

## Eastern College Class of '53

(Letter sent to Alumni Office May 2008 for Alumni Meeting)

Hello everyone, this is Bill Zulker, class of 1953 - the first class to graduate from the new St. David's Campus.

In our senior year, we met a most unusual freshman student, dynamic and different, who later would become known as America's most famous bald-headed preacher. His name, if I can remember, was Tony Campolo. He said that his father ran a polo camp, that that's where he got the name, Campolo!

Well, here I am today with many other great memories of those long-past years, and of our family relationships at Eastern. My wife, for fifty-eight years, Isabel Zulker, was the manager of the college bookstore for twelve years.

My sister, Virginia Zulker, was a secretary in the business department. Our daughter, Beth Zulker Mellon, graduated from Eastern with a degree in elementary education. Her son, our grandson, Jim Mellon graduated from Eastern with a Science Degree in Biology, went on to earn a Master's Degree in Science at another university, and will complete his third degree, an MBA, at Eastern in December.

All that in addition to my thirty years service in the administration at Eastern from 1960 to 1990. I then retired from Eastern but continued a preaching ministry, fifty times a year, wrote a biography of the Christian Merchant-John Wanamaker, then opened a bookstore in Wayne, a long-time dream of mine. And now, I'm finally retired, **"I'm having fun at 81."**

During the past two years I have learned to fly an airplane as well as a helicopter, and I continue with the exhilaration of the helicopter flights each week. As they say, "Bodies in Motion Stay in Motion." That is better than the alternative!

Congratulations to Eastern University in its amazing and continual progress, and greetings to all Alumni.

I like the words of Robert Browning:

"Come, grow old with me, the best is yet to be,  
The last of life for which the first was made,  
Our times are in His hands Who saith,  
'A whole I planned, Youth shows but half,'  
Trust God, see all, nor be afraid."

By the way, can anyone give me a slogan that I can use when I'm 82? I'll need it in December.

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