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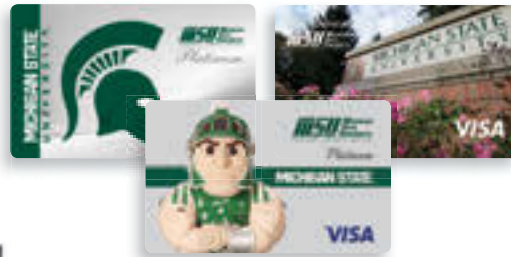
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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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## BUILDING OUR **GLOBAL TALENT NETWORK**

For 160 years, Michigan State University has been a leader in developing top-level talent that translates into successful and meaningful careers and meets the challenges of the day.

I've had many opportunities in recent months to speak about talent and Michigan State's role in attracting and fostering talent. It was one focus of this year's Detroit Regional Chamber Mackinac Policy Conference, which I attended in May. It also was the focus of the economic sector report I helped release at the

conference on Mackinac Island, along with my fellow University Research Corridor (URC) presidents from the University of Michigan and Wayne State University.

Each year at the conference we release a study of our collective impact on a Michigan economic sector. This year our URC report, written by Anderson Economic Group of East Lansing, is titled *Attracting, Fostering, and Inspiring Talent for the Global Economy*. You can find it, along with prior reports and a wealth of other information, at [urcmich.org](http://urcmich.org).

The report analyzes the unique assets our three research-intensive universities bring to Michigan and the talent-associated benefits we produce. Together we award more than 32,000 degrees each year, including nearly 13,000 advanced degrees. More than a third of the degrees conferred are in high-demand fields, including medicine and engineering.

The URC universities collectively spend \$2.1 billion annually on research that helps attract and sustain many of the nearly 12,000 world-class faculty we employ and the more than 35,000 graduate students we enroll. The presence of those talented scholars and researchers elevates our undergraduate programs.

The URC report also discusses our extensive and global talent networks, which include our combined 1.2 million living alumni, half of whom reside in Michigan.

I often discuss the sort of talent MSU needs to develop in terms of T-shaped skills, which is just a way of visualizing the sorts of skills graduates increasingly need to pursue 21st-century careers. In short, we aim to produce graduates who can enter the work force with skill sets deep in specialized knowledge (the vertical stroke of the T) and broad in connective skills, such as communication and teamwork (the horizontal stroke).

We are committed to preparing Michigan State graduates to understand complex situations, work across boundaries, make connections between different disciplines, and communicate their knowledge effectively to diverse audiences.

We discussed this concept in depth earlier this year when Michigan State and IBM hosted scholars, employers, and others at the second annual T-Summit. We're developing a common language to talk about the skills needed for the jobs of today and tomorrow, and we're laying the groundwork for the changes higher education must make in order to continue to produce such talent.

Working with our colleagues and partners and with members of our own talent networks, including you, I'm confident Spartans Will.

Lou Anna K. Simon, PhD  
President, Michigan State University





# DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE



## A WORLD **WITHOUT DUES**

As of July 1, 2016, the MSU Alumni Association will eliminate the dues requirement for membership in recognition of what many alumni have been telling us for a long time—dues are a distraction.

Upon graduation, Spartans go forth and invest their time, talent and treasure to make great discoveries, lead exceptional teams and attack the world's biggest problems. Every Spartan's mission is to leave the world in better shape than they found it.

At the MSU Alumni Association, our mission is to continue to enrich your life and those of other Spartan alumni and friends. We exist to create an environment of lifelong growth and enlightenment, and to foster a tradition of service to MSU and the local community. This ensures that future generations of Spartans will enjoy the same abundance made possible by those who came before them.

Dues simply don't fit into this equation. The MSU Alumni Association wants you to have the opportunity to support whatever extraordinary dimension of this great university touches your heart. If you want to direct your philanthropy in our direction, you'll help us help more Spartans. But the bottom line is this—we are here to enrich lives and you don't need to pay dues to reap the rewards.

We encourage you to direct your philanthropy toward your college, student programming, the arts, athletics or to support the academic and research excellence that defines MSU as a top-tier educational institution. This will help to sustain and empower the university to prosper in an era when public funding of higher education is increasingly at risk.

In appreciation of the thousands of alumni and friends who became lifelong members of MSUAA and those who already make a minimum annual gift of \$100 to the college or program of their choice, MSU recognizes them as Spartan Loyal.

All lifelong members and those who maintain the Spartan Loyal designation with an annual charitable gift of \$100 or more will receive printed copies of the quarterly alumni magazine. Our other services and benefits are now available to all Spartans worldwide.

For the most enriching Spartan experience, affirm your connection with the MSU Alumni Association every year by updating or verifying your contact information with us. You'll be able to take advantage of MSUAA webinars, livestreams, classes and events that promote professional and personal enrichment. You'll also benefit from a worldwide network of alumni who share their expertise with others and celebrate Spartan successes whenever and wherever they happen.

I invite you to participate in the university's culture of philanthropy, modeled by past generations of alumni who helped make our Spartan lives possible. Eliminating the dues requirement means your MSU Alumni Association will be better able to focus on activities that enrich our alumni, our great institution and future generations of Spartans. We hope we can inspire you to do the same.

W. Scott Westerman III  
Executive Director  
MSU Alumni Association





# LETTERS *to the* EDITOR



## COVER STORY: **SPARTANS HELP STATE WINE INDUSTRY FLOURISH**

As a lover of some of the excellent Michigan wines now being produced, I enjoyed reading your interesting cover article on the MSU connection to the Michigan wine industry. I would like to call your attention to another MSU Michigan wine connection.

In 1967, my father, Robert M Herbst (MSU Professor of Organic Chemistry, 1947-1969), planted an experimental vineyard of mostly French hybrid grapes in Leelanau County as a retirement project. Over the next few years the experimental vineyard grew to almost two acres of 14 French hybrid varieties which included Foch, various Seibels, White Baco, White Rogue, Millot and Seyve-Villard 5246.

By 1972 the grape harvest was sufficient for wine production and dad installed a small winery in our basement. During the 1970s he was producing and bottling about 500-600 bottles of wine annually under the label Provemont Vineyards for family and friends. All his wines were made from grapes that he grew in his own vineyards.

Also, in the 1970s he collaborated closely with Bernie Rink, founder and owner of Boskydel Vineyards and director of Northwestern Michigan College's Osterlin Library. My father did not produce wine commercially, but he was a pioneer in the early years of Michigan's emerging wine industry. He eventually sold his vineyards to a neighbor whose son, the late Bruce Simpson, who founded Good Harbor Vineyards. In 1981, my parents moved to North Carolina with an extensive wine cellar of Provemont Vineyard wines.

*~ Emily Herbst Fasan, MSU '78*

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# NEWS *and* CURRENT EVENTS



## ERA OF DISCOVERY BEGINS: MSU BREAKS GROUND FOR NEW GRAND RAPIDS RESEARCH CENTER

*By Geri Kelley, College of Human Medicine*

A new era of medical discovery began in June, as ground was broken for the Michigan State University Grand Rapids Research Center.

The \$88.1 million, six-story, 162,800-square-foot facility will include research program spaces and five core labs that will benefit MSU College of Human Medicine scientists and researchers from MSU's partnering institutions. The core labs include bioinformatics, flow cytometer, long-term storage, and analytical and advanced microscopy.

The new research center will be located on the site of the former Grand Rapids Press building, at the corner of Michigan Street and Monroe Avenue in downtown Grand Rapids.

"We envision the MSU research building and Grand Rapids Innovation Park to be a gateway to the Medical Mile and a magnet attracting business in life sciences and growth in the biotechnology sectors," MSU President Lou Anna K. Simon said.

When the research center opens in late 2017, it will support 260 members of the College of Human Medicine's scientific research teams, including 34 principal investigators and their labs. At full capacity, the center will support 44 research teams. Some of the areas of scientific study include Parkinson's disease, Alzheimer's disease, pediatric neurology, autism, inflammation, transplantation, cancer, genetics, women's health and reproductive medicine.

## ENVIRONMENTAL ACTIVISM WORKS, STUDY SHOWS

By Sue Nichols, Department of Fisheries and Wildlife

The environmental movement is making a difference—nudging greenhouse gas emissions down in states with strong green voices, according to a Michigan State University study.

Social scientists Thomas Dietz and Kenneth Frank, MSU Foundation professors of sociometrics, have teamed up to find a way to tell if a state jumping on the environmental bandwagon can mitigate other human factors—population growth and economic affluence—known to hurt the environment.

“We’ve used new methods developed over the years and new innovations Ken has developed to add in the politics—and find that politics and environmen-

talism can mediate some environmental impact,” Dietz said. “Environmentalism seems to influence policies and how well policies that are in place are actually implemented, and it also influences individual behavior and the choices people make.”

For example, they show that a 1 percent increase in environmentalism tends to reduce (greenhouse gas) emissions by more than enough to compensate for the typical annual increase in emissions.

The study, in a recent issue of *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, shows a state-level win for environmental activism that hasn’t been apparent on a national scale.

## TABLETS CAN HELP ELDERLY CROSS THE ‘DIGITAL DIVIDE’

By Tom Oswald, Communications and Brand Strategy

One way to help the elderly cross what’s known as the “digital divide” is the use of tablets, those smaller, lighter, easy-to-use computers that seem to be taking the place of laptops.

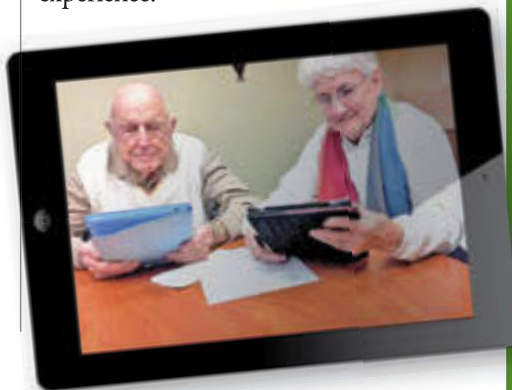
New Michigan State University research has found that the use of tablets does make it easier, breaking down some of the barriers that keep seniors from getting connected.

In addition to being smaller, lighter and more portable, tablets allow people to maneuver online without having to move and click a mouse.

“The dexterity required to control a mouse is really hard for some older adults,” said Shelia Cotten, an MSU professor of media and information

who led the research. “A certain level of muscle control is needed. And some older adults have shaking issues, in addition to muscle-control issues in their hands and arms.”

Cotten also said that in most cases, tablets are just easier to use, especially for people who don’t have a lot of computer experience.



## MSU IN TOP 20 IN DINING SERVICES

*Business Insider* recently released a list of the 50 universities with the best food, placing MSU at No. 20 and as the top university in Michigan.

To create this list, *Business Insider* utilized Niche.com data from students at colleges and universities around the nation who rated the quality of both off-campus restaurants and on-campus dining facilities.

The list used Niche.com 2015 rankings for Best Campus Food, which ranked MSU Culinary Services as No. 24 with an A+ score among traditional four-year colleges and universities in the United States. Culinary Services—a department of the Division of Residential and Hospitality Services—also ranked as the top university dining services in Michigan. Niche.com only used the cafeterias in their rankings, not off-campus options.

MSU Culinary Services completed seven major dining renovations in the past five years, contributing to the A+ score. Most recently, Culinary Services reopened Heritage Commons at Landon Hall in August 2014 and The Edge at Akers Hall in January 2015.





## POLAR BEARS AREN'T THE ONLY VICTIMS OF CLIMATE CHANGE

By Kristen Parker, Communications and Brand Strategy

From heat waves to damaged crops to asthma in children, climate change is a major public health concern, argues a Michigan State University researcher in a new study.

Climate change is about more than melting ice caps and images of the Earth on fire, said Sean Valles, assistant professor in Lyman Briggs College and the Department of

Philosophy, who believes bio-ethicists could help reframe current climate change discourse.

“When we talk about climate change, we can’t just be talking about money and jobs and polar bears,” he said. “Why do we focus on polar bears? Why not kids? Climate change isn’t just people hurting polar bears. It’s people hurting people.”

The public has become fairly apathetic to climate change, he said. But moving away from “save the environment” messaging could help people focus on the serious health risks of climate change, even if they’re skeptical.

“It would be a major victory if slightly more often people would talk about the health effects, or at least try to imagine the health-related risks involved with climate change,” Valles said. “There are some important justice issues at stake because the most vulnerable populations will feel the effects of climate change first.”

## STUTTERING LINKED TO RHYTHM PERCEPTION DEFICIENCY

By Andy Henion, Communications and Brand Strategy

Stuttering may be more than a speech problem. For the first time, researchers have found that children who stutter have difficulty perceiving a beat in music-like rhythms, which could account for their halting speech patterns.

Michigan State University’s Devin McAuley, co-author of the study, said the findings have implications for treating stuttering, which affects 70 million people worldwide. The study appears online in the journal *Brain & Language*.

“Stuttering has primarily been interpreted as a speech motor difficulty, but this is the first study that shows it’s related to a rhythm perception deficit—in other words, the ability to perceive and keep a beat,” said McAuley, professor of psychology.

Being able to perceive and maintain a beat is believed to be critical for normal speech because it serves as a pacing signal.

McAuley and colleagues tested a group of children who stuttered and a group who didn’t by having them listen to and then identify rhythmic drumbeats in the context of a computer game. The study found that children who stuttered did much worse at judging whether two rhythms were the same or different.

The research team is integrating the behavioral data with functional magnetic resonance imaging, or fMRI, to identify which brain networks may be responsible for the rhythm perception deficit.

“That’s important because it identifies potential interventions which might focus on improving beat perception in children who stutter, which then might translate to improved fluency in speech,” McAuley said.





# ARTS *and* CULTURE

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### **Rogers + Hammerstein's *Cinderella*** Sept. 22-27

The glass slipper, pumpkin coach, fairy godmother and handsome prince. They all come alive in this fresh take of *Cinderella*, a Broadway musical from the creators of *The Sound of Music* and *South Pacific*. Lush in every way, it features jaw-dropping transformations, an incredible orchestra and stunning wardrobes. Both hilarious and romantic, it will enchant everyone, ages 5 and up.

### **Lang Lang** Sept. 28, 7:30 p.m.

A piano prodigy who made his first appearance in Beijing Concert Hall at age 13, Lang Lang made a name for himself when he stepped in to play with the Chicago Symphony at 17. Since then, this young artist has thrilled audiences at sold-out recitals and concerts in every major city in the world. Be sure to catch this extraordinary superstar in his Wharton Center debut.



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## THE BROAD MUSEUM

### **Christopher Cozier: *Entanglements***

*Through Oct. 18*

This Trinidadian artist will present two videos, *Gas Men* and *Globe*. Both explore the presence and impact of multinational oil companies on various international locations. Filmed on Lake Michigan—which has witnessed repeated crude oil spills—the commentaries address the politics of the global oil economy and its impacts.

### **Past Forward: Contemporary Art from the Emirates** Aug. 29-Oct. 18

This first major touring exhibition of Emirati art showcases paintings, photographs, sculptures, videos and more. Visitors will experience a visual journey from the artistic beginnings in the United Arab Emirates to the country's evolution into a vibrant regional art center.



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## THE COLLEGE OF MUSIC

### A Fairchild Fanfare

*Sept. 18, 8 p.m. Fairchild Theatre*

A fast-paced montage of musical talent featuring choirs, jazz groups, faculty artists, new music, opera, and artists from the West Circle Series and Cello Plus Chamber Music Festival. MSU Federal Credit Union Showcase Series.

**Music of Antonin Dvořák** *Oct. 5, 7:30 p.m. Fairchild Theatre*

The son of a butcher, Dvořák's music is infused with the folk songs and dances of his native Bohemia. Joanne and Bill Church West Circle Series.

**Brian Lynch, jazz trumpet, with MSU Jazz Orchestras**

*Oct. 9, 8 p.m. Fairchild Theatre*

The internationally known jazz trumpeter Sean Jones performs swing and big-band with MSU Jazz Orchestras under the direction of Rodney Whitaker. MSUFCU Jazz Artists in Residence performance.



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## Sparrow Spartan Spotlight



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## International medical resident exchange program partners visit Sparrow

A new medical resident exchange pilot program moved another step forward recently when five visitors from Merida, Mexico traveled to Lansing and toured Sparrow with hospital leaders and officials from the Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine.

The partnership between Sparrow, MSU and Mexico's Yucatan Department of Health will foster opportunities for medical education, training, research, and outreach between the Mexican state and mid-Michigan.

The group from Mexico included government, health care and educational leaders. They toured

Sparrow's Emergency Department, Intensive Care Unit, Inpatient Rehabilitation Unit, Mary Free Bed at Sparrow, and met with Sparrow President and CEO Dennis Swan, members of Sparrow Leadership, and MSU officials.

**The Global Health: Medical Resident Exchange Program** is expected to begin in the fall of 2015 when the first medical residents travel from the Yucatan capital of Merida to Sparrow in Lansing. Its organizers are already exploring possibilities that may include collaborative research and clinical work.

The program will be coordinated through the MSU Institute of International Health and the



Sparrow President and CEO Dennis Swan with visiting education, government, and health care leaders from Mexico

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# SPARTAN PROFILES

## KIMBERLY KELLY SANTINI: CAPTURING THE MAGIC OF THE KENTUCKY DERBY

The Kentucky Derby, which bills itself as “the greatest two minutes in sports,” is viewed by millions of people on TV and a midsize city’s worth of fans packed into Churchill Downs on race day.

To convey the drama of horse racing, a sport she grew up loving, Kimberly Kelly Santini—the track’s official artist for the May 2015 event—tapped into her own passion.

It started in Santini’s “horse-starved” childhood in Grand Blanc, when watching the races meant scrutinizing newspaper stats and tuning into *ABC’s Wide World of Sports*. It continues in adulthood—she gets herself to the tracks when and where she can.

“I really wanted to convey the pageantry, the beauty,” said Santini, a painter now living in Lake Orion. “Until you have stood at the rail of a horse track and not just seen the horses go by but felt them—when their feet hit the ground, it travels up your legs, and you feel them breathing and see them straining and giving their all ... when you see that firsthand, it stays with you.”

Her commissioned work for Churchill Downs portrays two groups of Thoroughbreds hurtling down the backstretch. The Louisville racetrack’s twin spires rise in the background.

The work conveys energy and color and movement—qualities admired by Clare Jett, who runs the company that produces the “Art of the Kentucky Derby” posters, prints and other memorabilia. Jett scours the art world every

year for someone who can paint horses convincingly, but whose work also stands out as “edgy or unique.”

Santini “brings equine expertise to the drawing board,” Jett said, “but with an artistic twist of nearly neon vibrance.”

A hallmark of Santini’s work: vivid color—pure pigment, straight from the tube—first applied to the canvas as underpaint (that first layer that gets mostly covered with blended colors), and then again as final, bold accents.

Santini said she’d been drawn to color and art as a child. She learned at MSU that she could major in art history—and ultimately convinced her parents that earning a fine arts degree, too, would be a good idea. In the studio, she recalled, students received open-ended assignments requiring experimentation.

“I don’t think that the work I did in studio time was as important as the conversations that happened,” Santini said, “and the fact that I learned how to talk through problems and listen and watch other people solve them.”

Now Santini paints on commission in her home studio, building a career around animal portraits and still lifes.

When Jett called to offer her the Kentucky Derby job, Santini suspected some friend was playing a practical joke. An air of unreality suits the subject for Santini. After all these years of watching horses run from afar and up close, she said, it still feels like “something magical.”

~ Adrian Rogers, ’00



Kimberly Kelly Santini lives in Lake Orion. She earned both a BA and a BFA degree in the College of Arts and Letters in 1989. She's been painting as long as she can remember.

Photo Michael Boeckmann/JettStream Productions  
Poster: JettStream Productions







Susan Corbin



## CURT FIELDS: BRINGING HISTORY TO LIFE

Curt Fields is a self-described “walking, talking, interactive 3-D teaching tool.” It’s easy to see why. He’s the spitting image of U.S. Gen. Ulysses S. Grant, circa the Civil War. In his cavalry-style slouch hat, blue wool sack coat, mud-splattered boots, dark beard and ever-present cigar, he’ll make a believer out of anyone.

Because he’s so convincing, the National Park Service enlisted Fields for a re-enactment of events ending America’s Civil War. On April 9, Grant and his men rode horses to Appomattox Court House to accept Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee’s surrender. Some 10,000 people huddled in the rain to commemorate the event’s Sesquicentennial. Scores of others donned period clothing and completed the moving tableau, which played out at the precise times as on that day in 1865.

“As we rode up, there was not a sound. The only thing that could be heard was the sound of hooves on gravel and creaking saddle leather,” said Fields, still awed by the reverential atmosphere that day. C-SPAN 3’s cameras captured it all.

Fields has played Grant about 500 times at such locations as Fort Donelson, Shiloh, Vicksburg and a host of other battlefields. And the requests keep coming.

“I’m not a re-enactor. I don’t appear in combat at staged skirmishes,” he said. “I’m what’s known as a living historian. I talk to folks in first person.” To channel Grant’s philosophies, manner of speech and life experiences, Fields pores over Grant’s memoirs and consults secondary source

material left by those who personally knew the general, who also became the 18th president of the U.S.

“I enjoy the looks on people’s faces when they see me and listen to me,” said Fields, a retired teacher, school administrator and hostage negotiator with the Memphis police.

The lightbulb went off in 2010 when he happened to pose for a photo with an Abraham Lincoln lookalike. That’s when he realized that he resembled Grant. He grew a beard, purchased a replica Union Army uniform and began gracing historical events—and his hobby was born.

His respect for Grant is more than skin deep. “I’ve come to like him as a person,” Fields said. “Grant was a brilliant man, a devoted father and a compassionate military leader. He was always asking about the number of (Confederate) POWs who’d been captured. He said, ‘Every man I can feed is one more I don’t have to kill.’”

In a serendipitous coincidence, Fields’ wife, Lena, resembles Grant’s wife, Julia. She owns a closet full of the era’s beautiful gowns, bustles and all. The couple often appear together.

Raised in Memphis, Fields came north to Michigan State University to study at its nationally respected College of Education. He earned two graduate degrees here. “The research I do now is child’s play compared to scholarly programs MSU put me through,” he said with a laugh.

~ Paula Davenport

**Curt Fields lives in Collierville, Tenn., and is a retired principal of the Memphis-based Kansas Career and Tech Center. He earned both an MA and a PhD from the College of Education, in 1980 and 1981 respectively.**



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## TIM HUNT: CARING FOR— AND LEARNING FROM—ANIMALS

Dr. Tim Hunt got his first sled dogs 20 years ago, as four-legged payments made in lieu of cash.

After opening his veterinary clinic in Marquette, in the Upper Peninsula, he'd taken on a few mushers as clients. Dogsled drivers would have a lot of dogs, right? What Hunt didn't know: "They had no money."

From those early days, Hunt's career has taken off. His Bayshore Veterinary Hospital treats 15,000 small-animal clients. In 2014, he won the America's Favorite Veterinarian contest run by the American Veterinary Medical Foundation, nominated by a client after performing a Christmas-morning C-section on her mother's dog.

But Hunt, too, has taken off. Those first few bartered-for huskies—experienced dogs that helped him learn to mush and produced puppies to fill out his kennel—sparked his love for a sport that's since pulled Hunt across remote expanses and mountainous terrain.

Hunt ran his second Iditarod in March, placing 45th out of 79 teams. The trail had been moved for a lack of snow. Then Alaska delivered temperatures as cold as minus 60 degrees. Still, Hunt improved his standing over his previous attempt. In 2009 he finished last.

A veteran of more than 100 dogsled races in North America and Europe, Hunt said the 1,000-mile, two-week Iditarod is his favorite. Pitting drivers and dogs against frozen rivers and desolate tundra, the race's long distance imposes a solitude he relishes.

"It's just me and the dogs," he said. "You're just away from everything. It's kind of like taking a dresser and turning it upside down and opening the drawers, and everything dumps out. And when you're done with it you have an empty dresser.

"That's your brain. And everything's fresh. It's really neat. It's also extremely hard."

Hunt grew up an animal lover, caring for gerbils, guinea pigs and cats in his family's home in Westland, in southeast Michigan, and taking a job as a "kennel boy" at 14. He headed to MSU as an undergraduate and stayed for vet school.

These days, he cares for animals even on the road. Or trail.

As an Iditarod vet, he's set up at outposts to check huskies' vital signs, joints and muscles during the race. He also helped to start the Alaska Veterinary Rural Program, which serves rural communities in western Alaska. Villagers have resorted to shooting dogs that roam in oversize packs, Hunt said. To help control the population more humanely, he and other volunteers set up anesthesia equipment and surgical instruments in laundry facilities and police stations to offer free spay-and-neuter clinics.

The 20 or 30 dogs that volunteers sterilize in each community may be a "drop in the bucket," he said, "but it's a start."



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~ Adrian Rogers, '00





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Tim Hunt earned a BS and DVM in veterinary medicine in 1987 and 1989 respectively. He lives in Skandia and operates his animal hospital in Marquette. Hunt is also the creator of Dr. Tim's Pet Foods Co.





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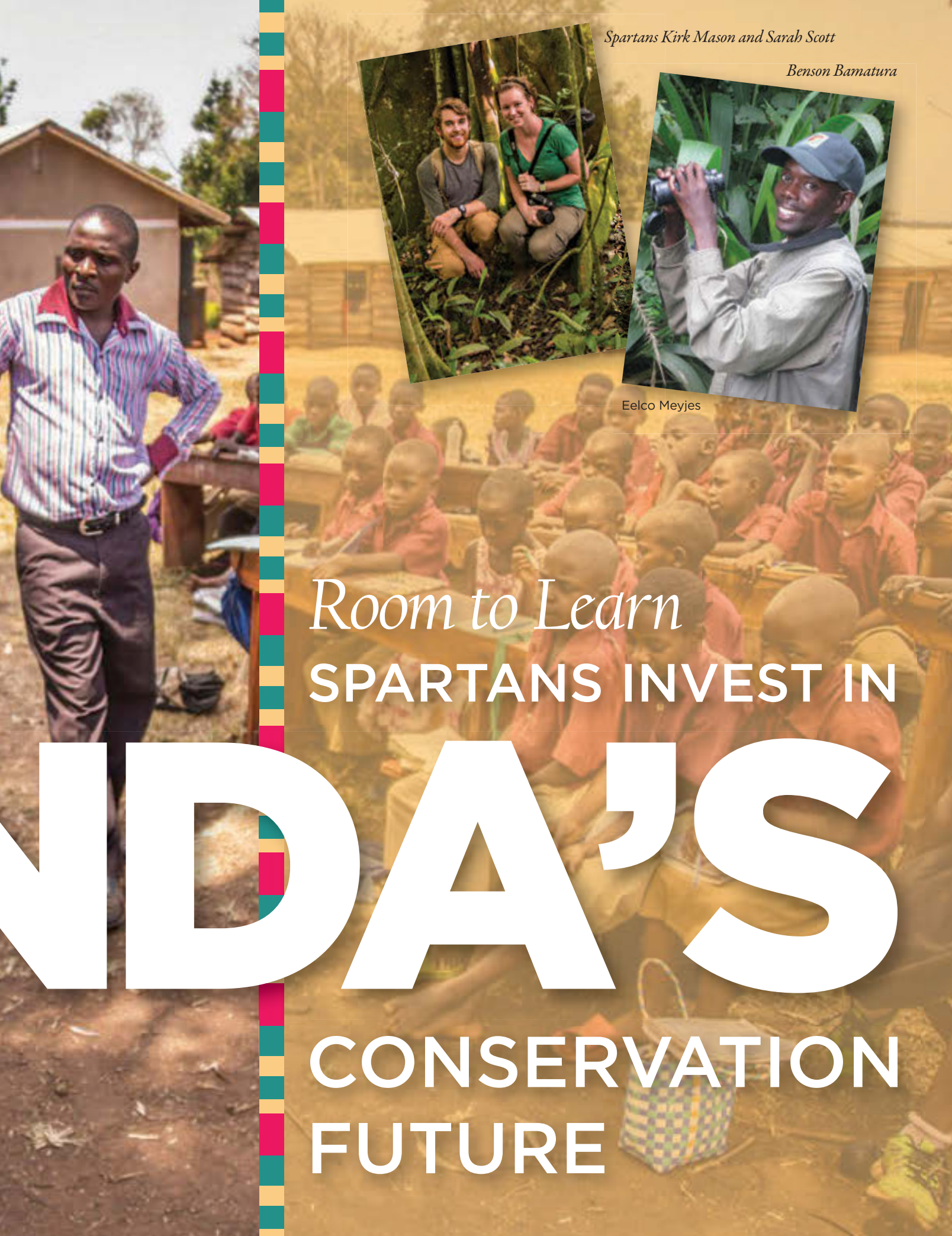




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*With only five classrooms for 350 pupils, Bigodi village often holds classes outdoors.*





*Spartans Kirk Mason and Sarah Scott*

*Benson Bamatura*



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# FOR THE **LOVE OF BENSON**

*Spartans lead effort to expand school in Uganda  
to honor late wildlife researcher and guide*

*By Paula M. Davenport*

In the shadow of southwest Uganda's Rwenzori Mountains—where Dian Fossey's *Gorillas in the Mist* was filmed—thick rainforests, wetlands and savannahs create a quilt of national parks and nature preserves. It's the Africa most familiar to Americans. Elephants, monkeys, chimpanzees, baboons, antelope and bush pigs roam freely. African grey parrots, hornbills, majestic great blue turacos and hundreds of other bird species create the soundscape.

But the draw for some is the area's most elusive resident—a tiny bird known as Shelley's crimsonwing finch. Only two verified photographs of the finches are known to exist. One was taken by Benson Bamatura, a friendly, diminutive area field guide with a Colgate smile. He'd often embark well before sunrise to set nets in a global quest to study and release the red- and olive-colored birds, which scientists believe are on the brink of extinction.

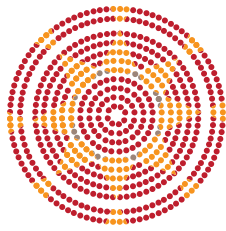
If anyone could spot the species, it was Bamatura, who lived in nearby Bigodi village. He recognized more than 700 bird species and 300 birdcalls, wrote Eelco Meyjes, a director of the South Africa-based Rare Finch Conservation Group (RFCG), in an email. Bamatura conducted research and led eco-tours for the group.

Some Michigan State University students were lucky enough to meet Bamatura on study-abroad programs over the years. In 2013, alumna Sarah Scott was among them. She was in Uganda taking the MSU course *Apes to Aves: The Evolution of Forest Biodiversity*, in neighboring Kibale National Park. Bamatura had collaborated with MSU faculty to help guide a study abroad experience in Uganda and was known equally for his passion for wildlife conservation, his big heart and friendly personality.

Uganda is a biodiversity hotspot containing habitats ranging from savannahs to snow-capped peaks and mountain forests to dense, lower-altitude rainforests, Scott said.

"Bigodi ... is in a key geographical and environmental position," she said, noting that eco-tourism revenue from guided tours of the Bigodi Wetland Sanctuary helps support the village and its secondary school.



Previous page, L to R:  
*Benson Bamatura; a mountain gorilla; a Shelley's crimsonwing finch.*

This page, clockwise from top left:  
*Softening up dry ground to begin classroom construction; a hand-woven beehive; food is prepared in an outside kitchen; sunrise in the Bigodi region; Mrs. Benson Bamatura and the Bamatura children; elephants outside the village.*







Photos from left:

*Workers use water hauled from a well to hasten dirt work. The classroom site after being prepped for construction. Master builders prepared to lay the brick foundation. Masons applied mortar to create walls. A string bob helped builders true up the walls.*

## A PLAN TAKES SHAPE

Tragically, the world lost Bamatura in January 2014. He died after a prolonged illness; he was just 33 and left behind his wife and five children, along with a legion of local and international friends.

News of his death rippled across MSU's campus, and a group of students brainstormed about how they could honor Bamatura while also helping his wife and children.

They settled on education assistance for the Bamatura children. That's when the village school board agreed to waive the children's secondary school fees (grades 8-13)—if it had a new classroom. The proposal would lift an enormous financial burden from Mrs. Bamatura. Ugandans on average make about \$500 a year. But it costs \$100 annually to send a child to school.

Villagers understand the importance of their children's education. Some 350 students a year were crammed into Bigodi's five small classrooms. The secondary school teaches a conservation-based curriculum, focusing in-depth lessons on the value of environmental preservation. Its graduates grow up to become their generation's conservationists and trail guides in nearby national parks and reservations.

Scott loved everything about Bigodi and its schools. She decided to spearhead the effort to build the village a new classroom.

First, she recruited Kirk Mason, a fellow Spartan alumnus and her boyfriend. They consulted with U.S. contractors—who estimated the job could take at least four months and cost roughly \$10,000.

Scott and Mason, both 2014 graduates, launched a crowdfunding website seeking donations. They took their story to newspapers and radio stations. And they decided to move to Bigodi until the classroom was ready to welcome students.

Their interests, expertise and skills aligned perfectly with the task at hand. Scott earned her bachelor's in zoology in the Lyman Briggs College and Honors College, with multidisciplinary majors in ecology, evolution and organismal biology,



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**There were many people who were hesitant to donate because...they thought we were too young to be responsible enough to plan and execute such a plan.**

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plus a major in environmental studies from the College of Natural Science. Kirk earned his bachelor's degree in the Residential College of Arts and Humanities with two additional specializations in documentary studies and media information from the College of Communications Arts and Sciences.

## POWERED BY WILL

The pair immediately discovered that fundraising was an uphill climb. “There were many people who were hesitant to donate ... because they thought we were too young to be responsible enough to plan and execute such a plan,” said Scott. “It was daunting to dedicate our lives to something that required moving to a different continent. But it wasn't a difficult decision. The need arose and we had the opportunity to take action.”

As Mason said, “If I hadn't met people at MSU with the same drive and determination to get things done in the world, I never would have been able to accomplish something like this. It's just an attitude that Spartans have to do whatever it takes.”

Family, friends, MSU's Center for Regional Food Systems, the RFCG and big-hearted people from all over supported the cause.

Last January the couple unpacked their bags in Bigodi. Village native Kemigisha Harriet, one of Bamatura's fellow bird guides, put them up, fed them and signed on as project manager and translator. Fortunately, most Ugandans speak some English. And Scott and Mason picked up some conversational Rutooro, the local language.

Harriet hired the area's best masons, welders and tradesmen, all accustomed to building with locally available products—minus the luxury of power tools.

“To us, building a school seemed impossible,” Scott said. “We're very grateful there was such a wonderful group (of Bigodi villagers)” who got behind it.





Photos from left:

*Walls went up quickly during the dry season. Tools of the trade included scaffolding and jerry cans. Plaster was applied to walls both outside and in. Sarah and Kirk admired the nearly completed structure. The couple created and posted this sign in memory of Benson Bamatura.*

Meanwhile, the Spartans came up with other ways through which to contribute their talents. They started a hands-on conservation club for area children; produced online videos (Ugandan Explorers) to raise awareness of western Uganda's rich, biologically diverse environment; made a documentary on detriments to the region's dwindling bee populations; and created a documentary highlighting the region's local food and provisioning systems, thanks to help from the MSU Center for Regional Food Systems.

Meanwhile at the site "construction moved quickly (in the dry season) since sunny days provided perfect conditions for concrete to set. But it slowed down (masonry) work because water had to be pumped from nearby boreholes into jerry cans, which were strapped to bicycles and transported to the schoolyard," Scott said.

By the time the rainy season arrived, the building was almost all under roof and the interior work was completed. Finishing touches included a wide green stripe painted around the foundation.

Villagers at every turn greeted the couple and expressed gratitude for the desperately needed classroom taking shape in the schoolyard.

"We wanted to make sure Bamatura's message of conservation was recognized and carried on" through education for decades to come, the couple said.

In April, Bamatura's family and friends, villagers and school officials met at the classroom for a dedication ceremony. Benson's younger brother, Johnson, spoke on behalf of the Bamatura family. "He said they were very thankful and wanted to make sure we understood that our contribution to the community was greatly appreciated," Mason said.

The couple added one final touch before departing. They unveiled a green and white plaque outside the building inscribed: "Constructed in Memory of Benson Bamatura. Sponsored by Alumni and Friends of Michigan State University, April 2015." 🐦

*Lisa Mulcrone, '92, Communications and Brand Strategy, contributed to this story.*



Photos by Kirk Mason



## WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

**Scott and Mason are in North Dakota conducting field research on honeybees for the U.S. Geological Survey. She is handling the data collection and analysis. He is working as the project's video producer.**



Learn more and watch videos of the project at:  
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First offered in 2008, MSU's *Apes to Aves* course will be offered again in summer 2016. Students will return to the Kimbale National Park, which encompasses the Bigodi Wetlands Sanctuary.

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# *The Grace and Grit of* **JIM HARRISON**

*By Geoff Koch*

**W**riter Jim Harrison loathes interview requests from outsiders seeking to bask in his gruff wisdom, humor and writing prowess.

*“I AWAIT THE MIRACULOUS”*

*In his twilight, writer Jim Harrison—author of Legends of the Fall—remains hard at work, and wants fellow MSU alums to know “I’m not dead yet!”*

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I’ve been a fan of Harrison’s work since the mid-2000s, when I found myself adrift in East Lansing while my wife worked on her PhD at MSU.

That first year I was disoriented by most everything, from the nasal “A”s to Lake Michigan. I needed a guide, someone to explain the spirit of the place, not just the names of the towns and landmarks. I stumbled onto the books of Harrison, who ranks at or near the top of famous writers among MSU alums, if not on the list of most prominent living American writers.

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*Linda and Jim Harrison at the gravesite of William and Mary Wordsworth in St. Oswald’s, Grasmere, Cumbria, England, circa 1960s.*



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Harrison, an acute observer of culture and landscape, families and his own personal foibles, and who has mentioned MSU in most of his books, was more than up to the task. His work helped make Michigan feel like my second home. His books have kept me company no matter where I've lived since. This sense of connection is one of the gifts of all great fiction. Many times over the years, I thought it might be nice to tell the man as much, face-to-face.

Then, amazingly, miraculously, Harrison relented to a media intrusion, allowing me, as a writer for the *MSU Alumni Magazine*, to spend time with him at his casita in Patagonia, Ariz. We even adjourned to the nearby Wagon Wheel Saloon, which appears in his latest (and 37th) book, *The Big Seven*, released earlier this year, and its 2012 prequel, *The Great Leader*. Both books feature a flawed anti-hero protagonist, Simon Sunderson, a retired Michigan State Police detective and MSU grad.

## HUMANITY

Harrison doesn't do suburban angst; he prefers real-life grit. There are moments of grace, yes, but his stories brim with betrayal, heartbreak and generalized bad behavior—



John Schulz

all an inescapable part of being human, Harrison would say.

As I arrived at his home one afternoon in February, my nerves nearly got the best of me.

"Holy crap," I thought, considering how I might tell him what he means to me. "Harrison might shoot me or kick me out if I blubber something maudlin and sentimental. What the hell am I going to say?" My feet crunched on the gravel driveway as my mind played this loop, interrupted only by the vague feeling that I might very well be sick.

Just as I was thinking I'd email his assistant and tell her that the interview was off, that I'd fallen ill, the door opened and Linda, Harrison's gracious wife of 50 years, welcomed me into the kitchen.

Next thing I knew, Harrison himself was lumbering down the hallway, in old khaki cargo shorts and shirtless. He's burly, though smaller than I expected, and I noticed his cane, topped with an elaborate carved snakehead handle. "I use this to beat Republicans," he'd cackled.

I was more or less speechless for the next 15 minutes. Harrison took my mute condition in stride, directing me to the back patio where we could sit in the sun. I won-

dered in passing: "Jeez, should I take off my shirt too?" Instead, I pulled down my MSU hat, turned on the recorder and sat back while my heart rate returned to normal.

Harrison lit the first of countless American Spirits and launched into a sort of wandering, discursive storytelling—starting with a jaguar that last year wandered up from Mexico and was spotted near his home.

"That's a big boy. They can kill horses or cows, jaguars can," Harrison said, peering at me through the smoke. "I like the idea that they're around. It's a good feeling."

For the last half century, Harrison has wandered through the spectrum of literary genres, bagging success in them all: poetry, essays, screenplays, cooking columns, novellas and novels. Of late, public sightings of Harrison, 77, are increasingly rare. Articles, and his own recent essays, mention frailty and mounting health problems.

Though clearly physically diminished, Harrison is still very much at work. He said he was working on a poem before I arrived. And he said he daily prowls his imagination for stories and poems, which continue to pour forth. A book of his poetry is coming this fall, a collection of novellas is being edited and a new novel is in the works.

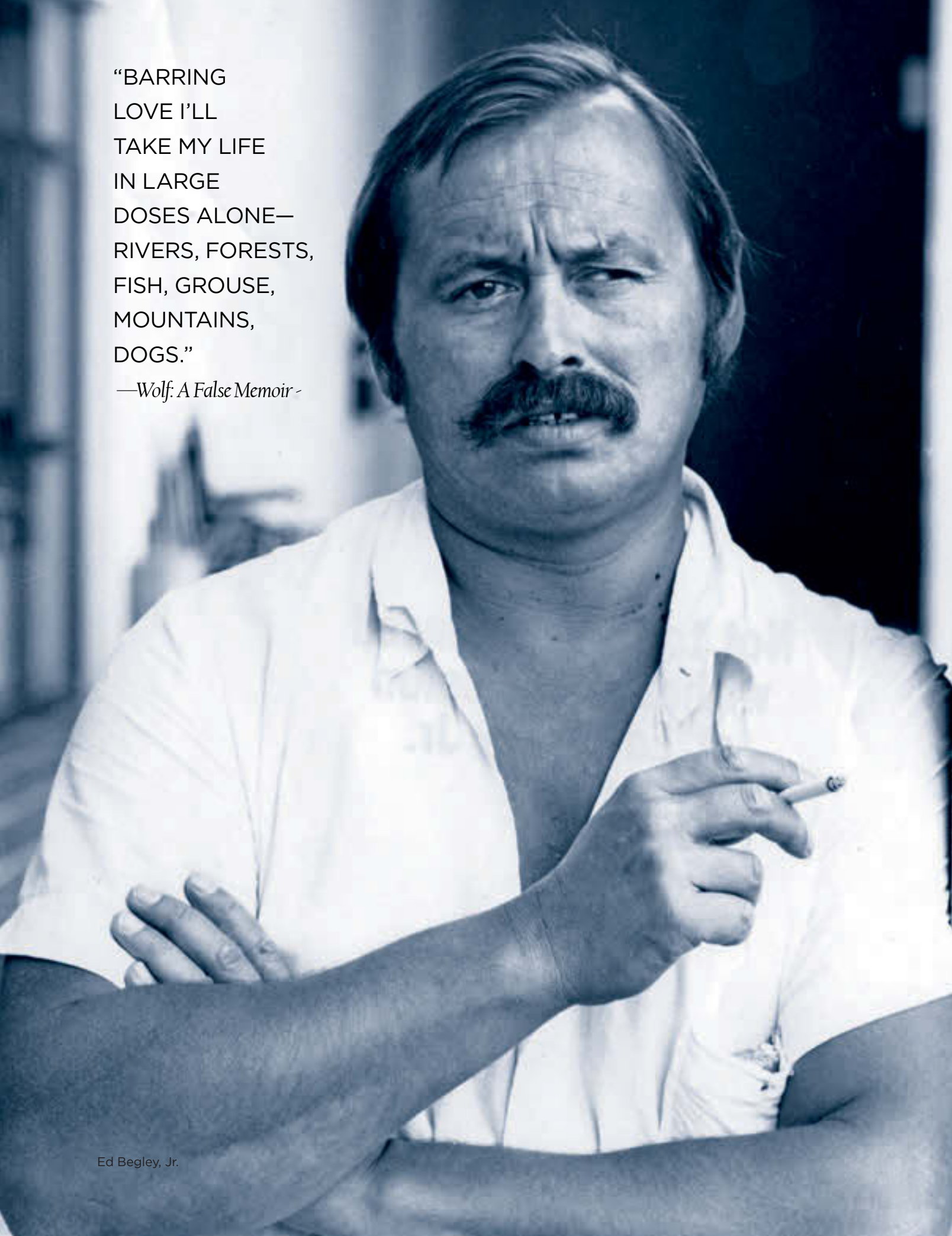
*Left:  
Harrison fishing  
off Key West  
during the  
mid-1970's.*

*Right:  
Harrison setting  
up his shot in what  
is believed to be  
one of his favorite  
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the early 1970's.*



“BARRING  
LOVE I’LL  
TAKE MY LIFE  
IN LARGE  
DOSES ALONE—  
RIVERS, FORESTS,  
FISH, GROUSE,  
MOUNTAINS,  
DOGS.”

—*Wolf: A False Memoir*—



## A WANDERING SOUL

This Midwest work ethic, which Harrison pokes fun at in his writing, has at least occasionally deserted him. In the 1950s and '60s he bounced between life as an MSU student and one as an itinerant poet. Eventually, he earned a few comparative literature degrees, though only after quitting "about 10 times" to flee to one of the "dream coasts," often hitchhiking with little but a box of books tied with rope and the typewriter his dad gave him for his 17th birthday, along with some fatherly advice.

His father spent \$20 for the used typewriter so his son could become a writer. But he told the teenager that he needed to "meet the world" or he wouldn't have anything to write about but himself. Harrison shared this history in his 2005 autobiographical novella-length essay, *Tracking*, written in a dreamlike third-person voice and containing several fond recollections of New York City, a frequent destination. "It was obvious you could make a home (t)here," he wrote, "a true home being a habitat for the soul."

Back at MSU, Professor John Wilson, who was in charge of Harrison's scholarship and was later director of the Honors College, pulled the necessary strings whenever Harrison returned to East Lansing. Harrison met Linda there and they welcomed their first child, daughter Jamie, now a novelist in Montana. "When I'd come back from New York or Boston or San Francisco, I'd meet up with Johnny Wilson and he'd always give me my scholarship back," Harrison said. "I think he was a repressed writer too and he cared about what I was up to in my wanderings. I was all over the place."

These days Harrison is more rooted. Travel is problematic for him, particularly after a recent failed back surgery. He and Linda winter in Patagonia and spend the rest of the year in Livingston, Mont., where their daughters and grandchildren live.

In our hours together, references to family far outweighed those to the literary or Hollywood scenes. I racked my brain for a question I'd never heard him answer and decided on parenting, since we both have daughters. "You have your work cut out for you," he said, after learning of our similar plights.

I asked if he had any parenting advice. "Yeah, listen," he said.

"Listen?" I asked.

He continued: "Girls often think nobody is listening to them. So listen carefully. You'll have problems, sure, but they'll resolve themselves because they know you love them and you're listening to what's going on. That's the best of what I know."

## A PLACE IN MICHIGAN

Though he left Michigan for good in 2002, Harrison retains a soft spot for his home state, which he's mentioned in nearly all of his books. He seems especially fond of the Upper Peninsula. In a 2013 essay on the UP for the *New York Times* travel section, Harrison wrote: "On my first trip there, camping and fishing with a friend, we were lost for two days though we never felt imperiled. We caught trout near a waterfall and slept wonderfully aided by a little booze and the thundering water."

Harrison lived in the Upper Peninsula off and on for 20 years. He holed up near Grand Marais in a small cabin, which he bought seeking respite from the excesses of Hollywood screenwriting. (Four of Harrison's novels, including *Legends of the Fall*, were turned into films.) He fell in love with the cabin and still mourns having had to sell it. There was no better reprieve from Los Angeles than returning to "a fairly remote cabin off a two-track road where when you try to sleep at night you hear a river flowing, probably the best sound on earth," he wrote in the *Times* piece.

Was MSU, one of the nation's most populous campuses, overwhelming for the self-professed claustrophobic? "They had some good faculty, that's all I cared about," he said. "If you can make your own little world inside the bigger world, you'll survive."

Seated in the small world of his patio, Harrison looked content and secure, almost like a sleepy bear on the verge of an afternoon nap. Bears figure prominently in his fiction, where he often alludes to their status as semi-magical beings for Native Americans, another Harrison obsession.

He recalled trying to make it as a New York poet during one of his many hiatuses from college. "I walked a lot and so had sore feet and was hungry all the time,"





*Harrison said if he hadn't lost sight  
in one eye while quarreling as a boy,  
he might never have become  
a poet and writer.  
His work has been compared to  
Faulkner's and Hemingway's.*

said Harrison, who has been proudly hefty most of his life. "I came home skinnier and my dad quipped 'Well, you lost more weight. Ideally one of these times you'll return home and weigh nothing.'"

Of course Harrison's bawdy poet-at-large-in-the-world stories are legion. "Have you heard of the Crazy Horse in Paris?" he asked. It's maybe the best known club of exotic dancers in the world, he explained.

"Anyway, the owner is a fan of mine. Once when I was in town she invited me to dinner in the girls' locker room. What was I going to say? No? I had my picture taken with a bunch of the girls and gave it to Jack (Nicholson), knowing he'd be jealous. He used it to do a painting of me at the Crazy Horse. I'll show it to you in the hall. Very funny."

Later, I'd slap my head at forgetting to take him up on this offer. The anecdote sounded familiar, though, so I pulled out Harrison's 2002 memoir, *Off to the Side*. I found the story and photo on page 96. "Standing there with my arms around the moist bevy I simply trembled," Harrison wrote. "I've addressed several thousand people in a theater with far less agitation. This was a clear case of too much, the moral equivalent of drinking a magnum of '49 Lafite Rothschild in thirty minutes. I felt the aftershocks, the tremors, for days..."

I closed the book thinking it was nice to know that Harrison can be rattled too.

## 'LANGUAGE-DRUNK'

Harrison has always been a voracious reader. He said he often visited MSU's botanical garden near the Red Cedar River to read and reread James Joyce's *Finnegan Wake*. It was a balm to what he called his youthful mental instability. "I still adore the book ... because of the wild use of language," he said. "You know, Auden said something like: 'Poets should be language-drunk.'"

Speaking of drinking, another common Harrison theme, we sipped only cold water on his patio, to my surprise. The shadows grew longer and the 90 minutes I'd been granted were nearly over. I'd started to pack up when Harrison donned a T-shirt and suggested we head to the Wagon Wheel, the saloon in town.

On the 20-minute drive to town in Harrison's old white SUV, we were passed on the left by a car that was clearly speeding. "Look at that [unprintable]," Harrison growled, stepping on the accelerator. I wondered, "Is he going to ride the car's bumper? Brandish

the cane?" When we got close I said, "Hey look, it's a Michigan license plate." Harrison's scowl faded as he eased off the gas.

The sleepy bear roused himself at the saloon, where a sign reminds patrons to leave their firearms at home, and the talk quickly turned more colorful. Alas, much of that conversation is not fit to print here. However, it shows that the literary rascal still has it in him—a good sign for his fans, as the blue stuff is part of the vitality of his writing.

After we ordered our drinks, Harrison riffed on why he agreed to see me. He said he wanted his friends to know "I'm not dead yet." He paused and looked mirthful. "If any of those [expletive] read."

While good-natured curses fairly flew at the watering hole, Harrison's days of excess, whether on the road or at the table, seem long gone, mere recollections now. What remains on the page and in the flesh is a mind full of literary references. Also, a wry sense of humor, which illuminates life's moments, including this one, as we enjoyed the fading, warm desert light while 2,000 miles away East Lansing froze in one of its worst winters in recent memory. "Do you like my rose garden?" he asked, grinning and gesturing at the tavern's surroundings. The late afternoon sun was spilling over the ratty side yard, cheap plastic furniture splayed across a mostly bare-dirt patch.

## PARTING

I didn't want it to end, but it was time. Harrison said Linda had dinner going on the stove. Beer unfinished, he made his way slowly out of the bar and I thought of the many paths in his life, which is so tied to Michigan, and which in a reliably sturdy fashion has yielded so much poetry and prose to the delight of so many. I was teetering on the brink of irreconcilable homesickness when I started reading him years ago. This night, on his way out of the Wagon Wheel, Harrison himself teetered, leaning heavily on his cane. I wondered how this man, so vibrant on the page, got so damn old and frail? In my time with him, I kept thinking of lyrics from Guy Clark's song *Desperados Waiting for a Train*:

"To me he's one of the heroes of this country;

So why's he all dressed up like them old men?" Harrison, unsurprisingly, has answered the unasked question with a line of his own poetry. "Our bodies are beautiful women never meant to be faithful to us,"

he said with a mischievous twinkle in his eye, moments before our goodbye.

Should I have told him what his writing meant to me? In the end, I simply paid for our drinks, something Harrison never lets guests do, the waitress informed me. "I'm glad you didn't turn out to be a [unprintable]" he said as we left. I couldn't stop smiling at this, maybe the highest praise I've ever received as a writer.

I watched him gingerly get into his car and drive away. Looking over my notes later that evening, I kept thinking of something else I'd like to tell him. I could text him, but I'm fairly certain his only nod to modern communication is a fax machine. So, perhaps more appropriately, I'll write it instead:

Jim, may your body stay true awhile longer so you may continue writing. It's a good feeling knowing you're out there, still hunting literary big game even in your twilight—which happens to be the time of day the jaguar is most active, too. 🐆

**Jim Harrison earned a BA and an MA from the MSU College of Arts and Letters in 1960 and 1966.**

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## GALACTIC

Sitting out in my chair near Linda's garden  
a mixture of flowers and vegetables, pink iris,  
wild poppies, roses, blue salvia and veronica  
among tomatoes, green beans, eggplant and onion.

I think that I sense the far-flung galaxies  
and hear a tinge of the solar winds,  
maybe not possible but I think it so.

With so many infirmities I await the miraculous.

Galaxies are only grand thickets of stars  
in which we may hide forever they say.

Where is my dead brother I want to know?

The universe is wilderness. No one answers the phone  
because no one has hands, just minds.

The hands have been forgotten back on earth.

~ Jim Harrison

(Reprinted with permission)

### About the author:

Geoff Koch is a writer in Portland, Oregon.

He worked at MSU from 2004-2009.

Jim Harrison is his favorite living writer.





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## MSU FOOTBALL POISED TO REACH ELITE STATUS

*Spartans no longer the “best kept secret” in college football*

*by Robert Bao, '68*

In nine seasons, Head Coach Mark Dantonio has dramatically shifted the program's paradigm of success. Thrilling wins over Baylor in the Cotton Bowl and Stanford in the Rose Bowl, along with back-to-back Top Five rankings have helped propel MSU football into national prominence.

To replace key players who've graduated or moved on to the NFL, Dantonio has been stockpiling talent. The depth chart is loaded with gifted athletes fighting for playing time. Now

that the Spartans can “sell results rather than hope,” MSU is competing successfully against perennial national powerhouses and

mism is fueled by the return of proven playmakers led by Connor Cook and Shilique Calhoun. Cook has shown his mastery of the game



*“MSU football has surged into the national conversation.”*

getting commitments from highly acclaimed recruits.

Can MSU reach the playoffs and vie for a national championship? Such opti-

over three seasons as starting quarterback. Calhoun and Lawrence Thomas are considered among the elite defensive line tandems in

college football this year.

Defensive coordinator Pat Narduzzi's departure to coach at Pittsburgh made way for longtime assistants Harlon Barnett and Mike Tressel to step up as co-coordinators. Their first test came in the annual Green and White game this spring. MSU's defensive units attacked and disrupted the offenses, giving up only one TD and only 12 combined points.

Younger players made excellent showings in the spring game. Defensive backs Jermaine Edmonson,

Arjen Colqhoun, Vayante Copeland and Darian Hicks want to make sure the “No Fly Zone” continues to bedevil opponents. In the trenches, opposing teams will find it hard to escape what Kirk Cousins, on the Big Ten Network, said “might be the best front seven in the Dantonio era.” Calhoun, Thomas, Joel Heath, Malik McDowell, Damon Knox, Montez Sweat and Demetrius Cooper make for a fierce and deep front line rotation with linebackers Riley Bullough, Shane Jones, Ed Davis, Darien Harris and Chris Frey helping to limit opponents to short or negative yardage.

On the offensive line, All Big Ten center Jack Allen and tackle Jack Conklin are considered among the best tandems in the nation. They and returning linemen Brian Allen, Donavon Clark, Kodi Kieler and Benny McGowan will create the time and space Cook and the backfield need to move the chains. Line Coach Mark Staten is looking for strong showings from upcoming players like Miguel Machado and Dennis Finley.

In skill positions, Gerald Holmes and Madre London showed ability

at running back in the spring game. In the fall, highly touted recruit LJ Scott will compete with them for playing time and the chance to carry the ball, along with fellow freshman Khari Willis.

Senior wide receiver DeAnthony Arnett emerged as a playmaker in the spring and joins Aaron Burbridge, MacGarrett Kings, Monty Madaris, R.J. Shelton and A.J. Troup as deep penetration threats in the Spartan passing game. Complementing this corps are skilled pass catchers Josiah Price and Jamal Lyles at tight end.

Special teams have excelled in Dantonio’s program. Jake Hartbarger is the heir apparent to punter Mike Sadler, who had a knack for “coffin corner” kicks. Michael Geiger will return in full health for his junior season after undergoing hip surgery. Geiger boasts the fourth highest field goal percentage in MSU history. Kings started as a punt returner last year and came close to breaking some returns for touchdowns.

To the delight of Dantonio, the Green and White game drew a crowd of 48,000. The football program has surged into the national

conversation, reminding older fans of the buzz around the 1965 and 1966 national championships. With a much shorter view of history, blue chip recruits see MSU football as an exciting and winning national program where good players learn to be great players, and everyone dances.

*Alisa Healy contributed to this story.*



*Previous page:*  
Student fans ran the gauntlet with Head Coach Mark Dantonio at the spring Green and White exhibition. A record setting 48,000 Spartan loyalists filled the stands.

*Above:*  
All-America center Jack Allen, #66, scored the game’s lone touchdown on a 3-yard run in the first quarter. “Fat guys don’t usually get to carry the ball,” he joked.

*Madre London runs to daylight. Quarterback Connor Cook led the White team to a 9-3 win over the Green squad on April 25.*





# FOR THE RECORD



## NEW GOLF CENTER WILL HONOR LASCH FAMILY

Richard W. “Rick” (’90, Business) and Suzanne Lasch of East Lansing made a \$2 million gift for the construction of a new men’s and women’s golf center.

The Lasch Family Golf Center will be an 18,000-square-foot building with: an indoor practice area, student-athlete lounge, men’s and women’s locker rooms, coaches’ offices, video room and a kitchen area featuring nutrition/hydration stations.

Construction is scheduled to be completed early next year.

## MARK HOLLIS NAMED 2015 RECIPIENT OF NFF JOHN L. TONER AWARD

The National Football Foundation (NFF) and College Hall of Fame selected Michigan State University Athletics Director Mark Hollis as its 2015 recipient of the NFF John L. Toner Award. The Award recognizes an athletics director who has demonstrated superior administrative abilities and shown outstanding dedication to college athletics and particularly college football.

“Under Mark’s guidance, Michigan State has continued to excel both on and off the field,” said NFF President and CEO Steve Hatchell. “Since Hollis took over in 2008, the Spartan football program has achieved national prominence and the athletics department has seen substantial growth overall. His accomplishments place him at the forefront of his profession and make him truly worthy of this prestigious honor.”

## 8 WIN COVETED MSU ATHLETIC AWARDS

Michigan State University honored eight of its student-athletes with its highest athletic awards for excellence both on the playing field and in the classroom.

- **George Alderton Male Athlete of the Year:** Jake Hildebrand (hockey)
- **George Alderton Female Athlete of the Year:** Leah O’Connor (cross country/track and field)
- **Big Ten Conference Medal of Honor (Male):** Mike Sadler (football)
- **Big Ten Conference Medal of Honor (Female):** Abby Barker (field hockey)
- **Chester Brewer Leadership Award:** Kori Moster (volleyball)
- **Dr. James Feurig Achievement and Service Award:** Ryan Keener (soccer)
- **Big Ten Sportsmanship Award (Male):** David Zoltowski (swimming & diving)
- **Big Ten Sportsmanship Award (Female):** Becky Stiles (field hockey)

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Number of MSU student-athletes who in spring received Academic All-Big Ten honors





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## Alumni Association Fall 2015 Event Guide

The MSU Alumni Association provides access to a global network of 500,000 Spartans passionate about advancing Michigan State University. Together, we share MSU's successes, provide enriching experiences professionally and personally, help identify and recruit exceptional students and discover opportunities that allow alumni to share their time, talents and resources in support of the university.

The events, programs and activities listed are a sampling of upcoming MSUAA engagements. All information was current at the time of printing. To learn more about the MSU Alumni Association, visit [alumni.msu.edu](http://alumni.msu.edu).

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# August

MSU's summer camps and conferences wind down along with summer session classes, giving way to fall move-in for more than 15,000 students living on campus. As fall semester classes begin, Spartans celebrate new beginnings.



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Prevention

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Spartan Move-in

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Managing Up



## 2ND ANNUAL SPARTAN FAMILY PICNIC

**August 1**

*Danville, CA*

The San Francisco Spartans are hosting a family picnic to bid good luck to area Spartans who are heading to East Lansing this fall. This is a great opportunity for newly admitted students to connect with the local alumni network that they will return to when they graduate.

**Learn more at [sfbayspartans.org](http://sfbayspartans.org)**

## TWIN CITIES SPARTANS GOLF OUTING

**August 3**

*Minnesota Valley Country Club, Bloomington, MN*

The Twin Cities Spartans invite you to the first Twin Cities Spartans Golf Outing, a fun-filled day of golf and awards benefitting their scholarship fund.

**For more information contact: Jeff Harrison**  
([jharrison@littler.com](mailto:jharrison@littler.com) or 612-963-7342) or **Jim Eaton**  
([jim@synergismconsulting.com](mailto:jim@synergismconsulting.com), 612-310-4241)

## 17TH ANNUAL CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT GOLF OUTING

**August 4**

*Forest Akers West, East Lansing, MI*

A fun event for all Construction Management alumni and friends featuring MSU cheerleaders and Sparty at one of Michigan's best golf courses.

**Learn more by emailing [cmgolf@msu.edu](mailto:cmgolf@msu.edu)**

## NASHVILLE SPARTANS FALL KICKOFF PICNIC

**August 9**

*Centennial Park Pavilion, Nashville, TN*

Join the Nashville Spartans for their inaugural Fall Kickoff Picnic. This is a family friendly event featuring food, lawn games, Nashville Spartans gear and our special guest, Sparty!

**Learn more at [facebook.com/nashvillespartans](http://facebook.com/nashvillespartans)**

## SPARTAN INSIGHTS: ELIZABETH BATTISTE

**August 10**

*Online*

Spartan Insights is a regularly scheduled LinkedIn discussion thread in the MSU Alumni LinkedIn group. These discussions run for two weeks and are meant to give group members the opportunity to ask questions regarding one Spartan's experience within a specific company, industry, or occupation. This Spartan Insights will feature Elizabeth Battiste, director of operations & digital strategy at Change Media Group.

**Learn more at [alumni.msu.edu/linkedin](http://alumni.msu.edu/linkedin)**

## MSU BLACK ALUMNI CLASSIC WITH MAGIC JOHNSON

**August 11**

*Detroit Golf Club, Detroit, MI*

Join the MSU Black Alumni at a golf outing to support the newly established Magic Johnson Scholarship fund for students attending MSU. The event features a day of golf, pictures with Magic, full breakfast, elegant lunch, open bar, silent auction and more.

**Learn more at [go.msu.edu/msubagolf15](http://go.msu.edu/msubagolf15)**

## LESSONS ON CREATIVITY, TENACITY AND DYSLEXIA

**August 13**

*Online*

The MSU Alumni Association invites you to participate in our webcast offerings. Topics relating to professional development, job search strategy, talent recruitment/development, personal enrichment, technology and business trends will be covered.

**Learn more at [alumni.msu.edu/webinars](http://alumni.msu.edu/webinars)\***

## ANNUAL SPARTAN FAMILY PICNIC

**August 15**

*San Diego, CA*

The San Diego Spartans are hosting a family picnic to bid good luck to area Spartans who are heading to East Lansing this fall. This is a great opportunity for newly admitted students to connect with the local alumni network that they will return to when they graduate.

**Learn more at [msusandiego.com](http://msusandiego.com)**

## SPARROW HEALTH SYSTEM / LIFETIME FALL PREVENTION

**August 20**

*Online*

Hear from Sparrow Health System doctors and interact with them live through our online chat.

**Learn more at [alumni.msu.edu/livestream](http://alumni.msu.edu/livestream)\***

## SPARTANS IN THE D

**August 21**

*Comerica Park, Detroit, MI*

Michigan State University alumni are invited to bring family and friends to a night out at Comerica Park for Tigers baseball versus the Texas Rangers.

**Learn more at [go.msu.edu/msuinthed15](http://go.msu.edu/msuinthed15)**

## SPARTAN MOVE-IN

**August 22 and August 29-31**

*MSU Campus*

Welcome students and their families to campus by volunteering to assist with residence hall move-in.

**Learn more at [alumni.msu.edu](http://alumni.msu.edu)**

## MANAGING UP: HOW TO GET YOUR BOSS TO LISTEN

**August 27**

*Online*

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# September



The first football Saturday brings Spartans out in full force to cheer on our gridiron warriors. As the seasons begin to change, students settle into a fall semester routine and prepare for midterm exams.

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Tailgate

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Broad Executive  
Forum of Detroit

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DC Green &  
White Gala



## **MSU AT WESTERN MICHIGAN TAILGATE**

**September 4**

*Kalamazoo, MI*

Join other Spartan fans and MSU VIPs before the football team takes on the Broncos.

**Registration information will be posted at [alumni.msu.edu/spartancentral](http://alumni.msu.edu/spartancentral)**

## **CERTIFICATE IN CUSTOMER SERVICE**

**September 8**

*Online*

With increased technology, human interaction with customers becomes all the more important. Whether it relates to retaining customers, serving your audience, or turning inquiries from potential customers into sales, good customer service is now one of the central factors in organizational success. Improve your customer service skills to enhance your career skill set, improve productivity and increase your organization's success.

**Learn more at [alumni.msu.edu/lens](http://alumni.msu.edu/lens)**

## **UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD ONLINE: AGE OF REVOLUTION**

**September 9**

*Online*

Revolution was a powerful dynamic in European politics and society from 1789 to 1848. All over Europe radical citizens and reforming governments changed laws and ruling structures in a way which has created the forms of the modern European state. This course will examine this tremendous era of change.

**Learn more at [alumni.msu.edu/lens](http://alumni.msu.edu/lens)**

## **MSU COLLEGE OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE OSTEOPATHIC OPEN**

**September 11**

*Eagle Eye Golf Course, Bath, MI*

MSU College of Osteopathic Medicine alumni, students, faculty and friends are invited to spend a beautiful day on the golf course for a good cause—raising money for scholarships. In addition to a four-person scramble, the event features games, food, a silent auction and prizes.

**Learn more at [com.msu.edu/alumni](http://com.msu.edu/alumni)**

## **SPARTAN FALL FEST AND BOAT CRUISE**

**September 11**

*New York Harbor, New York City, NY*

Join the New York area Spartans on a boat cruise around New York Harbor to enjoy the breathtaking city views and the company of fellow alumni.

**Learn more at [msuspartansnyc.org](http://msuspartansnyc.org)**

## **COLLEGE OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE SILVERFEST**

**September 12**

*MSU Campus*

MSU College of Osteopathic Medicine alumni, students, faculty and friends are invited to come together to celebrate the Class of 1990 on its 25th anniversary and enjoy great food, fun and friends in a tailgate party three hours prior to the kick-off of the MSU vs. Oregon football game.

**Learn more at [com.msu.edu/alumni](http://com.msu.edu/alumni)**

## **BROAD COLLEGE ALUMNI TAILGATES**

**September 12, 19 and 26 | October 3, 24 | November 14, 28**

Every home football game beginning September 12, doors open two hours before kickoff. Broad College alumni tailgates are open to alumni of the Broad College of Business and The School of Hospitality Business.

**Learn more at [broad.msu.edu/events](http://broad.msu.edu/events)**

## **UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD ONLINE: LEARNING TO LOOK AT THE VISUAL ARTS**

**September 16**

*Online*

Have you ever looked at a picture in a museum or gallery and been able to see and feel its characteristics but not had the vocabulary to put your thoughts into words? This course offers you the opportunity to learn how to study and analyze paintings, drawings and prints and learn the "language of looking" to communicate your appreciation of art.

**Learn more at [alumni.msu.edu/lens](http://alumni.msu.edu/lens)**

## **3RD ANNUAL SPARTANS IN SONOMA**

**September 19**

*Sonoma, CA*

Don't miss the return of this very popular event! The San Francisco Bay Spartans will be loading a charter bus full of Spartans in San Francisco and heading up to Sonoma County to visit some of the most beautiful wineries in the world.

**Learn more at [sfbayspartans.org](http://sfbayspartans.org)**

## **BROAD EXECUTIVE FORUM OF DETROIT**

**September 23**

*MSU Management Education Center, Troy, MI*

2015 marks the 50th anniversary of the Broad Executive Forum of Detroit, presented by the Eli Broad College of Business and the College of Engineering. Each year the forum offers Southeast Michigan alumni an opportunity to hear from leaders of Fortune 100 companies on a variety of business topics. Featured speakers in 2015 include MSU Athletics Director Mark Hollis and Head Basketball Coach Tom Izzo.

**Learn more at [broad.msu.edu/events](http://broad.msu.edu/events)**

## **MSU KOREA ALUMNI MUSIC FESTIVAL**

**September 25**

*Seoul Arts Center, Seoul, South Korea*

MSU Korea Alumni are pleased to announce the MSU Alumni Music Festival.

**Registration information will be posted at [alumni.msu.edu](http://alumni.msu.edu)  
Email [brender@msu.edu](mailto:brender@msu.edu) for details**

## **2015 GREEN & WHITE GALA**

**September 26**

*DC Studio at Photogroup, Inc., Washington, D.C.*

The Green & White Gala is a black-tie optional scholarship fundraising event supporting prospective MSU students from the Metropolitan DC area. The DC Spartans will honor *National Geographic* Editor in Chief Susan Goldberg as its DC Spartan Distinguished Alumna.

**Learn more at [dcspartans.com](http://dcspartans.com)**





# October

Campus is veiled in glorious fall colors as thousands of Spartans flock to East Lansing from near and far to celebrate Homecoming Week and this year's theme, "Spartans Take the World Stage."



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Homecoming  
Parade

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MSU v. Rutgers  
Tailgate



## GRAND AWARDS GALA

October 1

*Kellogg Hotel & Conference Center, East Lansing, MI*

Join the MSU Alumni Association as we honor some of our most distinguished alumni.

**Registration information will be posted  
at [givingto.msu.edu/events](http://givingto.msu.edu/events)**

## SPARROW HEALTH SYSTEM / BREAST CANCER

October 1

*Online*

Hear from Sparrow Health System doctors and interact with them live through our online chat.

**Learn more at [alumni.msu.edu/livestream](http://alumni.msu.edu/livestream)\***

## SPARTAN WOMEN / EAST LANSING - THE PRODUCERS SERIES

October 1

*East Lansing, MI*

Join us during Homecoming for Spartan Women / East Lansing for our exclusive Producers Series as we feature Spartan women who work in the television and film industries.

**Learn more at [alumni.msu.edu/lens](http://alumni.msu.edu/lens)**

## HOMECOMING PARADE

October 2

*Downtown East Lansing, MI*

MSU welcomes back Homecoming Grand Marshal and Broadway Composer William Brohn ('55) as we celebrate this year's theme, "Spartans Take the World Stage." The Homecoming Parade travels down Abbot to Grand River and into campus at the Collingwood entrance, and features more than 150 entries from student and community groups and MSU departments.

**Learn more at [homecoming.msu.edu](http://homecoming.msu.edu)**

## GREEN & WHITE HOMECOMING BRUNCH

October 3

*Kellogg Hotel & Conference Center, East Lansing, MI*

Join fellow Spartans and Head Coach Mark Dantonio before the football showdown between the MSU Spartans and the Purdue Boilermakers. Don't miss out on all the fun, camaraderie and Green and White spirit at this traditional Homecoming event.

**Registration information will be posted  
at [givingto.msu.edu/events](http://givingto.msu.edu/events)**

## MSU FAMILIES @ HOMECOMING TAILGATE

October 3

*Auditorium Field, MSU Campus, East Lansing, MI*

The official Alumni Association and MSU Families annual tailgate event, located on the banks of the Red Cedar with entertainment and food provided. The tailgate will include appearances by MSU VIPs, Sparty and cheer squads.

**Registration information will be posted  
at [alumni.msu.edu/familytailgate](http://alumni.msu.edu/familytailgate)**

## EFFECTIVE COPYWRITING

October 5

*WKAR Studios, East Lansing, MI*

Whether you are sending out a press release, communicating internally with a memo or promoting your own skills on LinkedIn, strong writing skills are the key to success. Learn the tools and techniques you need to improve your copywriting skills and avoid the common writing mistakes that can hold you back.

**Learn more at [alumni.msu.edu/lens](http://alumni.msu.edu/lens)**

## STRATEGIES FOR TIME AND PRODUCTIVITY MANAGEMENT

October 5

*WKAR Studios, East Lansing, MI*

Time is even more valuable in this century than in the last. How effectively you manage your time and productivity can affect your business and personal life in so many ways. You'll get tips and techniques you won't get anywhere else for managing time and increasing productivity. Whether you are managing your own time or others' time, come away with proven tips to put into practice on Monday morning.

**Learn more at [alumni.msu.edu/lens](http://alumni.msu.edu/lens)**

## MSU AT RUTGERS TAILGATE

October 10

*Lawn on Livingston, Livingston Student Center, Piscataway, NJ*

Join other Spartan fans and MSU VIPs in New Jersey before the Spartans take on the Scarlet Knights.

**Registration information will be posted  
at [alumni.msu.edu/spartancentral](http://alumni.msu.edu/spartancentral)**

## BYE-WEEK VOLUNTEER PROJECT

October 31

*Location TBD, Austin, TX*

Join the Austin Spartans for their annual tradition of getting together and supporting a worthy cause in the greater Austin area during the bye week. The project will be announced by the end of August.

**Learn more at [austinspartans.org](http://austinspartans.org)**

*\* Livestreams and webinars will be posted online  
approximately 2 weeks prior to event.*



## MSU2U RECAP: SPARTANS WILL. POWER GLOBAL DAY OF SERVICE

Saturday, April 18, 2015

The 2015 SPARTANS WILL. POWER Global Day of Service on April 18 was a great success, with nearly 16,000 hours of service donated by more than 1,800 people in 125 locations. From East Lansing to Detroit, from New York to Hong Kong, Spartans cleaned, painted, recycled, cooked, planted and shared their love for MSU and their communities. Photos and video from the day are available at [serviceday.msu.edu](http://serviceday.msu.edu). To all who participated, thank you for your commitment to strengthening your community.

### SAVE THE DATE!

The 2016 SPARTANS WILL. POWER Global Day of Service will take place on **April 16**. Project registration will begin in February 2016.



## ONLINE PROGRAMMING

The MSU Alumni Association has partnered with the Learning Resources Network (LERN) and the University of Oxford to provide online enrichment right at your fingertips.

Visit [go.msu.edu/lensonline15](http://go.msu.edu/lensonline15) to register for courses today!

# SPARTAN ADVENTURES

## SPARTAN PATHWAYS TRAVEL PROGRAMS

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Feed your sense of adventure in 2015 when you travel with fellow Spartans to some of the world's most exciting destinations. **Book today at [alumni.msu.edu/travel](http://alumni.msu.edu/travel).**

### SEPTEMBER

#### Paris, Provence, Burgundy and Beaujolais

September 7-15

From: \$3,695 per person, plus airfare

Itinerary: Châteauneuf-du-Pape, Orange, Trevoux, Beaujolais, Chalon-sur-Saône, Beaune, Lyon, 3-days Paris

### OCTOBER

#### India Tiger and Big Five Safari

October 19-November 3

From: \$8,088 per person, plus airfare

Itinerary: New Delhi, 4-days Kaziranga National Park, 3-days Kanha National Park, 3-days Bandhavgarh National Park, Mumbai, 2-days Sasangir National Park, Agra, Delhi

#### Eastern & Oriental Express

October 21-November 2

From: \$5,995 per person, plus airfare

Itinerary: Bangkok, Ayutthaya, 3 nights on the Eastern & Oriental Express, Singapore, 2-days Bali

#### Around the World by Private Jet

October 23-November 15

From: \$72,950 per person, including private jet service

Itinerary: Orlando, Lima, Easter Island, Apia, Cairns, Siem Reap, Agra, Kilimanjaro, Aqaba, Marrakech

#### Italy's Amalfi Coast ~ No single supplement for solo travelers

October 27-November 4

From: \$3,295 per person, plus airfare

Itinerary: Vietri Sul Mare, Ravello, Amalfi, Positano, Paestum, Naples, Pompeii, Herculaneum, Sorrento & Capri

### NOVEMBER

#### Mediterranean Artistic Discoveries Cruise

November 6-18

From: \$3,999 per person, including airfare

Itinerary: Venice, Zadar, Kotor, Palermo, Rome, Florence/Pisa/Tuscany, Monte Carlo, Marseille/Provence, Barcelona

*\*All dates and itineraries of tours are subject to change*

## FUTURE ALUMNI STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



# HARRISON HALLEY

**HOMETOWN:** Novi, Michigan

**YEAR:** Junior

**MAJOR:** Music Education

### WHY I CAME TO MSU:

"When deciding on schools, what sold me on Michigan State was how many different opportunities there were for me to get involved in campus life. I am able to explore multiple areas of interest and expand my marketability for my post-MSU life. There seems to be camaraderie with the 500,000 alumni of the university that gives me connections with people all over the world."

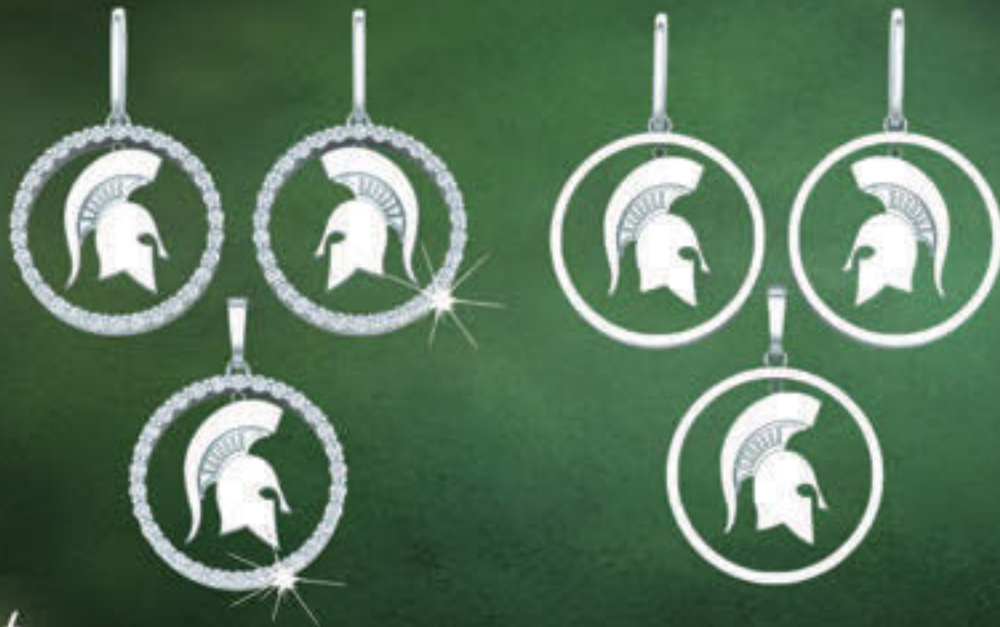
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Dave Zimmerman plants broccoli in the Giving Fields, a community farm in Melbourne, KY. Produce goes to food pantries, soup kitchens and other agencies who feed the needy.

### DETROIT

Spartans volunteered for the Motor City Blight Busters. The organization fights inner-city blight in part by offering home repair assistance and some construction.



### SAN FRANCISCO BAY

Spartans of all ages readied a fire pit and prepared raised beds soon to showcase native plants along a public beach.



### MSU BLACK ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Forgotten Harvest welcomed club members who gave their free time to make up family-food packages for the hungry.

### HONG KONG

Spartans in Hong Kong helped Soap Cycling. The non-profit collects, recycles and distributes soap to youngsters in under-privileged area of Southeast Asia.



### W. MICHIGAN

More than 100 Spartans attended the 20<sup>th</sup> annual MSU Means Business event, focused on the region's entrepreneurial ecosystem. Shown, from left, are: Steve Brown, club board member; Dan Behm, West Michigan Businessperson of the Year; and Elizabeth Burnson, board member.



### INDIA

Some 3,600 MSU alumni living in and around India launched a Spartans' India alumni club at a March gala.



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## MUCH ADO ABOUT DIOR

A decision by fashion designer Christian Dior lowering women's hemlines in 1947 resulted in mock disdain on MSU's campus. Some fellows circulated a petition decrying the trend. Others staged a small protest.



## GIVING CANCER THE SPARTAN TREATMENT

By Judy Pearson, '75

My father Edwin Foster always told my brother and me that we could go to any university we selected—in the city of East Lansing. After two seconds of consideration, we both realized Michigan State was our only choice. We really didn't need any encouragement. Dad had graduated from Michigan State College in 1950 and never missed a game in Spartan Stadium. He sang the fight song to us in our cribs. We sang it as a tribute at his funeral.

Our family blood runs green. Our diplomas are as treasured as bowl game and Final Four victories. But even these pale in comparison to the day I “met” fellow Spartan, Barnett Rosenberg, PhD.



Okay, we didn't meet in the traditional sense. Rosenberg, an MSU chemistry professor, passed away in 2009. Two years later,

I was sitting on my deck, a week after my mastectomy for triple negative breast cancer. Enjoying the sunshine and thumbing through the *MSU Alumni Magazine*, I came across the article *Are You a Cancer Survivor?* I hope so, I thought. As I continued reading, my future seemed rosier. The article detailed Rosenberg's discovery of cisplatin, an anti-cancer drug described as the backbone for combination therapies used to treat testicular, bladder, lung, ovarian, head and neck, and gastric cancers, and most recently, for triple negative breast cancer.

In other words, my cancer.

Just a day earlier, my doctor had told me triple negative cancer was very aggressive and said we were going to be equally aggressive. My chemotherapy regimen, she told me, would begin with cisplatin, which would kick whatever remained of my disease into cancer hell.

Rosenberg—now one of my medical heroes—was not a cancer researcher by training or academic ties. Rather he was a member of MSU's biophysics faculty. In 1965, he was examining the effects an electric field had on the growth of bacteria and realized the bacteria had stopped dividing and growing.

Further research revealed that the platinum electrode he was using in the experiment had reacted with the salt in the bacterial solution, creating a new molecule that inhibited cell division. Of course, the cell everyone wanted to prevent from dividing was the cancer cell. Rosenberg's discovery was excellent news among researchers desperate to stem the cancer tide.

The leap from Rosenberg's bench to patients' bedsides took 13 years. Cisplatin finally earned FDA approval in 1978. Such a powerful drug was not without collateral damage, however. In addition to attacking cancer cells, it also attacks the lining of the stomach, causing nausea and vomiting.

A friend called me when I was experiencing a particularly rough day midway through my chemotherapy treatments. I attempted to revive my sense of humor.

“This chemotherapy thing is not for the faint of heart,” I told him. “I'm sure it's working though because if I'm feeling this awful, the cancer must feel really bad!”



MSU recognized Rosenberg in 1998, bestowing upon him an honorary Doctor of Science degree. Rosenberg was also awarded both the prestigious Charles F. Kettering Prize and the Harvey Prize. The royalties the MSU Foundation received from the discovery helped fund the MSU Barnett Rosenberg Chair in Neuroscience. In addition, Rosenberg's discovery even earned him a well-deserved page in the Pulitzer Prize-winning book on cancer, *The Emperor of All Maladies*.

It is the millions of lives saved by cisplatin that have made this drug one of the greatest discoveries to come out of Michigan State to date. Consider this: each of us who has survived thanks to cisplatin has the potential to change others' lives for the good. The possibilities are mind-boggling.

I am just one example. My cancer journey led me to co-found the Women Survivors Alliance, an international non-profit supporting women survivors of all types of cancers. Because Rosenberg made my survival possible, he also made my organization possible. His discovery—exactly 50 years ago—has allowed me to pay it forward.

Thank you, Barnett Rosenberg. I hope I'm doing you proud.

**Judy (Foster) Pearson, a freelance writer, earned a BA in the College of Arts and Letters.**



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# CLASS NOTES

## 1960s

**PATRICK MCPHARLIN,** '69 (Social Science), received the Lansing Regional Chamber of Commerce's 2014 Community Service Award. McPharlin was at MSUFCU for 41 years and retired as president and CEO in March.

## 1970s

**STEWART COLE,** '72 (Natural Science), DO'75 (Osteopathic Medicine), was listed on the *Portland (Oregon) Monthly Magazine's* list of Top Doctors for the third consecutive year.

**ELIZABETH EDELMAN,** '77 (Social Science), was named general counsel and compliance and privacy officer for RiverMend Health, in Marietta, GA.

**REV. JAMES R. ROGERS,** '77, PHD '90, (Education), has been appointed president of the Dominican School of Philosophy



and Theology in Berkeley, CA. Ordained as a Catholic priest, he is known now as Father Peter Rogers and belongs to the Dominican Order. The school trains Dominican seminary brothers to be priests.

**LEO STEVENSON,** '78 (Business), was named to the 2015 Barron's list of America's Top 1,200 Advisors: State-by-State. Stevenson is a managing director of wealth management and senior portfolio manager at Merrill Lynch.

## 1980s

**BRIAN KENT,** '80 (Engineering), joined Applied Research Associates, Inc., as senior scientist and science and technology lead for electromagnetic-, radio frequency- and sensing- systems.

**CHRISTOPHER WIGENT,** MA '86 (Education), was named executive director of the Michigan Association of School Administrators.

**GINA DELAPA,** '87 (Communication Arts and

Sciences), just released her latest book, *Stuff You Already Know: And Every College Student Should*. This is the second book in her series.

## 1990s

**DON JONES,** MBA '90 (Business), founded MP Associates, LLP in Alhambra, CA, to provide domestic and international tax structuring, planning and compliance services. He has been a tax partner at three national tax and accounting firms in his 25-year career.

**JIM BRANDELL,** '90 (James Madison), was named government policy advisor with the Dykema law firm in Washington, D.C.

**JOSH COLE,** '90 (Business), has been appointed managing principal of the Crowe Horwath LLP's national Performance Consulting Services.

**ROSALEE RUSH,** '96, MA '99 (Communication Arts and Sciences), was named an American Council on Education Fellow for the 2015-2016 academic year. She is the assistant vice president for marketing and communications at Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania.

**MARK ROBERTS,** '98 (Engineering), is the new vice president of America's Sales and Applications of Texas Instruments. He has worked with the company since 1998.





**CARL WINANS,**  
'98 (Communication Arts and Sciences), designed a new iPhone case that sticks to any smooth, flat surface using nano-suction material. Winans founded Mega Tiny Corp., which develops mobile accessories in partnership with Wannie Park.

**LARRY JOHNSON,**  
'98 (Social Science), was named director of Shiawassee County Health Department in Corunna.

**DAVID MILO HERRING,**  
'99 (Agriculture and Natural Resources), recently graced the cover of *Maine Magazine*. He is the executive director of Wolf Neck Farm in Newport, ME.

**2000s**  
**BRIAN MAXSON,**  
'02 (Arts and Letters), received

a prestigious fellowship to study at Villa I Tatti, the Harvard University Center for Italian Renaissance Studies in Florence, Italy. Maxson is an associate professor of history and assistant dean of the School of Graduate Studies at East Tennessee State University.

**RYAN DEVLIN,**  
'03 (Business), is an actor featured in numerous television shows, including *Brothers and Sisters*, *Veronica Mars* and *Grey's Anatomy*. Devlin also co-created This Bar Saves Lives, a granola bar that, when purchased in the U.S., "funds one packet of life-saving food to a child in need." He also is featured in the book *Unselfish*, released in May.

**JOSEPH MARTIN,**  
'04, MS '06 (Agriculture and Natural Resources), joined the Charles Stewart Mott Foundation as a program officer for its Flint-area grant-making team. Martin previously worked at the Michigan Economic Development Corporation in Lansing.

**ANTHONY PLUMMER,**  
MS '08, PHD '11 (Engineering), received the Most Promising Engineer in Industry Award during the Black Engineer of the Year ceremonies during February in Washington, D.C.

**2010s**  
**KEVIN KIJEWski,**  
JD '10 (Law), was appointed as superintendent of the Archdiocese of Denver.

**TERANCE JOHNSON,**  
'12 (Business),  
**ANDREW MESTDAGH**  
'12 (Business), and  
**MARIO DIMERCURIO,**  
'13 (Communication Arts and Sciences), co-founded Original Stix in 2014, which recycles and repurposes thousands of hockey sticks into cell phone cases. The company is based in Detroit.

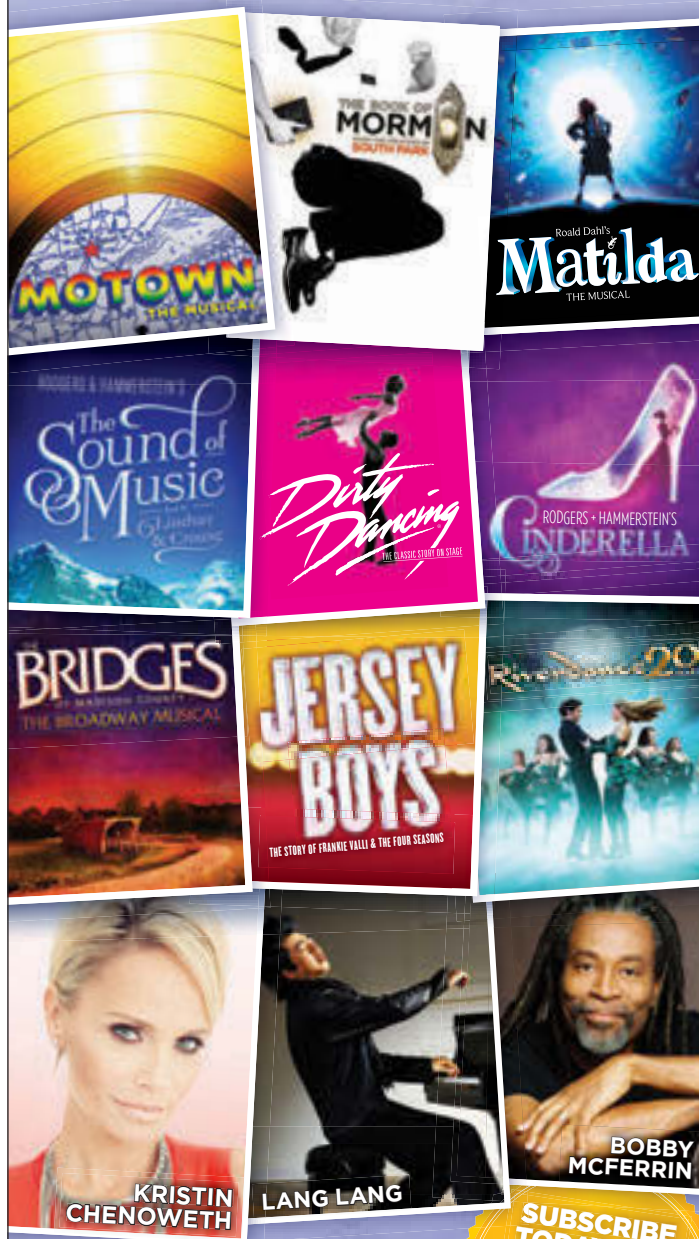
**ABIGAIL LYNCH,**  
PHD '13 (Agriculture and Natural Resources), is a research fisheries biologist for the U.S. Geological Survey.





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**ELEANOR H. (MILLS) PAYNE**, '39, of Boulder, CO, Dec. 7, age 98.

## 1940s

**RUSSELL V. SIEBERT**, '40, of Lansing, Oct. 19, age 96.

**RICHARD M. BARSCHAK**, '41, of Los Angeles, CA, Oct. 22, age 95.

**JOYCE A. (STELLBERGER) FOGG**, '41, of San Diego, CA.

**RICHARD C. FRY**, '41, of Belmont.

**WALLIS G. HINES**, '41, of Kalamazoo, Oct. 31, age 95.

**JAMES A. LAMB**, '41, of Dayton, OH, Dec. 26, age 97.

**HELEN R. (SMITH) COFFIN**, '42, of Traverse City, Nov. 11.

**NORMA M. (HASTINGS) FEELEY**, '42, of Saint Joseph.

**BETTY M. (CRUM) FITZGERALD**, '42, of Lansing.

**LORRAINE J. (VOISINET) MALONEY**, '42, of Frisco, TX, Jan. 7, age 94.

**HELEN T. (TATE) SNYDER**, '42, of Seattle, WA, Sep. 14, age 94.

**WILLIAM J. CHARLES-WORTH**, '43, of Mt Pleasant, Apr. 8, age 94.

**GEORGE W. CONKLIN**, '43, of Oakland, CA, Oct. 25, age 93.

**LEE M. HALSTEAD**, '43, of Fort Myers, FL, Nov. 24, age 93.

**MARJORIE J. KOLESKI**, '43, of Traverse City, Oct. 19, age 93.

**PRESTON D. LIEBIG**, '43, of West Hartford, CT, Dec. 18, age 94.

**JOHN S. NOWICKI**, '43, of Vienna, VA, Nov. 18, age 92.

**DOROTHY L. (HORN) BARR**, '44, of East Lansing, Nov. 1.

**WILLIAM J. BUEHLER**, '44, of New Bern, NC, Nov. 9, age 91.

**ROBERT B. YOUNG**, '44, of Grosse Pointe, Sep. 5, age 98.

**POLLY J. (MOEHLMAN) BRAY**, '46, of Newark, DE, Dec. 23, age 90.

**SHIRLEY E. (HAMELINK) PORTER**, '46, of Holland, Dec. 5, age 90.

**HARRIETT A. (HILLIER) BURCHILL**, '47, of Port Huron, Oct. 31, age 90.

**GEORGE W. CAWOOD**, '47, of Rockford.

**TREVOR W. HALL**, '47, of Winter Park, FL, Nov. 10.

**BARBARA A. (GREGORY) HOUSTON**, '47, of Madbury, NH, Dec. 13, age 89.

**RAYMOND L. MARX**, '47, of Highland Park, Nov. 19, age 92.

**RAYMOND F. MAZUR**, '47, of Troy, Nov. 8, age 92.

**JOHN H. BENDER**, '48, of Eureka Springs, AR.

**ROBERT J. FLIPSE**, '48, of University Park, PA, Dec. 2, age 91.

**LEON L. GEAN**, '48, of Phoenix, AZ, Dec. 23, age 91.

**CURTIS B. GOULD**, '48, of Fenton, Dec. 4, age 90.

**JESSIE L. MARTIN**, '48, of Santa Cruz, CA, Dec. 9, age 88.

**GEORGE O'NEIL**, '48, of Duxbury, MA, Oct. 24, age 88.

**HELEN (SARCHET) SARCHET HAMILTON**, '48, of Palm Springs, CA, Nov. 30.

**HOWARD F. SHORT**, '48, of Grand Rapids, Nov. 18, age 88.

**GUY S. VISSING**, '48, of Washington, DC, Sep. 12, age 90.

**DAVID C. WOLF**, '48, of Summerfield, FL, Sep. 20, age 97.

**WILLIAM B. WORTLEY**, '48, of Racine, WI, Dec. 2, age 92.

**LEON P. WREN**, '48, of Henrico, VA, Sep. 18, age 94.

**RICHARD L. CADE**, '49, of Dubuque, IA, Nov. 10, age 88.

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**DAVID W. MERRELL**, '49, of Gilford, NH, Jun. 17, age 89.

**JAMES F. PERRY**, '49, of Pittsboro, NC, Jan. 7, age 88.

**CATHERINE M. VANDE BUNTE**, '49, of Kalamazoo, Nov. 18, age 95.

## 1950s

**FREDERICK DE WILDE**, '50, of Holland, Dec. 29, age 87.

**WILLIAM FERZACCA**, '50, of Lexington, KY, Oct. 19, age 87.

**CRAIG HECKER**, '50, of Grand Rapids, Dec. 8, age 87.

**JOHN A. JOHNSON**, '50, of Midland.

**WILLIAM O. LAGONI**, '50, of St. Joseph, Dec. 14, age 86.

**HAROLD J. LEEMAN**, '50, of Lansing, Nov. 25, age 93.

**ANGUS M. MUNDY**, '50, of San Antonio, TX, Jan. 14, age 85.

**ELOISE M. (MITCHELL) PLATZ**, '50, of Thousand Oaks, CA, Dec. 12.

**RICHARD A. RANN**, '50, of Utica, Oct. 9, age 90.

**FREDERICK J. STEBBINS**, '50, of Dickinson, TX.

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**HOMER K. BOUGHNER**, '51, of Cadillac, Dec. 6, age 97.

**JOANNE F. (CRAIG) ELSON**, '51, of Gurnee, IL, Dec. 2.

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**RIETTA G. KASCH**, '52, of Forest Park, IL.

**HENRY D. KIMPEL**, '52, of Pompano Beach, FL, Nov. 23, age 84.

**BETTY JO MCGLOONE**, '52, of Saginaw, Dec. 15, age 84.

**DIANE (WILSON) MILLER**, '52, of Wayne, Nov. 26, age 84.

**DONALD PAOLETTI**, '52, of Waukesha, WI, Dec. 20, age 87.

**ROBERT W. POWERS**, '52, of Marcellus, Nov. 21, age 85.

**MAX E. RICHARDS**, '52, of Grand Rapids, Sep. 25, age 90.

**MARILYN F. SHAY**, '52, of Bloomfield Hills, Oct. 1, age 84.

**JOHN R. SUMMERS**, '52, of West Branch, Jan. 9, age 84.

**ELLIOT B. TYLER**, '52, of Lansing, Jan. 1, age 87.

**DEAN H. GARNER**, '53, of Barrington, IL, Nov. 30, age 87.

**ROBERT G. GROSS**, '53, of Los Angeles, CA, Dec. 5, age 86.

**MAXWELL J. GROST**, '53, of Lansing, Dec. 10, age 83.

**DONALD M. HILL**, '53, of Montrose, Dec. 22, age 83.

**MARY A. (HOFHEINS) KNAPP**, '53, of Frederick, MD, Nov. 19, age 83.

**CARL P. MILLER**, '53, of Daytona Beach, FL, Feb. 9, age 84.

**DALE G. NEUHAUS**, '53, of Saginaw, Dec. 6, age 98.

**JAMES P. ORWIG**, '53, of Hagerstown, MD, Jan. 9, age 95.

**MICHAEL J. REISCHE**, '53, of Rocky Point, NY, Sep. 22, age 84.

**FRED L. RICHEY**, '53, of Mason.

**HAROLD M. ALFULTIS**, '54, of Waterford, CT, May 19.

**RICHARD L. BAYLESS**, '54, of Howell, Feb. 16, age 81.

**ROSALIE A. (CASAD) BROCKENSHIRE**, '54, of Bethesda, MD, Dec. 17, age 82.

**ROY W. FEE**, '54, of Detroit, Nov. 29, age 82.

**RONALD GRIMM**, '54, of Evansville, IN, Nov. 13, age 81.

**GERALD E. MCADAMS**, '54, of Vista, CA, Apr. 13, age 82.

**THERESA R. (NEMETH) SIDUN**, '54, of Hollywood, FL, Oct. 4, age 81.

**LYNN B. KNISELY**, '55, of Sierra Vista, AZ, Nov. 29, age 81.

**LYNFORD F. LIEBUM**, '55, of Battle Creek, Dec. 28, age 82.

**MARY L. OLDANI**, '55, of Trenton, Dec. 13, age 81.

**MARY B. (BROCKELSBY) SMITH**, '55, of Unionville, VA, Oct. 30, age 61.

**RANDOLPH W. WEBSTER**, '55, of Libertyville, IL, Nov. 17, age 81.

**JOAN L. (HEYMAN) WHITEMORE**, '55, of York, PA, Nov. 1, age 81.

**ANN L. (NICHOLS) CLARK**, '56, of Jackson, Jul. 15, age 79.

**ROBERT V. COLT**, '56, of Lansing, Dec. 9, age 80.

**ANNE R. (ROBISON) DARLING**, '56, of Holt, Dec. 6, age 80.

**RALPH D. GILPIN**, '56, of North Branch, Nov. 28, age 83.

**ROBERT W. HALL**, '56, of Austin, TX.

**CHARLES E. HERBERT**, '56, of Oakland, CA, Apr. 15, age 82.

**EDWARD H. HINES**, '56, of Albion, Nov. 3, age 87.

**JERRY G. JOHNSON**, '56, of Kalamazoo, Nov. 28, age 81.

**EDWARD H. LAWRENCE**, '56, of Venice, FL, Jan. 12, age 86.

**PATSY (LINDEROTH) NUTTALL**, '56, of Stephenson, Nov. 24, age 80.

**JAMES S. SWANK**, '56, of Reno, NV, Nov. 14, age 80.

**DANIEL G. GARVER**, '57, of Lansing, Nov. 29, age 83.

**GERO E. MITSCHLEN**, '57, of Malott, WA, Nov. 11, age 80.

**RICHARD T. MUESSIG**, '57, of Dowagiac, Dec. 14, age 79.

**MICHAEL P. MURPHY**, '57, of Linden, Dec. 17, age 78.

**STANLEY M. NEWMAN**, '57, of Springfield, NJ, Nov. 15, age 82.

**FRANCIS J. ROOST**, '57, of Lansing, Nov. 8, age 81.

**ROGERS H. SCHULTZ**, '57, of Rockport, TX, Mar. 17, age 84.

**GEORGE H. THOMAS**, '57, of Troy.

**ALDO L. ALTABELLI**, '58, of West Springfield, MA, Dec. 21, age 82.

**THOMAS A. MILLER**, '58, of Milford, IN, Sep. 22, age 86.

**AUDREY A. (FRICKEL) MOORE**, '58, of Ann Arbor, Jun. 28, age 78.

**MARIETTA (KEMP) PETERS**, '58, of Denver, CO, Dec. 31, age 82.

**SAMUEL M. BATEMAN**, '59, of Fort Smith, AR, Dec. 23, age 84.

**SUZANNE V. (EVERSOLE) DRAKE**, '59, of Springfield, IL, Nov. 21, age 81.

**JOHN R. EMSHWILLER**, '59, of Petoskey, Nov. 7, age 87.

**HIREMAGLUR K. KESAVAN**, '59, of India, Nov. 26, age 88.

**THEODORE R. KRAUSE**, '59, of Pompton Plains, NJ, Sep. 30, age 79.

**THOMAS B. MARSHALL**, '59, of Bradenton, FL.

**JOHN G. NIKKARI**, '59, of Spring Lake, Dec. 10, age 90.

**MIKE F. PAVLOVICH**, '59, of Ironwood, Nov. 28, age 93.

**JACK R. SMITH**, '59, of Imperial Beach, CA.

## 1960s

**DORLA S. (STEVENS) BROCK**, '60, of Palm Coast, FL.

**ROBERT W. HARDING**, '60, of Adrian, Nov. 25, age 83.

**JOHN G. HEINDEL**, '60, of Westlake, OH, Nov. 24, age 78.

**JAMES J. HORAN**, '60, of Milford, Dec. 18, age 76.

**EDWIN K. REULING**, '60, of Castro Valley, CA, Sep. 24, age 77.

**LYLE E. SAMMONS**, '60, of Chicago, IL, Jan. 5, age 82.

**FRED TOXOPEUS**, '60, of Kalamazoo, Dec. 10, age 76.

**WILLIAM P. WILKINSON**, '60, of Stevensville, Jul. 11, age 76.

**MARY JEAN (MAKEDONSKY) CLARK**, '61, of Scottsdale, AZ, Dec. 11, age 74.

**MARY H. (HANNAH) CURZAN**, '61, of Washington, DC, Nov. 7, age 75.

**JAMES D. GRAY**, '61, of Grand Ledge, Dec. 3, age 85.

**SUSAN M. (SCHELKE) HASKIN**, '61, of San Diego, CA, Nov. 2, age 85.

**LAWRENCE H. LEVEY**, '61, of Avon Park, FL, Dec. 20, age 83.

**FOSTER F. PALMER**, '61, of Wheaton, IL, Jan. 2, age 76.

**JOHN J. SCHALLER**, '61, of Kernersville, NC.

**GEORGE E. SOMERS**, '61, of Adrian, Jul. 4, age 83.

**LEONARD J. FEIN**, '62, of Framingham, MA, Dec. 14.

**HAROLD W. FULTON**, '62, of Williamston, Jan. 13, age 79.

**GARY A. MITCHELL**, '62, of Lansing, Dec. 26, age 80.

**DONALD E. MOORE**, '62, of Kingsford, Aug. 10, age 79.

**OTIS OLIVER-PADILLA**, '62, of San Juan, PR, Nov. 21, age 89.

**JAMES L. SHUTES**, '62, of Lansing, Oct. 23, age 73.

**BERT L. DONALDSON**, '63, of Lansing, Jan. 3, age 80.

**GEORGE G. LOWRY**, '63, of Kalamazoo, Nov. 1, age 85.

**ROBERT D. MOON**, '63, of Lansing.

**DONALD S. SCHULTZ**, '63, of Williamston, Dec. 1, age 75.

**JOHN B. SIMONS**, '63, of Johnstown, PA, Jan. 10, age 75.

**THOMAS J. DESARRO**, '64, of Seneca Falls, NY, Jan. 16, age 73.

**HERMAN C. FEIKEMA**, '64, of Rockford, Jan. 25, age 72.

**CHARLES D. GOOCH**, '64, of Madison, AL, Dec. 27, age 82.

**RICHARD B. LANGTRY**, '64, of Flushing, Dec. 31, age 88.

**DONALD D. LAWATHER**, '64, of Saranac, Nov. 5, age 75.

**JERRY L. ALLISON**, '65, of Lupton, Aug. 13, age 76.

**KAY R. BENDIXSEN**, '65, of Salt Lake City, UT, Dec. 1, age 95.

**RAYMOND E. PRESSICK**, '65, of Okemos, Jan. 6, age 82.

**REX E. BULLEN**, '66, of Rockland, Dec. 10, age 71.

**JAMES C. DILLARD**, '66, of Flushing, Dec. 8, age 71.

**JEFFREY E. FERRIES**, '66, of Napa, CA, Nov. 6, age 72.

**LEONARD W. MIER**, '66, of Livonia, Jun. 18.

**CHARLES A. PETTEE**, '66, of Port Huron, Nov. 2, age 70.

**JIM VANHOESSEN**, '66, of Rogers City, Sep. 11, age 74.

**BRUCE D. BROWN**, '67, of Ludington, Dec. 17, age 69.

**CRAIG B. JONES**, '67, of Urbandale, IA, Nov. 25, age 70.

**JAMES D. O'ROURKE**, '67, of Lincoln, NE.

**DOUGLAS L. SARKOZY**, '67, of Esserville, Jan. 16, age 72.

**ALBERT E. SPENCER**, '67, of Mishawaka, IN, Apr. 29, age 76.

**KENNETH R. TESCHENDORF**, '67, of Howell, May 13.

**BARBARA L. BAKER**, '68, of Grand Rapids, Jan. 7, age 69.

**ANN M. (MCCOY) BECK**, '68, of Charleston, SC, Aug. 31, age 75.

**SANDRA K. (SELDEN) BOGGS**, '68, of Flint, Nov. 7, age 68.

**H. EUGENE COOLEY**, '68, of Mackinaw City, Nov. 10, age 74.

**FRANCIS X. GRABOWSKI**, '68, of Sellersville, PA, Nov. 24, age 68.

**LINDA L. (KEESEY) KEESEY**, '68, of Lake Worth, FL, Oct. 14, age 69.

**JOHN M. MORRIS**, '68, of Rome, NY, Nov. 4, age 86.

**DON S. MUELLER**, '68, of Fort Gratiot, Jan. 8, age 87.

**ROBERT C. SCHNEIDER**, '68, of The Sea Ranch, CA, Nov. 6, age 69.

**CHARLES R. STURM**, '68, of Bay City, Jan. 22, age 68.

**ALISON L. (LUNDELL) TAGGART**, '68, of Mason, Dec. 22, age 72.

**PATRICIA A. (GRAHAM) WILSON**, '68, of Traverse City, Jul. 23, age 68.

**CLIFFORD O. BROOKHART**, '69, of Boulder, CO, Oct. 31, age 70.

**BEVERLY A. (BIONDO) CARTER**, '69, of Southfield, Dec. 1, age 67.

**RICHARD D. HYDE**, '69, of Morley, Nov. 16, age 68.

**HENRY E. KNOOP**, '69, of Ionia, Jan. 19, age 67.

**BARRY L. MOON**, '69, of Malvern, PA, Oct. 18, age 67.

**SUZANNE F. OLESZCZUK**, '69, of Redlands, CA, Oct. 20, age 71.

**JEFFREY W. PRYOR**, '69, of Detroit.

**JERRY E. SHERMAN**, '69, of Kentwood, Dec. 29, age 77.

**JYMME H. WALKER**, '69, of Spring Lake, Nov. 15, age 89.

## 1970s

**ROBERT L. COOK**, '70, of Mt. Pleasant.

**JOHN E. GOLDNER**, '70, of Grand Blanc, Nov. 11, age 71.

**GERALD C. GRUELKE**, '70, of Allen Park, Aug. 24, age 82.

**GERALDINE M. HART**, '70, of Kalamazoo, Jan. 20, age 93.

**KATHLEEN A. (HATHAWAY) JOHNSTON**, '70, of Grand Blanc, Dec. 14, age 66.

**JOHN E. LAPP**, '70, of Taylorsville, KY, Dec. 24, age 78.

**JOHN B. WEBB**, '70, of East Lansing, Dec. 17, age 72.

**DIANE M. (GREEN) BALL**, '71, of Lansing, Dec. 27, age 65.



**MICHAEL J. BOUDREAU**, '71, of Ferndale, Sep. 29, age 64.

**CONNIE J. (JAROSEMICH) CLEGG**, '71, of Adrian, May 1, age 65.

**HELEN H. (HARGER) HARGER**, '71, of Okemos, Dec. 31, age 91.

**ROBERT J. LICHTMAN**, '71, of Royal Oak, Nov. 1, age 66.

**RODGER A. BORGMAN**, '72, of Williamston, Nov. 3, age 69.

**RAY W. CARDEW**, '72, of Royal Oak, Aug. 21.

**NANCY C. (COSGROVE) COSGROVE**, '72, of Boston, MA, Nov. 28, age 64.

**ROBERT S. CYPHERS**, '72, of Haverford, PA, Aug. 22, age 64.

**DANIEL D. DREW**, '72, of Detroit, Sep. 14, age 62.

**CHARLES H. FAULKNER**, '72, of Galena, OH.

**GREGORY E. HILTON**, '72, of Lansing, Dec. 2, age 68.

**JOSEPH E. HURST**, '72, of Grand Ledge, Nov. 14, age 74.

**LAURIE C. (CHRISTOPHER) TIMMS**, '72, of Sterling Heights, Dec. 15, age 64.

**JEAN M. (LANTZER) BRAILEY**, '73, of Lansing, Oct. 15, age 65.

**MERLINE T. BROUSSARD**, '73, of Bossier City, LA, Oct. 29, age 78.

**GUY H. EARLE**, '73, of Traverse City, Dec. 10, age 90.

**CLARK W. HILL**, '73, of Owosso, Nov. 14, age 76.

**JOHN H. HOCIJ**, '73, of Sarasota, FL, Nov. 14, age 69.

**JULIUS S. NAGY**, '73, of Genesee, Nov. 21, age 63.

**SETH R. REICE**, '73, of Chapel Hill, NC, Dec. 23, age 67.

**TIMOTHY L. PARRY**, '74, of Lansing, Jan. 21, age 63.

**LAURIE A. CONVERY**, '75, of Northville, Sep. 10, age 61.

**MARGARETTA L. LUNDE**, '75, of Philadelphia, PA, Nov. 22, age 71.

**CANDYCE M. (TIMMER) GORDON**, '76, of Laingsburg, Dec. 29, age 65.

**STEVEN E. NETHERTON**, '76, of Grosse Ile, Feb. 15, age 62.

**ANITA I. POE**, '76, of Lansing, Oct. 24, age 65.

**CAROL L. SAULT**, '76, of Okemos, Jan. 16, age 76.

**MARGARET F. (FRENCH) SMITH**, '76, of Chevy Chase, MD, Oct. 29, age 96.

**PAUL T. ENGELS**, '77, of Millington, Nov. 29, age 59.

**BENJAMIN A. GREEN**, '77, of Lima, OH, Nov. 4, age 67.

**HAROLD C. RUSKA**, '77, of Troy, Dec. 3, age 79.

**ANTHONY E. ASH**, '78, of Lansing, Dec. 13, age 63.

**JANET M. BOSSHART**, '78, of Dexter, Oct. 20, age 85.

**GARRY J. BUNDY**, '78, of Bay City, Nov. 4, age 70.

**MARK E. GAWLIK**, '78, of Sterling Heights, Nov. 21, age 59.

**JENNIFER R. (RILEY) MUSSON**, '78, of Racine, WI, Apr. 29, age 65.

**KIM D. SCHILLER**, '78, of Vienna, VA, Oct. 23, age 61.

**JUDY R. WURTZ**, '78, of Muskegon, Dec. 17, age 60.

**WILLIAM C. CORBETT**, '79, of Mineola, TX, Dec. 2, age 59.

**ROBERT J. CUMMINGS**, '79, of Saint Petersburg, FL, Aug. 22, age 63.

**THOMAS O. LOHR**, '79, of Saginaw, Oct. 29, age 58.

**BEVERLY A. (BAUER-WEBB) WEBB**, '79, of Midland, Jan. 6, age 74.

**PATRICIA J. (TRIPP) WINSEMIUS**, '79, of Warren, Nov. 10, age 57.

## 1980s

**BRUCE GRYSIEWICZ**, '80, of Northville, Jan. 12, age 63.

**KOMAL A. (KRISHEN) GULICH**, '80, of Silver Lake, OH, Nov. 30, age 56.

**ROBBIN MATTHEWS**, '80, of Lompoc, CA, Dec. 25, age 57.

**KAREN M. (KUBINSKI) MCNAMARA**, '80, of Livonia, Nov. 17, age 57.

**PAULA L. METZNER**, '80, of Wyoming, Dec. 23, age 61.

**DAVID R. SHIRKEY**, '80, of Oscoda, Nov. 3, age 56.

**WANDA D. STOKES-SPANN**, '80, of Kennesaw, GA, Oct. 25, age 54.

**WILLIAM F. KOCH**, '81, of East Lansing, Nov. 15, age 59.

**JERRY M. CAMPBELL**, '82, of Saint Helen, Nov. 4, age 56.

**DEBRA A. STAAL**, '82, of Lansing, Nov. 14, age 57.

**DAVID A. WITCHELL**, '82, of Laingsburg, Nov. 13, age 54.

**C. J. SOLIK**, '83, of Lansing, Jan. 8, age 71.

**KATHLEEN R. (CLENDANIEL) CHIOINI**, '84, of West Bloomfield, Sep. 23, age 54.

**RITA K. HENDERSHOT**, '84, of Portage, Oct. 26, age 53.

**LESLIE B. KLAYMAN**, '85, of West Bloomfield, Feb. 2, age 50.

**GREGORY P. MUMA**, '85, of Galesburg, Nov. 24, age 57.

**AJAY R. SHAH**, '86, of Grosse Ile, Nov. 8, age 53.

**TERENCE L. IBBOTSON**, '87, of Traverse City.

**CELESTE S. (STURDEVANT) REED**, '87, of East Lansing, Nov. 6, age 68.

**PATRICIA A. SCHAFER**, '87, of Holt, Nov. 15, age 49.

**SHERRI A. (STARKS) PHILLIPS**, '89, of Jackson, Nov. 2, age 48.

## 1990s

**MATTHEW A. GRAU**, '90, of Chelsea, Dec. 25, age 47.

**THOMAS M. SLAVIN**, '90, of Southfield, Jul. 10, age 56.

**GEORGE F. CARPENTER**, '91, of Okemos, Dec. 31, age 70.

**SCOTT M. KUHNERT**, '91, of Portage, Dec. 5, age 45.

**TIMOTHY J. MAY**, '92, of Lansing, Nov. 10, age 61.

**TODD A. WATSON**, '92, of Bergheim, TX, Oct. 25, age 45.

**ANDREW K. MILNE**, '93, of Ann Arbor, Nov. 9, age 43.

**CHAD MCBRIDE**, '94, of Camarillo, CA, Nov. 16, age 43.

**LORINDA M. SHEPPARD**, '96, of Lansing, Oct. 31, age 49.

## 2000s

**CYNTHIA J. BEWICK**, '00, of Lawton, Nov. 7, age 63.

**KIM S. MONTHEI**, '00, of Indian River, Apr. 14, age 42.

**LESLIE A. MATUSCHKA**, '01, of Battle Creek, Dec. 15, age 35.

**ROSA L. SALAS**, '03, of Cary, NC, Dec. 5, age 36.

**FRANCIS M. FITZGERALD**, '04, of Williamston, Nov. 27, age 33.

**MICHAEL J. HANLEY**, '04, of Westfield, NJ, Dec. 25, age 35.

**JEFFREY H. KLOP**, '04, of Bismarck, ND, Nov. 30, age 33.

## 2010s

**WILLIAM R. HUGHES**, '10, of Dekalb, IL, Oct. 10, age 63.

**MELISSA A. ORTIZ-BEBBINGTON**, '11, of Beavercreek, OH, Sep. 23, age 26.

**IAN J. RENDER**, '12, of Denver, CO, Nov. 9, age 24.

## Faculty and Staff

**MILTON BARON**, of Haslett, Sep. 6, age 101.

**ROBERT O. BARR**, of East Providence, RI, Aug. 13, age 74.

**JEAN R. BARROWS**, of Spring Arbor, Oct. 4, age 83.

**RUDY A. BERNARD**, of Haslett, Jan. 17, age 84.

**BETTY L. BONOFILIO**, of Grand Ledge, Nov. 17, age 74.

**BERTHA C. BOYKO**, of Grand Rapids, Nov. 5, age 89.

**MARJORIE A. BURZYCH**, of Okemos, Dec. 31, age 88.

**ELSIE CLARK**, of Farmington, MO, Oct. 31.

**HARVEY S. DAVIS**, of Sarasota, FL, Feb. 27, age 77.

**HOWARD DAVIS**, of Laingsburg, Nov. 4, age 78.

**HARM J. DE BLIJ**, of East Lansing, Mar. 25, age 78.

**RENAE L. DEZACKS**, of East Lansing, Sep. 17, age 86.

**FORREST L. ERLANDSON**, of East Lansing, Jul. 30, age 94.

**THOMAS H. FALK**, of La Jolla, CA, Mar. 28, age 78.

**RUTH (D'IMPERIO) GANAKAS**, of East Lansing, Dec. 18, age 88.

**JAY R. HARMAN**, of Williamston, Nov. 18, age 73.

**VERNA L. HILDEBRAND**, of East Lansing, Oct. 26, age 90.

**JAMES L. HILL**, of Lansing, Sep. 30, age 76.

**SHIRLEY HURNI**, of Holt, Oct. 29, age 91.

**MARA L. JOHNSON**, of Lansing, Aug. 10, age 83.

**GREGORY KILBOURNE**, of Haslett, Nov. 3, age 51.

**JOHN A. KING**, of Rapid River, Sep. 22, age 93.

**EDGAR L. KIRK**, of East Lansing, Jan. 16, age 91.

**WILLIAM T. MAGEE**, of East Lansing, Nov. 5, age 91.

**I. ELEANOR NOONAN**, of Lansing.

**CHARLES O'DELL**, of Webberville, Nov. 30, age 70.

**DOROTHY J. PETERSON**, of Haslett, Sep. 30.

**HELEN J. SPENCE**, of East Lansing, Sep. 27, age 99.

**J. WILLIAM THOMAS**, of East Lansing.

**GERRIT H. VANRANDWYK**, of Haslett, Oct. 24, age 90.

**J. GORDON WILLIAMS**, of Okemos, Jan. 14, age 71.

**ALFRED WOLF**, of East Lansing, Oct. 1, age 91.

**LARRY R. YARBROUGH**, of Haslett, Aug. 31, age 60.

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#### SEPTEMBER 28-OCTOBER 2

MSU Campus

*A variety of student events occur including Hayrides & History and Sparty's Flag Find.*

#### OCTOBER 1

##### GRAND AWARDS GALA

Kellogg Hotel & Conference Center, East Lansing, MI  
*Join the MSU Alumni Association as we honor some of our most distinguished alumni.*

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#### OCTOBER 2

##### HOMECOMING PARADE

Downtown East Lansing  
*The Homecoming Parade travels down Abbot to Grand River and into campus at the Collingwood entrance, and features more than 150 entries from student and community groups and MSU departments.*

#### OCTOBER 3

##### GREEN & WHITE HOMECOMING BRUNCH

Kellogg Hotel & Conference Center, East Lansing, MI  
*Join fellow Spartans and Head Coach Mark Dantonio at this traditional Homecoming event.*

##### MSU FAMILIES @ HOMECOMING TAILGATE

Auditorium Field, MSU Campus  
*The official Alumni Association and MSU Families annual tailgate event, located on the banks of the Red Cedar with tailgate entertainment and food provided.*

##### COLLEGE TAILGATE EVENTS

Various Campus Locations

##### HOMECOMING FOOTBALL GAME MSU VS. PURDUE

Spartan Stadium

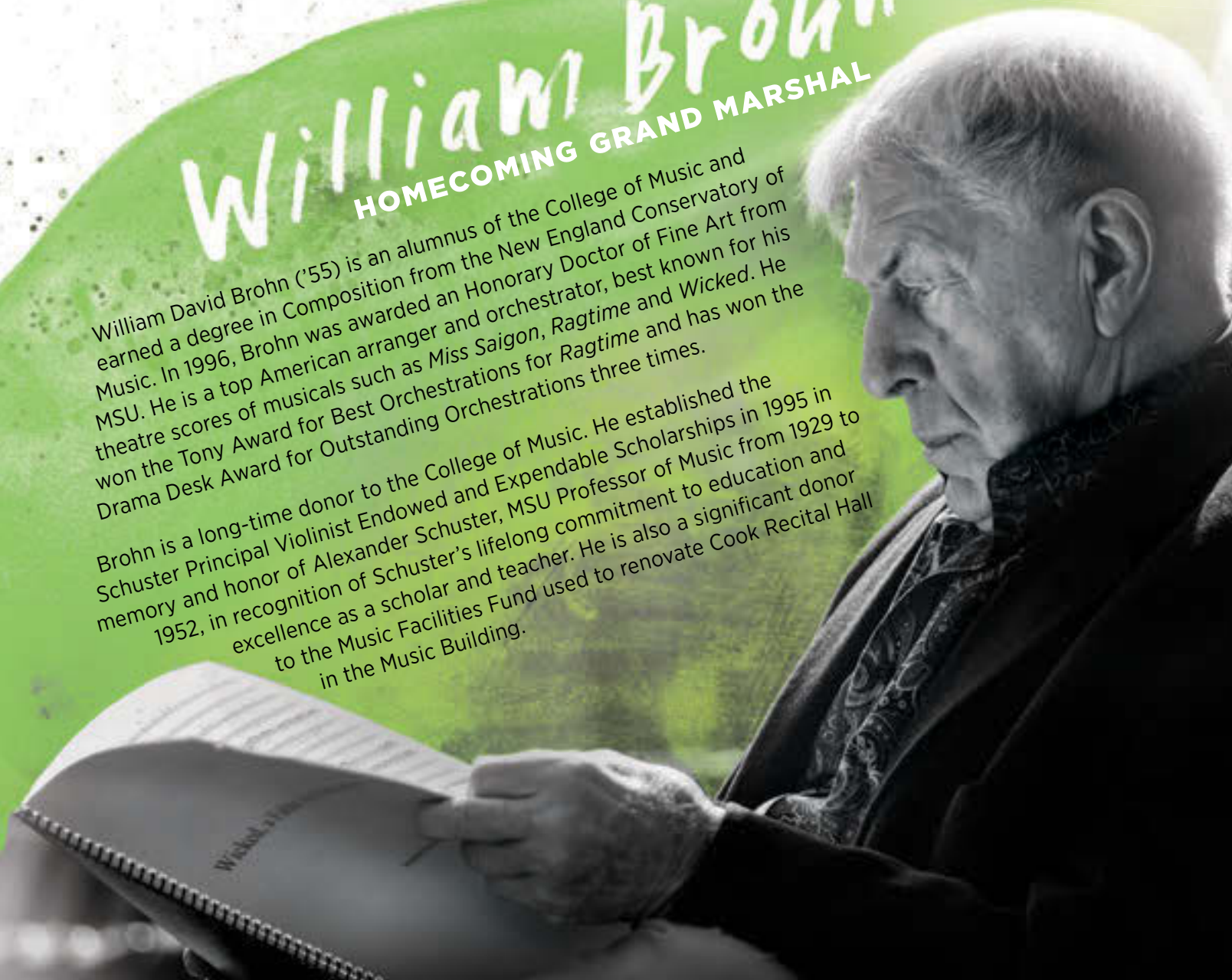
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Show your Spartan Spirit all week by swapping your front porch, window or any other light that can “glow” with a green light bulb to celebrate MSU’s Homecoming Week. Whether you’re on campus, in another state or around the world you can “Glow Green!” **Enter the Glow Green Photo Contest by using the hashtag #GlowGreen on Facebook, Twitter or Instagram.**

## William Brohn HOMECOMING GRAND MARSHAL

William David Brohn ('55) is an alumnus of the College of Music and earned a degree in Composition from the New England Conservatory of Music. In 1996, Brohn was awarded an Honorary Doctor of Fine Art from MSU. He is a top American arranger and orchestrator, best known for his theatre scores of musicals such as *Miss Saigon*, *Ragtime* and *Wicked*. He won the Tony Award for Best Orchestrations for *Ragtime* and has won the Drama Desk Award for Outstanding Orchestrations three times.

Brohn is a long-time donor to the College of Music. He established the Schuster Principal Violinist Endowed and Expendable Scholarships in 1995 in memory and honor of Alexander Schuster, MSU Professor of Music from 1929 to 1952, in recognition of Schuster's lifelong commitment to education and excellence as a scholar and teacher. He is also a significant donor to the Music Facilities Fund used to renovate Cook Recital Hall in the Music Building.







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