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Autumn's cooler temperatures and college football activities once again are energizing the campus community and MSU alumni everywhere.

We alumni love our sports teams. They help bond us to our alma mater and join us in a common cause. Win or lose on football Saturdays, Spartans know we belong among the best.

That's no less true off the field. Among top academic institutions, there are none against which Michigan State cannot compete in significant areas. Most importantly, from our earliest days, our aspirations were never built around exclusion, but rather on how many of the best we can include.

At the same time Michigan State rose to national football prominence in the 1960s, we were becoming recognized for our academic excellence and international engagement. In 1964, we earned a seat among North America's elite research institutions when we became a member of the Association of American Universities, for which I've served as board chair for the last year. Today, Michigan State is recognized for both athletic and academic distinctions, from number one-ranked College of Education programs to our international leadership in nuclear science—validated by the construction of the world-class Facility for Rare Isotope Beams on the MSU campus.

Despite our many accomplishments, there is one critical area in which Michigan State falls glaringly short. We trail our peers in the number of our endowed faculty positions—often by substantial margins. Recent efforts by other Big Ten institutions to remedy their own shortfalls have put us close to last.

That's why Empower Extraordinary, MSU's \$1.5 billion capital campaign, includes a \$350 million segment focused on academic innovation and the addition of world-class faculty members. We aim to add 100 endowed chairs, which, if achieved, will place us around the norm among peer universities.

Michigan State has a great faculty and many outstanding researchers, so why the need for "named" positions?

These endowments ensure a source of dependable, perpetual funding for generations. And the benefits extend far beyond the faculty members who come to MSU for these distinguished positions and the funding their work attracts. Endowed chairs and faculty also enable us to draw top graduate students with promising research opportunities and to provide undergraduates with transformational learning experiences.

At the end of the day, offering endowed positions helps MSU compete for the top talent needed to carry out our most fundamental mission— discovering solutions and disseminating knowledge that makes a better tomorrow for our students and our global society.

I encourage you to visit **empower.msu.edu** to learn more about faculty endowments and to consider the ways in which you can support Team MSU in this most important contest.

After all, a rich past is worth nothing without an investment in the future. Spartans Will.

Lou Anna K. Simon, PhD

President, Michigan State University



AN ETERNAL IMPACT

Education is the one profession from which all other professions emerge, a crucial calling which influences

the plot line of the chapters we write in the human adventure.



At every significant twist and turn of our lives, there is a teacher who plants a seed of knowledge that blossomed into opportunity. Many of the alumni I talk with can point to a particular professor who had an influence in their lives.

For me that person was Tom Muth at the College of Communication Arts and Sciences (CAS). He inspired me to think

of broadcasting as a business that had its foundation in the Communications Act of 1934, where every action had to affirm the "public interest, convenience and necessity." His broadcast law class required total concentration, attention and preparation. He made sure you not only knew the content, but also understood the context.

The discipline he expected and the philosophy of selfless service he imparted became the formula for success that many of us incorporated into our personal and professional lives.

When we endow something we care about at MSU, we're ensuring what President Lou Anna K. Simon calls, "a margin of excellence."

Endowments attract great students and faculty—reassured by alumni invested in long-term outcomes—who will have an impact across the generations.

This was on our minds when my wife Colleen and I established our own endowment at CAS. In the 15 years since, we have watched its beneficiaries grow to become leaders, lifesavers and world changers in their own right.

The highest compliment was learning that students who benefitted from our giving were now writing their own extraordinary Spartan stories. Philanthropy was an important dimension of these stories. Tales that began during an encounter with an exceptional teacher and came to fruition with a desire to perpetuate the magic.

In this issue of the MSU Alumni Magazine, we will meet some of the talented teachers who are impacting young lives thanks to endowed professorships. I hope they inspire you to consider your own contributions toward perpetuating Michigan State's margin of excellence.

"A teacher," wrote legendary historian, journalist and educator, Henry Adams, "affects eternity."

So do the men and women who endow gifts that allow MSU to attract the best and brightest, to reveal new vistas of knowledge and to inspire the next generation to "Pass It On."



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HONORS COLLEGE: CELEBRATING 60 YEARS OF **ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE**

By Stephanie Cepak, MSU

From now until the end of 2017, MSU's Honors College is recognizing its 60th anniversary and inviting Spartans to celebrate its past, while reimagining its future.

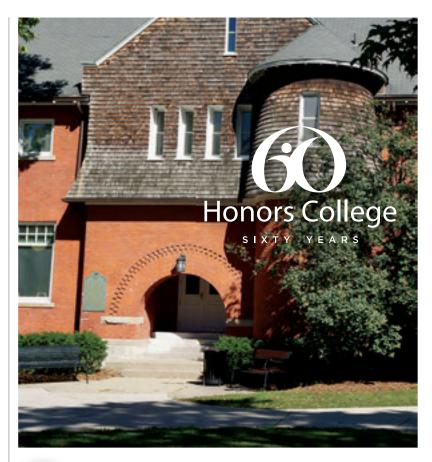
The college will be taking the celebration on the road, too.

First, it will host a Chicago event on Nov. 16, followed by a Seattle event in January and a Washington, D.C. event in March.

The Honors College brings the best and brightest undergraduate minds together to inspire its students to take new perspectives and to reach beyond their expectations.

Academically talented undergraduate students may participate in flexible and enriched academic and social experiences, fostering active, innovative learning.

"Members of the Honors College excel in all aspects of life, whether it is doing exciting research and creative activities, tackling new career opportunities or volunteering in our communities," said Dean Cynthia Jackson-Elmoore.





For Honors College information, visit honorscollege.msu.edu/60.

MSU NAMED VETERAN-FRIENDLY SCHOOL

By Kristen Parker, MSU

Michigan State University has earned gold status in the Veteran-Friendly School program.

Created by the Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency (MVAA), the program recognizes institutions of higher learning for their dedication to student veterans and dependents using the GI Bill and other educational benefits.

"We had outstanding applicants, with more than half of this year's veteran-friendly schools achieving a gold-level designation," James Robert Redford, the MVAA director said. "These colleges and universities have proven their dedication to the men and women

who have served their country by ensuring they succeed in achieving their educational goals."

Overall, 44 schools were awarded gold; 17 earned silver and four received bronze.

Criteria included: the presence of an active student-operated veterans club or association, veteran-specific career services or advising, oncampus veterans' coordinator and college credit based on prior military training and experience.

MSU participates in the Michigan Veteran Education Initiative and operates a Student Veterans Resource Center, staffed by Sarah Mellon.



PANDAS AREN'T OUT OF WOODS YET FOREST WISDOM EVEN MORE CRITICAL By Sue Nichols, MSU

When it comes to understanding how giant pandas pick a habitat, researchers get a much better picture by watching their whole journey, not just the potty breaks.

Vanessa Hull, a research associate at Michigan State University's Center for Systems Integration and Sustainability (CSIS) spent two years working in the relatively uncharted waters of tracking wild pandas fitted with GPS collars. In the Sept. 14 edition of the journal *PLoS ONE*, she and colleagues fill in the gaps of understanding how pandas spend their days.

The importance of research that sheds light on what pandas need from their habitat and how they are sharing their land with humans was underscored in early September when their status was upgraded from "endangered" to "vulnerable" on the International Union for Conservation of Nature's Red List.

Since pandas are rare, extremely shy and live in remote, dense forests, it has been difficult to really understand what kind of habitat they prefer. Following their path by their feces has been one of the main ways of understanding where they are living. But that method has limitations.

"The scientific community has been making some oversimplifications about how pandas relate to their habitat," Hull said. "When we go out and look for panda feces, this is just giving us one snapshot, but it isn't totally representative of how a panda sees and uses its habitat, especially when you consider that we haven't been able to get to all the areas where pandas go to on foot."



WHAT DIGITAL DIVIDE? SENIORS EMBRACE SOCIAL TECHNOLOGY

By Andy Henion, MSU

A new study by Michigan State University researcher William Chopik finds that social technology use among older adults is linked to better self-rated health, fewer chronic illnesses and lower rates of depression .

"Older adults think the benefits of social technology greatly outweigh the costs and challenges of technology," said Chopik, assistant professor of psychology. "And the use of this technology could benefit their mental and physical health over time."

Social technology included email, social networks such as Facebook and Twitter, online chatting or instant messaging, and online video or phone calls, such as Skype.

More than 95 percent of participants said they were either "somewhat" or "very" satisfied with technology, while 72 percent said they were not opposed to learning new technologies.

"Despite the attention that the digital divide has garnered in recent years, a large proportion of older adults use technology to maintain their social networks and make their lives easier," Chopik said. "In fact, there may be portions of the older population that use technology as often as younger adults."



Photo courtesy of the College of Engineering



DRIVEN BY STEM OPPORTUNITIES, MORE WOMEN ENROLLING IN MSU ENGINEERING

By Tom Oswald, MSU

Nearly 21 percent of the students enrolled this year in the College of Engineering are women. That's up from 18 percent last year, when the college first saw female enrollment top more than 1,000.

"Once again, we welcomed one of the largest classes of freshman students in more than 25 years, with women students comprising nearly one-quarter of the incoming class," Leo Kempel, the college's dean, said. "The consistent increase in enrollment is evidence that Michigan State University is among the fastest rising engineering colleges in the entire nation."

The college's overall goal is to reach and sustain an undergraduate population that is 25 percent female by 2020.

\$1 MILLION NSF GRANT TO ENHANCE COLLEGE COUNSELING SERVICES

By Tom Oswald, MSU

Michigan State University will use a \$1 million National Science Foundation (NSF) grant to develop a smart human-centered system, known as iSee, for enhancing college counseling services.

It's estimated that about 10 percent of college students turn to counseling services to help navigate the turbulent waters of college life and deal with serious mental health issues.

With the help of the NSF grant, researchers at MSU's colleges of Engineering, and Communication Arts and Sciences, as well as the MSU Counseling Center, are developing mobile technology that will supplement in-person counseling services.

It will objectively measure a student's depressive indicators, helping them better manage their symptoms. iSee will also help clinicians identify students whose needs are urgent.

The mobile technology leverages sensors inside smartphones and wristbands to monitor many of the student's behaviors – such as physical activity, diet, sleeping habits, travel and social behavior.

"Our technology will allow college counseling centers to be more accurately informed about the severity of each student's health," said Mi Zhang, an assistant professor of electrical and computer engineering who is heading up the project.



This fall, Spartans across campus have been actively pledging academic integrity through a new all-university statement, adopted by the Associated Students of MSU.

It reads: "As a Spartan, I will strive to uphold values of the highest ethical standard. I will practice honesty in my work, foster honesty in my peers, and take pride in knowing that honor in ownership is worth more than grades. I will carry these values beyond my time as a student at Michigan State University, continuing the endeavor to build personal integrity in all that I do."

Student leaders agreed it was time to take a stand against academic dishonesty. Current Spartans, and many who have gone before, proudly decided that cheating and plagiarism have no place in the MSU community.





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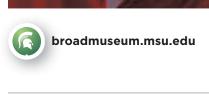
Nov. 5-April 2

One hundred years ago, on April 24, 1916, Irish Republicans led an armed rebellion, the Easter Rising, seeking to end British rule in Ireland and establish an independent Irish Republic. From our contemporary vantage point, midway between the Easter Rising and an unknown, imagined Ireland to come, 16 Irish artists were asked to consider this future, and present their visions for a rapidly changing society in an increasingly globalized world.



Dec. 17, 2016 - June 2017

The mainstays of Kate Terry's practice are sitespecific installations of ordinary thread and pins that transform and delineate space. Her installations recall the rigorous, calculated geometry of Minimalism and also draw on the basic tenets of string-art craft popularized in the 1970s, "symmography."





THE COLLEGE OF MUSIC

Handel's Messiah

Dec. 10, 8 p.m. Wharton Center

Composed 275 years ago, *Messiah*, with its famous *Hallelujah Chorus*, continues to be one of the world's most popular works. Choral Union, University Chorale, and State Singers share the stage with the MSU Symphony Orchestra to perform this powerful holiday tradition. Jonathan Reed conducts this MSUFCU Showcase Series.

Brooklyn Rider

Dec. 1, 7:30 p.m. Fairchild Theatre
Hailed as "the future of chamber music,"
this lively string quartet presents an eclectic
repertoire and gripping performances that
deliver rave reviews from music critics. An
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A Jazzy Little Christmas

Dec. 17, 8 p.m. Fairchild Theatre
Celebrate the season with the MSU
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their festive favorites—a perfect way to
swing into the holidays. An MSUFCU
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WHARTON CENTER



WICKED Nov. 9-27

The surprising tale of an unlikely friendship between two women in the Land of Oz, WICKED tells the untold story of the Wicked Witch of the West, Elphaba, and Glinda the Good—long before Dorothy drops in. Born with emerald-green skin, Elphaba is smart, fiery and misunderstood. Glinda is beautiful, ambitious and very popular. The odyssey of how these unexpected friends changed each other's lives for good has made WICKED one of the world's most popular musicals and the winner of over 100 international major awards, including a Grammy and three Tony Awards.

A Gentleman's Guide to Love and Murder

Dec. 13-18

A Gentleman's Guide To Love & Murder tells the uproarious story of Monty Navarro, a distant heir to a family fortune. He sets out to jump the line of succession by any means necessary. All the while, he's got to juggle his mistress (she's after more than just love), his fiancée (she's his cousin, but who's keeping track?), and the constant threat of landing behind bars. Of course, it will all be worth it if he can slay his way to his inheritance...and be done in time for tea.





Beautiful—The Carole King Musical

Ian. 10-15

Beautiful is the story of Carole King's remarkable rise to stardom, from being part of a hit songwriting team with her husband, Gerry Goffin, to her relationship with fellow writers and best friends, Cynthia Weil and Barry Mann, and finally to becoming one of the most successful solo acts in popular music history.

Long before she was a chart-topping music legend, she was Carol Klein, a Brooklyn girl with passion and chutzpah. She fought her way into the record business as a teenager and by the time she reached her 20s had the husband of her dreams and a flourishing career writing hits for the biggest acts in rock 'n' roll.

But it wasn't until her personal life began to crack that she finally managed to find her true voice. Along the way, she made more than beautiful music, she wrote the soundtrack to a generation. Beautiful features a stunning array of beloved songs.







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Every MSU student, past or present, remembers something about Finals Week. Some remember watching the sunrise from the 3rd floor of the library. Others recall midnight scream or study breaks in the dorm caf.

Erin Romanuk, '99, remembers the care packages her parents sent, full of goodies that took the sting out of non-stop studying.

Now, she gives to MSU's FAME program every year to help keep her favorite tradition alive for students who need it most. FAME. which stands for Fostering **Academics Mentoring** Excellence, assembles Finals Week care packages for students who come from foster or kinship care, homelessness, or other out-ofhome situations.

"This is a cause that's near and dear to my heart, because I work with students like this every day," Erin says—she is the program manager for attendance and discipline for Seattle Public Schools. "They've overcome so many odds just to get to college, and this is such a great way to support them during Finals Week, when they may not have a support system back home."

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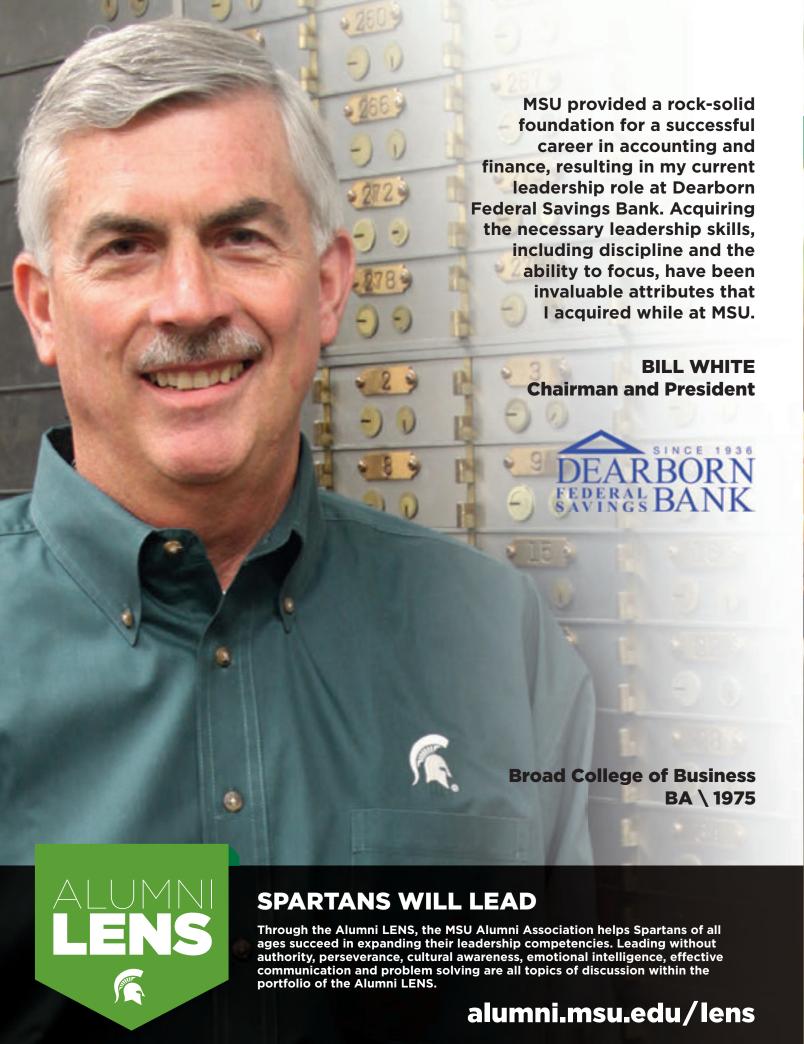
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ERIK LIEDHOLM: SIPPING, SWILLING AND DISTILLING

Even as a young boy growing up in East Lansing, Erik Liedholm knew he wanted to work in the hospitality business.

He spent hours hanging out at his best friend's family's restaurant, Jim's Tiffany Place, marveling as the staff expertly worked together to create the dining experience. He was hooked. "It didn't hurt that it was a great restaurant, run beautifully," he says.

Now an award-winning wine sommelier in Seattle, Liedholm recently added distiller and the Northwest's first certified coffee sommelier to his résumé. "I like beverages," he quipped. So far, he's not aware of anyone else with such a mix of expertise.

Liedholm has been wine director and

partner at John Howie Restaurants since 2002. He manages wine lists and a team of sommeliers for the company, which operates five restaurants in the Puget Sound region.

In search of something tactile—and enabled by a new state law—he recently turned his interest in spirits from tinkering in his garage, "in a Jed Clampett, moonshine-y sort of way," into a full-fledged distillery. Wildwood Spirits

Co., named after the street he grew up on, launched in 2012.

Its Michigan roots extend beyond the

"The brand was developed at MSU," Liedholm says, after he relentlessly pestered MSU chemistry professor Kris Berglund for help.

MSU stepped up again for Wildwood's partner restaurant, Beardslee Public House, owned by Howie. When Liedholm noticed acoustical woes in the warehouselike space, he called on renowned MSU

acoustician William Hartmann, who arrived a week later with a plan.

"So many of the things I've been able to do come from using the resources at MSU," says Liedholm, who returns to Michigan several times a year to visit family and give guest lectures on campus. "Everyone's been so forthcoming that we've been able to accomplish so much more than we otherwise could have."

When he was a student, MSU had the nation's only student chapter of the International Association of Culinary Professionals. Members were invited to the group's annual conferences, where Liedholm mingled with the likes of Julia Child and Emeril Lagasse. "We went bar hopping with Jacques Pépin," Liedholm recalls. "He taught me how to make the perfect roast chicken!"

Frivolity aside, "It was a really valuable experience," he says.

He thought he wanted to be a chef, until a colleague opened his mind "to how interesting wine could be. Not just what was in the bottle, but how it got there."

Liedholm's parents are academics—his father is a longtime MSU economics professor—and he credits them for nurturing "the idea of learning."

Liedholm, who has two young daughters, continues to learn about wine.

He recently returned from a trip to Italy, and planned to take his wine team to Napa, where they'll study the region's wines and dine out to learn "and hopefully get inspired."

So what's Liedholm's go-to drink? "My desert-island beverage is champagne," he says, noting its versatility. "If you don't have champagne in the fridge, you're not ready for life!"

~ Nancy Nilles

STEPHANIE CROCKATT: A PASSION FOR PARKS

With the blood of her golf-loving Scottish grandfather coursing through her veins, Stephanie Crockatt is combining her lifelong passion for golf, her Michigan State education in landscape architecture and park and recreation resources, and her real-world experience in nonprofit management and fundraising to drive her career.

She lives and works in Buffalo, New York, as executive director of the Buffalo Olmsted Parks Conservancy, a nonprofit community organization.

The city's park system was designed by Frederick Law Olmsted (1822-1903), who is considered the father of American landscape architecture. His most notable individual design is New York City's Central Park.

When he was invited to Buffalo in the late 1860s, Olmsted was moved by the bustling metropolis' radial footprint to propose not one park, but a whole system of parks and parkways. The seven parks also encompass three public golf courses.

From her cozy office in a rustic lodge in historic Delaware Park, Crockatt calls her job the "pinnacle convergence" of her life, post-education.

The conservancy is dedicated to stewarding Olmsted's vision for Buffalo—one of the nation's first urban park systems. Crockatt takes that responsibility seriously, though, as the former president and executive director of the LPGA Tournament Owners Association, she still loves a good golf meeting.

"Parks are an urban environment's living infrastructure," she says. "More people in the world now live in urban (versus rural) settings. In many American metros, millennials are moving into city space; people are adaptively reusing downtowns. Greenspace becomes their backyards. They need recreation, clean

air, playgrounds, the chance to 'get away.' Olmsted's vision was actually that parks should be for resting."

The conservancy and the Buffalo region will celebrate the parks' 150th anniversary in 2018.

"One of our biggest challenges, and our goal, is to increase awareness of what a conservancy is," Crockatt says. "People think that 'public parks' are paid for with their tax dollars; many don't realize that the conservancy—through private donations—covers 60 percent of the Olmsted Parks' budget. New York City's Central Park operates on the same model.

"In addition to maintaining these historic parks, we advocate for and protect them—work to show their benefits. The property values around Delaware Park (the most centrally located of Buffalo's Olmsted parks) are higher because they are on an Olmsted park," she says.

"In 2018, all eyes will be on Buffalo,"

Crockatt said. "If what we do is successful, it creates opportunity for alignment between other municipalities and nonprofits."

In Buffalo, once again bustling with investment dollars and expansion, and where many major cultural institutions are in or adjacent to an Olmsted park, her job has a distinctly political bent.

"There are so many agendas," she says. "Many value parkland; others see it as ripe for development. The question is, how do we protect the integrity of the historic landscape and accommodate change and progress?"



















Matthew Porter's love of birds started on a trip to Alaska when he was 7. He and his nature-loving parents discovered a shared passion for the avians. That's when he decided to dedicate his life to studying and protecting birds.

> "Mammals get so many people on their side that I felt like the birds needed someone," he said, chuckling.

After graduating from MSU, Porter landed an internship with the Detroit Zoo and found his niche. Today, he works as a zookeeper in the zoo's bird department. He never imagined that his passion for birds would lead him to the world's harshest, most pristine ecosystem.

In 2015, the Detroit Zoological Society asked Porter to travel to Antarctica.

Pleasantly shocked by the opportunity, he immediately agreed to go. He joined three field biologists, overseen by polar ecologist Bill Fraser.

Their mission? Study Antarctic birds and how climate change is affecting

Fraser worked with the Detroit Zoo on the design of its new Polk Penguin Conservation Center. Finished just this past April, the iceberg-shaped center hosts more than 80 penguins of four species. Porter's trip allowed him not only to observe how the birds behave in the wild, but also to apply his observations to the new center.

First, he lugged a pair of 50-pound bags aboard a flight to Chile, where he boarded an ice-breaking vessel for a six-day trip through Drake Passage some of the harshest waters in the

world. He ended at the U.S. Palmer Station, a remote research post on the mountainous Anvers Island, next to the Antarctic Peninsula.

For the next three months, Porter joined 40 other American researchers taking advantage of the "austral summer," the ideal time period for research. From November to March, day temperatures stay around freezing and the sun stays up for 22 hours each day. He wrote weekly in a blog run by the Detroit Zoological Society, posting pictures of his adventure for animal lovers back home.

Porter and his team zipped across the frigid Palmer Basin in Zodiacs to reach surrounding islands. They measured the hatching penguins and studied their nesting, feeding and daily habits. For Porter, seeing the species he works with in the wild was remarkable.

"I was just really overtaken to be honest," he recalled.

For the penguins in Detroit—all captive bred—Porter's new expertise resulted in a more natural environment: deeper water for swimming, more rocks and snow hills for climbing, a variety of nesting materials and a choice of nesting sites.

"Antarctica is now a part of me, and a very special part of our world," Porter wrote on his blog.

The continent is one of the fastest changing areas impacted by climate

"It will take a worldwide effort to help our planet, but every conscious decision you make to respect, recycle and conserve will help turn the tides," he wrote.

~ Catherine Ferland



I came to MSU from Canada on a hockey scholarship with the goal of making it to the NHL. But a shoulder injury, and the care I received from dedicated medical professionals at MSU, put me on a different path. Those doctors became my mentors. They saw something in me and encouraged me to pursue a career in medicine—something I had never even dreamed of. The opportunities at MSU opened up a whole other world to me.

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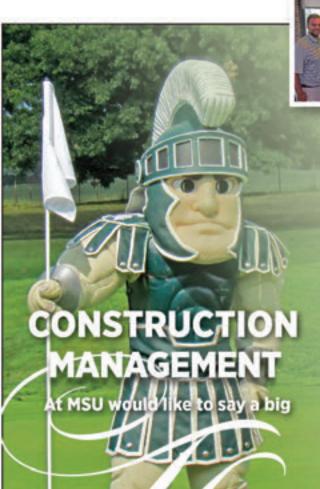
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Effort to add endowments for faculty will elevate university's research, recruiting power and prestige

By Paula M. Davenport

The greatest universities attract the best minds, the most revolutionary researchers and the finest students and teachers. And they need innovative laboratories, access to the latest technology and ultra-modern infrastructure.

Ka-ching. Ka-ching.

What's a land-grant university to do? Take a page from Aristotle's playbook: create endowed faculty positions.

Michigan State University is doing just that—with the generous backing of its benefactors. Since July 2011—the start of the *Empower Extraordinary* capital campaign—60 perpetually funded positions have been created at MSU. That brings MSU's endowed faculty positions to 184.

When the campaign closes in 2018, MSU hopes to have secured an additional 40 endowed faculty appointments.

Endowed chairs are among the highest academic recognition bestowed on faculty. Chairs are star researchers with proven research records and established networks of collaborators, said June Youatt, MSU provost and vice president of academic affairs.

"These top-tier scholars help students find their life's work, conduct groundbreaking research, attract grant funding to advance the university's mission and give the university powerful means with which to (retain) and recruit future generations of MSU faculty," Youatt said.



On the following pages, we'll introduce you to four of MSU's gifted endowed faculty chairs.

FUNDED PROFESSORSHIP DRAWS MICROBIOLOGY ALUM BACK TO CAMPUS

Photos by Kurt Stepnitz, MSU

Microbiologist Victor J. DiRita, an MSU alumnus, taught classes and conducted research for 25 years as a University of Michigan faculty member. But he stayed true to his Spartan roots.

In fact, his car flaunted a hybrid Spartan vanity plate.

"It's the block M with 'SU 80' (MSU 80), which is the year my wife and I graduated from Michigan State," he said with a grin.

Today, DiRita and his license plate are back at MSU. In 2015, he was chosen to be MSU's Rudolph Hugh Endowed Chair in Microbial Pathogenesis. He doubles as chairman of the university's Department of Microbiology and Molecular Genetics—a shared department of the colleges of Veterinary Medicine, Human Medicine, Osteopathic Medicine and Natural Science.

And the license plate? It's on the car his son—an MSU freshman—drives.

The new endowed professorship drew DiRita, a Detroit native, back to his alma mater. Today he's an investigator and director of the very department in which he earned his bachelor's degree.

His research strives to discover new methods and medicines to prevent and cure infectious diseases and illnesses—some of which are now antibiotic resistant. These ailments can stem from eating tainted chicken, being hospitalized or having to live in fetid, overcrowded conditions such as refugee camps.

Big problems. With big hopes.
DiRita said the Rudolph Hugh
Endowed Chair carries bountiful
resources—aimed at accelerating medical
breakthroughs with potential to relieve
human suffering.

That's the way the late Hugh intended it to be. A Muskegon native, Hugh earned his bachelor's in microbiology at MSU in 1948. Known for his bacterial identification skills, he was a microbiology professor at George Washington University for 35 years.

Prior to that, he worked at the forerunner of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, according to his 2011 obituary in *The Washington Post*. His planned gift to MSU established the chair in his name.

"The biggest thing for endowed chairs is the opportunity to expand research programs," DiRita said.

It's expensive to create science laboratories with revolutionary research capabilities—think rapid gene-sequencing machines and super-computers.

Attracting and hiring the brainiest graduate students and post-doctoral fellows takes significant financial resources that might not exist without the endowment, DiRita said.

"What really has to happen at universities is the discovery of new things in nature. The research is slow. It's expensive. But it's the predicate for (future) discoveries that are going to be beneficial to people," he said.





Interview with Victor J. DiRita

Rudolph Hugh Endowed Chair in Microbial Pathogenesis Chair of the Department of Microbiology and Molecular Genetics Colleges of Veterinary Medicine, Human Medicine, Osteopathic Medicine, and Natural Science

MSU:

What led you to your field?

DiRita:

I had a microbiology professor at MSU, Robert Brubaker, who was fantastic. He was working on pathogenic bacteria, including the plague. I worked in his lab as an undergrad and the Gestalt of watching him searching for answers to his questions in a completely independent manner appealed to me. I liked the idea that I could make new discoveries in microbiology by asking new and different questions that I came up with. I enjoy that opportunity to reason things out and be creative...rather than following some recipe.

MSU:

What is the focus and impact of your research?

DiRita:

The fact that antibiotics are beginning to fail is a major public health threat. We're looking for novel therapeutic treatments that are laser like—rather than atomic bombs (like so many of today's antibiotics). Those broad-spectrum antibiotics may wipe out culprit bugs but they also destroy beneficial flora and fauna in the gut of someone who's already very sick.

MSU:

Tell us about an "aha" moment.

DiRita:

For me, discovering something that's never been known before—no matter how big or small the discovery is—like a drug, it's euphoric. And I get this feeling that the next discovery will be even more exhilarating.

MSU:

What sets you apart in your field?

DiRita:

I remind myself that I am surrounded by a lot of very smart people. That's a humbling and important realization that pushes me to be always on my game.

MSU:

What makes you hopeful and/or happy?

DiRita:

I'm hopeful about the work we're doing to try to uncover novel approaches for preventing and treating infections. And at MSU, we scientists can more easily collaborate across disciplines to solve problems. My family and my new job make me happy.

MSU:

What's been on your mind lately?

DiRita:

We've come to appreciate a lot more about how microbes contribute not just to disease but also to our health and our immune systems. That's been a huge revolution in our thinking.

There are even voices in our field suggesting we get rid of the word "pathogen" because it's misleading. It's really just a microbe and it may be virulent in some circumstances—and non-virulent in others.

We're really evolving our thinking and are trying to tease out differences in various microbes and how they function. It's really the (biological) context in which microbes are living that determines whether they're problems or not.

~Paula M. Davenport



Investing in **Excellence**

By Devon Barrett

Michigan State University hosted its first-ever university-wide endowed faculty investiture ceremony in late October. The MSU Investiture formally recognized faculty members appointed to endowed positions since July 1, 2011, the start of the Empower Extraordinary capital campaign.

Officiants included President Lou Anna K. Simon, Provost June Pierce Youatt and the MSU Board of Trustees. Alumnus and donor Al Gambrel spoke about how he became inspired to create an endowed position within the Eli Broad College of Business. Debra Furr-Holden, C.S. Mott Endowed Professor of Public Health, talked about the importance of endowed positions.

MSU bestowed 41 endowed faculty members with special medallions to symbolize their esteemed positions.

The ceremony also provided an opportunity for donors and foundation representatives to meet those holding the endowed positions they created.



Interview with Joan B. Rose

Homer Nowlin Chair in Water Research Laboratory Director, Principal Investigator College of Agriculture and Natural Resources

MSU:

What led you to your field?

Rose:

I was fascinated by microbiology as soon as I looked down a microscope into this unseen biological world. That combined with my interest in the environment. For my master's work I studied a bee disease new to the U.S. My first job (in a sewage treatment plant) led me to look at human microbes—how disease spreads through water.

MSU:

What is the focus and impact of your research?

Rose:

My research interfaces four areas. Constantly advancing technology allows us to study metagenomics, human genome and microbiome, and now the water biome. We can find things we never could before.

We use a diagnostic approach to help solve problems.

We combine that with engineering. For example, looking at how to implement waste-water treatment in places that don't have any, like Brazil.

Finally, there's the link to policy, assessing risk, making sure that we're spending money effectively.

The impact is great—people are deeply connected to and care about their water. Obviously we need it to live: to drink and for our food systems. Many are connected to it spiritually, and/or via tourism and recreation.

MSU:

Tell us about an "aha" moment.

Rose:

When I finished my PhD, I studied a new pathogen, cryptosporidium. No one knew it was transmitted through water; I used a new method to prove it was. At first that was fun. But then there were U.S. outbreaks. People got sick, and died—from tap water. That made me realize that new pathogens would appear over and over. Having the ability to study them is really meaningful. We can share knowledge with engineers, policymakers and other scientists.

MSU:

What sets you apart?

Rose:

Having this MSU chair allows me to advance important things. One is working in the field. The second is translating research to help drive real public health benefits. The third is engaged research. At least a third of our portfolio involves collaborating with community or utilities—trying to answer their important, complex questions. The Nowlin Chair allows me to match dollars to enhance projects (and hence scientific research).

MSU:

What makes you hopeful and/or happy?

Rose:

People. My family—I have grandkids now. Students are an inspiration. They ask the new questions, bring new tools. They're so excited. They understand the metagenomics work, I just recognize its importance. And my colleagues—they always help me learn something new.

MSU:

What's been on your mind lately?

Rose:

After we found viruses in the ballast water of ships crossing the ocean from Singapore to Long Beach, I started thinking about the health of the planet—the land, plants, water, creatures and people—the "biohealth." We are all connected.

~Jana Eisenberg.





Interview with **Eric Freedman**

John S. and James L. Knight Chair in Environmental Journalism Professor in the School of Journalism College of Communication Arts and Sciences

MSU:

What led you to your field?

Freedman:

While in law school, I worked as congressional legislative and press aide. The reporters I met seemed to enjoy their jobs. When I graduated, I looked for both legal and reporting jobs. Fortunately, I was first offered a newspaper job. My early beats—covering courts, public and legal affairs, and city and state government overlapped environmental issues.

MSU:

What is your research focus and its impact?

Freedman:

One is environmental journalism: how journalists and news organizations cover environmental issues, primarily in the former Soviet Union. My second is international journalists' professional practices and education, constraints on press freedom and the role of press rights for advocacy (focused) non-governmental organizations.

These areas have wide impact. How can the public get fair, balanced, accurate and accessible information about environmental issues that confront every country, every community? And, press freedom and constraints go to the heart of democratic governance, citizen empowerment and transparency in institutions of power.

MSU:

Tell us about an "aha" moment.

Freedman:

I'd been reading and writing about journalists in repressive regions, talking about values like freedom of expression, speech and travel. Then, I met some journalists who, in addition to being censored or suppressed, had been arrested or assaulted because of their jobs—and learned that they continued to do their work, despite the personal risk. That was an "aha, this is real."

MSU:

What sets you apart?

Freedman:

The MSU team at the Knight Center for Environmental Journalism, my colleagues in the School of Journalism and support from MSU International Studies and Programs are multipliers of any impact that my work has.

In addition, I continue to practice journalism, writing on topics that interest me, such as discrimination in higher education and Michigan politics and public affairs.

MSU:

What makes you hopeful and/or happy?

Freedman:

The continuing internationalization of our faculty and student body. MSU was founded primarily to provide practical education to farmers. Now it's become a global university. The increase in international students and faculty exposes domestic students to some of the diverse range of experiences that they'll be part of for the rest of their lives.

There are some really interesting folks who come to this campus. For example, we had a grad student who was an independent journalist in Cuba, until she incurred Fidel Castro's wrath and was banned. And the Humphrey Program brings international economic specialists for professional internships. It's exciting that during their year in Michigan, they gain a deep understanding of American culture and life, and take that back to their country.

The people we're hiring and the influx of students adds to the richness of the university as a place to work and learn.

~Jana Eisenberg.





Interview with Stephanie Valberg

Mary Anne McPhail Dressage Chair in Equine Sports Medicine Professor in the Department of Large Animal Clinical Studies College of Veterinary Medicine

MSU:

What led you to your field?

Valberg:

I grew up in a "medical" family. I loved horses from the moment I saw one. I started riding lessons at six. I felt at home with horses—that we had a mutual understanding. I also love the sciences and mysteries—learning how the body works. Veterinary medicine put it all together.

MSU:

What is the focus and impact of your research?

Valberg:

My continued focus is perfecting diagnostic techniques for and identification of horse muscle diseases, then providing targeted therapies and diets. My PhD work focused for the first time on horse muscles during exercise. Horses are unique relative to many other species. We breed them to have specific abilities for exercise and riding. Those who own them have high expectations.

MSU:

Tell us about an "aha" moment.

Valbera:

When you look for genetic basis for diseases, you don't have one huge "aha." In the scientific process, you keep working a hypothesis until you can no longer prove it wrong.

But, probably my biggest "aha" was working to solve a problem I'd been hearing of for decades. In 2012, while on sabbatical, I had time to think hard about it.

In Europe and in the U.S, in the fall—some years and not others—some horses turned out in pasture would mysteriously, suddenly die.

After walking all the farms in Minnesota where it had happened, I noticed a certain tree, with lots of seeds—in common. I found out it was a box elder tree. In the fall, horses were eating the seeds. We ended up isolating the toxin, and finding it in the horses. I went to Europe, and found a similar tree and toxin. After so many people worked together, it all fell into place. And we saved hundreds of horses' lives.

MSU:

What sets you apart in your field?

Valberg:

So many things I have a passion for fit together—and they make me very effective at my work. I'm a horse person, with medical training, and can use my biochemistry/physiology/genetics background to solve diseases. That's created this amazing network of people to solve problems.

MSU:

What makes you hopeful and/or happy?

Valberg:

For 20 years, throughout my career in administration, teaching and clinical work, research always came last. Now I can do it practically full-time, while continually interacting with students. I'm grateful to Mary Anne McPhail for her insight creating this chair position. I'm hopeful and amazed at the pace of work that we can get done. I love the pursuit of excellence here. I love training and getting students involved. And we can directly benefit horse health.

~Jana Eisenberg.



A TRUNK FULL OF MEMORIES

Story by Catherine Ferland Photo by Derrick Turner, MSU

Centuries before we began singing about the banks of the Red Cedar, they sat unseen, surrounded by a dense forest. As the university sprang up starting in 1855, one by one, the massive trees were taken down. Only a few treasured trees from before 1855 remained, their true ages unknown.

But after a severe thunderstorm this past July, a plant biology professor found an astonishing MSU relic among the damage: a downed tree that is estimated to be more than 350 years old.

"If only this tree could talk," wrote Frank Telewski, a professor and curator of the W.J. Beal Botanical Garden and Campus Arboreutm, in a personal essay about the experience. "It was growing here when Native Americans walked this land. It survived the clearing of the land for our campus, witnessed the construction of College Hall and Saint's Rest. It survived the fire, which destroyed Saints Rest and paid witness to every Spartan ever on campus."

After the storm, he reported the fallen old white oak next to Linton Hall and paused when he saw the remains of a sheet metal cap on the tree. He immediately knew that this tree had been standing since at least the birth of the university.

Telewski attributed the old cap to the workers who first cleared the land in the 1850s. It was common practice to cut the tops of trees and place a metal cap on them, hopefully forcing them to grow out, rather than up. This caused the center of the tree to rot, rendering it defenseless against the storm's 65 mph winds.

Interested in finding out the true age of the tree, Telewski collected samples and counted the rings. All 347 of them.

"It may well have germinated in the original forest long before settlers cleared the land for the campus, very likely in the early to mid-1600s," he wrote.

This old white oak not only survived being capped in 1850, but also survived the damaging thunderstorm. A small section of the tree still remains intact. Telewski and the rest of the campus arborists are hopeful that it will produce acorns, enabling a second generation.

"This is one of the many reasons we need to protect our campus trees," Telewski wrote. "These trees can be older than any of us and if we and subsequent generations of Spartans continue to provide these trees and the trees we plant every year with respect and care, 300-to 400-year-old trees should never be unusual for future Spartans and MSU's campus."

The remains of the fallen tree will likely be donated to the MSU Shadows Collection, a program that turns fallen MSU trees into furniture and mementos.



For more information on the tree's history, visit http://go.msu.edu/lgy



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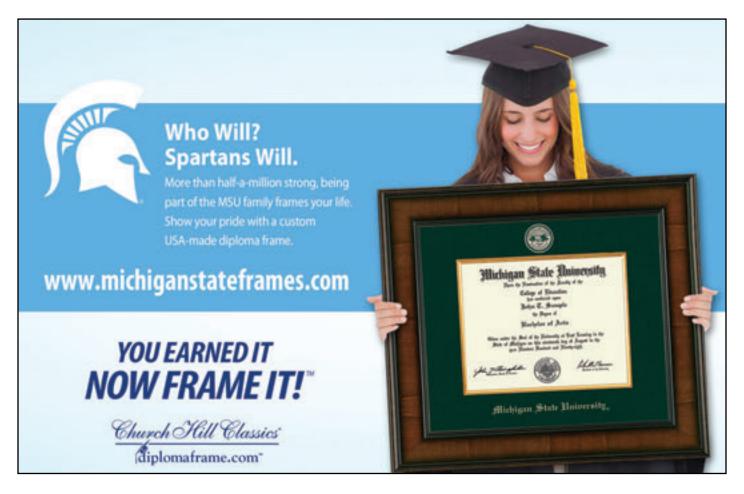
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But 118 years later, the gridiron matchup between University of Michigan (U-M) and Michigan State University reigns as one of the most passionate annual clashes in U.S. college football. How did "the series," as it was originally known, become the rivalry we know today?

Turn back the clock. In 1898, MSU (then known as The State Agricultural College) challenged U-M on its Ann Arbor-based gridiron, Regents Field.

With its longer history in football, U-M pushed the then-Aggies of State around in the early years. But by 1911, one of the then Michigan Agricultural College's (MAC) earliest football coaches, John Macklin, cooked up a recipe for success—attract talented athletes and sign some of the toughest young men around to show some muscle and finally defeat the Wolverines.

Macklin enjoyed five straight winning seasons and two victories over U-M's hugely successful Fielding Yost program—before quitting after five years on the sidelines. That devastated MAC fans, who could hardly forget U-M's early dominance on the field.

The Macklin years also raised questions at U-M about whether MAC's athletes were true amateurs, as defined by the nascent NCAA. For the next 30 years, the colleges would debate that tangled matter, while U-M tried to keep the series low-key. Michigan State College (MSC) as it was known then, soon had a resurgence under Coach Jim Crowley, one of Notre Dame's famed "Four Horsemen."

He'd been hired in 1929 on a recommendation from Notre Dame's even more famous coach, Knute Rockne. With financial help from the Michigan State Board, college loan support for student athletes, and recruiting practices that some thought dubious, Crowley's Spartans quickly became winners.

When "Sleepy Jim Crowley" departed three years later, his successor, Charlie Bachman, kept winning with Crowley's recruits. Bachman even ran up a four-game winning streak over the struggling Wolverines during the mid-1930s, even though rumors continued to swirl about improprieties—while U-M still tried to keep the series subdued.

But whatever the games were called, series or rivalry, they were hotly contested every year, even as MSC was being forced by contract to compete against its rival only in Ann Arbor and always the first weekend of the gridiron season—Scrimmage Game Saturday. Any other date, after all, might elevate the contest to a higher level of significance—a matter most Wolverines vehemently opposed!

Meanwhile, the Spartans were becoming a national football power. Legendary Michigan State president John Hannah, in January of 1947, hired Clarence "Biggie" Munn, a brilliant line coach under U-M Coach Herbert "Fritz" Crisler, to take the Spartans to the next level of competition. Munn quickly molded one of the best programs in the country.

Fortunately, just prior to Munn's arrival, a historic moment occurred. In 1946, the University of Chicago exited the Big Ten in large part due to an inability to compete with its brethren. Quickly seeing his chance, John Hannah applied for membership in the exclusive club. Not once, but three times.





Each time Michigan State was rebuffed.

Those lingering questions about amateur status played a role in the matter. U-M athletic officials confidentially politicked among their conference colleagues to keep the Spartans out until they disbanded various financial aid practices, which they continued to see as contrary to conference and NCAA policy.

But even after the Spartans were admitted to the prestigious Big Ten fraternity in 1949, U-M stubbornly viewed its relationship with Michigan State as an obligatory series mandated by politicians and taxpayers.

The problem for U-M was that Coach Munn's Spartans dominated play not only against the Wolverines but just about every other school the college faced during the early 50s.

Michigan State claimed a 28-game winning streak and a national championship title. In '53, during its first official season of conference play, the Spartans earned the Big Ten crown and a Rose Bowl victory.

When Munn retired, Hall-of-Fame Coach Hugh "Duffy" Daugherty continued his winning strategy over the next decade. The era's Spartan program was so strong that many called State a "football factory."

Could anyone call it a series any longer? Some at U-M did. Despite the Spartans long ascendancy under Munn and Daugherty, many influential Wolverines still wanted nothing to do with boosting the game to a bona-fide rivalry.

Maybe a trophy would make a difference. Just prior to the

Spartans' inaugural season in Big Ten football competition, Gov. G. Mennen "Soapy" Williams, a Michigan Law School graduate, proposed a Paul Bunyan Trophy to commemorate the annual backyard brawl between the two large statesponsored universities.

Michigan State publicly supported the notion. U-M privately balked. The governor, popular politician that he was, eventually won out over reluctant U-M officials.

The year of Paul's debut, Michigan State won and housed the awkward, somewhat unsightly lumberjack in a glass case at Jenison Fieldhouse. The following year, the victorious Wolverines placed the trophy in a broom closet adjacent to its locker room in Michigan Stadium. Paul Bunyan slumbered, collecting dust, until the following year when Coach Daugherty and his Spartans transported the mythical logger back to East Lansing.

Six decades later, U-M and Michigan State players fervently compete for the right to parade the ungainly trophy around the stadium battlefield and to proudly display Paul on campus for the next 12 months.

Still there have been times when some thought the rivalry had gone dormant. After Daugherty's long run, the Wolverines enjoyed their own run under Coach Glen "Bo" Schembechler, who held sway through the 80s, followed by his successors in the 90s, though MSU competed well year to year and earned a few hard-fought victories.

The series became a rivalry for good in 2006, when Michigan



State hired Mark Dantonio. Building on the intermittent success of his predecessors, Coach Dantonio honed his stable of three star recruits, bypassed by others, into members of one of the nation's winningest football programs.

There's no doubt. U-M vs. Michigan State was a rivalry of the first order.

Looking back at the rivalry through all the years, U-M has dominated in some periods, Michigan State in others. Now every year, fans on both sides of the 50-yard line cheer, awaiting the decision on who claims braggers' rights for the next 12 months.

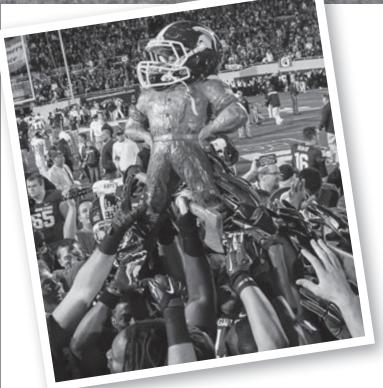
In 2014, the battlefield changed again. U-M, struggling to find a coach to regain its successful tradition—especially against rivals Ohio State and Michigan State—lured then-San Francisco 49ers Coach Jim Harbaugh home. The one-time feisty Wolverine quarterback boasts a Schembechler pedigree.

Harbaugh surprised few by molding a winner during his first six weeks on the sidelines.

Run the clock to October 17, 2015.

With only 10 seconds left on the U-M scoreboard, Harbaugh's Wolverines were about to pull off a stunner a victory over the powerful Spartans after years of dominance under Dantonio.

But as befits any emotionally charged competition, the unexpected ensued. A mishandled snap from center, a failed fumbled punt, a helter-skelter run for the end zone—and the rest is history.



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~Ben Kilpela contributed to this story.



Top 5 MSU vs U-M Games

1913: Aggies Shock UM (One Week Before Shocking Wisconsin)

On October 18, 1913, the Aggies secured their first victory over U-M, 12–7. Michigan Agricultural's fullback, George E. Julian, scored two touchdowns, and Blake Miller returned a U-M fumble 45 yards for a touchdown. After the game, *The Michigan Alumnus* made note of the Aggies' potential as an athletic threat: "This victory with the football tie in 1908, and the Farmers' clean sweep in baseball in 1912, point to the fact that M.A.C. will bear watching by U-M."

1978: Kirk Gibson Leads Air Attack

U-M was ranked #5 in the country when the unranked Spartans visited Ann Arbor. U-M had won the previous eight series under Coach Bo Schembechler before Michigan State, led by QB Eddie Smith and wide receiver and future MLB star Kirk Gibson, dominated the Wolverines with a 24–15 upset. Michigan State would end up sharing the Big Ten title that season with the Wolverines.

1990: "No. One vs. No One"

U-M came into the game ranked #1 in the country. With six seconds left, Elvis Grbac threw a TD pass to Derrick Alexander to make it 28–27 Michigan State. U-M coach Gary Moeller elected to go for two and the win. Desmond Howard lined up for a pass and was defended by Spartan Eddie Brown. While going out for the pass Desmond became entangled with Brown, appeared to have caught the ball for a moment, before dropping it as he fell to the turf. The Wolverines then attempted an onside kick, which they recovered. Grbac then scrambled and threw a Hail Mary that was tipped and intercepted to end the game.

2001: Clockgate

The 2001 game, also known as Clockgate, was hosted by Michigan State. U-M entered the game undefeated and ranked #6 in the nation. With fewer than three minutes left, the Spartans received the ball at midfield, down 24–20. With 17 seconds left, Michigan State QB Jeff Smoker attempted to scramble for a TD but was stopped at the one-yard line. The Spartans rushed to the line and spiked the ball with just 1 second on the clock. On the next play, Smoker threw a TD pass to T.J. Duckett to win the game 26-24.

2015: Rangers' Miracle Punt Return

This was the first meeting of coaches Mark Dantonio and Jim Harbaugh. With 10 seconds left in the game, the Wolverines, leading 23-21, were faced with a 4th and short and decided to punt. Michigan State pressured with all 11 defenders while U-M sent players downfield to cover the punt. The numeric mismatch on the line allowed easy penetration when the Wolverine center quick snapped a low ball bobbled by the punter. The ball was scooped up by the Spartans and MSU ran the ball 38 yards for a TD and the win.

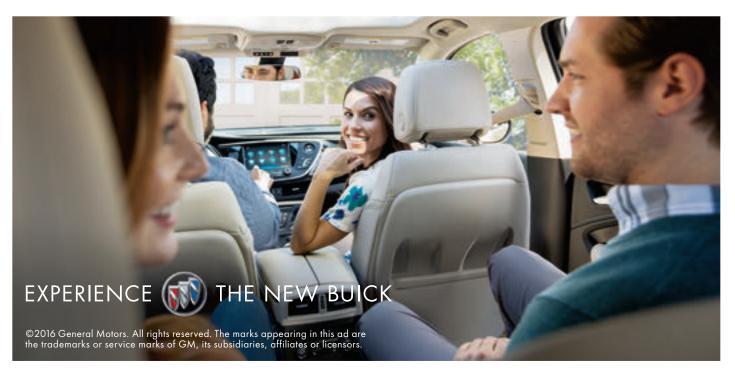




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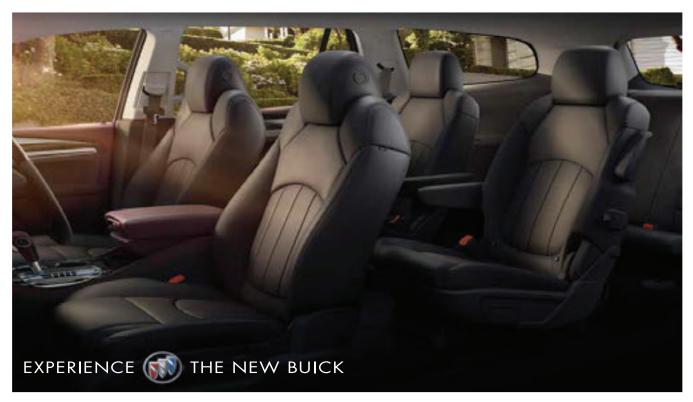






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In their new book *The Perfect :10*, MSU alumni Jack Ebling and Joe Rexrode, both sports reporters, reveal behind-the-scenes intricacies and untold stories from the epic conclusion to 2015's Michigan State v. U-M football game.

Here's an excerpt from their book:

With 10 seconds left and U-M ahead, 23-21, Australian punter Blake O'Neill mishandled a low snap, a swarm of MSU "Rangers" overwhelmed his outflanked blockers, and the ball somehow floated to an unknown redshirt freshman, Jalen Watts-Jackson, who wildly dashed 38 yards for a touchdown.

Equal parts chaos and silence ensued at U-M's stadium and the entire sport of college football and one of its most bitter rivalries had witnessed a play for all time.



THE FINAL SNAP

Here's how the Spartans lined up, from left to right: Monty Madaris, Khari Willis, T.J. Harrell, Jalen Watts-Jackson, Zac Leimbach, Andrew Dowell, Matt Macksood, Matt Morrissey, Brandon Sowards, Grayson Miller and Jermaine Edmondson.

Eleven MSU football players, representing the last real hope for the Spartans to come back to beat Michigan.

The matchup always meant a lot, but this time meant more what with U-M's new Coach Jim Harbaugh, all the attendant hype and the fact that both teams were Big Ten championship contenders.

Of the Spartans, two were four-star recruits, six were three-star recruits, three were walk-ons. One of the walk-ons had to try out just to be a walk-on.

Three were true freshmen with lofty expectations for their football futures, four were redshirt freshmen, two were fourth-year juniors who battled to carve out roles on special teams and two were fourth-year juniors who came to MSU with high hopes and were still searching for roles beyond special teams.

Five hailed from Michigan, three from Ohio, one from Florida, one from Illinois, one from Kentucky. Two were sons of MSU football legends.

Among them were six black men and five white men. One twin. One from a family with 10 children. One from a blended family with 11. Big brothers and little brothers, representing a full range of economic backgrounds.

Five were from households in which both parents were still together, five in which that wasn't the case, one playing in memory of a father lost to cancer.

Another whose father was in prison and who felt enduring gratitude for a family in Cincinnati that took him in and changed his life. One had trouble getting out of the womb and later experienced a gun scare as a teen. One who escaped a California town and school rife with gang violence. And one who'd stopped breathing for seven minutes as a sevenmonth-old but survived.

Now here they were, 11 teammates, about to be linked forever on Oct. 17, 2015.

As some of their loved ones and fans got up to leave Michigan's stadium, others stood and watched in hopes that something improbable might take place.

Others hit the video recording buttons on their smart phones. Thousands of Spartans—at watch parties, in theaters and at home—pined for the near impossible.



Here's how what happened next sounded on the Spartan Sports Network with play-by-play announcer George Blaha and color analyst Jason Strayhorn:

Blaha: "Let me tell you folks, nobody is deep. Spartans coming after them.

BAD SNAP! Bobbled! Scooped up!"

Strayhorn: "GO! GO!"

Blaha: "Here come the Spartans! Down the sideline!

Racing into the end zone!"

Strayhorn (as Watts-Jackson scored): "WHOAAAA!

ARE YOU KIDDING ME?! ARE YOU KIDDING ME?! ARE YOU KIDDING ME?! OH MY GOD! OH MY GOD!"

Blaha: "Racing into the end zone is Jalen! Watts! Jackson!

TOUCHDOWN, MSU!"

Strayhorn: "TOUCHDOWN!"

Blaha: "Flags? No flags!"

Strayhorn: "NO FLAGS! OH MY GOD!"

Blaha: "The Spartans, piling on in the end zone! It's over!

The Spartans win again! The Spartans win again!"

Strayhorn: "George, what a call. My God. My God. How did that happen?"





BEST OF TIMES

The Perfect :10 features 42 pages of vignettes from the famous and not-so-famous reflecting on where they were for the historic finish.

The list includes Tom Izzo, the MSU basketball coach who left the sideline early so his son wouldn't hear more taunts from U-M fans; Olivia Valley, an off-duty MSU cheerleader sitting in the U-M student section; Chris Baldwin, the distraught U-M fan who became an Internet meme; and Todd (formerly T.J.) Duckett, the legendary running back who was watching the game on a battleship.

And don't forget MSU alumnus John Hood. A native of Rochester, N.Y., Hood fell in love with MSU and earned a degree in elementary education.

Today, he's assistant superintendent in the Okemos school district. And, he's the proud owner of a coveted Spartan license plate: 10 SEC.

Hood recalled: "I didn't think of going to Ann Arbor to see the game in person. I wanted to be with my friend, Jim Pignataro, who was struggling with health issues.

"We watched at his house with our wives, Kristen and Alana. And I remember saying, 'We should've won.'

"Just then, Jim said, 'Maybe he won't get the punt off. You never know.' Then, I saw him say, 'Whoa!' "We stood up and started screaming. Our kids came running in, thinking something was wrong.

"The high lasted for weeks. I'd always thought about getting a vanity plate. I went on the Secretary of State's website, picked the Spartan license plate and tried '10 SEC'—and I saw it was available.

"We put a picture of it on Twitter. My friend Jim warned me: 'Just don't drive it to Ann Arbor."

Jack Ebling has covered sports in Michigan since 1978, as a local writer and broadcaster and contributor to Sports Illustrated and other national publications. A 2006 inductee into the Greater Lansing Area Sports Hall of Fame, Ebling hosts the popular afternoon radio show, The Drive With Jack Ebling.

Joe Rexrode covered MSU sports for the Lansing State Journal and Detroit Free Press for nearly 20 years before accepting a position with the Nashville Tennessean in April of 2016. Rexrode has long been a first read' for fans looking for the inside story on plays that surprised or went awry, whether on the gridiron or the hardwood.



The Perfect:10 photos by Matthew Mitchell are available at 10PerfectSeconds.com and DrivewithJack.com.



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A smiling MSU President Lou Anna K. Simon leaves the mound at a summer Detroit Tigers game attended by area Spartans. ◀

Calhoun County Spartans

Sparty helped the Calhoun County Spartans promote literacy in local elementary schools. The club and our favorite mascot traveled to four elementary schools to read to the kids.

Macomb Spartans ▼

The Macomb County Spartans teamed up with the College of Osteopathic Medicine to improve a local house through Habitat for Humanity.



Pentwater Festivities

A flock of Spartan cheerleaders pose with Pentwater residents Duane and Judy Vernon at a popular July Fourth picnic they've long hosted. ▼





Japan Alumni

President Lou Anna K. Simon and MSU Japan Alumni hosted a Green and White Evening in Tokyo, attended by more than 40 Spartans in Shibuya. The event was held in conjunction with the celebration of the 125th anniversary of the

■ Tokyo University of Agriculture.



Austin Spartans A The Austin Spartans blended their MSU student send-off event with a service project at Ronald



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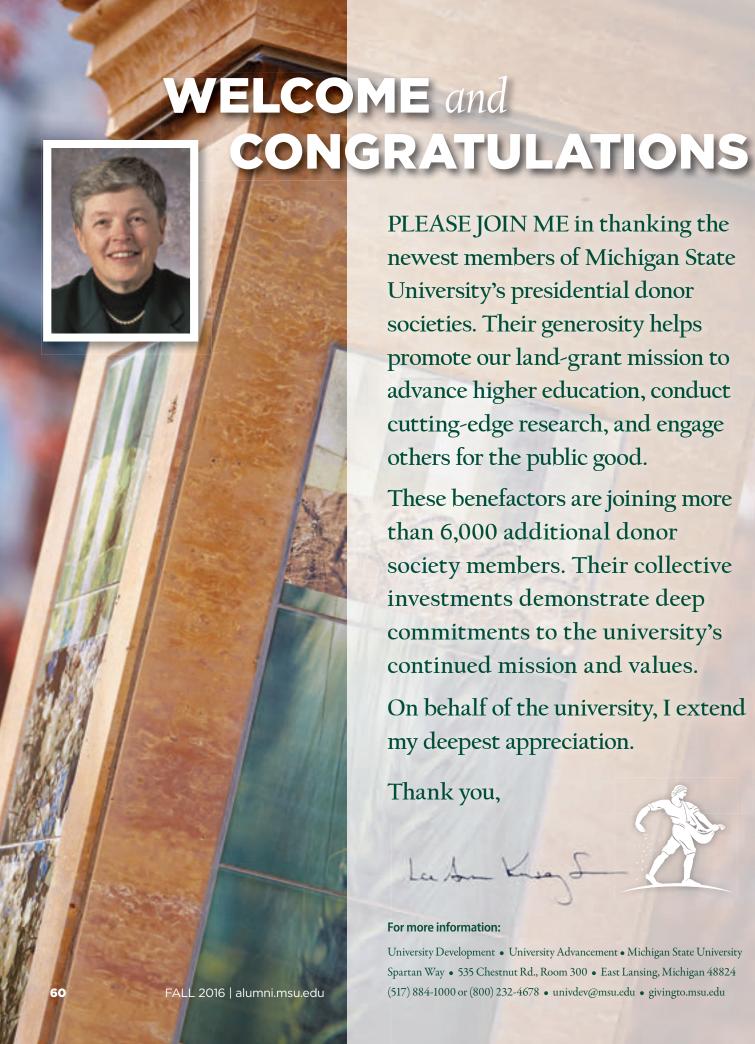
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1960s

WILLIAM G. SCHARFFE, '65 (COMMUNICATION ARTS AND SCIENCES), MA '69, PhD '77 (BOTH IN EDUCATION), has been elected chairman of the board of the Saginaw Economic Development Corporation as well as vice-chair of the Board of the Historical Society of Saginaw County.

ROBERT T. APISA, '69

(EDUCATION), premiered his documentary *Men of Sparta* at the 2016 Traverse City Film Festival.

1970s

JOHN P. GIESY, MS '72, PhD '74 (BOTH IN AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES), received this year's Distinguished

Researcher Award at Spring Convocation at the University of Saskatchewan.

CHARLENE J. LANGE,

'73 (AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES), is a fifth-generation operator of her family's Lange Twins Winery in Lodi, California.

THEODORE J. HALM, '78

(COMMUNICATION ARTS AND SCIENCES), was recently awarded a Distinguished Staff Award at Ferris State University.

LINDA D. SCOTT, '79

(NURSING), has been appointed as dean of the University of Wisconsin-Madison School of Nursing.

CHARLES G. STOCKWELL, MA

'79 (EDUCATION), is celebrating 20 years of the self-founded Charyl Stockwell Academy District, which belongs to the Michigan Public School Academy.

1980s

ROBERT M. AKERS, PhD

'80 (AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES), was recently reappointed the Horace E. and Elizabeth F. Alphin Professor of Agriculture and Life Sciences at Virginia Tech University.

JUDITH E. APP-WINTER, '80

(COMMUNICATION ARTS AND SCIENCES), attended the first-ever United State of Women Summit in Washington, D.C. The mother of a child with special needs, she represented other women and girls with special needs.

THOMAS J. CONSTAND, '80

(BUSINESS), has been appointed incoming president of the Brain Injury Association of Michigan.

DAVID LESZKOWITZ, '82

(NATURAL SCIENCE), was certified by the American Board of Addiction Medicine in the specialization of addiction medicine.

RANDALL R. RUPP, '82

(BUSINESS), was recently promoted to CEO of Rehmann, a regional accounting and financial services firm.

DAVID D. LEWIS, '85 (ENGINEERING, HONORS

COLLEGE), has been hired as chief data scientist at Brainspace Corp.

JAMES R. CAPONIGRO, '86 (COMMUNICATION ARTS AND SCIENCES), was promoted to president and CEO of Goodwill Industries of the Greater East Bay.

THOMAS R. HUMPHREYS, III, '87 (COMMUNICATION ARTS AND SCIENCES), was recently named director of the risk management and insurance program at Olivet College.



TODD A. PENEGOR, '87, MBA '89 (BOTH IN BUSINESS), was recently named the president and CEO of Wendy's Co.

KATHRYN A. GROSS, '89 (SOCIAL SCIENCE) has been nominated by a student at Loyola High School as a teacher in the RARE Everyday Hero program.

1990s

ANESSA O. KRAMER, '92 (BUSINESS), was elected president of the Michigan Intellectual Property Inn of Court by its members for 2016-2017.

SCOTT B. CHERRIN, JD '95 (LAW), is working as a coproducer on the movies *The* Legend of Tarzan and The Six Billion Dollar Man.

MICHAEL A. JASPERSON, '95 (NATURAL SCIENCE), has joined Michigan-based non-profit health plan Priority Health as the east region vice president.

TYLER E. WEGMEYER, '99 (AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES), has been named the 2016 Virginia Farmer of the Year by the Virginia Cooperative Extension.

2000s MOHAMMAD F. GIERDIEN,

PhD '01 (EDUCATION), has been appointed as associate editor for Pythagoras, a South African Math Education journal.

BRENDAN J. THORNTON,

'02 (SOCIAL SCIENCE), has published Negotiation Respect, a book on the politics of spiritual authority in the Dominican Republic based on fieldwork experience.



MICHAEL A. WILDER, '03 (JAMES MADISON), recently published the book *The Playbook* for a Dollar & a Dream.

JEREMY B. WOLF, '03 (COMMUNICATION ARTS AND SCIENCES), was named to the "Double Chai in the Chi: 36 Under 36" list of young Jewish leaders in Chicago.

BENJAMIN E. CHUTZ, '06 (SOCIAL SCIENCE), and his wife, Dani Gillman, created an app called Birdhouse for Autism to help parents and caregivers identify better care for people with autism.





DANIEL S. DERUE, PhD '07 (BUSINESS), has been named dean of the Stephen M. Ross School of Business at the University of Michigan.

BLAIR P. DUNCKEL, '07 (AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES), has been named assistant athletic director-Facilities and Event Management at the University of Pittsburgh.

DIANE G. GARDIN, '07 (COMMUNICATION ARTS AND SCIENCES), received the Cultural Transformation Award for her part in the All-Cultures-Week planning team from the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, Northern Research Station.

SARAH A. KUNST, '08 (COMMUNICATION ARTS AND SCIENCES), founded Proday, a personal training fitness app that allows people to work out alongside professional athletes.

2010s

MICHELLE L. CRECHIOLO, '10 (COMMUNICATION ARTS AND SCIENCES), has been the website editor for the Pittsburgh Penguins since 2011 and will received a Stanley Cup ring after the hockey team's recent championship.

LATRICE L. DAVIS, '10 (COMMUNICATION ARTS AND SCIENCES), is a senior associate at Develop Detroit, a nonprofit that works to revitalize real estate development.

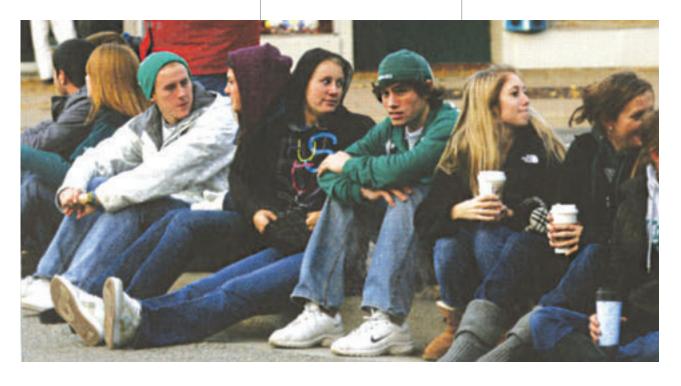
JONATHAN D. KIRKLAND, '10 (MUSIC), will join the cast of the award-winning, touring Broadway musical *Hamilton* as George Washington.

MARISSA E. NELSON, '10 (COMMUNICATION ARTS AND SCIENCES), has been hired as an assistant account executive at Eisbrenner Public Relations in Royal Oak.

KIRK D. COUSINS, '11 (EDUCATION), has joined the international non-profit organization Every Child Fed as a member of the U.S. Board of Directors.

MITCHELL R. RIVARD,
'11 (JAMES MADISON),
has been named Hillary
Clinton's Michigan campaign
communications director.

ERICA M. SWOISH, '13 (COMMUNICATION ARTS AND SCIENCES), has been promoted to senior account executive at Franco Public Relations Group.





JOSHUA S. BACH, MBA '14 (BUSINESS), joined Van Conway & Partners business consulting firm as managing director.

JELANI C. ZARIF, PhD '14 (NATURAL SCIENCE), was awarded the 2016 Prostate Cancer Foundation's Young Investigator award.

WALTER W. BUHRO, MS '15 (NATURAL SCIENCE), has been selected as a Woodrow Wilson Foundation Teaching Fellow in New Jersey.

KELLIE M. STILSON, '15 (NATURAL SCIENCE. HONORS COLLEGE), was chosen by the Knowles Science Teaching Foundation as one of 34 members of its 2016 cohort of teaching fellows.

STEVEN P. PRICE, '16 (ENGINEERING, HONORS COLLEGE), broke the Guinness World Record for largest domino circle, with 76,017 dominoes, the most dominoes ever toppled in the U.S.

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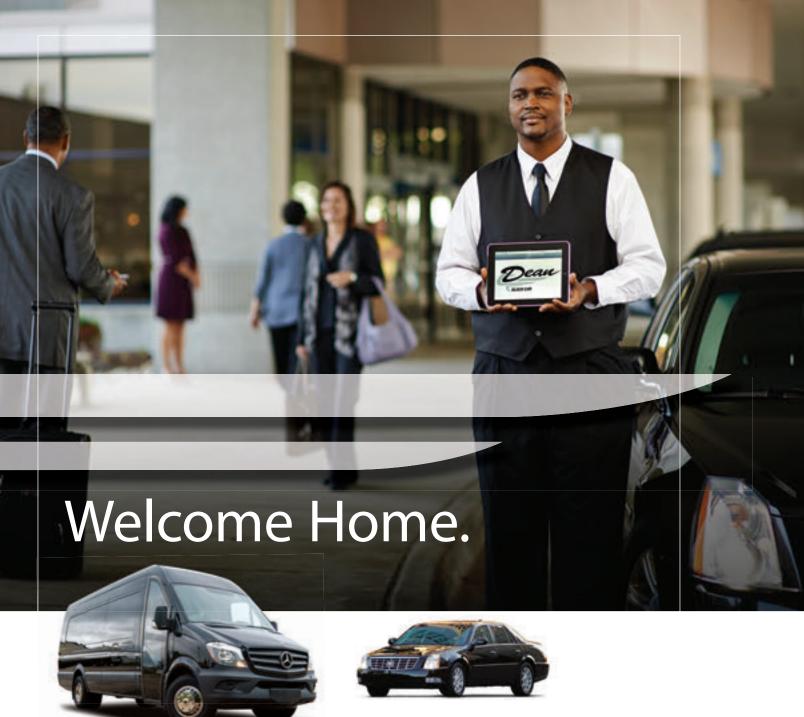
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1930s

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VIVIAN E. (KNEPP) LONG, '38, of Fayetteville, NC, Mar. 28, age 100.

MARY H. (HAGENS) FOWLER, '39, of Grand Rapids, Feb. 14, age 98.

1940s

GERALD A. DRAKE, '40, of Big Rapids, Sep. 5, age 97.

IRENE A. (NELSON) GLENN, '40, of Jupiter, FL, Feb. 2, age 97.

ELINOR M. (FREIER) POTTER, '40, of Warner Robins, GA, Mar. 1, age 97.

ANITA C. (JOHNSON) DEAN, '41, of South Haven, Feb. 8, age 96.

CAROLINE R. (BRAUN) BERGREN, '42, of Virginia Beach, VA, Apr. 13, age 95.

WILLIAM H. CASE, '42, of Decatur, IL, Aug. 4, age 95.

IVAN G. RICE, '42, of Rock Hill, SC, Apr. 7, age 96.

MELVIN C. BUSCHMAN, '43, of Spring Lake, Apr. 2, age 95.

MARY E. (THAYER) SPRAGUE, '43, of Brandenburg, KY, Feb. 25, age 94.

PATRICIA J. (GOULD) BRAND, '45, of Grosse Pointe Park, Feb. 28

LOIS Z. (WALKER) FARNSWORTH, '45, of Grand Rapids, Mar. 9, age 92.

VICTOR P. LABRANCHE, '45, of Haverhill, MA, Mar. 15, age 95.

MAURICE L. HORSKI, '46, of Mason, Mar. 4, age 94.

PATRICIA A. (RASMUSSEN) PEDERSEN, '46, of Jupiter, FL, Feb. 17, age 90.

DONNA RAE I. (BOTHWELL) SPANBURG, '46, of Carlsbad, CA, Feb. 12, age 92.

MARY M. (NALL) ALLEMAN, '47, of Bethesda, MD, Apr. 18, age 91.

ROBERT E. BRAZELL, '47, of Dearborn, Feb. 11, age 92.

PHILIP H. CURRIER, '47, of Lansing, Jan. 31, age 93.

MIGUEL A. HERNANDEZ-AGOSTO, '47, of San Juan, PR, Mar. 18, age 88.

RICHARD A. CHESNEY, '48, of Monroe, Apr. 7, age 89.

WILLIAM L. ENGLE, '48, of Zeeland, Mar. 7, age 90.

ROBERT M. KUHLMAN, '48, of Owosso, Apr. 4, age 92.

ROBERT W. LARSON, '48, of Pendleton, OR, Mar. 1, age 89.

WILLIAM W. MAJESKA, '48, of Springville, UT, Oct. 28, age 94.

MABEL M. NEMOTO, '48, of East Lansing, Jan. 1, age 92.

JAMES W. PIOWATY, '48, of Fort Pierce, FL, Jan. 22, age 90.

ROLAND S. YOUNG, '48, of Moultonborough, NH, Mar. 26, age 89.

PAUL G. COOK, '49, of Lansing, Apr. 12, age 89.

STANLEY R. CURTIS, '49, of Lansing, Mar. 23, age 92.

RAYMOND R. DE STEIGER, '49, of Sterling Heights, Feb. 26, age 88.

JOHN R. FRYE, '49, of Port Saint Lucie, FL, Sep. 3, age 89.

ELLEN L. (CAMP) GINGRICH, '49, of Ft. Wayne, IN, Jan. 17.

MURRAY K. HANNA, '49, of Lansing, Mar. 10, age 92.

WILLIAM T. KELLY, '49, of Niles, Apr. 16.

AMAN U. KHAN, '49, of Saint Joseph, Feb. 24, age 91.

JAMES H. LANDREE, '49, of Milwaukee, WI, Feb. 27, age 92.

SALLY B. (CHADWICK) MCKENZIE, '49, of Harbor Springs, Mar. 22, age 89.

JOHN D. RADER, '49, of Elroy, WI, Apr. 13, age 94.

GRANVILLE W. TILGHMAN, '49, of Peoria, AZ, Feb. 13, age 96.

RICHARD J. ZOBEL, '49, of West Chester, PA, Mar. 2, age 89.

1950s

CHARLES E. BEYETTE, '50, of Cass City, Dec. 29, age 91.

GEORGE A. BLACK, '50, of Washington, NC, Jul. 30, age 91.

BEATRICE R. (CLARK) GOLOM, '50, of Shawnee Mission, KS, Feb. 6, age 89.

GORDON E. GUYER, '50, of Marco Island, FL, March 30, age 90.

JOHN M. HOGLE, '50, of Howell, Apr. 9, age 88.

EDWARD W. JARVIE, '50, of Traverse City, May 21, age 87.

D. JACK LEMON, '50, of Adrian, Mar. 19, age 89.

HENRIETTA J. (THOMPSON) LIVERMORE, '50, of Sidney, OH, Feb. 9, age 91. **ROBERT J. LOWE,** '50, of Denver, CO.

BARBARA L. (COLVIN) MACDOUGALL, '50, of Las Vegas, NV.

SHIRLEY A. (MINTER) MCNALLY, '50, of Flushing, Feb. 21, age 87.

RICHARD L. MILLIMAN, '50, of Lansing, Mar. 26, age 88.

BETTY J. PETERSEN- NEUMANN, '50, of Lansing,
Apr. 18, age 90.

MERRILL C. POST, '50, of Rockford, Oct. 16, age 86.

ALAN E. SAWYER, '50, of Wixom, Feb. 16, age 88.

FRANK J. SHAW, '50, of Okemos, Jun. 25, age 88.

LORA M. (MORT) TEMPLE, '50, of Medina, OH, Sep. 1, age 87.

EVELYN (HATT) BATTISTE, '51, of Flint, Apr. 12, age 86.

JAY COCHRAN, '51, of Ashburn, VA, Feb. 4, age 88.

MARY LOU (SANGETER) ENDERLE, '51, of Lansing, Apr. 15, age 85.

G. DAVID HURD, '51, of Des Moines, IA, Feb. 6, age 86.

GRACE E. (PLAGUE) INMAN, '51, of Ira, Feb. 25, age 88.

WILLIAM E. JOHNSON, '51, of Traverse City, Mar. 28, age 86.

LAWRENCE G. MULLICA, '51, of Debary, FL, Jan. 23, age 88.

GEORGE R. OBERER, '51, of Naples, FL, Mar. 28, age 88.

JAMES R. SHAW, '51, of Port Huron, May 15.

ROSEMARY P. (ROBERTS) SHUSTER, '51, of Hastings, Oct. 6, age 86.

DONALD A. SMITH, '51, of East Lansing, Jul. 21, age 88.

NONA (MUIR) TURNER, '51, of Rochester, Mar. 31.

JOAN E. (AHO) ANDERSON, '52, of Fremont, Apr. 18, age 85.

RICHARD M. CLARK, '52, of Albany, NY, Feb. 26, age 88.

JOHN L. COTE, '52, of Holland, Dec. 6.

SARA E. (SHELL) DALE, '52, of San Jose, CA, Feb. 13, age 86.

SALLY A. (HAMELINE) HAYES, '52, of Green Valley, AZ, Feb. 5, age 86.

ROBERT L. KEELER, '52, of Naples, FL, Mar. 2, age 87.

LEONARD J. LAPKA, '52, of Lansing, Jul. 18, age 87.

VINCENT MAGI, '52, of Macomb, Apr. 21, age 86.

ERNEST H. POST, '52, of Huntingdon, PA, Jun. 3, age 89.

RICHARD H. RUCH, '52, of Mears, Apr. 22.

JOANNE L. (WHITE) VANSYCKLE, '52, of Mt. Pleasant, Oct. 5.

FRANCIS B. WOLCOTT, '52, of Cuyahoga Falls, OH, Feb. 12, age 86.

STANLEY DROBAC, '53, of Fountain Inn, SC, Apr. 3, age 88.

SUZANNE K. (SHIPP) JOHNSON, '53, of Lake Odessa, Apr. 8, age 84.

FREDERICK J. MENO, '53, of Southlake, TX, Mar. 29, age 89.

EDWARD G. TIMMERMAN, '53, of Hilton Head Island, SC, Mar. 1, age 85.

DAVID M. WICKHAM, '53, of Hector, NY, Feb. 17, age 84.

CHARLES J. CECIL, '54, of Lansing, Apr. 9, age 87.

CECIL O. ETTER, '54, of Denver, CO, Apr. 2, age 88.

HAROLD W. FLATH, '54, of Escanaba, Jun. 18, age 82.

BOB HOKE, '54, of Norman, OK, May 22, age 82.

WILLIAM F. HUEG, '54, of St. Paul, MN, Feb. 18, age 92.

DANIEL C. KELLEY, '54, of Whitehall, Apr. 7, age 85.

BETTY L. (WITCHELL) KLINGELSMITH, '54, of Fort Collins, CO, Jan. 22, age 84.

EVERETT I. PERRIN, '54, of Crescent City, FL, Mar. 2, age 83.

LAURANCE A. SOLOMONSON, '54, of Rochester, Mar. 12, age 83.

JOE A. STASER, '54, of Dallas, TX, Feb. 17, age 83.

RICHARD H. WHITE, '54, of Coldwater, Mar. 3, age 83.

ADELBERT C. HALL, '55, of Westfield, IN, Nov. 2, age 82.

THOMAS E. HAY, '55, of Clio, May 14, age 84.

RAY A. HUGHES, '55, of Ionia, Apr. 11, age 82.

PAUL R. JORGENSEN, '55, of Venice, FL, Feb. 28, age 85.

MARTIN H. LOVI, '55, of Northfield, IL, Jan. 31, age 82.

JACKSON C. MEYERS, '55, of St. Clair, Feb. 15, age 86.

GARY M. SIMMONS, '55, of Sparks, NV, Mar. 10, age 83.

JACK R. BEATTIE, '56, of Winter Park, FL, Apr. 3, age 81.

GEORGE M. COX, '56, of Apache Junction, AZ, Jul. 11, age 84. KATHLEEN R. (NORTHEY)

GIDDINGS, '56, of Lansing, Feb. 29, age 81.

JOHN F. HELD, '56, of Troy, Jun. 8, age 81.

GARY A. HOUGHTBY, '56, of Raleigh, NC, Mar. 11, age 82.

JOHN R. HOYT, '56, of Lansing, Feb. 11, age 87.

MARILYN A. JOHNSON, '56, of Warren, Mar. 29, age 82.

JOSEPH A. MCKEOWN, '56, of Detroit, Mar. 9, age 83.

HARLAN A. MILLS, '56, of Lookout Mountain, GA, Mar. 11,

THOMAS R. MULVANEY, '56, of Washington, DC, Apr. 20, age 82.

EDWARD H. MURPHY, '56, of Peachtree Corners, GA, May 10, age 89.

JUDITH A. (MCKENNA) PIERCE, '56, of Largo, FL, Apr. 2, age 81.

PHYLLIS J. (CONKLIN) SILHAVY, '56, of Alma, May 10,

SUSAN C. COPLAND, '57, of Okemos, Feb. 21, age 93.

EUNICE M. (FOYE) DECKER, '57, of Jackson, Feb. 16, age 80.

TITUS H. DRAKE, '57, of Half Moon Bay, CA, Apr. 6, age 86.

KENNETH G. JOHNSON,

'57, of Saratoga Springs, NY, Sep. 25, age 85.

THOMAS R. PRAWDZIK, '57, of Clare, Sep. 18, age 83.

ROBERT J. RIGGS, '57, of Mason, Mar. 22, age 81.

DEAN W. SHIPPEY, '57, of Lansing, Apr. 22, age 97.

LEE A. STASER, '57, of Lansing,

HARRY E. WARNER, '57, of Jackson, Jan. 14, age 94

CAROLYN E. BEALL, '58, of Louisville, KY, Feb. 21, age 79.

RICHARD B. CURREN, '58, of Kalamazoo, Feb. 7, age 85.

ROBERT F. ECK, '58, of East Lansing, May 17, age 84.

CAROLYN R. STAUFFER, '58, of Lansing, Mar. 28, age 83.

FARRELL M. BAGSHAW, '59,

of Mesa, AZ, Mar. 3, age 89. JERRY A. FREYDL, '59, of Petoskey, Feb. 11, age 81.

WILLIAM J. GEARING, '59, of

Fort Myers, FL, Mar. 19, age 83.

WILLIAM R. HATCH, '59, of Vancouver, WA

BURTON E. ISAACS, '59, of Southfield, Sep. 18

CURTIS F. LARD, '59, of College Station, TX, Apr. 9, age 80.

THOMAS S. MATTSON, '59, of Lansing, Apr. 18, age 82.

LEON S. MONROE, '59, of East Lansing, Feb. 11, age 79.

SOPHIE PAPAJOHN, '59, of St. Clair Shores, Mar. 6, age 78.

JERALD W. RIEKELS, '59, of Canada, Feb. 11, age 83.

KATHLEEN H. (ARMSTRONG) VOELKLE, '59, of Clarkston, Apr. 4, age 78.

EDWARD A. WILLIAMS, '59, of West Hartford, CT, Mar. 9, age 80.

1960s

DOROTHY (SCHROEDER) COAN, '60, of Grosse Ile, Dec. 2,

JERRY L. DUNN, '60, of Lansing, Feb. 11, age 81.

RAYMOND J. GESSNER, '60, of Orange Park, FL, Apr. 22, age 79.

JAMES T. HARRISON, '60, of Suttons Bay, Mar. 26, age 78.

WILLIAM W. LAW, '60, of Sarasota, FL, Jul. 24, age 97.

RANDALL L. NATHAN, '60, of Providence, RI, Jan. 11, age 78.

EARL M. PALMER, '60, of Mundelein, IL, Jul. 13, age 84.

JUSTIN A. PIPER, '60, of Redford, Dec. 26, age 83.

RICHARD V. POWERS, '60, of Buford, GA, Apr. 21, age 83.

JEANINE C. (VENTURINO) REMBIESA, '60, of Troy, Sep. 18,

SIEVERT E. BLOCK, '61, of Montague, Feb. 27, age 90.

NEIL H. BRIDGE, '61, of Saginaw, Apr. 2, age 83

THOMAS E. FELT, '61, of Wooster, OH.

THOMAS S. MCCLURE, '61, of Auburndale, FL, Mar. 16, age 80.

URIAH Z. MCGLASHAN, '61, of East Lansing, Mar. 10, age 85.

THOMAS W. MERCER, '61, of Templeton, CA, Aug. 1, age 77

CAROLL L. (THOMPSON) NOWLING, '61, of Portage, Feb. 22, age 76.

DAVID P. RABLEN, '61, of

Norwich, CT, May 20, age 80.

MARY L. (FOX) DILL, '62, of St. Joseph, Dec. 2, age 75.

JIMMY C. EASTERLING, '62, of Saint Johns, Feb. 15, age 83

JOHN M. LOGAN, '62, of Mary Esther, FL, Mar. 1, age 75.

DENNIS D. NORTH, '62, of Lansing, Feb. 21, age 74.

DONALD A. REEVES, '62, of Surprise, AZ, Feb. 17, age 90.

GUY R. ROBERTS, '62, of Wixom, Jun. 8, age 80.

GERALD A. STEFANICH, '62, of Houghton, Mar. 9, age 7'

WILLIAM E. BLASS, '63, of Minneapolis, MN, Feb. 16, age 78.

DONALD J. CUTTING, '63, of Allendale, Feb. 4, age 97

GERALD L. DANGL, '63, of Redding, CA, Mar. 29, age 82.

WILLIAM A. HALLS, '63, of Flushing, Jun. 21, age 76.

JOYCE A. (DAILY) MUELLER, '63, of Milford, Jan. 6, age 74.

MICHAEL R. MURRAY, '63, of Wilsonville, OR, Jun. 11, age 74.

WILLIAM P. REED, '63, of Lady Lake, FL, Jul. 16, age 83. IVA M. RICKS, '63, of Bath,

Apr. 16, age 98. ROBERT G. SAXTON, '63, of

Laingsburg, Aug. 14, age 83.

J. STEPHEN BASINSKI, '64, of Harrisburg, NC, Apr. 2, age 73.

DONALD J. BIGELMAN, '64, of Daytona Beach, FL, Feb. 14, age 73.

KENNETH L. HALL, '64, of Lansing, Mar. 14, age 79

THOMAS R. IVERSEN, '64, of Georgetown, DE, Feb. 15, age 73.

RICHARD H. OSBORN, '64, of Spring Hill, FL, Mar. 13, age 73.

HARLAN D. RITCHIE, '64, of Okemos, Apr. 28, age 80.

CHARLES E. WHITMER, '64, of Springville, NY, Mar. 1, age 73

DEAN W. BETZ, '65, of Benton Harbor, May 22, age 90.

KENNETH R. DRAYTON, '65, of Waycross, GA, Apr. 13, age 78.

JOHN W. HENKER, '65, of Fallbrook, CA, Aug. 31, age 82.

MARY A. (CUNNINGHAM) MAHAFFY, '65, of Riley, Dec. 10,

ROBERT L. MICHEL, '65, of Philadelphia, PA, Feb. 18, age 91.

JOHN C. PEMBLE, '65, of North Andover, MA, Apr. 13, age 73.

NANCY M. PRESS, '65, of Grand Rapids, Mar. 22, age 91.

BETTY LOU (SCHULTZ)

ANDERSON, '66, of Amery, WI, Jul. 11, age 81.

JAMES L. CHAPMAN, '66, of Spring Arbor, Feb. 20, age 83.

CHARLES E. FEDER, '66, of Detroit, Feb. 29, age 72.

CHARLES E. HALLAWELL, '66, of Hudson, MA, Feb. 21, age 90.

BETTY A. (LODER) KENT, '66, of Wyandotte, Feb. 7, age 71.

WARREN G. KNEER, '66, of Omaha, NE, May 1, age 86

SHEILA (MACLELLAN) NELSON, '66, of Pinellas Park, FL, Mar. 2, age 79.

LARRY NICHOLAS, '66, of Elsie, Feb. 28, age 90.

LAWRENCE K. VENYAH, '66, of East Lansing, Feb. 2, age 83.

ROBERT E. DELONG, '67, of Forney, TX, Feb. 25, age 83.

RICHARD C. MAYNARD, '67, of Pleasant Ridge, Jul. 7, age 70.

THOMAS M. ROWOLD, '67, of Princeton, IA, Sep. 28, age 74

JAMES F. SCOTT, '67, of Dimondale, Mar. 10, age 71.

FLORENCE G. (GREEN) WILLIAMS, '67, of East Lansing, Mar. 30, age 97.

CARL N. WILT, '67, of Tecumseh,

DAVID S. CROUCH, '68, of Niles, Feb. 14, age 71.

MADELINE J. (RYNN) ENDSLEY, '68, of Grand Haven, Apr. 18, age 69.

WILLIAM M. GREENE, '68, of Traverse City, Feb. 21, age 74.

RICHARD R. HARRIS, '68, of

HOWARD H. KARDATZKE, '68, of Charleston, WV, Feb. 1, age 78.

MARY C. KILLIGREW, '68, of Sarasota, FL, Apr. 14, age 87.

LESLIE M. PERLMAN, '68, of Birmingham, Jan. 19, age 71.

JOAN E. (VANEPS) RAMSEYER, '68, of Shelby, Oct. 29, age 69.

PAUL R. SCHMIDT, ${}^{\circ}68, \mathrm{of}$ Portage, Feb. 24, age 75

JOHN S. STERLING, '68, of Jerome, Apr. 7, age 71.

ANNE V. (CREEDEN) WASHBURN, '68, of South Burlington, VT, Apr. 24, age 69.

CAROLYN A. (HARRIS) WATSON, '68, of Southfield, Oct. 31, age 69.

CLAUDIA M. (STANCZYK) WICKHAM, '68, of Lake Mary, FL, Mar. 22, age 70.

BARBARA J. (MUNDT)

HEIEN, '69, of Livonia, Jun. 11, age 68.

THOMAS A. NYHUS, '69, of Lansing, Apr. 7, age 87.

GARY A. RANKIN, '69, of Lansing, Jan. 22, age 68.

SCOTT H. REID, '69, of Niles, Mar. 11, age 69.

WIRUTT RUTTANAPORN, '69, of Thailand, Feb. 28, age 73.

DALE F. WIGHTMAN, '69, of Owosso, Dec. 6, age 92.

1970s

A. JAMES HALLEM, '70, of Pompano Beach, FL, Mar. 5, age 84.

WILMA C. (CHAPMAN) HOWDLE, '70, of Pittsboro, NC, Mar. 16, age 67.

WINIFRED M. JACOBS, '70, of Grand Ledge, Apr. 17, age 97.

JOHN LEWIS, '70, of Lansing, Mar. 22, age 81.

NANCY L. (SIMMONS) LUKEY, '70, of Royal Oak, Apr. 19, age 67.

EUGENE A. MIELKE, '70, of Visalia, CA, Oct. 28, age 69.

WAYNE J. ROELOF, '70, of Melvin, Mar, 15, age 67.

RONALD G. SHELLENBERGER, '70, of Twin Falls, ID, Jun. 30, age 71.

MARGARET STOKES, '70, of Mt. Pleasant, Apr. 20, age 66.

EARL B. WILEY, '70, of Zanesville, OH, Mar. 4, age 94.

WILLIE S. WILLIAMS, '70, of Rockville, MD, Feb. 19, age 83.

JAMES V. WYLLIE, '70, of

South Bend, IN, Mar. 5, age 75.

RICHARD C. ZIELKE, '70, of

Frankenmuth, Mar. 7, age 80.

MICHAEL J. ANDRAE, '71, of Sebring, FL, Feb. 18, age 73.

JOHN H. DISE, '71, of Southfield, Mar. 21, age 66.

DOUGLAS J. READ, '71, of Traverse City, Oct. 18.

NATHANIEL H. WASH, '71, of Monroe, WA, Jan. 20, age 93.

CAROL A. (CARTER) ALEXANDER, '72, of Iowa City, IA, Feb. 9, age 65.

JOSEPH L. BROCKINGTON, '72, of

Saugatuck, Aug. 10, age 64.

ROBERT P. JURATOVAC, '72, of Troy,

Aug. 23, age 65.

BILL KENNARD, '72, of Saint Charles,

MO, Mar. 5, age 68.

RICHARD D. KING, '72, of Collegeville, PA, Feb. 8, age 65.

DOUGLAS L. STOW, '72, of Okemos, Dec. 1, age 65.

DENNIS T. COUTURIER, '73, of Traverse City, Nov. 5, age 64.

JAMES D. GAY, '73, of Denver, CO, Mar. 2, age 64.

CALVIN L. MERILLAT, '73, of Waldron, May 21, age 63.

SHARON M. NOLEN, '73, of Dewitt, Mar. 24, age 65.

CONSTANTINE P. REMOUNDOS, '73, of Lathrup Village, Jul. 5, age 64.

SUSAN E. (MURPHY) SHEA, '73, of Jackson, Feb. 14, age 65.

PEGGIE L. DYE, '74, of Flint, Feb. 28, age 81.

ALEXANDER B. FILONOW, '74, of Stillwater, OK, Jan. 29, age 73.

ROBERT B. GALBRAITH, '74, of Rancho Mirage, CA, Mar. 17, age 67.

SETH K. PARKER, '74, of San Antonio, TX, Dec. 31, age 76.

THOMAS W. SPEH, '74, of Oxford, OH, Apr. 15, age 71.

CHRISTINE A. WILLIAMS, '74, of Knoxville, TN, Feb. 17, age 64.

TIMOTHY D. ZEHNDER, '74, of Frankenmuth, Feb. 16, age 63.

ELLEN (OSMAN) ADAIR ENJADA, '75, of Pontiac, Apr. 21, age 63.

LINDA KEHM-RICH, '75, of Kewadin, Nov. 24, age 62.

THOMAS F. KELLY, '75, of Greenboro, NC, Jan. 26, age 90.

MICHAEL G. LOZON, '75, of River Rouge, Feb. 19, age 63.

LIDIA S. PACIRA, '75, of Geneva, NY, Mar. 17, age 81.

DIANA J. (MOGHISSI) WEAVER, '75, of Dallas, TX, Mar. 22, age 63.

JAMES G. BIERWIRTH, '76, of Farmington Hills, Aug. 16, age 60.

DEIDRA K. CLUGSTON, '76, of Traverse City, Feb. 23, age 64.

KURT W. GOTTSCHALK, '76, of Waynesburg, PA, Aug. 10, age 63.

LLOYD R. ISAACS, '76, of Pleasanton, CA, Feb. 24, age 83.

HARRY R. ESLING, '77, of Myrtle Beach, SC, Feb. 25, age 83.

JANICE M. HARTSOE, '777, of Lansing, Apr. 15, age 65.

SCOTT R. PATTERSON, '77, of Carbondale, CO, Aug. 23, age 60.

MARLA J. (BOELKINS) WARREN, '77, of Mason, Mar. 20, age 60.

J. PATRICK BRADY, '78, of Virginia Beach, VA, Jun. 29, age 60.

NANCY E. CLAFLIN, '78, of Port Huron, Sep. 21, age 83.

HELMUT J. JAGUTIS, '78, of Lansing, Mar. 28, age 70.

MAUREEN P. SHEEN, '78, of Livonia, Sep. 4, age 58.

CLARENCE R. WASSON, '78, of Watersmeet, Feb. 9, age 71.

STEPHEN P. DELAAT, '79, of Waukesha, WI, Apr. 20, age 59.

ELIZABETH A. HUNTER, '79, of Lansing, Mar. 11, age 72.

LAWRENCE R. LYNN, '79, of Lansing, Apr. 1, age 66.

1980s

JULIE C. (GILBERT) CAHILL, '80, of Southfield, Jul. 20, age 58.

RUTH A. (HAVILAND) CRAME, '80, of Gowen, Feb. 28, age 57.

JANE A. ECKHARDT, '81, of Mason, Mar. 15, age 76.

DENNIS K. TAYLOR, '81, of Traverse City, Dec. 13.

PAUL F. WELDAY, '81, of Novi, Apr. 25, age 57.

KENNETH P. SCOVILL, '82, of Libertyville, IL, Mar. 19, age 56.

WENDY BUDZYNSKI, '83, of Lansing, Feb. 19, age 58.

JANET PUTNAM, '83, of Dewitt.

KAREN A. (BROWN) HEPP, '84, of Saint Paul, MN, Sep. 23, age 53.

REBECCA J. CARLICE-DELOOF, '85, of Muskegon, Mar. 17, age 62.

CLAUDIA IGNAGNI, '85, of Fort Worth, TX, Feb. 28, age 53.

MARTHA K. (FERNS) BEGLY, '87, of Carbondale, CO, Aug. 14, age 52.

CARL R. HAEGER, '88, of Reynoldsburg, OH, Apr. 22, age 50.

TRACI D. HICKS, '88, of Battle Creek, Feb. 29, age 49.

DAVID B. KLAWINSKI, '88, of Chicago, IL, Feb. 20, age 49.

RANDALL J. CLARK, '89, of Mesa, AZ, Feb. 16, age 50.

1990s

JOSEPH F. BRZEZINSKI, '91, of Marquette, Jan. 18, age 52.

MICHELLE S. MARQUARDT, '91, of Jackson, Jan. 12, age 46.

CHARLES W. HANLEY, '92, of Holt.

AMY L. KING, '92, of Grosse Pointe Woods, Jan. 10, age 46.

JAMES T. COSCARELLI, '93, of Williamston, Feb. 9, age 57.

WENDY L. (WIXSON) RUSH, '93, of Oneida, WI, Feb. 19, age 47.

JOHN S. HERBERT, '94, of Troy, Oct. 9, age 44.

JAMES C. RUSH, '94, of Oneida, WI, Feb. 19, age 52.

DEANNA S. (RIVERS) ROZDILSKY, '95, of Okemos, Apr. 4, age 48.

NICHOLE M. SEYMORE, '99, of Sacramento, CA, Mar. 10, age 40.

2000s

MELINDA L. (CRIPPS) KLOCKZIEM, '02, of Interlochen, Jul. 13, age 39. JENNIFER A. SORDYL, '02, of Novi, Mar. 4, age 35.

2010s

BRIAN R. WLOSINSKI, '10, of Sterling Heights, Apr. 18, age 27.

CHRISTOPHER M. BLOMBERG, '14, of Lebanon, TN, Mar. 15, age 31.

MICHAEL E. BOWERS, '15, of Peck, Mar. 28, age 24.

PATRICK K. COCHRANE, '16, of East Lansing, Apr. 13, age 21.

Faculty and Staff

DOROTHY ARATA, of Memphis, TN, Mar. 30.

ALICE F. ATKIN, of East Lansing, Mar. 26.

JOE L. BYERS, of East Lansing, Feb. 21, age 86.

SANTO F. CAMILLERI, of Northridge, CA, Feb. 29, age 93.

MARILYN M. (MAYER) CULPEPPER, of Lansing, Feb. 14, age 93.

ROSEMANY E. ELLIOTT, of Mason, Dec. 15, age 83.

S. RICHARD HEISEY, of Okemos, Feb. 28, age 87.

JAMES L. LUBKIN, of Staten Island, NY, Feb. 21, age 90.

DIXIE MIDDLETON, of Jacksonville, TX, Mar. 23, age 79.

BARRY H. NEUMANN, of Holt, Mar. 9, age 82.

KURT ROY NIEMEYER, of Lansing, Mar. 27, age 64.

JAMES L. RATLIFF, of Okemos, Apr. 12, age 70.

JEANNE M. ROGERS, of East Lansing, Apr. 7, age 69.

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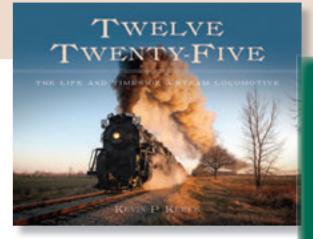
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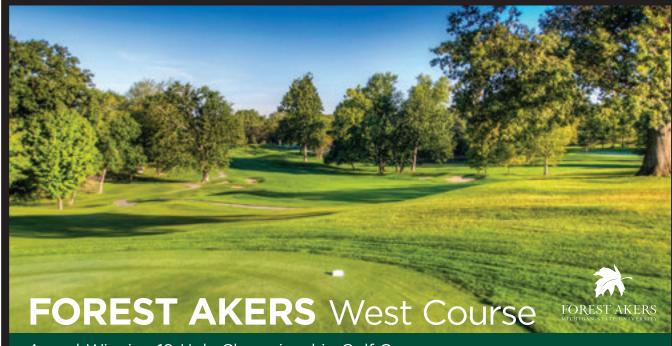
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Sparrow teams up with MSU to develop self-testing diabetes app for teens

Sparrow Caregivers have joined a Michigan State University assistant professor and other researchers in working to develop a smartphone app that enables teens with type-1 diabetes to manage their diabetes with greater ease and independence.

As teens transition to self-care, use of the app will enable them to test and track their blood glucose levels without constant reminders from their parents. After the app is developed, focus groups of teens and parents will test it for ease of use and messaging components. The project has received funding from the American Diabetes Association.

"Use of the app is a tech-savvy way for teens to receive reminders to test and document their glucose levels, meals and insulin doses," said Julie Dunneback, MSN, APRN, BC, CPNP, CDE, a Nurse Practitioner in Sparrow's Pediatric Endocrinology Clinic.

In addition, the app will offer cues for possible follow-up based on current clinical care guidelines.

"I have witnessed the emotional stress that occurs in families with children who have Type 1 Diabetes, which becomes especially challenging as teens progress to more independent care. The research outcomes can make a huge

difference in the lives of teens with diabetes and their families."

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"This grant will help my research team to succeed in our mission to ease the daily life of adolescents with type I diabetes. We are so grateful that the American Diabetes Association is offering their support to the project," said Bree Holtz, Ph.D., the MSU assistant professor leading the project.



Bree Holtz, Ph.D., MSU College of Communication Arts and Sciences

The team of specialists working with Holtz includes Shelia Cotten, Ph.D., Denise Hershey, Ph.D., RN,

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