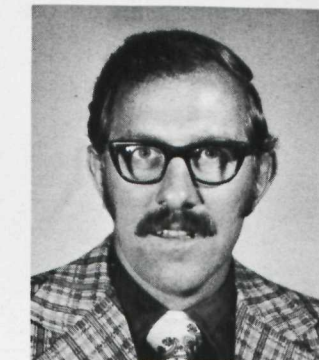
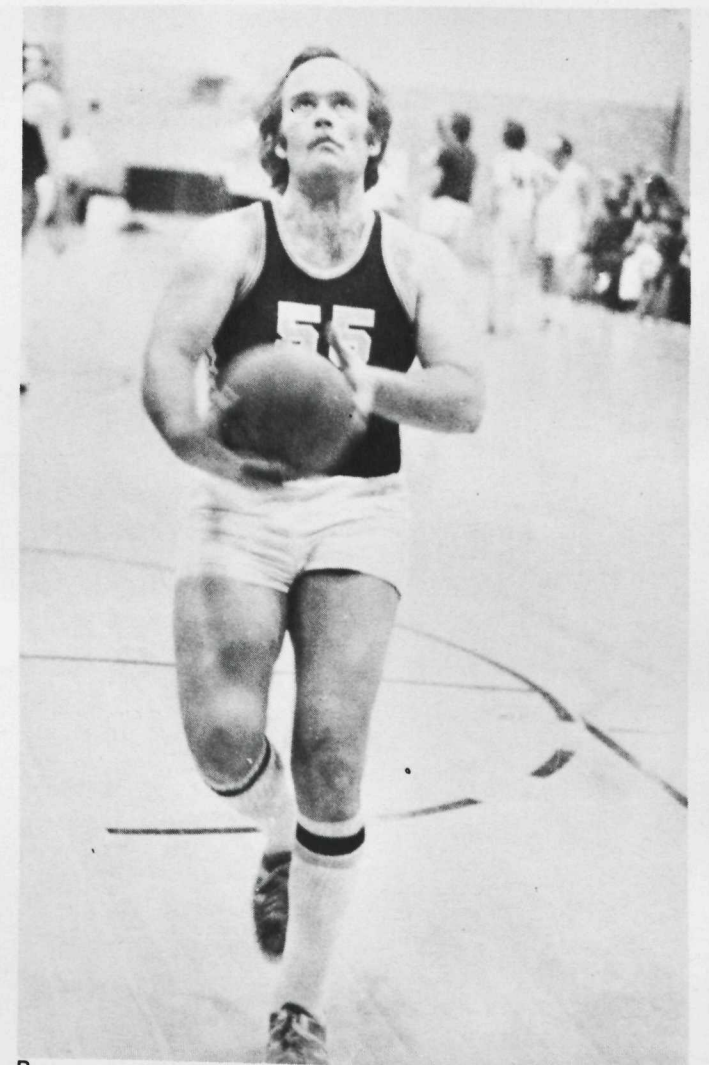
"MT. PLEASANT BLUE AND GOLD"
by Wally Moore

ALL HAIL TO THEE, MT. PLEASANT HIGH
WE CHERISH THRU THE YEARS.
FOR HOPES AND DREAMS THE FUTURE BRINGS
OUR SCHOOL PREPARES US WELL.

SO CHEER THE FLAG AS IT UNFOLDS
AND WE WILL NOT FORGET
THE COLORS THAT WE LOVE THE BEST,
MT. PLEASANT BLUE AND GOLD.



Shaping Our Future



A: Talking to a friend at one of our tournament games is Principal Dud Emling. B: Dick Kilbourn gets ready to "shoot for two" during the faculty basketball game. C: Counselor Geneva Wisneski pays a visit to The Rig. D: Counselor Richard Thelen. E: Testing Director Ray Rosevear.