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In my last column, I mentioned two very significant achievements by Michigan State—selection by the U.S. Department of Energy as the site for its new $550 million Facility For Rare Isotope Beams and selection by IBM as the location for its new global delivery center, a first-of-its-kind venture. Both are excellent examples of how Michigan State, as the cover story proclaimed, “stands out as an engine of economic growth” and prosperity for the state.

Since then, we have seen yet another achievement with a positive economic impact on the state—the magnificent run by Tom Izzo and the men’s basketball team to reach the Final Four at Ford Field, Detroit. And Suzy Merchant and the women’s team also did their part by winning the first two rounds of NCAA competition, both hosted at MSU’s Breslin Center.

The success of the men’s basketball team captured the imagination of the entire state and helped stimulate hope, even as it stimulated the economy by bringing visitors and dollars to Detroit. It was an inspiring story that many in Michigan and beyond cited as providing a bright spot during a dark time in a region especially hard hit by the current economic downturn. MSU’s presence in the Final Four in its own home state drove interest in the games and increased the economic impact—estimated by the NCAA to be as high as $50 million. Two Final Four attendance records, each upwards of 72,000, were set.

Some might say it was fortuitous that MSU excelled just when the Final Four was in Detroit. But I would argue that it was no more lucky than MSU landing FRIB and the new IBM center. We prepared for these successes. We began with a bold vision, and we worked hard to make it a reality. Just as Konrad Gelbke and his team at the National Superconducting Cyclotron Laboratory sweated the details in their quest to land the FRIB project, Tom Izzo and his staff were equally meticulous in their quest to reach Ford Field. Indeed, four years ago, that was the dream Izzo articulated to a couple of Detroit area recruits who became key players in helping us get there.

Moreover, it’s worth noting that the choice of Ford Field as a Final Four venue was aided by MSU’s very successful “BasketBowl” in 2003—a game against Kentucky that set a world basketball attendance record of 78,129. The people in our athletics department had a bold vision, then worked hard, with others, to showcase Ford Field as a possible venue for basketball events of such magnitude.

Ultimately the success of Michigan State is based on aligning our assets with our attitude. We are Team MSU, and we are defined by our hard-working, no-nonsense approach to making bold plays and achieving lofty goals. And when MSU wins, we all win—Michigan, the nation, the world—as we power and empower prosperity for the common good.

Sincerely,

Lou Anna K. Simon, Ph.D.
President, Michigan State University
in the NCAA Tournament’s economic impact in the Motor City. Tom Izzo’s Green and White Spartans’ unexpected success captivated not only that region but the entire state. Again, Tom and the team made one of the most memorable runs ever and clearly a major byproduct was help not only to the economy of Southeastern Michigan but the entire state. Duane Bartrem Grand Ledge

IZZO’S DA MAN
What a spectacular run by Tom Izzo and the basketball team to the Final Four in Detroit. Here in Scottsdale all of us Spartans were really into the tournament and I’m sure the same thing happened in other places. I couldn’t feel more proud about our players and their achievements. Now let’s make sure that Izzo stays at MSU.
Hal Lewis, ’88 Scottsdale, AZ

MAGAZINE IN PDF FORMAT?
Just received my Spring issue of the alumni magazine in snail mail. You did an excellent job. It would be a good policy to offer to members the opportunity to receive the magazine as a PDF file in email. This could save money and trees (printing and postage). I will volunteer to be the first to sign up for this service.
Richard Jay Arthurs, ’71 Saratoga, CA

CANOE BASEBALL
Re: the “Michigan State Moments” piece (p. 7, Spring 2009) about canoe baseball. You might be interested to know that I owned one of the last, surviving wood/canvas rental canoes from the Farm Lane livery—a 16’ Thompson “Hiawatha” from the late ’40’s. It was purchased from MSU Surplus in 1959 after the change to all-aluminum canoes. It ended up on a small lake where the new owner, an MSC alum, painted it hot pink so she could easily locate the canoe and her grandchildren through her binoculars! The canoe was in pretty good shape. In 2005, it was relocated to Hillsdale for restoration and the color has returned to Thompson Medium Green.
Russ Hicks, M.A. ’77 Michigan Chapter head, Wooden Canoe Heritage Association

COINCIDENCES ARE SPECIAL?
Read your column about MSU coincidences (Winter 2009) with great interest. When I entered MSU in the fall of 1958, I was assigned to room G-40 in East Shaw Hall. When my son Ryan entered MSU in the fall of 1991, 33 years later, he was assigned the exact same room.
Gary Adelman, ’62 Bay City

BILLBOARD SAYS IT ALL
The attached digital image shows what the Blue Cross Blue Shield Group erected in downtown Detroit after MSU made its run to the Final Four in Ford Field.
Dennis Groh, ’68 Dearborn Heights
**$2 MILLION TO MSU FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT**

Using a grant of nearly $2 million, MSU is poised to become the focus of rural development and research in the Midwest.

The grant, from the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture Cooperative State Research, Education and Extension Service, will allow MSU to begin hosting on July 1 the North Central Regional Center for Rural Development for the next five years.

The North Central Regional Center is one of four regional centers charged with strengthening the ability of the land-grant university system and its partners to help build rural community capacity, create vibrant and sustainable economies, and cultivate inclusive governance to enhance regional well-being.

MSU Extension, the Michigan Agricultural Experiment Station and the MSU College of Agriculture and Natural Resources will jointly administer the center. “Because 59 of Michigan’s 83 counties are considered rural, it is only natural that we are dedicated to helping rural communities thrive,” says Frank Fear, senior associate dean of the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources. “This opportunity allows our faculty and staff members to work with neighboring states to foster research and outreach efforts throughout the north central region.”

**MSU TO BE HUB FOR ED NETWORK**

Schools throughout the Midwest now have the opportunity to join a global web-based network for sharing best practices in educational reform, thanks to MSU.

Leaders in the College of Education established MSU as the first U.S. hub for iNet, or International Networking for Educational Transformation, which currently links more than 5,000 schools in 40 countries with online and face-to-face resources such as forums, workshops and study tours. College officials introduced iNet as a new resource in February, when MSU hosted the third annual Internationalizing Michigan Education Conference. At least 250 Michigan schools already have joined iNet.

“Schools around the world, no matter what their system, have many of the same challenges,” says Barbara Markle, assistant dean for K-12 Outreach, who spearheaded the agreement that allows MSU to enroll schools, host iNet events and more. iNet gives educators a base from which to exchange ideas and really learn from one another. It has the potential of bringing some new, proven ideas into American education.”

**BISHOP TUTU SPEAKS AT COMMENCEMENT**

Archbishop Desmond Tutu, a South African activist and the 1984 Nobel Peace Prize winner, spoke at MSU’s spring undergraduate convocation on May 8 at the Jack Breslin Student Events Center. President Lou Anna K. Simon called it “yet another step forward in the ongoing and positive relationship between our campus community and Africa.”

Award-winning journalist Dan Rather, former anchor of the CBS Evening News, addressed advanced degree graduates in the Breslin Center.

For more than 50 years, MSU has been a national academic leader in all things Africa—whether it’s fighting diseases such as malaria, helping to develop more disease-resistant crops, or training Africa’s future physicians, farmers or leaders. MSU ranks first in the nation in the number of Africa-related doctoral programs that are offered and first among U.S. universities in the number of African language courses offered. More than 1,200 African students have earned an MSU degree since the 1970s; and, since 1992, more than 1,300 MSU students have studied in Africa. MSU faculty members work on scores of projects in 32 African nations.

Founded in 1960, MSU’s African Studies Center is one of nine Title VI National Resource Centers on Africa designated by the U.S. Dept. of Education. The center has more than 160 MSU faculty who provide broad research, teaching and service in Africa.

For more information, visit special.news.msu.edu/Africa.

**TEACHER INSTITUTE FOR CHINESE LANGUAGE**

MSU took another important step to address the nation’s rising demand for Chinese-related education by establishing one of the first U.S. institutes dedicated to preparing Chinese teachers.

MSU, through its award-winning Confucius Institute, already helps thousands of students learn Chinese language and culture. The new Teacher Institute for Teaching
For many years the Junior Hop (J-Hop) was the social event on campus. The first J-Hop was in 1888 in the Governor’s Guard Armory in Lansing. Dress was formal and attendance was very expensive. Those unable to afford tickets could watch from an upper balcony. A large banquet was followed by toasts and the Grand March, a procession to the dance floor (see photos from 1922). Early on, the college men would seek out ladies from the Lansing area as there were not enough women on campus to accompany all the male students.

Occasionally, sophomores would try to disrupt the J-Hop as a result of hostilities carried over from the class rush the year before. In 1904 a pig was introduced to the dance floor, and in 1909 the street car rails were greased on the hill leading up to campus. Sophomores shorted out the electrical wires in 1906 and only backup gasoline lamps prevented the J-Hop from being cancelled.

For many of the J-Hop years there was a curfew on campus. Parties without dances ended at 10:00 p.m. and dancing parties ended at 11:00 p.m. and were nicknamed “eleven o’clocks.” The J-Hop was a special exemption and students were allowed out until 3:00 a.m.

Many factors contributed to the decline of the J-Hop. The emergence of non-traditional students after World War II and the rise of student dissent in the 1950s were just two factors that began to erode the old customs. The increased diversity of the student body meant it was harder to find ways to entertain them all. One of the last J-Hops in 1963 at the Auditorium featured two bands: the progressive jazz styling of the Dave Brubeck Quartet and the traditional dance music of Hal Munro’s Orchestra. Shortly afterward, the J-Hop ceased to exist.

The new institute will expand on existing certification and degree programs by providing training for Chinese teachers who are already on the job, conducting research on issues specific to teaching Chinese as a foreign language, developing new teaching resources and consulting directly with school districts. The institute also is expected to collaborate with the Michigan Dept. of Education and various universities in China that prepare teachers who may work in America.

Chinese as a Foreign Language will build on MSU’s renowned teacher education programs to support the emerging needs of Chinese language educators around the world. Chinese Language Council International, or Hanban, will provide more than $1 million for at least five years.

“This makes MSU a very central place for Chinese teacher education,” said Yong Zhao, university distinguished professor of educational psychology and educational technology, who will serve as executive director.

### NEW MAES STATION IN FRANKENMUTH

MSU has opened a new agricultural experiment station north of Frankenmuth that will improve its capacity for studying key Michigan crops.

The 250-acre Saginaw Valley Research and Extension Center will afford expanded research opportunities, improved grower accessibility and strengthened agricultural partnerships as it continues to focus on improving cultivation of dry beans and sugar beets. It is one of 15 specialized research facilities across the state that make up MSU’s Michigan Agricultural Experiment Station (MAES) system.

“We needed more land to expand our mission and to fully meet the needs of an important agricultural region in Michigan,” said Doug Buhler, MAES associate director.

Most of the state’s dry bean and sugar beet production is located in Michigan’s Saginaw Valley and Thumb area. Michigan is the country’s leading producer of black beans and the No. 2 producer of dry beans, an industry that added more than $104 million to the state’s economy in 2007. The state is also the country’s No. 4 producer of sugar beets, with a $124 million production value in 2007.

Test rows at the site of the former MSU dry bean and sugar beet research farm near Saginaw.

Steve Poindexter, an MSU Extension educator for Southern Michigan, inspects sugar beets at the former MSU research farm site. (inset)
a scholar-activist,” she notes. “I think that’s something I’d like to try, as well as to explore the world of think tanks.”

Among other things, Zohdy has served as vice president and political action chair of the Muslim Students’ Association; co-founded and coordinated the “Peace Over Prejudice” campaign; coordinated a chapter of Amnesty International; and co-founded the Women’s Faith Forum. Zohdy also served as an undergraduate research assistant in a neuroscience research lab. She has had two papers published in peer-reviewed journals.

GRADUATE PROGRAMS RANKED IN TOP TEN

MSU has 15 graduate programs that rank in the top 10 nationally, including two education programs at No. 1 for the 15th consecutive year, according to U.S. News & World Report’s 2010 edition of America’s Best Graduate Schools.

The magazine ranks MSU among the elite programs in business, criminology, education, history, medicine, nuclear physics, psychology and veterinary medicine.

The College of Education had seven specialty programs in the top 10, highlighted by elementary and secondary education, which both topped the list for the 15th straight year. “We take pride in our faculty and programs that prepare effective, global-minded educators for the challenges of the future,” says Carole Ames, dean of the College of Education.

STUDENT NAMED TRUMAN SCHOLAR

MSU junior Nada Zohdy, an international relations major in MSU’s James Madison College, has won a Truman Scholarship—which equates to $30,000 for graduate study. She is the 16th MSU student to win this prestigious award.

Zohdy says she plans to earn a master’s degree in public policy and a doctorate in comparative government. Her ultimate goal is to work for the State Department or a nongovernmental agency on policy issues related to the Middle East.

“Also, for a long time I’ve been toying with this idea of being

including two Wharton Center premieres—Irving Berlin’s White Christmas The Musical, and the new Mel Brooks musical Young Frankenstein. Also returning are Rodgers and Hammerstein’s South Pacific and A Chorus Line, the longest-running American musical ever. Rounding up the Broadway series are 101 Dalmatians and Steppenwolf’s August: Osage County, winner of five Tony Awards, including Best Play.

The 2009-2010 lineup also includes world-renowned performers such as Itzhak Perlman, up-and-coming stars like jazz prodigy Esperanza Spalding and the highest caliber dance companies such as Pilobolus. “We are responding to the economic downturn by decreasing the amount of attractions this coming season, but you will still see the best, high quality entertainment available,” says Michael Brank, the center’s executive director. “We’ve lowered ticket prices whenever possible and are also presenting more family programming.”

For more information, visit www.whartoncenter.com.
MSU HELPS WITH FILM TRAINING

MSU, Lansing Community College and Capital Area Michigan Works! are partnering to prepare Michigan residents seeking employment in the state’s growing film industry. With a grant of $195,000 from the state of Michigan, Capital Area Michigan Works! will recruit and oversee a joint training program between MSU’s Department of Telecommunication, Information Studies, and Media and Lansing Community College’s Digital Media, Audio, and Cinema program to provide on-campus film production training.

Charles Steinfield, telecommunication chairperson at MSU, says the training program is a wonderful example of a state partnership – with economic benefits. “This training partnership demonstrates our commitment to community outreach, and also to the growth of the film industry in Michigan,” Steinfield says.

MSU’s College of Communication Arts and Sciences has a film and media arts initiative, which is headed by former Discovery Films executive Andrea Meditch. The college offers quality degree programs for film-related careers and has a solid group of alumni involved in the film business, ranging from actors to producers to sound designers to directors and storytellers.

Repeating at No. 1 for the Dept. of Psychology was industrial and organizational psychology. MSU’s supply chain/logistics program within the Eli Broad College of Business and the Eli Broad Graduate School of Management remained at No. 2 – trailing only M.I.T. MSU’s African history program ranked No. 3 in the nation.

The College of Osteopathic Medicine was MSU’s highest-ranking college, coming in at No. 7 in the primary care category. Criminology was No. 7 in the new rankings, while nuclear physics (No. 2) and veterinary medicine (No. 9) remained in the top 10.

MSU RECEIVES $10 MILLION GIFT

MSU will use most of a $10 million cash donation from an anonymous donor for financial aid and scholarships. “I am immensely pleased that a donor would recognize the importance of investing in Michigan State University and specifically access for our students at this difficult economic time,” says MSU President Lou Anna K. Simon.

The financial aid and scholarships portion of the gift will significantly enhance MSU’s ability to help students in need during this critical period, according to MSU Provost Kim Wilcox. “Many of our students and their families are feeling the pinch of the current economic downturn,” he notes. “At the same time, the importance of a college education has never been greater.”

Robert Groves, MSU vice president for university advancement, believes the gift will help inspire others. “The partnership of our alumni, donors and friends is crucial in supporting MSU’s endeavors to keep costs down and to provide private scholarships and emergency financial aid,” Groves adds.

The donation is the largest single anonymous gift from an individual the university has received for student scholarships.

MSU RESEARCHERS HELP PAKISTAN ED

A team of education experts from MSU will play a key role in their training and certification programs for instructors who will teach at the high-school level. In addition, MSU will be a key player in a program that will bring about 60 doctoral-level candidates and 45 master’s-level candidates from Pakistan to train as teachers at MSU and other U.S. universities.

MSU KUDOS

Every semester MSU faculty, staff and students garner kudos too numerous to list exhaustively here. Some examples:

► MSU’s student radio station WDBM, or “The Impact,” as it is commonly known, has been named college radio station of the year by the Michigan Association of Broadcasters and Broadcast Music Inc. It is the station’s ninth award in the last 10 years.

► Joel Heberlein, new director of Hospitality Services and previous general manager of the Kellogg Hotel & Conference Center, has been named the Michigan Lodging and Tourism Association’s 2009 Hotelier of the Year.

► MSU head football coach Mark Dantonio has been named honorary chairman of the Children’s Miracle Network at the Sparrow Children’s Center, Lansing. He succeeds former MSU Athletics Director Ron Mason, who held the position since 1991.

► Percy Pierre, emeritus vice president for research and graduate studies and professor of electrical and computer engineering, has been elected to the National Academy of Engineering. He also received the 2008 Mentor Award for Lifetime Achievement from the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

Reitumetse Obakeng Mabokela, MSU associate professor, is the principal investigator of the U.S. project to provide better teacher education in Pakistan. A $75 million, U.S.-funded effort to improve basic education in Pakistan by enhancing teachers’ training and skills over the next five years.

MSU researchers will support the Pakistan Higher Education Commission’s initiative to create a standard curriculum for a four-year baccalaureate of education degree at Pakistan universities. Currently, teacher education programs in Pakistan vary widely and are often subpar, says Reitumetse Obakeng Mabokela, associate professor in MSU’s College of Education and the project’s principal investigator.

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MSU Associate Professor Kirsten Tollefson led a different group of nearly 150 collider detector team physicists—and it too, confirmed the single quark. “When you are trying to discover something that is so rare it only appears once in 20 billion collisions, it’s nice to have confirmation from two experiments,” Tollefson says.

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When alumni revisit campus, they might notice the new MSU skyline—massive new buildings like the Bio-Medical and Physical Sciences Building or the new football tower, now the tallest structure on campus. At night, the Wharton Center's new steel and glass façade, all aglow, might elicit a "wow" or two.

Most returning alumni also want to check out their former residence halls, perhaps to reminisce about their undergraduate life at MSU. Their time in the residence halls remains perhaps the most unifying experience for most Spartans. On the outside, things have not changed much since 1967, when Holden Hall, the newest residence hall was completed as President John A. Hannah’s postwar building binge crested. But sweeping changes are taking place inside, with innovative design prototypes, new interactive spaces more in tune with the needs of today’s students, greener practices and new food concepts taking hold.

There is even new terminology; for example, what students for years knew as an "R.A."—or Resident Advisor—is now called a "mentor."

Major changes are unfolding under the leadership of Vennie Gore, who was named MSU assistant vice president for the Division of Housing & Food Services (H&FS) in 2007 after serving at Washington University and three Big Ten universities: Indiana, Illinois and Wisconsin. Gore says his overarching goal, transcending all the services and facilities, is to ensure that students have a great Spartan experience.

Gore notes today’s students are a different breed with different needs than students here a generation or two ago. “Today’s student is what I call a ‘digital native,’” says Gore, as he tours the new common space, game room and wireless study nooks in Holden Hall, the first residence hall to undergo a major redesign. “There’s a perfect example of what I mean,” he says, pointing to a student sitting in front of her laptop, wearing iPod earphones and texting on her cell phone. “Me, I’m a ‘digital immigrant.’”

Also in the common space area are a very popular private dining area complete with a community kitchen, which students can and do reserve for multiple purposes.
an enclosed study area that can serve as a class meeting venue, and lots of little spaces where students can plug in their laptops to study, surf the Internet or play games in the Outlet game room, which is equipped with a Wii, an Xbox and a PlayStation3. Television viewing areas have multiple screens, with audio plug-ins on the seats that allow the viewer to follow the preferred screen. A Sparty’s convenience store and coffee shop is around the corner, complete with all the convenience products as well as java choices any could want.

This new environment in Holden Hall—distinguishable also by columns wrapped in aluminum spirals—represents quite a contrast from living environments just a generation ago, not to mention the beloved Quonset huts before that, when returning G.I.s swarmed onto campus. The whole concept of space has changed dramatically, and MSU has been a national leader in adapting to the needs of the so-called Millenials—the largest generational group since the postwar Baby Boomers.

Perhaps the most visible change is the advent of electronic technology. Those who lived in residence halls in the pre-Nintendo and pre-Internet era often relaxed by playing ping pong or pool, or engaging in such card games as bridge, pinochle and euchre. Almost all interaction with fellow residents was face-to-face. Today students are just as likely to use an electronic device, whether to send Twitter updates, upload photos to Facebook, play games online, or contact friends via text or cell phone. If any card game is played, it might be online solitaire.

Also noticeably different today is the diversity of residents, and this has influenced how mentors (R.A.s) are selected. Paul Goldblatt, director of Residence Life, explains the difference.

“We used to find people with good personalities who were good resources for students,” explains Goldblatt. “Now you need a mentor who is also sensitive to diversity—and I use the term broadly to include things like gender identity—who can relate to all kinds of students, and who can address a wide range of issues, even beyond differences in ethnicities, which we are finding is a very minor issue.”

These changes and adaptations at MSU are unfolding within what remains the nation’s largest single-campus residence hall system, with a capacity to house up to 17,500 students. MSU also boasts apartments housing 2,500 students, faculty and staff, and a dining services program serving more than 50,000 meals daily.

Much of this system was erected after World War II to accommodate returning soldiers, who flooded onto campus thanks to the G.I. Bill. “Our average house count currently is 14,362 beds,” says Gore, adding that it’s not an issue of low occupancy. “Back in my day students expected to be
doubled or even tripled. Many students today prefer single rooms, so many of our double rooms have been converted into singles.”

Just opened in Fall 2007 are the 300 units in University Village—single student apartments featuring two baths and a kitchen, living room, electricity, cable TV and high-speed Internet access. “These are very popular,” says Gore. “We have to provide these amenities because we need to stay competitive in the marketplace.”

Brody Complex to the West, once known as “the largest non-military dining facility” in the nation, is undergoing a multi-million-dollar renovation that will distinguish it more by quality than size. Owen Graduate Hall has dramatically renovated its dining area on a scale comparable to the new dining facility between Snyder and Phillips Halls—known as “The Gallery”—which is attracting three times more traffic than originally anticipated.

In all, today’s dining options as well as food selection will stagger the imaginations of those who, just a couple of decades ago, were fed a steady diet of Johnny Marzetti (or Italian baked noodle). Today’s student can eat as nutritious and healthy as he or she wishes, with choices of baked fish, salads, fresh fruit and other sound choices, or opt for macaroni and cheese, French fries and brownies.

MSU Dining Services is also committed to providing students with locally-grown and organic food options. Through a partnership with the Student Organic Farm, organic produce is offered in Yakeley Dining Service through the Spartan Harvest Program. To the extent that “an apple a day” is the keystone to health, wealth and wisdom, MSU is covered; the Michigan Apple Program provides students with eight types of fresh, locally grown Michigan apples practically year round. Dining Services officials will also accommodate those with specific diet needs. In the 1960s, students could choose between nearly identical grills and cafeterias in different halls.

Today students can choose between 13 different undergraduate all-you-care-to-eat dining rooms, four Totally Takeout Express locations, one Totally Takeout, unique à la carte options, campus food courts, and Sparty’s convenience stores and coffeehouses. Augmenting the choice are two MSU Dairy Stores (not a part of H&FS). More options are on the way.

Beyond the dining options are increased choices about the environment of one’s specific wing. There are “quiet” options, for example, where residents determine there will not be excessive hoopla or noise-making during certain times. There are “alcohol free” options, such as in Rather Hall. There are single-sex and co-ed environments. There are areas for students interested in international languages, including American Sign Language. The only lifestyle option not available is smoking, as the entire campus has been declared non-smoking. Incidentally, one highly publicized MSU option is Jacuzzis. Gore is not convinced that is an option. “I’ll have to check on that,” he laughs. Actually, for the record, there are no Jacuzzis in individual residence hall rooms. But they do exist in public, non-community rest rooms in Shaw, Mason and Abbot Halls.

MSU’s residence hall system is directed by Angela Brown and falls under the Division of Housing and Food Services (H&FS), which reports to Fred Poston, MSU vice president for Finance and Operations. But, H&FS encompasses far more than just residence halls. Gore also has responsibility for auxiliary operations including the MSU Union, MSU Bakers, Concessions, 20 Sparty’s retail outlets, Athletic Catering and Event Services, Food Stores, Spartan Linen Services, Conference Services, Breslin Student Events Center, Forest Akers Golf Courses, MSU Tennis...
Center, Kellogg Hotel & Conference Center, Cowles House presidential residence, and the Alumni Chapel. Until its announced closing, Brook Lodge in Augusta also fell under H&FS. Earlier this year, a new heated, indoor golf range opened—expanding the Forest Akers award-winning driving range and teaching facilities.

Altogether, H&FS comprises some 211 buildings, including 23 undergraduate halls, one graduate hall and three apartment villages, and Sparty’s operations at 16 sites. Before Spartan Village was demolished last summer, H&FS boasted 247 buildings.

Working closely with H&FS is Residence Life, which falls under the aegis of Lee June, vice president of Student Affairs and Services.

Students not only live in residence halls, nearly 5,000 actually work in the residence hall system. Many of them, such as Kim Wilcox, MSU provost, did three decades ago, work in the dining area. In the 1970s, Wilcox lived in Holmes Hall and worked four years in the Holmes Hall cafeteria. “Four years!” he exclaims, promptly adding that it was one of his “defining experiences” as an undergraduate.

Wilcox worked alongside fellow student Diane Barker, now facilities manager for the East Complex. “The cafeteria life for us was a social life experience in itself, so on and off the job we networked, we had fun and we worked hard,” Barker told the State News in a recent interview.

An important component of residence hall life is the Residence Hall Association (RHA), a kind of on-campus student-government that provides entertainment, including movies and songs for a Karaoke machine, arranges trips and funds a variety of student groups. It might be the most active student organization on campus. All those living in residence halls are a part of RHA.

The entire H&FS unit has undergone a major reorganization under Gore. It’s not because things were not working, says Gore, who compares it to Tiger Wood’s well-publicized swing change.

“Tiger was No. 1 in the world rankings when he decided to completely change his swing,” notes Gore. “There was nothing wrong with his old swing, but he wanted to accommodate physical changes in his body.

“Two years later, after his swing change, he won four majors in a row.” Gore believes that MSU, like Tiger Woods, is now ready and poised to rise to the highest ranking among college residence hall systems and deliver on his vision of the best possible Spartan experience for students.

“We’re focused on one thing,” he explains. “How can we better serve our students?” Gore says that after having studied many residence hall systems across the country, he believes MSU is unique when it comes to connecting living with learning. “We do this here at MSU with more focus than most other places,” he notes. “We have a long tradition with residential colleges like James Madison College. Now we have three residential colleges and more specific residential living learning options.”

Gore believes this differential advantage puts MSU at the pinnacle. “Your college experience is one of the few times in your life when you live with people you didn’t choose,” he reasons. “Well, you can argue you didn’t choose to live with your parents. But it’s an opportunity to learn to live with people who are different. In college you learn in the classroom, but a lot of learning also takes place outside the classroom. You can have leadership experiences, engage in philosophical debates late at night, learn about cultures different than your own, and so on. We provide the connections, the learning connections and the connections among students.”

Goldblatt notes that another thing that enhances the living-learning connectivity is the fact...
that residential living complex directors report 70 percent to Residence Life and 30 percent to an academic unit.

“They have a foot in both worlds,” he notes. “The feedback we get is that students often meet them during academic orientation, then meet them again in the residence hall, which adds continuity.”

Besides enhancing connectivity, Gore and his crew strive for “green” practices as much as possible—although some issues, such as the debate between air dryers and recycled paper, are never-ending.

An example is the $12.7 million renovation of Mayo Hall, MSU’s oldest residence hall, which first opened in 1931. “It’s a really old building and we want to make sure we continue its life,” says Gore. “When these buildings were built, they were built at a time when energy was cheap. One thing we need to do is make sure we put in different kinds of steam valves and look at replacing windows to have better energy efficiency.”

H&FS was recognized on April 9 at the Tri-County Waste Recycling and Awards Program (WRAP) for “Pack Up, Pitch In, Help Out”—an annual program that helps students increase recycling and reuse at year’s end. The program is a joint partnership with H&FS leaders, MSU Surplus, the Office of Recycling and Waste Management, MSU Bikes, the City of East Lansing and nonprofit groups like Volunteers of America, Teen Challenge, the American Red Cross, and others.

The program recycles items like carpet, lumber, paper, plastics and metal futon frames, and accepts donations of nonperishable food, books, clothing, household appliances, bikes, usable furniture and electronics for local charities. “Pack up. Pitch In. Help Out.” makes a difference both on and off campus, with recycling checkpoints set up inside and outside the residence halls, University Village, University Apartments and in the City of East Lansing at the Hannah Community Center.

Diane Barker, East Complex facilities manager, is a founder of the 13-year program. She says cooperation has helped increase the role recycling and reuse play in students’ move-out week routines. Since 1996, approximately 120,593 lbs. of clothing and shoes have been donated in the Lansing area. In 2008, the program diverted more than 572 tons of material to be recycled or reused rather than being sent to the landfill.

As big as Michigan State is today, virtually all Spartans who attended as undergraduate students share one experience in common—life in a residence hall. From Quonset huts to the sleek, MTV-like atmosphere of the renovated Holden Hall, residence halls provided a memorable backdrop where connections were made, learning occurred, and the maturing process was able to proceed.

That principle of personal connection continues to rule the MSU residence halls—no matter how many Internet outlets are around. In fact, today connections are sometimes made even before classes begin. One enterprising student, says Gore, created a Facebook site for her residence hall and hundreds of students joined in, got acquainted, and made friends—all before setting foot on campus.

With changes, renovations and new options, the residence hall experience remains the quintessential component of the MSU experience.
In recognition of MSU’s environmental stewardship efforts and initiatives, the 2009 MSU Homecoming Theme is “We’ve Always Been Green”. Please join us for a “Green” Homecoming Weekend.

**MSU Homecoming Parade**  
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Here's a photo journey about life in MSU's residence halls down through the years. Some of the changes may seem dramatic, but in many instances, they may look different only superficially.
PERSONAL SHRINES

Students have always found very creative ways to turn a smallish residence hall room into a personal shrine. It’s actually simple. Find a huge, dominant piece of graphics art that fits your theme, then accessorize, accessorize, accessorize. Let creativity run rampant. Students of every generation are able to make their temporary residence hall quarters comfortable and uniquely reflect their tastes (or lack thereof). The two contemporary photos show residents creating unique living spaces, while the black and white photo shows alternative decoration revolving around a properly-attired deerhead. Although next year’s room-and-board rates will rise by 5.25 percent, they remain among the lowest in the Big Ten and the fourth most affordable for public universities in Michigan.
A PIANO FOR EVERY HALL

There is a piano in every music room in MSU’s residence halls, and for good reason. The versatile instrument continues to be a popular pastime with students. In the black and white photo from 1950, students in Mason Hall congregate around a piano to sing. In the contemporary photo, we see a resident of South Campbell Hall practicing her keyboard skills in the sunporch. For pianists wishing to perform recitals, a grand piano is available in a small auditorium in one of the residence halls.

RHYMES WITH “P”

Trouble, oh we got trouble,
Right here in River City!
With a capital “T”
That rhymes with “P”
And that stands for “Pool.”

So warned Professor Harold Hill in the 1957 Broadway musical “The Music Man.” There is no evidence, however, that the pool tables in MSU’s residence halls ever corrupted Spartan youths or caused “mass-teria.” On the contrary, pastimes like pool, ping-pong and pinball provided a harmless relief from the academic pressures of papers and exams.
THE GALLERY AT SNYDER-PHILLIPS

MSU has long prided itself on having one of the nation’s most efficient food services, having won numerous awards given to institutional food service. Numerous surveys over the years have proven that the food served at MSU actually tastes better than what one might anticipate from a large institution. Today, with the focus on nutrition, besides taste, MSU has created a “Food Dude” person who will listen to new ideas and complaints, as well as answer questions from residents.

One thing is sure—those who dined in, say, Snyder-Phillips a generation ago are awed when they visit today’s Gallery—where there are separate stations for salads, desserts, hamburgers, sandwiches, soups, traditional meat and potatoes type foods, international cuisine like sushi rolls, and pizza. The Gallery at Snyder-Phillips seems to represent the future concept of residence hall dining.

THE POSTMAN RINGS NICE

Even in this era of social media, texting and Twittering, the so-called “snail mail” still functions and students in residence halls are assigned boxes not much different than what their parents used. One thing has remained constant—the wonderful feeling of surprise when a gift appears, such as when this group in Williams Hall look on with approval upon the arrival of a package.
MULTI-TASKERS

Regardless of the era, students living in residence halls find ways to multi-task. In the late 1930s, a student does homework while drying her hair in the then-new Sarah Langdon Williams residence hall, as does the student who is getting his haircut. In the contemporary photo, a student reviews her notes in a modern laundry room in Yakeley Hall.

HAVE A LITTLE FUN

You wonder if the vision for Li’l Abner by cartoonist Al Capp was inspired by this 1901 photo (right) taken in a room at Abbot Hall, where MSU students were pretending to be hillbillies, perhaps as part of a musical skit they were rehearsing. Whatever they were doing, they seemed to be having fun. Music and dance are time-honored pastimes in the residence halls, as the two black and white photos from the 1950s illustrate. Today’s students, whether performing or playing the video game “Rock Band” (right), love music just as much.
FAMILIAR EXTERIORS, DIFFERENT INTERIORS
On the outside, few things have changed with MSU’s residence hall system since the last building was completed in 1967. This photo of the Akers entrance will be as recognizable to today’s student as to those a generation or two ago. But the interior photo of West Holmes Hall shows a design and color array that will not be familiar to old-timers. “This is the model of where we are going with the design of common spaces,” says Vennie Gore, assistant vice president for Housing and Food Services.

The new renovations going on in the Brody complex will alter both the exterior façade along with the interior common spaces. Likewise, the exterior of Mary Mayo Hall has not changed much since this black and white photo was taken—but the interior is undergoing a major renovation and redesign. Most residence halls in West Circle Drive look about the same today as they did a half century ago.

Just as important as physical renovations are new programming, such as the innovative First Year Experience program which helps ease the transition of new students to the university.

SPRUCING UP
Helping each other dress up for weekend events is a time-honored tradition, as seen in this photo from the 1950s. The photos here show that not much has really changed with the times—students want to look great before going out.
NO SMOKING

Students still play cards today, but you will not likely find them smoking in the residence halls as does this student in Butterfield Hall in the 1960s. The entire MSU campus is now essentially smoke-free.

MECHANICAL VS. ELECTRONIC

In 1959, a student works on what looks like a term paper typing on an old, manual typewriter. More recently, a student types on her laptop while relaxing on her king-sized bed. For all we know, the content of their work might be very similar.

QUONSET HUTS AND BEYOND

From 1944 until 1950, MSU acquired Quonset huts from the military to house the large influx of postwar students. Quonset huts were easy-to-install, economic and versatile structures. As shown in the photo (top left), it even housed a cafeteria that served between 5,000 and 6,000 meals a day—about the same scale at the new Gallery at Snyder-Phillips (top right). In the aerial photo (bottom left), taken in 1946, you can see some of the 104 Quonset huts that housed 1,664 students as well as the 31 huts and 19 pre-fabricated homes (on the right side of the photo) that accommodated 50 faculty families. The Quonset huts were located approximately in the area where the Breslin Student Events Center now stands.

By contrast, common space such as the one in Holden Hall (middle photo above) boasts a design reminiscent of an MTV set, with lots of colors and angularity creating unique and versatile spaces for the needs of today’s student. “The students really like the design,” says one residence hall official. “Holden Hall has the longest waiting list of any of our residence halls.”
SODA FOUNTAIN

In 1950, as shown by this photo from Snyder Hall, soda fountains were popular with students. Today, as seen here in the Akers cafeteria, students have access to all kinds of soda drinks and flavored icefreezes. One significant change is the current surge of coffee products, ranging from cappuccinos to assorted flavored java drinks. Sparty’s convenience stores and coffeehouses are available across the campus. Sparty’s stores can be found in Brody, Hubbard, McDonel, Wilson and Wonders residence halls, while Sparty’s coffeehouses are at Holden and Holmes residence halls, as well as at the Biomedical and Physical Sciences building, Clinical Center, the Engineering building, Erickson Hall, Cyber Café at the Library, the MSU College of Law and at Crossroads Food Court in the International Center.

UNIVERSITY VILLAGE

The only new addition to MSU’s residence hall system since 1967 is the recent opening of the University Village Apartments, which serve the needs of students who wish to have their own bedroom, living room and kitchen—much like off-campus housing. In this photo a resident is having friends over for pizza.
By Cindy Helman

For students in a residential college, their residence hall is much more than a place to live. It provides a more intimate setting within the larger campus where learning and friendships can flourish.

Residential colleges have had a presence on MSU’s campus since 1967, making MSU one of the pioneers in providing this unique living and learning opportunity. In addition to student rooms, study lounges, social spaces, and dining facilities, the residence halls housing residential colleges also contain classrooms, faculty and staff offices, and other learning-related spaces, such as labs, libraries, and tutoring rooms that extend learning beyond classroom walls and integrate campus living with college learning.

What Susan McEachern, ‘82, says about Lyman Briggs College is typical. “I loved Lyman Briggs,” she recalls. “Having labs right downstairs from where we lived made it feel like we could live with our research. It really made it come alive. Smaller class sizes led to deeper learning. I can’t say enough good things about Briggs.”

Studies and media reports have supported this conclusion. U.S. News & World Report in its 2008 rankings of America’s best colleges cited MSU’s residential colleges as “stellar examples” of programs that lead to student success. The 2007 National Study of Living Learning Programs found that students in MSU’s residential colleges, as compared to other students, were more likely to:

• Discuss academic, career and social issues with peers
• Interact with students from diverse backgrounds
• Have informal and course-related interactions with faculty members
• Make greater use of academic advisors, career workshops and study groups
• Find the residence hall environment to be academically and socially supportive
“Residential colleges at MSU enhance the undergraduate experience by providing a community in which curricular and co-curricular learning is intertwined and student learning is enriched,” says Doug Estry, associate provost for Undergraduate Education and dean of Undergraduate Studies. “Students are provided with a small college experience, plus all of the resources and opportunities of a world-class university.”

MSU also sponsors other living-learning programs in which students may choose to participate (see p. 32). Residential colleges are degree-granting, which means that students complete their major and graduate from the residential college. Students in enrolled in other colleges in the university may participate in the living-learning program based on a curricular or thematic interest. Residential colleges and living-learning programs allow students to develop both an academic and social community around their academic interests.

More than 2,000 new freshmen enroll in one of MSU’s residential colleges or living-learning programs each fall. There are no separate admissions criteria; students indicate their interest through the MSU admissions process or the specific program application. Students are required to live in the residential college for at least their first year, though many students return for additional years. Returning students often serve as undergraduate learning assistants, tutors, or resident mentors.

“Working for Lyman Briggs as a learning assistant has been a very unique and valuable experience for me,” says Megan Fidler, senior, Lyman Briggs College. “It is a challenge and great learning experience to teach my peers. Students, knowing that I too have been through and experienced what they are, often use their time in lab as an opportunity to ask me a variety of questions.”

Interactions among the residential colleges include the historic and friendly competition of the annual fall Canoe Race. More recently, the three colleges have collaborated on the 21st Century Chautauqua. This initiative, co-sponsored by the Association of American Colleges and Universities, promotes dialogue across campus and builds a culture of individual, social and institutional responsibility. A dialogue topic is selected for each semester; topics have included sustainability, human rights, race, equality, and justice. Student and faculty facilitators engage 20-30 students in weekly dialogues related to the topics and are joined by professors, community members and other experts who contribute to the learning.
James Madison College

Each year, James Madison College, located in Case Hall, enrolls about 300 first-year students. The administrative and faculty offices, classrooms, seminar rooms, and the library for the college are housed completely in Case Hall. James Madison offers majors in Political Theory and Constitutional Democracy, Social Relations and Politics, Comparative Cultures and Politics, and International Relations. Every student in Madison College is required to complete a one semester pre-professional internship. Internship opportunities exist around the world. From Lansing to Bangkok, Madison students are working in a range of fields related to public and international affairs.

The College’s small size enables faculty to work closely with undergraduate students. The residential environment also allows students to work with one another on similar topics and issues. Discussions and debates begun in class often continue over a meal or into the evening hours. Joseph Zichi, James Madison College, ’07, recalls, “Much of the in-class learning was connected to hours of discourse after class with both peers and faculty members as we incorporated course themes to practical implications identified from current events.”

Madison has about 6,500 alumni working in a diverse range of fields from law to politics, business, the non-profit sector and the media. James Madison students and graduates have received numerous awards and scholarships, including 11 Truman Scholarships, seven Marshall Scholarships, five Rhodes Scholarships and 12 Fulbright Scholarships. Dayne Walling, James Madison College, ’96, and Rhodes Scholar, comments on the James Madison experience: “James Madison College offers an incredible array of opportunities to grow as a student and citizen. Through coursework, interaction with faculty, and friendships with classmates, the college provided me with the confidence and the understanding to strike out from Michigan State with my destiny in my own hands. The community at the college is unlike any other: It is nurturing, inspiring, and, yes, challenging. But it is well worth the effort; indeed, the demands of excellence are the force that transforms potential into success.”

Lyman Briggs College

Enrolling over 600 new students each fall, Lyman Briggs College (LBC) is the largest of the three residential colleges. LBC is recognized as a national model for undergraduate learning that interconnects science, math, and the history, philosophy and sociology of science. Students can select from a variety of majors in biological sciences, physical sciences, mathematics and computation sciences, environmental sciences, and social sciences and humanities. LBC supports pre-professional study for students interested in pursuing advanced degrees in health related fields, as well as scientific research careers.

“Lyman Briggs College provided the perfect opportunity for me to pursue both a premedical curriculum along with a humanities degree (English) with truly the ‘best of both worlds,’ including a small college atmosphere positioned within a large and diverse university,” says Philip Boyer (English, ’81).

Walking the floors of Holmes Hall, one quickly recognizes that this is no ordinary residence hall. With 10 renovated classroom labs, two new high-technology rooms, 10 learning lounges and faculty and advisor offices and a coffee shop, interactions and learning occur throughout the building. As Shaun Ramsey (Natural Science, ’08) recalls, “Lyman Briggs has given us the opportunity to make some great friends. Let’s never forget the people that we so frequently saw wandering the halls of Holmes with the outline of goggles on their faces.”
The Residential College in Arts and Humanities

The Residential College in Arts and Humanities (RCAH) is the newest of the residential colleges, admitting the first class of 125 students in fall 2007. The renovation of Snyder-Phillips included the creation of a 150-seat multipurpose classroom and performance space, a student art gallery, a coffee shop, music practice rooms, an art studio, a language learning center, and office space for college faculty and staff.

The RCAH is a unique living and learning experience for students interested in literature, history, ethics, the visual and performing arts, and the study of languages and cultures. The college’s interdisciplinary degree program combines a core curriculum with general education courses, electives, languages, independent research, and hands-on community engagement. For-credit workshops are regularly offered in the book arts, creative writing, photography, theatre, printmaking, and fabric arts. Four different elective pathways enable students to customize their major to their own interests, making their MSU experience truly unique. “It’s inspiring to be around visiting artists, faculty, and other students in the art studio where we can be creative and bounce ideas around,” says Jessica Johnson, sophomore.

While completing their RCAH degrees, students can pursue a dual major or a specialization in a wide range of subjects. The college’s flexible academic program is enhanced by a rich offering of activities, including interactions with visiting artists, writers, and scholars; community service opportunities; performances; and study abroad. Zack Bissell, sophomore, observes, “The Residential College is set up to allow students to participate in whatever they want to, or if it doesn’t exist, they are helped to start it. Who wouldn’t want to live in an environment like that?”

Students in MSU’s residential colleges enjoy diverse, intellectually stimulating environments that enable them to reach their full potential. Many, such as Stephen P. Ormond, James Madison College, ’74, find themselves well prepared for graduate or professional school. “James Madison forced me to learn the art of writing in such an intense way that I was already ahead of the game entering law school,” Ormond says. “The transition to law school was also made easier due to the four years of analytical thinking demanded by the James Madison curriculum. For the first time, I realized that my hard work could generate a genuinely useful product. Imagine my surprise when the graduate school at the State University of New York asked me to deliver my field experience research paper at a symposium. Imagine their surprise when they found out that an undergraduate had written the paper!”

“Other graduates trace their career beginnings to their undergraduate experience. Carol Hendrick (Lyman Briggs College, ’77), reflects on her career path that began in LBC. “Briggs was a wonderful experience for me,” she says. “I never felt lost or unprepared at MSU because of the residential college environment and support. I was able to work as an undergrad teaching assistant in the Briggs biology labs, and then as a research assistant in a world-class lab in the Botany department. That opened the doors to fellowships for graduate school, and a rewarding career, first as a researcher, and now as a bioinformatics specialist.”

Despite their varied paths, graduates of MSU’s residential colleges are poised to assume positions of leadership in solving the problems of the world. That spirit is captured by Bekah Galang, junior, RCAH, “There seems to be something happening everywhere you turn. It’s difficult not to want to go out and change the world.”

RCAHppella, a student singing group, regularly performs in the Snyder-Phillips theatre, a versatile high-tech setting for recitals, films, theatrical performances, and classes.
**LIVING-LEARNING OPTIONS AT MSU**

In addition to residential colleges, MSU provides a variety of living-learning programs to meet students' academic interests. While not degree-granting, these programs combine classes, faculty offices, academic and career planning assistance, and students studying similar subjects in the same residence hall.

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A POSTSEASON OF MANY SHINING MOMENTS

By Robert Bao

The men’s basketball team captured national attention with its storybook march to Ford Field while the women’s team pulled off an iconic win over Duke.

“Spartans, what is your profession?” “Hoops. Hoops. Hoops.” The Izzone might consider this chant variation after MSU’s basketball postseason in 2009. The men’s team overcame long odds, naysaying pundits and two top seeds to advance to the NCAA finals in Ford Field, Detroit, etching a storybook saga that captivated the state and nation. Tom Izzo’s program took a giant stride towards “elitedom.” In Michigan, one could sense a tectonic plate shift toward the Green and White.

In the title game, North Carolina beat MSU 89-72, a win coach Roy Williams called “fitting.” Had MSU won, adjectives like “inspiring,” “uplifting” and “magical” would have surfaced. Such uplifting themes swirled in cavernous Ford Field.

Here are some capsules of MSU’s run:

- Tom Izzo, with five Final Fours in 11 years, now stands among the most elite coaches in the nation. Hall of Fame? Cinched. Only question now is, can Izzo ascend onto college basketball’s all-time Mount Rushmore? (Don’t bet against him.)
- Amazingly, in his 15 seasons, Izzo has taken every four-year player he ever recruited to the Big Dance. No other coach can make this claim.
- The Spartans emerged like heroes in a Disney tale, courageous youths offering hope and “a ray of light” to an area blighted by the economy. Millions found inspiration with their work ethic. Like their no-nonsense, coach, they showed that hard-nosed, unselfish play could trump talent, hype and braggadocio. Such uplifting themes swirled in cavernous Ford Field.
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- Izzo beat two Big East No. 1 seeds back-to-back, and now has taken every four-year player he recruited in the past 15 years to the Big Dance. No other coach can make this claim.
- The MSU brand name has strengthened in unfathomable ways, notably in Southeast Michigan. You could see magical twinkle in the eyes of young kids now eager and proud to wear green and white.
- MSU’s success accounted for two Final Four attendance records—72,456 in the semis, and 72,922 in the finals—and an incredibly successful weekend, with tens of thousands showing up at related events.
- MSU’s presence in the Final Four helped generate between $30 to $50 million in economic impact for Detroit, according to NCAA estimates. As athletics director Mark Hollis wrote in the MSU Alumni Magazine (p. 26, Winter 2009), MSU athletics “benefits not just the local economies, but also the entire state.”
- The estimated 30,000 Spartans who turned out to see MSU’s shoot-around at Ford Field impressed even CBS announcer Jim Nantz. And the 6,000-plus overflowing the Somerset Mall in Troy for the MSU Alumni Association’s pep rally moved Izzo to the verge of tears.
- MSU presence helped underscore the NCAA’s celebration of the 30th anniversary of the 1979 championship game pitting Magic Johnson against Larry Bird. Still the most watched game in television history, that game has been credited with launching “March Madness” (see pp. 40-41, Spring 2009). MSU beat Indiana State 75-64 to secure its first NCAA championship in 1979. With Magic and Bird presenting the ball in this year’s final game, it was fitting that MSU was again in the finals.
- MSU provided college basketball with a showcase program where major success is achieved so close to home. The Spartans emerged like heroes in a Disney tale, courageous youths offering hope and “a ray of light” to an area blighted by the economy. Millions found inspiration with their work ethic. Like their no-nonsense, coach, they showed that hard-nosed, unselfish play could trump talent, hype and braggadocio. Such uplifting themes swirled in cavernous Ford Field.

Sophomore point guard and Big Ten MVP Kalin Lucas (right) was clutch for MSU, while Durrell Summers’s thunderous dunk against UConn became an instant YouTube classic.

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within the rules. Like Jud Heathcote’s program, where Izzo apprenticed, Izzo’s program does not have the slightest whiff of impropriety. In 15 seasons, more than 83 percent of Izzo’s players who completed their eligibility earned their degrees—outstanding by comparison to the norm in men’s basketball.

Starting the season, Izzo wrote “Ford Field” on a chalk board. Going to the Final Four, especially one 90 miles down the road, was clearly a team goal. But to get there the Spartans had to overcome many potholes, ranging from injuries to illnesses. Still, the Spartans won the conference by four games. Once NCAA competition began, MSU faced the headwinds of expert opinion.

Most talking heads picked against MSU at every stage. When MSU faced 15-seed Robert Morris in Minneapolis, some bracketologists picked the Colonials to win (perhaps remembering that George Mason beat MSU in 2006). MSU won handily, 77-62. Almost immediately, some analysts picked streaking Southern Cal—as talented a No. 10-seed as Izzo had ever seen—in the second round. In a game that saw 16 ties and 14 lead changes, MSU took advantage of a late Trojan turnover to prevail 74-69. Senior Goran Suton held USC center Taj Gibson to three points, while senior Travis Walton, who averages about 5 points a game, exploded for 18 points.

At the regionals in Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis, MSU faced Kansas first. MSU had beaten the defending national champions 75-62 at Kansas in December. Some analysts, citing the Jayhawks’ improvement and the “revenge factor,” picked against MSU. For a while, with Kansas out-rebounding the Spartans, an upset looked imminent. But the Spartans chipped at the lead and tied the game 60-60 with 1:46 to play. Then came a spectacular three-pointer by “Cool Hand Lucas” in the lane with 48 seconds left. The sophomore point guard showed why he was the Big Ten Player of the Year. He spun into the paint, pump-faked to get his defender airborne, and stepped forward for a floater while being fouled by the descending defender. He made the free throw to put MSU ahead 63-60. In the end, MSU prevailed 67-62.

“I’m proud of the way our guys fought back when we could have died a few times,” said Izzo afterwards. “I think we were very well prepared for this tournament and the toughness it takes.”

Almost immediately a media consensus emerged that MSU, a stereotype plodder from the Big Ten, could not possibly keep up with the swift Ferrari that was Louisville—the Big East champions and the No. 1 overall seed in the NCAA tournament. (Even President Obama, who said good things about MSU, picked Louisville to win.) The Cardinals had scored 103 points against Arizona and looked like a bunch of stampeding slam-dunkers.

Leave it to Izzo to figure out how to win over the insurmountable—especially in the second game of a weekend series. In the regional final against Louisville, Izzo exploited a soft spot in the center of Rick Pitino’s zone defense with versatile Suton, who played like a point-center, scoring

A SIGNATURE WIN FOR MSU TAKES WOMEN TO SWEET 16

Enroute to the NCAA Sweet Sixteen, MSU’s women basketball team pulled off the sweetest of upsets.

Suzy Merchant’s team was a No. 9 seed playing at the Breslin Center, and after dispatching Middle Tennessee State and offensive phenom Aisha Clark, faced top-seeded Duke—a team featuring 12 high school All-Americans and coach Joanne P. McCallie, Merchant’s predecessor at MSU. No ninth-seed had beaten a No. 1 seed in the past 11 years, so MSU faced a daunting task despite its home court advantage. Moreover, MSU’s weakness was turnovers, while the quick, athletic Blue Devils forced 13.4 steals per game this season—second best in the country—and 19.3 turnovers.

From the opening “boos” that followed McCallie’s introduction, it was clear that the Blue Devils were in for a fight. The Spartans ramped up their defense and kept the game nip and tuck. In the final four minutes, however, senior guard Mia Johnson and backup center Lauren Aitch—both recruited to MSU by McCallie—keyed a 16-2 offensive eruption, shocking Duke 63-49. Duke could not muster a field goal in the final 7:37, while the Spartans limited their turnovers to 14—“borderline a miracle,” in Merchant’s words.

As the fans stormed the court in celebration, one could feel a sense of cosmic justice taking hold and exorcizing an unpleasant past. The Spartans moved on to the Sweet Sixteen in Berkeley, CA, but were edged 69-68 by No. 4 seed Iowa State.
and distributing besides rebounding. The senior led all scorers with 19 points and 10 rebounds and was named MVP of the regional. MSU dictated the tempo, limited the explosive Louisville offense to 52 points, and avoided turnovers to Pitino’s vaunted pressure defense, thus quieting the 30,000 fans from nearby Louisville who packed Lucas Oil Stadium.

“They were the better team,” said Cardinal star Terrence Williams to further squash the Big Ten stereotype. “They were quicker than us. Their defense was more physical, and we couldn’t turn them over like we wanted to.”

Izzo called the win “as big as our school ever had because we’re going to Detroit.”

In the Final Four, the Spartan bandwagon attracted a far wider circle of fans than normal. Cheering on the Spartans were fans of all persuasions, including the basketball coach and former football coach from the rival Wolverines. As Magic Johnson notes, “Michigan needs something to feel good about, and right now, the whole state is feeling good about this Michigan State team.” Columnist Pat Forde of ESPN.com developed a “Likability Index” for the Final Four teams and MSU emerged as the “most likable,” followed by Villanova in second place.

Despite the feel-good nature of the Spartan advance, stereotypes die hard. Once again, media pundits remained skeptical and picked Connecticut to win the semifinal game. The Huskers featured a 7-foot-3 center who swatted balls the way King Kong took care of airplanes circling the Empire State Building. They were also said to be the Big East’s most physical and athletic team.

With some 50,000 partisans setting decibel records, the Spartans took the fight to UConn. In a total deconstruction of its “slow-down” stereotype, MSU ran right at the towering Huskers and outscored them 22-10 in fast-break points. Raymar Morgan, who had bouts with illnesses during the season, erupted for 18 points, 9 caroms and 5 steals, MSU matched them dunk for dunk, push for shove. Indeed, the most spectacular video highlight—and an instant YouTube classic—was sophomore Durrell Summers’ dunk on Stanley Robinson. The “in your face” dunk served as an articulate rebuttal to the talking heads. MSU reserves outscored their counterparts 33-7.

“Amazing,” said Magic Johnson afterward. “(Tom Izzo is the) Best Coach in America. You couldn’t have dreamt this up.”

Izzo may also be the classiest coach around. He remained humble at the press conference and said, “Thank you, Detroit. Thank you, Michigan State. See you Monday night.”

This set up a final game rematch against North Carolina, a team replete with upperclass experience combined with NBA-level talent. In a December game in the same venue, the Tar Heels had crushed MSU by 35 points. This time around, MSU fought harder but still lost by 17 points. Most fans stayed on after the game to honor the valiant effort MSU put up, making the 2009 NCAA tournament one of MSU’s greatest runs in history. Afterwards, a green billboard went up on Jefferson Avenue in downtown Detroit. It simply said “Thank you, Spartans.”

For those who like early peeks into the crystal ball, MSU’s run was fueled partly by three freshmen and three sophomores—youngsters likely to get better as they mature and gain familiarity with the Izzo system. One writer for Sports Illustrated picks MSU as next year’s preseason favorite to win it all.

See you in Indianapolis in 2010.
MSU boasts two talented quarterbacks who will vie for the starting position—each threw for more than 300 yards and 4 touchdowns in the Green and White game.

Treadwell has weapons, including Keyshawn Martin, Chris D. Rucker and Fred Smith, plus Milton Colbert, an intriguing walk-on who stands 6’5” tall. “Our receivers will continue to improve,” says Treadwell. “Nothing to seven players and also want to find a back-up center,” says Roushar.

Recruiting Coordinator and Tight Ends Coach Mark Staten has depth with returning starter Charlie Gannt, second team all-Big Ten, and sophomores Garrett Celek and David Duran. In addition, with Clemson transfer Brian Linthicum and two talented incoming freshmen, Staten has enough players to field sets of up than we’ve been.” Linebacker Coach Mike Tressel has the luxury of five returning lettermen at linebacker, including four with starting experience. Juniors Greg Jones and Eric Gordon ranked 1-2 in tackles in 2008, combining for 212 stops. Senior Brandon Denson, the third projected starter, boasts speed and playmaking ability. Senior Adam Decker, who made the memorable tackle against Iowa’s Shon Greene last season, junior Jon Misch, who started two games in 2007, and Drew Stephens add quality depth. “We have three sub-4.6 linebackers,” says Tressel. “They are powerful and they can strike you.” Defensive Backs Coach Harlan Barnett lost all-conference safety Otis Wiley, but returns considerable talent and depth. Because of injuries to Kendall Davis-Clark, Ashton Henderson, Marcus Hyde and Jeremy Ware, other defensive backs were able to get some reps during spring practice—including newcomers Trenton Robinson, Don Spencer and Brynden Trawick at safety, along with veteran Dan Fortener, who join cornerbacks Johnny Adams, Chris L. Rucker and Ross Weaver. “We have eight guys who have experience as starters,” says Barnett. “We feel good about our secondary.”

MSU special teams return specialists in kicker Brent Swenson and punter Aaron Bates, with Dan Conroy and Kyle Selden as backups. Junior Alex Shackleton returns as the long snapper. “You don’t hear much about him,” cracks Tressel, “and that’s a good thing.”

Dantonio says that the program will continue to emphasize basics like toughness. It’s a quality MSU will need as it upgrades its schedule, with recently announced opponents like Alabama and West Virginia.

MSU Athletic Communications

FOR THE RECORD

GOMEZ WINS AN NCAA TITLE—St. Louis, MO, March 21: Junior wrestler Franklin Gomez, two-time Big Ten champion, beat Ohio State’s Reece Humphrey 5-4 to become the 2009 National Champion at 133 pounds. Gomez is the 19th MSU wrestler to win a national championship and the first since Kelvin Jackson won the title at 118 pounds in 1995. It marks the 25th time a Spartan has claimed an individual national title. “This means a lot to me because I represent not just Michigan State, but also Puerto Rico, my club, and especially my family and friends in Florida,” says Gomez, a two-time All-American. “There is no better feeling than having one of your wrestlers win a national championship,” says head coach Tom Minkel, who also coached Jackson in 1995. Gomez closed out the season on a 14-match win streak dating back to Feb. 8. The All-American finished with 27 wins, the most on the team, opposed by just two losses.
MSUAA Spartan Tailgates

Kick-off your football Saturdays with the Alumni Association’s pre-game tailgates at home. Join us as we cheer head Coach Mark Dantonio and the MSU Spartan Football Team. Don’t miss out on an excellent place for friends to meet and socialize before the game!

Join us for lots of good food; face painting for kids of all ages and exclusive merchandise to compliment your Spartan wardrobe. The MSU Cheerleaders, Sparty and Zeke the Wonder Dog pay exclusive visits. Live DJ with music contests and prizes and visits by University VIPs and Spartans from around the United States!

There is no charge for admission. The MSU Alumni Association tent is located near the northeast corner of Spartan Stadium near the Tunnel prior to the following home football games:

- Montana State • September 5
- Central Michigan • (Kids Day) September 12
- Michigan • October 3
- Iowa • October 24
- Western Michigan • November 7
- Penn State • November 21

All tents are open 2 ½ hours prior to kick-off.

MSUAA Away-Game Tailgates

Join the MSU Alumni Association for the first three Michigan State away games during the 2009 football season. Support the MSU Spartans and head coach Mark Dantonio at these all-important road games. The MSU Cheerleaders, Sparty, and other guest speakers will be there to add to the fun. Win MSU prizes, talk football, enjoy great food, and cheer the Spartans on to victory.

University of Notre Dame • September 19
Look for us outside under a tent at Hospitality Village located on the Notre Dame campus on Angela Boulevard and Joyce Drive, just a short walk from Notre Dame Stadium.

University of Wisconsin • September 26
Details to follow on the MSUAA web site: www.msualum.com

University of Illinois • October 10
Look for us outside under a tent east of Assembly Hall on the University of Illinois campus.

Pre-registration is required for the away game tailgates. For more information call (877) 678-2586 or visit www.msualum.com. Check local listings for scheduled game times.

The tailgates include, a buffet meal, a chance to win Spartan door prizes and a special tailgate memento. Tailgates begin three hours prior to kick-off and continue for two hours. (Please note: The Wisconsin tailgate will begin 2 hours prior to kick-off and will continue for two hours.) Members may pre-register and purchase a buffet meal at a cost of $25, the cost for non-members is $35, and children 12 and under (member or non-member) $10. You must supply a membership number when registering online. Registrations can be taken over the phone by calling (877) MSU-ALUM. If the event is not sold out, a limited number of tailgate admissions will be available at the door at a cost of $35 for members, $40 for non-members and children 12 and under $10. (Please check the MSUAA web site www.msualum.com for availability.) You must show your membership card at the door to receive the discount. Once purchased, tailgate charges are non-refundable.

Cash bars will be available where permitted by local law.

Prices do not include game tickets. For game tickets, call the MSU Athletic Ticket Office at (800) GO-STATE or (517) 355-1610.

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**REGional Clubs**

**Central Ohio**—Jan. 1: About 15 area Spartans gathered to watch the Capital One Bowl at Champps at the Crosswoods, Columbus. Feb. 22: About 18 area Spartans gathered at Gallop’s Tap Room, Columbus, to watch the MSU-Wisconsin basketball game.

**Coastal Alumni SE**—Jan. 17: Nearly 20 area Spartans gathered at B&D Burgers, Savannah, GA, to watch the MSU-Illinois basketball game. About $65 was raised for the club. Feb. 7: At halftime of the club’s game watch, a bridal shower was held for Mike Poulis, the club’s young alumni coordinator, and his fiancé Katie Madden (see photo).

**Dallas-Fort Worth, TX**—Dec. 12: More than 40 area Spartans attended the Red Wings-Stars game at the American Airlines Center, Dallas. About $250 was raised for the club’s fund. Dec. 20: More than 100 area Spartans—including 30 on a bus chartered by the club—trekked to Houston to see the MSU cagers beat Texas 67-63. Jan. 28: Nearly 100 people, including about 70 Spartans, attended the MSUAA Career Development Showcase at Sullivan’s Steakhouse, Dallas. Special guests were John Hill, director of Alumni Career Services, and Sports Agent Molly Fletcher.

**Grand Traverse**—Apr. 4 & 6: More than 500 area Spartans went to the State Theatre in downtown Traverse City to watch MSU play in the Final Four. Eric Furseth, longtime MSU basketball announcer, emceed the program. Among the guests was filmmaker Michael Moore, who sponsors a film festival every summer.

**Greater Atlanta, GA**—Jan. 30: (Clockwise from top left) MSUAA Interim Executive Director Stella Cash, Kim Kittleman, MSUAA Director of Alumni Engagement, and Club President Curt and Jackie Hoopingarner, were among some 20 Spartans attending an “MSUAA Only” party at Jocks and Jills Galleria. Special guests included Mike Dissinger, a member of MSU’s national championship 1965 and 1966 football teams. Feb. 7: About 70 area Spartans gathered at Jocks and Jills Galleria to watch MSU-Indiana, then participated in a webcast auction by MSU’s The School of Hospitality Business. Special guests included former MSU quarterback Eddie Smith, who donated items to the auction.

**Greater Cincinnati, OH**—Feb. 10: About 50 people, including 25 Spartans, gathered at the Black Finn Club to watch the MSU-UM basketball game. The event was organized by the club’s Young Alumni Group.

**Greater New York**—Feb. 21: Club Vice President Larry Alterman (front, in blue), a former licensed New York City tour guide, gave a tour of historic Greenwich Village to 16 area Spartans. Standing next to Alterman is Club Treasurer Roni O’Connor.

**Greater St. Louis, MO**—Mar. 1: Some 45 area Spartans chartered a bus to Champaign, IL, to watch the MSU-Illinois basketball game. The group stood out wearing Izzone T-shirts amid all the orange.

**Metro Chicago**—Feb. 28: More than 130 area Spartans gathered at Architectural Artifacts to support the 2009 Sparty Ball. The club honored
past and current board members. Special guests included Bob Groves, vice president for University Advancement, Stella Cash, interim executive director of the MSU Alumni Association, and Mary Mundt, dean of the College of Nursing. The silent auction (see photo) helped contribute more than $9,000 to the club’s scholarship fund.

OREGON & S.W. WASHINGTON Dec. 9: More than 80 Big Ten alumni attended a fundraiser for the Oregon Food Bank at Widmer Brothers, Portland. The MSU contingent won the food drive competition.

SOUTH FLORIDA Feb. 10: About a dozen Spartans attended a game watch of MSU-UM at JD’s Bar & Lounge, Coral Springs. Special guest was Anna Barber of the MSU Spartan Fund.

SOUTHWEST FLORIDA Feb. 16: Some 260 area Spartans participated in the annual golf and dinner party at Grey Oaks Country Club, Naples. Special guests included football coach Mark Dantonio, athletics director Mark Hollis, former running back Lorenzo White, and Sparty. An auction raised about $42,000 for the club’s endowed athletic scholarship fund.

SPACE COAST, FL Feb. 28: About 20 area Spartans joined the fun at the Skydive Sevastian to see jump master Rob Stevenson (left) and tandem jumper Tabitha Parker (next to Rob) sky jump.

UTAH Feb. 21: More than two dozen area Spartans attended a Ski Day and BBQ Tailgate at the Solitude Mountain Resort.

SEATTLE, WA Jan. 17: About 30 area Spartans gathered at Jimmy’s On First, Silver Cloud Hotel, to watch the MSU-Illinois basketball game. Mar. 20: About 50 area Spartans gathered at Jillian’s to watch the MSU-Robert Morris game in the NCAA tournament.

TUCSON, AZ Feb. 7: (l to r) Outgoing President Bob Workman, Stella Cash, MSUAA interim executive director, and incoming President Matt Sullivan, were among 45 area Spartans who attended a reception and dinner at the Westin LaPaloma Country Club. Also on hand was former MSU golfer Sara Brown, ’08, MSU’s 2007 Female Athlete of the Year (above right).

WEST MICHIGAN Feb. 19: Club board member Robert Davies (left) congratulates Craig and Mary Helen Crooks, Harlo
Corporation, for being named 2009 West Michigan MSU Business Persons of the Year. More than 150 area Spartans attended the annual MSU Means Business event at the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Museum. Special guests included Elvin Lashbrooke, interim dean of MSU’s Eli Broad College of Business, who gave an update on the college’s academic programs.

CONTINUANT ASSOCIATIONS

ARTS AND LETTERS—Feb. 1: Film Producer Bill Mechanic (right), ’73, greets MSU Basketball Coach Tom Izzo and daughter Raquel as MSU Football Coach Mark Dantonio looks on. The occasion was a screening of Mechanic’s latest production, *Coraline*, a stop-action animated movie premiere at a Lansing movie theatre. Special guests included MSU Provost Kim Wilcox, and College of Arts & Letters Dean Karin Wurst.

COMMUNICATION ARTS & SCIENCES—Feb. 20: About 80 professionals and 130 students gathered for the annual Speed Networking event at the Spartan Football Tower, where students are paired with professionals for five-minute meetings.

NATURAL SCIENCE—Feb. 12: More than 30 alumni gathered at Chicago’s Grand Lux Café for a reception. Special guest was Michael Thoennesen, who discussed MSU being chosen by the U.S. Dept. of Energy to house the Facility for Rare Isotope Beams (FRIB).

NURSING—Feb. 8: Some 140 alumni and families attended a luncheon at the Breslin Center before the women’s basketball game against Ohio State. Special guests included MSU Athletics Director Mark Hollis. Feb. 28: Catherine and Myron Lick pose with Sparty at a dinner at Chicago’s Gibsons Bar and Steakhouse, hosted by College of Nursing Dean Mary Mundt and Andrea Schewe of the Illinois Nursing Alumni Board. The event preceded the Metro Chicago club’s annual Sparty Ball. Special guest was Stella Cash, MSUAA interim executive director.

OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE—Mar. 7-14: (L to r) Dean William Strampel, Eugene Conte, Richard Pascucci, Edward Rosick, Laura Hershkowitz, Jayne Martin, Lisa DeStefano, Darrell Grace, and Marsha Billes were among the speakers as 83 alumni, faculty and friends gathered for the college’s annual “Seminar In the Sun” at Cabo San Lucas, Mexico. Participants stayed at the Riu Santa Fe while taking continuing medical education courses and enjoying the tropical atmosphere.

ALUMNI INTEREST GROUPS

STATE NEWS—Mar. 10: (L to r) Spring 2009 Editor-In-Chief Kristen Daum, Editorial Adviser Omar Sofradzija, SNA A President Jeremy Steele, General Manager Marty Sturgeon and East Lansing Mayor Victor Loomis attended an event recognizing the student newspaper’s centennial. Local and state officials, including Gov. Jennifer Granholm, U.S. Rep. Mike Rogers, R-Howell, and members of the East Lansing City Council, made official tributes. The SNAA is planning a reunion in East Lansing on Sept. 12 to celebrate the centennial, with event details to be posted at snaa.statenews.com.
INTERNATIONAL CLUBS

INDONESIA — April 23: Area alumni gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Setyanto P. Santosa, welcoming MSU professors Gerhard and Joanne Schultink (seated, 4th from left) during a recent visit to that country. The Indonesia alumni club has been very effective in promoting MSU and very active in helping MSU with recruitment efforts.

SHANGHAI, CHINA — Apr. 6: More than a dozen area Spartans gathered at the Big Bamboo bar at 6:20 a.m. to watch a live telecast of MSU’s Final Four game against UConn.
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Advance the personal, professional and intellectual growth of Michigan State University alumni and friends.

- Membership: 35,384 MSUAA members – both alumni and friends (0.08%)
- Regional Clubs: 42,376 alumni and friends attended club events (110 regional clubs) (42%); additionally, more than 400 alumni and friends of MSU volunteered for executive leadership positions on club boards; 60 participated on MSUAA National Board.
- Events: 22,430 (8%) alumni and friends attended one or more of MSUAA 29 events.
- Evening College: 2,403 (7%) alumni and friends participated in one-to-one career coaching, resume reviews or attended one of the 100 career-related events…6,470 alumni joined the MSUAA LinkedIn group developed through MSUAA Career Services (not included in total touch points).
- Travel Programs: 320 (3%) alumni and friends participated. Total touch points generated: 119,088 (27%).

Communicate effectively with alumni, friends and the MSU community.

- MSU Alumni Magazine has a circulation of 30,092 (4XAnnually) and reaches MSUAA members, all Michigan legislators and major donors.
- @MSU Newsletter had a distribution of 135,000 monthly. Our web site, www.msualum.com and our Student Alumni Foundation web site, saf.msu.edu, generated more than 43,000 unique visitors per month. Total touch points generated: 2,256,572 (28%).

Foster an enduring involvement in, and commitment to, Michigan State University among our future alumni.

- Student Alumni Foundation: 6,600 (30%) members (all current MSU students) participating in all facets of programming offered (student guides for tours, IZZONE, Slapshots, Sparty program, Students for State, etc.).
- Prospective Student/Inside MSU Tours: 25,000 people participated in SAF led tours.
- Sparty program: connected with 36,000 (16%) alumni and friends - 400 (29%) events (conservative average of 90 attendees per event), in addition 10,000 Michigan students interacted with Sparty’s through his involvement in March is Reading month. This number does not include Sparty’s appearance at MSU athletic events which would be an aggregated in-person/television audience total in the hundreds of thousands.
- Students for State programs: 21,000 (61%) students participated in events including alumni networking luncheon, Sparty’s Flag Find (Homecoming week), and Sparty Spring Party (collaboration with Union Activities Board). Total touch points generated: 98,600 (17%).

Strengthen collaboration with the Michigan State University campus community.

- Development: $3,133,822 – combined market value of Regional Club and Alumni Interest Group (AIG) Scholarship Endowments (65%); alumni groups supported the following initiatives 2008: $63,350 to Spartan Fund; $20,000 Grand Rapids Medical School construction; $2,500 to Michigan Political Leadership Program (Social Science); $2,500 to Excellence-in-Teaching Award (University Awards Convocation); $23,250 in mini-grants to athletic non-revenue sports and university programs such as Asian/Pacific Students, Kresge Art Museum, Wharton Center for Kids, and Student Parents on a Mission.
- Alumni constituent groups and academic programs: $193,497 MSUAA dues disbursals to constituent Alumni Groups; College Alumni Professionals (CAP’s) partnered with Alumni Reunion Days and Grandparents University – 1,000 combined participants Admissions: 25,000 people participated in SAF led tours through the Prospective Student/Inside MSU programs; in addition, more than 50 regional club volunteers attended a total of 89 high school recruitment fairs. Alumni career services and admissions partnered on Green & White Days, a recruitment event for prospective juniors and their parents reaching roughly 1,600 people.
- Athletics: The MSUAA facilitated 26 programs/events to support MSU athletics.
- Career Services: Hosted second collaborative alumni event for recruiters (MSU alumni/non-alumni) at Career Gallery – 375 participants; Alumni Career Services gave presentations to numerous MSU programs, colleges, alumni boards, faculty and staff.

Develop and steward resources to ensure a sustained and dynamic alumni association.

- New staff: Young Alumni Coordinator focusing on SAF and Young Alumni programming/engagement; Director of International Alumni Relations, a collaborative position with International Studies and Programs focusing on mobilizing our international alumni base; Director of Sales/Sponsorship position to help consolidate marketing, sales, promotional, and advertising opportunities.
- Earmarked $117,758 for distribution to 120 regional clubs, and an additional $193,497 disbursed to 27 constituents alumni groups through MSUAA membership dues disbursals.

In total, the MSU Alumni Association, through its programs, services and affiliated alumni groups generated an estimated 2,474,260 (28%) direct touch points in 2008 with alumni and friends of Michigan State University.
KALEIDOSCOPE 2009—MSU Alumni Association staff (l to r) Claire Brender, Tonja Counseller, Sarah Skilling, Regina Cross, Kristin Mackley, investigative reporter Chris Hansen, Barb Susa-Fineis, Laurie Robison, Sparty, Stella Cash and Bev VandenBerg posed for this photo on April 17, date of the 35th annual Kaleidoscope event. Alumnus Chris Hansen from Dateline NBC was the keynote speaker. Kaleidoscope 2010 will be held on Friday, April 16 at MSU’s Kellogg Center. The 2010 Keynote Speaker will be Sarah Ferguson, Duchess of York.

MPLP BREAKFAST—Feb. 26-27: (l to r) Doug Roberts, director of the Institute for Public Policy and Social Research (IPPSR), speaker Harold Ford, Jr., chair of the Democratic Leadership Council, Canadian Consulate General Dennis Moore, GOP strategist and media guru Mike Murphy, and MSU Provost Kim Wilcox were among those attending the annual fundraiser for the Michigan Political Leadership Program (MPLP), held in Livonia and Grand Rapids. MPLP has trained more than 400 rising political stars since 1992. The events, held at at Laurel Manor in Livonia and at Noto’s Old World Italian Dining in Grand Rapids, drew about 1,000 attendees.

SPARTAN IN AFGHANISTAN—Col. Vic Kuchar, ’78, of the U.S. Air Force, recently spread some goodwill in a village north of Kabul. He gave his MSU jacket to a local Afghan youth, who will wear it to honor MSU’s run in the NCAA basketball tournament. Kuchar has been on active duty in the military for 31 years. He works out of the Pentagon, but has more than four years on the ground in Afghanistan and Iraq since 9/11. His job is in aerial surveillance, mapping and support for ground troops.

UCKELE MSU CONTINGENT—Uckele Health and Nutrition, a company based in Blissfield, boasts a large contingent of Spartans among its 50 fulltime employees: (l to r) Caroline Jansen, ’03, Kevin Isely, ’98, Maria Johnson, ’07, Mike Uckele, ’92, Mary Boyko, ’98, Kristina Goulet, ’02, and Andy Fanko, ’79. The company was founded in 1962 by William Uckele, Mike’s grandfather. Yes, William was also an MSU graduate.

SPARTAN TAILGATE WINNER—In Fall 2008, a tailgate decorating contest was held at the Columbus, OH, headquarters of Bath & Body Works. Nearly the entire building was decked out in Ohio State scarlet and gray, except for the Package Engineering Dept., where all the employees were Spartans. The MSU contingent—pictured here are Julie Engel (front), Alyssa Bault (left), Heather Mastny (back), and Cassie Enger (right)—won the contest! An interesting coincidence is that the CEO of Bath & Body Works also happens to be a Spartan, Diane Neal, ’79.

SPARTANS IN HOLLYWOOD—Feb. 14: (l to r) MSU Alumni Mark LaFontant, Bill Mechanic, Andrea Van de Kamp, Carol Mechanic, Patricia Jones, Craig Murray and Scott Grayson, all members of MSU’s West Coast Regional Council, gathered at a suite in the Staples Center, Los Angeles, CA, during a Kings game. Courtesy of Julie Engel

SPARTAN WEDDING—When Lara Hamm (formerly Minch-Klass), ’04, got married this past New Year’s Eve at Ocean Place Spa & Resort in Long Branch, NJ, she attracted quite a Spartan contingent as featured in the photo, including her parents Melanie and James, both from the Class of ’77. (Not pictured is her husband, a graduate of the University of Notre Dame.)

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EIKER BEQUEST WILL BRING U.P. TEACHERS TO MSU

With the establishment of the Troy Stearns Memorial Fund, Sandra Eiker (Education, ’62, ’64) found her way to honor an influential MSU faculty member and to pay tribute to her family’s belief in education and their heritage in Michigan’s Upper Peninsula. Sandra fulfilled her philanthropic goal by incorporating a charitable bequest in her will to the College of Education. When her future gift is received, the Stearns Memorial Fund will provide fellowships for teachers from the Upper Peninsula to participate in MSU graduate programs.

The endowed fund, made possible by Sandra’s commitment from her estate, is named for Dr. Troy Stearns, a distinguished former Teacher Education professor, now deceased. Sandra remembers well his weekly assignment to produce a one-page summary of an article students chose from a list of leading periodicals that included Harpers and the Atlanta Constitution. This was one of many “perspective-expanding” techniques he used that Sandra later adopted for her own students. “He widened my horizons,” she recalls, noting that she still has one or two of her one-page summaries in her personal archive.

Sandra chose to benefit the College of Education with her gift not only due to the insights she gained through her long career as an educator, but also in recognition of a family legacy that valued education as the chief means to move up in the world.

Her father had lost an arm, which limited his ability to continue the family farming tradition. Instead, he completed a life certificate from what is now Eastern Michigan University and landed a teaching position in Monroe County. He went on to finish both bachelor’s and master’s degrees while working and was elected Commissioner of Education for the County. His sister Helen, starting out with just an 8th grade education, completed business school and worked throughout her life, including as a civilian employee for the Navy during World War II. Sandra’s mother was one of eight children born to Finnish immigrants in a U.P. lumber camp in the Newberry area. All eight children were sent on to education and into careers; Sandra’s mother became a math teacher following her graduation from Northern Michigan University.

Sandra’s own career in education included classroom teaching, college-level instruction, curriculum consultancies, and many administrative positions including district superintendent. In one notable position, she created and implemented a model of 24/7 childcare for the children of casino employees in Atlantic City. Along the way, she completed her doctorate at Columbia University while working full-time.

Sandra began to think about making a gift to further the education of U.P. teachers after she received an inheritance from her Aunt Helen. “She did what she could do to be self-sufficient with the education that was available to her at that time,” Sandra said. “She always honored education and was an unwavering supporter in encouraging my father to continue his education and was so proud that she lived to see me attain a district superintendent.” The Upper Peninsula had been not only the place of her mother’s birth, but also the place of many happy remembrances from family vacations. Both Sandra’s parents are buried in her mother’s family plot in Newberry. “I recall playing on the shores of the lake, waiting in line for the ferry,” Sandra said. “My treat when I graduated from high school was to cross the straits on the bridge.”

Sandra is grateful to the MSU College of Education for beginning her career. “I will always cherish the minds and actions of the highly qualified faculty members in the College of Education during the late ’50s and ’60s,” she said. “Other professionals known to me through my professional involvements have elected to join the faculty. They brought new dimensions to an already well-established college at a fine university.”

In U.S. News & World Report’s 2010 edition of America’s Best Graduate Schools, the MSU College of Education had seven specialty programs in the top 10, highlighted by elementary and secondary education, which both topped the list for the 15th straight year. See news.msu.edu/story/6230 for more on this report or visit www.educ.msu.edu for more information on MSU’s College of Education.

For more information on making a gift to the College of Education, please contact the Assistant Director of Development Julie Bird at (517) 432-0612.
NEW I-TECH CENTER FOR MID-MICHIGAN

By Robert Bao, Editor

In the Fall 2008 issue, we profiled one of our young Lansing area entrepreneurs, Ryan Vartogian, ‘01, president of Spartan Internet Consulting.

We briefly mentioned his role in Lansing’s new Information Technology Empowerment Center, or ITEC, which will share space with his company headquarters at the former Holmes Street School, expected to open sometime this summer after renovation. I’d like to put a little more focus on ITEC, because it’s emerging as a model partnership between business leaders like Ryan and public entities like MSU.

A nonprofit organization, ITEC acquired its 501(c)(3) status at the beginning of 2008. It was founded in response to a major problem in mid-Michigan.

“We have high unemployment in this area but jobs for skilled IT people—programmers, software engineers, and so on—go begging,” says Kirk Riley, executive director of ITEC and also a part-time employee of MSU Outreach and Engagement.

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To help fill this gap, ITEC will provide what Riley calls “high quality and fun science, math and technology instruction.” The classes are held wherever there is interest, and they target middle school students.

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The “we” refers to a broad coalition of private and public entities. Partners include Spartan Internet Consulting, Dewpoint, TechSmith, Lansing’s Economic Development Corporation, the Prima Civitas Foundation, the Lansing School District and Michigan State. There is also a broad representation on ITEC’s board of directors reflecting participation from the private sector, the community, the public school system and MSU.

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Vartogian says when his company realized some years ago it was a challenge to find qualified employees, he created a junior consulting internship program to reach out to MSU students.

“We worked with the Student Committee for Nonprofit Organizations,” says Vartogian. “The internships were a way to grow your own qualified employees. Then we started getting more ambitious and developed an assistant junior consulting program for high school students.”

Meanwhile, Adam Pitcher, a systems analyst in MSU’s Dept. of Computer Science and a community leader, had some ideas about how to use the vacated Holmes Street School.

“Our community is basically between Potter Park and I-496,” he explains. “I thought it would be a great idea to use the empty building for workshops and computer classes for high school students. We had organized some classes with MSU faculty and I saw how cool it was to get them exposed to science and technology. I wanted to see something on a bigger scale.”

Pitcher garnered support from representatives of the Lansing Economic Development Corporation and even from the mayor of Lansing. “I got the ball rolling,” he recalls. “I was able to put together a great group.”

Among those who embraced the idea was Vartogian, who stepped up and bought the vacated Holmes Street School Building to serve as headquarters for both his company, Spartan Internet Consulting, and ITEC.

“A big part of it is providing education where you don’t feel you’re in a classroom, where kids are excited about learning,” Vartogian explains. “You learn and play while gaining the critical skills you will need in the future. Ten years from now, every job will be considered high tech in some way.”

The reason for targeting middle schoolers is because research shows that’s when they begin to lose interest in science and technology, says Riley. Vartogian attributes it to youths at that stage suddenly discovering many other interests involving their social lives.

They do not blame the schools necessarily, even though the ITEC prescription suggests that schools are not doing a great job.

“Do we exist because the schools are failing?” asks Riley rhetorically. “No, we exist because we are failing. We owe it to the students to provide better science and math education. We
have an opportunity to provide skills to today’s students that will get them employed tomorrow.”

MSU is the heart and soul of this project, Riley says. Participating teachers come from throughout the university and teach everything from computer science, digital media, engineering and writing, rhetoric, and American culture.

In a young entrepreneurs club meeting, where Vartoogian spoke, he polled the attendees and found out that almost all the businesses they started have a strong, web-based component.

“Typically most of today’s very successful corporations, like Google, were started by college students who had the skill set and an idea,” notes Vartoogian. “You hear stories of 12-year-olds writing applications for the iPhone and making hundreds of thousands of dollars. ITEC focuses on exposing these things to kids who otherwise might not have the exposure.

“It will be very interesting to follow these ITEC kids as they progress in their careers.”

ITEC works with its partners to find community locations where the demand might exist. So far, in its first year, ITEC has held classes at several locations besides its headquarters—Sexton High School, Pattengill Middle School, and Lansing’s Black Child & Family Institute. Subjects taught have included robotics, animation, digital media, and a variety of technology-related classes. Riley was pleased that more than 80 students turned out for the sessions at Pattengill Middle School (see photos). Also stunning, notes Vartoogian, is the 80 percent retention rate.

When the renovated Holmes Street School building opens, it will serve as a hub for ITEC classes and activities. ITEC will continue to branch out geographically, says Pitcher, but having a headquarters will provide a central location where groups of youths can gather after school.

“We were thrilled,” says Riley, who adds that classes are supported by donations and grant money. “We need more external parties to partner with us.”

Vartoogian calls the ITEC venture a smart investment. “It will continue to pay dividends,” he explains. “It’s a strong example of MSU’s global reach—the fact that it’s in our backyard is coincidental—and it spans so many areas that have been a part of MSU’s mission to extend knowledge to the world. To venture out and do these things is a huge asset for the state and the region.”

“It’s been a long process,” concludes Vartoogian about ITEC. “But seeing kids in the classroom—now we’re seeing the results.”
**STATE’S STARS**

**Cheryl Young,** '82, a shareholder in the Family Law Practice at Hangley Aronchick Segal & Pudlin, Philadelphia, PA, was elected to the firm’s Board of Directors. The board manages the firm’s day-to-day operations. Young’s practice is concentrated in matrimonial law, which includes divorce, custody, support, property distribution and adoption. Young is a Fellow of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers and past President of the Montgomery Bar Association.

**William White,** ’75, chairman and president of Dearborn Federal Savings and Bank, Dearborn, will serve on the Thrift Institution Advisory Council (TIAC) as announced by the Federal Reserve Board. Established by the Board in 1980, this 12-member advisory group includes representatives from a cross-section of financial institutions across the country. White is completing his 20th year of service to the Bank. White is a Life Member of the MSU Alumni Association and a member of MSU’s Presidents Club.

**Diane Lammers,** ’76, of Royal Oak, has been named senior interior designer for URS Corporation in the firm’s Southfield office. Lammers’ responsibilities include coordinating the planning, design and implementation of interior design efforts for projects in a variety of work places such as healthcare, corporate, civic and education. Lammers was previously senior interior designer at HKS, Inc. (formerly Trinity Design). She also serves as adjunct professor at Lawrence Technological University in the Architecture and Design Department.

**M.L. Elrick,** ’90, reporter for the **Detroit Free Press**, was among the newspaper staff who were awarded a Pulitzer Prize for coverage of the text messaging scandal involving former Detroit mayor Kwame Kilpatrick. The coverage eventually led to Kilpatrick’s resignation and jailing. The **Detroit Free Press** staff won the award in the local reporting category. The Pulitzer, journalism’s highest award, was announced by Columbia University in New York, which awards the annual prizes. Elrick worked at the Southtown Star, Chicago, in the late 90s.

**Gail Ganakas,** ’71, MA’75, executive director of Community Education and Recreation for Flint Community Schools, has been named the recipient of the 2008-09 Women In Sports Leadership Award by the Representative Council of the Michigan High School Athletic Association. Previously, Ganakas was a teacher-coach at Holmes Junior High School before becoming principal at Whittier Middle School. In her current position, she has been instrumental in designing study table programs for high school and middle school student-athletes, an athletic handbook for the school district and athletic fundraising.

**Barbara Bialko,** ’79, has joined the firm of Foster Zack Little Pasture & Manning, P.C., as an associate practicing in the areas of business, real estate, estate planning, and trust and estate administration. Bialko was admitted to the bar in Michigan in 1982. Bialko actively serves on the Probate and Estate Planning Section of the Ingham County Bar Association. She is also a board member of the Greater Lansing Estate Planning Council and the Mid Michigan Planned Giving Council.

**John Tintera,** ’76, of Austin, TX, has been appointed executive director of the Railroad Commission. Tintera has been with the Railroad Commission of Texas since 1990. Previously, Tintera was deputy director of Technical Permitting and Administrative Compliance, and has also served as assistant director of Site Remediation, manager of Special Response, and was a district office geologist in Wichita Falls. Prior to joining the commission, Tintera worked for 10 years as a petroleum geologist in the oil and gas industry.

**Joanne B. Faycurry,** J.D. ’87, attorney for Miller Canfield, Detroit, has been appointed vice chair of the Board of Trustees of Children’s Hospital of Michigan. Faycurry is leader of Miller Canfield’s State and Local Tax Group. She has over 20 years of experience and expertise in tax planning. Faycurry is a member of the American Bar Association, State Bar of Michigan, Detroit Metropolitan Bar Association, Federal Bar Association, Arab-American Bar Association, Women’s Lawyers’ Association of Michigan, and International Women’s Forum-Michigan Chapter.

**Renee Thakali,** ’77, MS’85, a U.S. Dept. of Agriculture (USDA) service restoration team leader at the Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie in Wilmington, IL, has volunteered to serve a one-year assignment in Afghanistan to help rebuild that country’s agricultural sector as announced by the USDA’s Foreign Agricultural Service. Prior to joining USDA, Thakali served in the Peace Corps in Nepal as a soil conservation volunteer as well as an associate Peace Corps director in rural development.

**Greg Bernas,** ’85, and **Randy Stephens,** ’85, engineers for Toyota Motor Engineering & Manufacturing North America, Ann Arbor, have been promoted to chief engineers at the company. With their promotions, Bernas and Stephens became the first Americans to earn this distinguished title at the Japanese-based automobile company. Bernas has been a Toyota employee for nearly 18 years. He previously served as the executive program manager for the new Toyota Venza passenger car. As chief engineer, he continues to oversee the engineering for the Venza. Stephens joined Toyota in 1992. He previously worked as the executive program manager for the Toyota Avalon full-size sedan. In his new capacity, as chief engineer, he will continue to manage the engineering for the Avalon.
Jeffrey C. Hicks, ’93, managing partner of the Lansing law firm Hicks & Mullett, PLLC, has been elected to the Lansing Regional Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors as Legal Counsel. Hicks focuses his practice in real estate and business law. Hicks is the immediate past-president of the MSU Alumni Club of Mid-Michigan and serves on the MSUAA Advisory Council. Hicks is a Life Member of the MSU Alumni Association.

Samuel MacKenzie, ATCT ’83, director of grounds at Olympia Fields Country Club, Olympia Fields, IL, was awarded the 2008 Superintendent of the Year award by TurfNet magazine. The award is presented annually to a golf course superintendent whose contributions are extraordinary. MacKenzie has successfully implemented massive improvements in the condition of the Club’s two signature courses since his hire in 2006. Olympia Fields is one of the nation’s most prestigious country clubs and has hosted the U.S. Open (1928, 2003), the PGA Championship (1925, 1961) and the U.S. Senior Open (1997).

John D. Johnson, MS ’88, a senior security program manager at John Deere, Quad Cities, IL, and adjunct professor at St. Ambrose University and Scott Community College, has been named the 2009 Senior Scientist of the Year by the Quad City Engineering and Science Council (QCESC). Currently, Johnson is responsible for global security programs including Antivirus Management, Vulnerability Management and Strong Authentication. Previously, Johnson was a consultant and a security manager for the Theoretical Division at Los Alamos National Laboratory.

Dana Jessen, who attended MSU from 2001-03 to study bassoon performance, has been awarded a J. William Fulbright Fellowship for 2008-2009. Jessen is studying contemporary and improvised music in Amsterdam, Netherlands. Her studies include instruction with Alban Wesly, of Calefax Reed Quintet, as well as several practitioners of New Dutch Swing, a unique and progressive style of improvisation. Jessen has been involved in projects as diverse as music outreach programs in Amsterdam, to participation in contemporary music festivals throughout the world.

Stephen H. Marsden, ’69, Ph.D. ’07, assistant principal at Waterford Kettering High School, was named Michigan Association of Secondary School Principals “Assistant Principal of the Year” for 2009. Marsden has more than 35 years of experience in education and has been the assistant principal at Kettering for the past seven years. Marsden was also nominated for the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP) Assistant Principal of the Year. Marsden is a Life Member of the MSU Alumni Association.

Robert Workman, ’67, owner of Workman Insurance and Investments, Tucson, AZ, has received a Heart of Amphi award from the Amphitheater Public Schools Foundation. Workman won the award for the business leader category. Workman served on the Amphitheater Foundation board for 10 years, and was its president from 1997-2000. During his tenure, he oversaw numerous fundraising events, secured new grants and matching funds, enhanced the sports fee waiver program, and created the emergency medical assistance fund. Workman is a Life Member of the MSU Alumni Association and a member of MSU’s Synder Society.

Karen D. Fultz, ’93, a member in Cozen O’Connor’s Atlanta office, GA, served as a panelist for the Emory University School of Law’s Legal Association of Women Students (LAW’S) biennial seminar, which focused on the issues that affect female attorneys. Fultz focuses her practice on subrogation and recovery matters. Her practice also includes family law matters such as divorce, child custody, family adoption, and child support. Fultz served as the president of the Gate City Bar Association in 2005 and continues to serve as a member. Fultz is also a member of the Atlanta Volunteer Lawyers Foundation, Georgia Association of Black Women Attorneys, the Atlanta Bar Association and the American and National bar associations.

Donald J. Letherer, ’58, of Albuquerque, NM, has been named executive vice president of the Salus Underwriting Managers, Austin, TX. Letherer was the former superintendent of insurance for the state of New Mexico; former President of Letherer and Associates; and former CEO of the New Mexico Physicians Mutual Insurance Company.

Karen Wayland, Ph.D. ’01, legislative director at the National Resources Defense Council (NRDC), Washington, DC, has been hired by Nancy Pelosi as energy advisor. Wayland has been at NRDC for the past five years, where she has been a key player in major energy legislation, including the 2007 energy bill and global warming measures. Previously, Wayland served as legislative fellow for Sen. Harry Reid (D-Nev), where she worked on nuclear waste, water, energy and Native American issues.

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Arthur C. Bond, ’39, of Caro, NC, Dec. 27.
F. Ward Brundage, ’36, of Kalamazoo, Sept 9, age 94.
Virginia L. (Osborne) Cox, ’39, of Long Beach, CA, Mar. 15, age 91.
Mary E. (Taylor) Creys, ’38, of Alexandria, VA, Mar. 5.
June V. (Hill) Gardner, ’38, of Alanson, Feb. 5, age 93.
Donald V. Gray, ’38, of Winona, MN, June 12, age 97.
Jean E. Griffith, ’38, of Hemet, CA, Aug. 12.
Winfield C. Hinman, ’35, of Mesa, AZ, Feb. 18, age 98.
Ella M. (Smith) Mahler, ’36, of Howell, Mar. 7.
Arthur E. Norris, ’38, of Dearborn, Nov. 2, age 92.
Paul L. Ringer, ’38, of Southfield, Apr. 15.
Lee Roy M. Schieffle, ’39, of Fremont, Jan. 25, age 97.
Catherine M. (Doerr) Sparks, ’32, of Gwynedd, PA, Sept. 11, age 98.

40s
Ross C. Alm, ’49, of Glen Carbon, IL, May 14, age 86.
George Belitos, ’46, of Fort Lauderdale, FL, Jan. 1.
Howard J. Bush, ’44, of Sturgis, Mar. 7, age 87.
Donald J. Campbell, ’46, of Holly, Feb. 8, age 90.
Robert C. Carlson, ’44, of Pittsboro, NC, Feb. 19, age 89.
Mary J. (Miller) Cruse, ’48, of Columbus, OH, Nov 1, age 84.
Lilias A. Edman, ’45, of Chicago, IL, Feb. 7, age 87.
Harold A. Emerson, ’43, of Traverse City, Feb. 15, age 81.
Margaret M. Evatt, ’40, of Grand Blanc, July 25, age 92.
Wayne L. Finkbeiner, ’47, of Middleville, Jan. 23, age 88.
Carl R. Franks, ’48, of Huntley, IL, Oct. 9, age 84.
Anita V. (French) Fuller, ’41, of Green Valley, AZ, Sept. 14, age 89.
Beverly A. (Smith) Gulden, ’46, of Phoenix, AZ, July 5.
Robert F. Hanke, ’47, of Adrian, Jan. 11, age 82.
Charles W. Hannert, ’43, of Shelton, CT, May 3, age 87.
Robert L. Hinman, ’40, of Okemos, Apr. 20, age 90.
Donald Hodgkins, ’49, of Petoskey, Nov. 12, age 81.
Naub H. Kramer, ’47, of Woodland Hills, CA, Jan. 16, age 85.
Leonard R. Kyle, ’40, of Beaverton, OR, July 2, age 89.
David O. Laidlaw, ’41, of Pittsboro, NC, Feb. 13, age 80.
Elaine B. (Jennings) Martin, ’48, of Traverse City, Mar. 11, age 83.
Bennie D. Mayberry, ’49, of Pikesville, MD, Feb 1.
Evelyn M. (Davis) McCormick, ’43, of Petaluma, CA, Nov. 1, age 86.
Leslie E. McDonald, ’48, of Albuquerque, NM, Oct. 25, age 85.
Robert A. (Hullibery) McVeigh, ’43, of Gaithersburg, MD, Jan. 29.
Jane E. (Harvey) Noble, ’40, of East Lansing, Feb. 18, age 90.
Joseph L. Patrick, ’49, of Spring City, TN, Sept. 5.
Kathryn A. (Little) Postiff, ’49, of High Point, NC, Feb. 27.
Richard C. Postiff, ’49, of High Point, NC, Feb. 27.
Robert W. Ross, ’49, of Colorado Springs, CO, Jan. 18, age 83.
Russell A. Sibley, ’40, of DeWitt, Apr. 16.
Avis A. (Williams) Smith, ’47, of Lake Wales, FL, Aug. 3.
Frederick J. Somes, ’47, of Grosse Pointe, Mar. 3, age 86.
Edmund B. Storms, ’48, of Stow, OH, Oct. 17, age 85.
Robert E. Stowe, ’47, of East Lansing, Mar. 28, age 86.
Karl D. Streiff, ’45, of Saginaw, Feb. 15, age 64.
R Douglas Trezise, ’49, of Saint Johns, Nov. 26, age 83.
Helen L. Trivison, ’44, of Buffalo, NY, Feb. 27, age 90.
Jean L. (Lumsden) Valrance, ’44, of Novi, Feb. 19, age 87.
Russell F. Walter, ’40, of Pomona, CA, Oct. 19, age 94.
Sooran A. Yavruian, ’42, of Detroit, Mar. 6.

50s
Gerald F. Aerts, ’58, of Livonia, Feb. 27.
Max B. Ashworth, ’54, of Sanford, Feb. 11.
Charles L. Beer, ’55, of Washington, DC, Sept. 27, age 85.
Julia A. (Liberachi) Berg, ’55, of Roseville, Aug. 16.
William C. (Ching) Chinn, ’55, of Honolulu, HI, Feb. 11.
James Colby, ’50, of Sudbury, MA, July 11, age 85.
Carl A. Dalrymple, ’51, of Holt, Mar. 22, age 82.
David E. Dewey, ’56, of Corpus Christi, TX, Apr. 4, age 79.
Charles E. Dickey, ’50, of Livonia, Mar. 23.
Lawrence G. Dudley, ’50, of Bend, OR, Aug. 6.
Kenneth E. Eckman, ’56, of Holt, Feb. 27.
Mary A. (Daugherty) Eichmeier, ’57, of Mason, Nov. 28.
William P. Fishback, ’55, of Lansing, Jan. 29.
Henry O. Geisel, ’55, of Grosse Pointe, Nov. 17, age 77.
Donald G. Gillette, ’55, of Brevard, NC, Sept. 25.
Charles G. Goulding, ’52, of Flat Rock, May 15, age 86.
Marilyn E. (Baumner) Haak, ’55, of Port Wing, WI, Dec. 12, age 75.
Louis H. Hargreaves, ’51, of Berkley, Sept. 12, age 81.
M. Loli Hartway, ’53, of Adrian, Mar. 16.
Phillip H. Heap, ’59, of Alamo, CA, Jan. 20, age 74.
Jack E. Hobeck, ’55, of Vero Beach, FL, Dec. 25, age 77.
Charles E. Jenkins, ’50, of Santa Rosa, CA, July 5, age 84.
Robert E. Johnson, ’52, of Toledo, OH, Nov. 3, age 81.
Max W. Jozwik, ’55, of White Lake, Apr. 1.
J. Thomas McDonough, '50, of Saginaw, Oct. 20, age 81.

Keith G. McKitterick, '52, of New Smyrna Beach, FL, Mar. 28.

Victor R. Mickelsen, '51, of Traverse City, Mar. 12.


Fred L. Olsen, '50, of Bloomfield Hills, Apr. 26, age 85.

Mary J. (Higdon) Beech, '55, of Crystal Falls, MI, July 27, age 89.

Jerry F. Blahut, '63, of Grosse Ile, Mar. 2, age 70.

Wayne Brown, '68, of Chesapeake, VA, Feb. 27.


Robert T. Carter, '52, of Folsom, CA, Dec. 22, age 82.

Beverly J.Price, '71, of Fort Myers, FL, Apr. 9, age 75.


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Douglas A. Weaver, '68, of Bend, OR, Feb. 19.

David L. Wheeler, '65, of Grandville, Nov. 20, age 65.

David T. Williams, '61, of Grand Blanc, Feb. 19.

Cheboygan, Oct. 10, age 84.

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William J. Prince, FL, Feb. 6, age 78.
James R. Quinn, ’76, of Solon, OH, Feb. 19, age 55. 


Mary F. Lesinski, ’73, of Gainsville, TX, Feb. 10, age 82.

Gerald A. Kane, ’73, of Northville, MI, Apr. 12, age 60.

Brandeis M. Johnson, ’77, of Auburn Hills, Oct. 11.

Nellie J. Gentry, ’78, of Metamora, MI, May 17, age 79.


Kathleen D. (VanderLugt) Hays, ’80, of West Ypsilanti, MI, Apr. 7, age 82.


Joseph M. Aronson, ’82, of Potsdam, NY, Dec. 15, age 86.

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