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Pharmacia Corporation Donates Brook Lodge to MSU

Pharmacia Corporation's Brook Lodge Conference Center and adjacent land near Augusta, Michigan have been donated to Michigan State University by the company. The gift, valued at over \$7 million, constitutes 80 acres of developed property which houses the Conference Center and 577 acres of largely undeveloped land.

The entire area, including Brook Lodge, will complement MSU's Kellogg Biological Station, Lux Arbor, and Kellogg Forest properties. The property will serve as an environmental and conference resource for southwest Michigan.

Brook Lodge, originally a retreat for the W.E. Upjohn family, has been used since 1956 as a high-quality, private conference center. It includes 47 guest rooms in several separate cottages, dining space for 125, and meeting rooms. The undeveloped portion of the land includes rolling hills, forests, meadows, wetlands, and lakes, and, taken with the Kellogg Forest and MSU's other properties, will create one of the largest contiguous natural habitats in the Lower Peninsula.



Painting of the Upjohn's first home on the Brook Lodge property, by university artist Bob Brent.

"Our goal in donating Brook Lodge was to extend the use of our facility to meet the needs of the entire region, while assuring that its historical aspects would be preserved," said Donald R. Parfet, senior vice president at Pharmacia. "Michigan State's experience and expertise, as well as its sensitivity to the uniqueness of the property, convinced us that it was the right recipient."

MSU will continue to recognize the historical connection of the property to W.E. Upjohn and the Upjohn Company by main-

taining its appearance through careful preservation and operating Brook Lodge as a regional public retreat and educational conference center.

"The gift of Brook Lodge to MSU provides us with an excellent educational resource and also enhances the university's ability to fulfill our research and outreach missions," said MSU President Peter McPherson. "MSU will make these facilities available to other public universities and colleges, research and public service organizations,

Byers Design Innovative Gift for Education

The College of Education has received a first-of-its-kind gift from Professor Emeritus Joe Byers and Lucy Bates-Byers. The Byers have established the Joe L. Byers and Lucy Bates-Byers Endowment for Technology and Curriculum to provide faculty the opportunity to do innovative research and scholarship on the integration of technology with curriculum. The first award from the

\$400,000 gift will be made for the 2000-2001 academic year.

Dr. Byers, a retired faculty member from the Department of Counseling, Educational Psychology and Special Education, is an educational psychologist specializing in educational technology.

President Peter McPherson with the Byers.



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Hobie Larson Honors 1950 Vet Med Class

Dr. C. Hobart Larson and his wife, Mrs. Carol T. Larson, have contributed \$50,000 in stock to MSU as a permanent tribute to Dr. Larson's 1950 Veterinary Medicine classmates, both living and deceased, on the 50th anniversary of their graduation. The C. H. (Hobie) and Carol T. Larson Endowment Fund for Farm Animal Medicine will advance the health of farm animals, the veterinary medical profession, and Michigan State University. As an endowment fund, it will fulfill its objectives in perpetuity.

A self-described "South Dakota boy," Hobie Larson served his country as a fighter pilot during World War II. He flew both P-40s and P-47s as part of the Desert Air Force of the British 8th Army in North Africa, Sicily, Italy and Corsica. Dr. Larson joined the MSC veterinary school in 1946 with other returning war veterans who exchanged military uniforms for lab coats and pistols for



Hobie Larson

scalpels. Forged out of shared experiences of combat and the academic trenches, he and his classmates developed lasting friendships.

Dr. Larson describes his classmates as being "likeable" and "very close."

Following graduation, Dr. Larson worked as a large animal veterinarian for 20 years in DeKalb County, Illinois. He built a hospital and thriving practice with a commitment that it "reflect well on the veterinary profession" that he so loved. Later in life, Dr. Larson attended the University of Illinois Medical College to study medical pathology and became board certified as a diplomate of lab animal medicine. Following a distinguished career, he retired from the profession in 1983.

"In retrospect, I have regrets that we did not visit the MSU campus very often. Due to business and family commitments, it was difficult to find the time," Dr. Larson explained. That regret, however, has never diminished his fondness for MSU. "I love MSU and the College of Veterinary Medicine. I will always be grateful for the opportunity to graduate with a DVM from MSU."

Koenig Honors Parents with Professorship



Ruth and Herman Koenig hold a crystal piece representing the gift made in their honor.

Roger L. Koenig and his wife, Nancy Pierce, have donated approximately \$1.5 million to the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering to create a new endowed chair. The chair is named the Dr. Herman E. and Ruth J. Koenig Electrical and Computer Engineering Endowed Chair in honor of Roger's parents.

Koenig's father, of Okemos, Michigan, is an MSU professor emeritus and former electrical and computer engineering department chairperson. Dr. Koenig was also presented with an MSU Distinguished Faculty Award in 1968 and held the position of Assistant Vice President for Research and Graduate Studies

before his retirement in 1990. By naming the endowed chair after his parents, Roger Koenig is recognizing his father's scholarly and academic leadership contributions and both of his parents' long-term devotion to MSU and the electrical and computer engineering department.

Roger Koenig obtained his Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical Engineering from MSU in 1976. Currently, he and Nancy Pierce are Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, respectively, of a relatively new and very successful company called Carrier Access Corporation, located in Boulder, Colorado.

Brook Lodge

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The President with Steve Aschleman and MSU Trustee Dorothy Gonzalez.

private corporations and the public, and will use the undeveloped portion of the land for research and education programs."

Steve Aschleman, Pharmacia Corporation's vice president for corporate services, was one of two Pharmacia executives who attended the MSU Board of Trustees meeting at which the gift was accepted. "We are delighted that the MSU Board of Trustees has accepted the donation of Brook Lodge," Aschleman said. "We are confident that, even as the use of the property is extended to a much broader audience, its heritage and beauty will be preserved."

Byers

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Bates-Byers was formerly an elementary coordinator and is currently a field instructor in the Department of Teacher Education, working with fifth-year interns during their internship placements.

"Technology is becoming more commonplace in everyday life," said Dr. Byers. "It is increasingly important that this trend is reflected in our educational process, in order for faculty to adequately prepare students for the future."

"There are extraordinary things that can be accomplished in curriculum development through the use of technology," said Bates-Byers. "We want to provide the faculty with an opportunity to become more innovative in integrating technology into curriculum development, opening a world of possibilities for instruction."

The College of Education hosted a reception to formally announce the gift. Because future awards will be funded from the interest earned on the endowment, the Byers' gift will continue to fund the awards in perpetuity.

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TOCE/L.U.P.E. Supports Chicano/Latino Students

“Hard work and financial support from my family just weren’t enough to support my education.” These are the words of Mairym I. Ramos, an MSU alumna who thanks MSU’s TOCE/L.U.P.E. Scholarship for helping her reach her goal of getting a college degree. “This scholarship made the difference for me,” she said at a gathering on

May 5, 2000. “Now I work in Washington, D.C. in government. I’m now able to give back all that I was given, and I’m very proud to be an MSU alumna.”

Her words resonated with those in attendance at the event held at the Kellogg Center on the morning of the Cinco de Mayo holiday. The scholarship Ramos received while at

MSU began in 1992 as L.U.P.E. (Latinos Unidos Para Estudiantes) and has been formally renamed the TOCE (Todos Organizados Para Cuidar Estudiantes)/L.U.P.E. Scholarship.

The scholarship is designed to support Chicano/Latino students who have clearly demonstrated academic potential and show a strong commitment to their community. It will

help the university draw and retain more Chicano/Latino students who, in turn, will strengthen Chicano/Latino communities locally and across the country.

“The scholarships we can now award will attract students with strong commitments to both leadership and service in their communities,” said Luis Garcia, Coordinator for Chicano/Latino Student Affairs in MSU’s Office of Minority Student Affairs. “Clearly, the Chicano/Latino youth who become TOCE/L.U.P.E. scholars are the community leaders of the future.”

Since 1994, the TOCE/L.U.P.E. Scholarship has awarded 13 undergraduate and two graduate scholarships annually. That funding, however, is due to end in five years.

As a result, a goal to raise \$250,000 for the TOCE/L.U.P.E. Scholarship endowment has been set. The event held on May 5th launched the fund raising effort into high gear.

“Upon reaching our goal of \$250,000, we will have the ability to grant scholarships each year from the interest alone,” Garcia said. “The principal will remain untouched and ensure that the TOCE/L.U.P.E. scholarship will last in perpetuity.”

For more information on the scholarship or to offer your support, contact Luis Garcia at (517) 353-7745, or Annie James at University Development at (517) 353-3121, ext. 272.



Rodney Patterson, Mark Nazario, Scott McMillan and Luis Garcia pose with scholarship recipients Leticia Arellano and Mairym Ramos at the Kellogg Center.

REGIONAL SPARTAN HAPPENINGS

Florida Swing 2K

In the midst of the Big Ten Basketball Tournament Championship, MSU President Peter McPherson and Provost Lou Anna K. Simon completed a three day visit in Florida. Working in conjunction with the MSU Alumni Association, the provost was the keynote speaker at the MSUAA Reception in Jacksonville on Sunday, March 12th.

The following day, President McPherson attended a luncheon in Naples and the Fourth Annual Naples Alumni Reception and Dinner that evening, featuring both the president and the provost as guest speakers. Over 120 alumni and friends of MSU attended.

The president then visited West Palm Beach while the provost traveled to Ft. Lauderdale for activities with several donors. The president continued on to Melbourne for the MSUAA reception where he was featured as the keynote speaker.

Sam Jensen, the MSU Major Gifts Officer working with donors in the Florida region, is already planning the trip for next year. He can be reached at (517) 355-8257 with questions or suggestions, as can his regional colleague, MSU Planned Giving Officer Tamara Baumann.



MSU Alumni Enjoy Houston Symphony

On April 9, 2000, 25 Spartans and their guests enjoyed an afternoon of fine food and superb music. The historic Lancaster Hotel in Houston was the site for brunch, with President McPherson updating alumni on academic initiatives, the Study Abroad program, campus beautification and, of course, the NCAA Championship.

Those in attendance cheered when the Houston Symphony greeted them with a warm welcome. “We especially want to welcome the Michigan State University alumni group attending today’s performance,” the announcer said from the stage prior to the performance. “In addition to enjoying great music, I understand they have a great basketball team!” His comments added yet another special touch to an enjoyable afternoon.

MSU Major Gifts Officer Susan Lilly and MSU Planned Giving Officer Sue Woodard, who organize such events in this region, heard many remarks that more outings of this kind are welcome. Call Susan or Sue with your suggestions at (517) 355-8257.



Spartans enjoy conversation at a brunch held prior to the Houston Symphony performance.

Attendees at the MSU Alumni Club, Jacksonville, gathering pose with Provost Simon. Photo supplied by the MSU Alumni Association.

McPherson Professorship To Open Doors Of Science To All Students

Michigan State University recently announced the creation of the M. Peter and Joanne M. McPherson Endowed Professor for the Understanding of Science. The position is designed to explore the impact of scientific research and discovery across all aspects of society.

Support for the McPherson Professor comes from a donor who wishes to remain anonymous. The donor is contributing \$2 million, plus support for a course the first year. Both will honor President and Mrs. Peter McPherson by enhancing the undergraduate experience that is so important to them.

The donor asked Peter McPherson to choose the direction of the position, and McPherson drew upon his extensive career in

international relations and finance. He acted on a belief that knowledge of science is crucial to work in most disciplines and professions.

“The primary focus of this endowed position is to work toward integrating and understanding science and technology throughout the undergraduate curriculum so that all students have the opportunity to develop an interest in and understanding of the direction, impact and disciplinary interconnections of science and scientific discovery,” President McPherson said.

Beginning with the 2001-2002 academic year, MSU will invite distinguished scientists, science journalists, and science policy makers to serve as the McPherson Professor on a rotating basis with a semester or yearlong appointment. It is anticipated that the McPherson

son Professor will offer unique classes, organize conferences or symposia, and present public lectures.

“I applaud Michigan State University in seeking to instill an appreciation of science in its undergraduates by establishing this faculty position,” said Neal Lane, assistant to President Clinton for Science and Technology. “It is critical that all citizens develop a basic understanding of science. I hope other universities will follow President McPherson’s leadership in exploring how all students might achieve this crucial part of their education.”

Glassen and Safari Club Support MSU Museum’s ‘Animal Weapons’ Exhibit

Thanks to a generous \$25,000 gift from the Hal and Jean Glassen Memorial Foundation, talons, tusks, teeth, horns, and antlers can be found in the MSU Museum’s new exhibit, “Animal Weapons: Nature’s Arms Race.” The exhibit features several dramatic examples including the giant horns of an argali ram, a full mount of a grizzly bear, a reproduction of the largest known dinosaur claw, the skull of a saber-tooth cat, and narwhal tusks.

Visitors can also check out a simulated African field research site to see how scientists study predators in the wild. For those who prefer a hands-on approach, a Resource Room allows guests to handle specimens, browse through books about animal weapons, and participate in a number of activities.

The Resource Room was supported by a \$5,000 donation from the Michigan Chapters of Safari Club International. These

funds were used to purchase casts of specimens

and to prepare real specimens for handling by visitors.

“The MSU Museum is very grateful to the Hal and Jean Glassen Memorial Foundation and Safari Club International’s Michigan Involvement Committee for these generous gifts,” noted Museum Director Dr. C. Kurt Dewhurst. “They made this exhibit possible and gave the MSU Museum the opportunity to showcase a unique and compelling collection.”

The “Animal Weapons” installation allows the MSU Museum to exhibit elaborate and intriguing natural specimens from its Vertebrate Natural History Collection, particularly some that are rarely seen by the public. The Glassen gift also supports outreach programs in schools, public presentations and lectures, a hands-on cart in the gallery, and an evaluation of the exhibit, which runs through Oct. 29 at the MSU Museum.

The MSU Museum, on West Circle Drive next to Beaumont Tower, is open 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. on weekdays, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. on Saturdays, and 1 - 5 p.m. on Sundays. Call (517) 355-2370 or visit www.museum.msu.edu for more details.



Seevers Helps Honors College Students In The CANR

Dr. Gary L. Seevers credits MSU with having had a profound effect on his education and professional accomplishments. His deep roots within the MSU community are reflected in his philanthropic giving. Already a generous contributor to the MSU 4-H Foundation and other programs affiliated with the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources (CANR), he recently funded a \$600,000 endowment which established the Dr. Gary L. Seevers Scholarship program.

The scholarships will benefit Honors College students within the CANR. Two scholarships will be awarded each year to incoming freshmen and will be renewable for four years. In addition, two one-year scholarships will be awarded each year to continuing students.

“Scholarships for Honors College students who major in a discipline from the CANR have tremendous potential to attract additional high achieving students to MSU and to the agriculture and natural resources fields,” said Ronald C. Fisher, director of the Honors College.

“Many students who excel in the sciences are unaware of the breadth of opportunities within the college until they have been at MSU for a year or two,” added William Taylor, acting dean of the CANR. “This endowment will help us showcase challenging and rewarding careers.”

Seevers became a Charter Member of the Honors College when it was established in 1956, was the first CANR student to participate in its programming, and earned three degrees from MSU in Animal Science and Agricultural Economics. An accomplished economist and financial market specialist, Dr. Seevers has had a distinguished career in Washington and on Wall Street. Now retired, he serves as Limited Partner for Goldman Sachs.

Frey & Thines Make Bequest

Barbara J. Frey has always been a Spartan. “I can remember my father playing records of the fight song from the time I was 5 or 6,” she explained. When she and her husband Nicholas Thines recently began to think about their estate plans, the two described it as “automatic” that they would make a provision for Michigan State University.

The Farmington Hills, Michigan, couple have provided a \$200,000 bequest to be divided equally for the establishment of four endowed scholarships. The bequest will create the Richard D. Frey Spartan Cross-Country Scholarship in honor of Barbara’s father, a Zoology Internship Scholarship in the College of Natural Science, a Small Animal Care Scholarship in the College of Veterinary Medicine, and a Primary Care Scholarship in the College of Human Medicine.

“I had always hoped to do something to honor my father’s accomplishments as a Spartan athlete,” Barbara said in reference to the Cross-Country scholarship. “In addition to serving as captain of the 1939 NCAA Championship team, he was also All-American in both cross-country and track.”

The College of Natural Science scholarship is the result of Barbara’s graduation from the college with a BS in 1965 and a Master’s in 1967. The Veterinary Medicine scholarship stems from Nick and Barbara’s love for animals and their desire to support students who intend to focus on the care of small animals. Their Primary Care scholarship to

support medical students who intend to serve as primary care physicians is the “direct result of having an outstanding personal physician,” concluded Barbara.

“Although I had been thinking about doing something for MSU through an estate gift for a number of years, it was my retirement that served as a catalyst to begin our estate planning process and prepare our will,” Barbara explained. “The atmosphere, spirit, and heart of the MSU community made it very easy for me to join in my wife’s enthusiasm,” added Nick.

“The Office of Planned Giving in University Development made it very easy for us to form our intent into actual endowment agreements,” Nick said. “They were very helpful, but applied no pressure. We had free reign and total flexibility.”

“Once we expressed our interest,”

Barbara continued, “the planned giving professionals worked closely with us to formalize our plans—even scheduling campus visits for us to see exactly where and how our funds would benefit the respective colleges and programs.”

“We couldn’t be happier about making the preparations for our

future gifts to MSU,” they explained. “Not only is there the warm feeling from giving to what we know to be a very worthy cause, but our bequest provides us the opportunity to benefit the areas we’ve felt strongly about throughout our lives, even after we’re gone.”

“For me, now there’s a future where there wasn’t a past,” concluded Nick. “It’s also an opportunity,” Barbara added, “to perpetuate my family’s long-term affiliation with Michigan State University.”

Through your will or personal trust, bequests can be of a specific dollar amount, a percentage of your estate, or the balance of your estate after providing for loved ones. Charitable bequests enable you to retain

your assets during your lifetime, while helping MSU in the future. Properly executed charitable bequests are an integral part of a comprehensive, tax-wise estate plan.

For more information, contact the MSU Office of Planned Giving at (517) 353-9268.



Barbara J. Frey and Nicholas Thines

Addy Continues Circle of Commitment

It was MSU’s good fortune that in 1948, Fred Addy didn’t know the difference between two big universities that call Michigan home. Born in Boston’s inner city, Addy, like many of his generation, was the first person in his family to be able to attend college. Addy’s father helped finance his education on one condition—he had to attend school outside of New England.

“I wrote, at random, to state universi-



Fred Addy in the library of his Austin, Texas home.

ties around the country. I didn’t realize that many states had both a ‘university of’ and a ‘state’ university,” Addy said.

Fortunately, the letter he had written simply addressed “Michigan” was delivered to East Lansing. When he received the catalog from MSU and saw the beauty of the campus, Addy was hooked. “Living in the inner city and then seeing pictures of the campus—I thought I was about to die and go to heaven,” Addy said.

Addy received his bachelors degree in 1953 and married his college sweetheart, Marilyn Marshall, shortly after graduation. After serving in the Air Force during the Korean War, he returned to MSU to work toward his Master’s in Business Administration.

After graduating first in his MBA class, Addy began working for what was then called Standard Oil of Indiana, which subsequently became Amoco Corporation. He steadily moved up the ranks, ultimately becoming executive vice president and chief financial officer.

Addy feels he owes a lot to MSU and has been a leader in returning the “balance due.” Already a long-time contributor, in 1997 he established the Frederick S. Addy

Distinguished Chair in Finance. Then in January of this year he established a second chair, the Frederick S. Addy Distinguished Chair in Economics.

“My intention with the endowed chairs is to help MSU attract and retain the highest quality educators possible,” Addy said. “I chose finance because it is my degree. And I had a lot of economics courses that helped me to understand how our economy operates. I thought that funding chairs in these two areas would support MSU having a top business school.”

“Endowed chairs give us the ability to recruit academic stars from around the world to come and teach and conduct research at MSU,” said Dean James B. Henry. “And we can do this without having to pull financial resources away from other areas. Fred Addy’s contributions make us a better school in an immediate and tangible way.”

“Each person needs to make up his or her own mind about what to support,” Addy concluded, “but first and foremost, we all owe someone or something for what we are today.”

“Uncle Al” Provides Lead Gift For Breslin Center

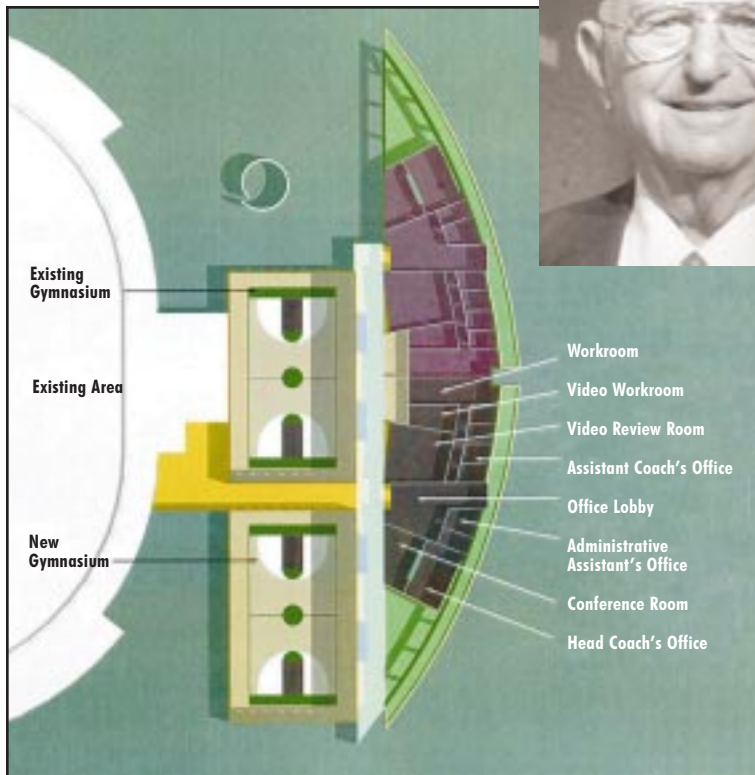
Alfred Berkowitz was not really David Levine’s “Uncle Al.” Al Berkowitz was in fact a man who shared office space with Levine and counted him among a small group of close friends.

As a mentor and advisor, Berkowitz helped Levine and in turn asked him to become trustee of Berkowitz’s foundation. As trustee, Levine knew that Berkowitz, a businessman and philanthropist, would be pleased to have his private foundation provide the lead gift of \$2 million to expand the men’s and women’s basketball facilities at the Breslin Center.

Levine, an MSU graduate, and President Peter McPherson formally announced at a press conference held on April 14, 2000 MSU’s plans to add an auxiliary gymnasium and office space to benefit both the men’s and women’s basketball programs. Head Men’s Basketball Coach Tom Izzo, new Head Women’s Basketball Coach Joanne McCallie, Director of Intercollegiate Athletics Clarence Underwood, and MSU Trustee Robert E. Weiss also spoke. The MSU Board of Trustees accepted a proposal to name the new facility the Alfred Berkowitz Basketball Complex.

“Though this gift from the Berkowitz Foundation was arranged before the MSU Men’s Basketball team won the national championship, there was already a strong feeling that Michigan State has a premier basketball program,” Levine said. “Men’s Basketball has reached the pinnacle and needs the expansion to stay there, and Women’s Basketball is on the verge of joining the men’s program as a perennial top team. The naming of the complex is a true honor and enables Alfred Berkowitz to be recognized in perpetuity.”

Alfred Berkowitz



The new 9,000 square foot auxiliary gym, directly south of the existing auxiliary gym on the mezzanine level, will relieve scheduling conflicts and allow focused practice time for both the men’s and women’s basketball teams. New staff offices will provide an opportunity for improved interaction between coaches, players, staff, and recruits, and will include video review and conference rooms.

“When you’ve worked so hard to develop a program, be it athletic or academic, and your efforts result in your placement among the elite programs, it is important to take steps to maintain that status,” MSU President Peter McPherson said. “The bar has been raised significantly, and the generosity of our donors will help Michigan State University remain the benchmark for other universities.”

Construction on the project will begin as soon as the total fund raising goal of \$5.9 million is met.

MSU NEWS

MSU SENIOR RECEIVES CHURCHILL SCHOLARSHIP

Chemical Engineering senior Jason Fuller received the Churchill Scholarship for a year of study at Cambridge University in England.

PROJECT RECEIVES COMPUTERWORLD SMITHSONIAN AWARD

“Access to Musical Expression for Persons with Physical Disabilities,” a joint project between the School of Music and the Artificial Language Laboratory, formally became part of the Smithsonian’s National Museum of American History on April 3, 2000.

DEBATE TEAM REACHES FINAL ROUND OF NDT

The two-person debate team of Steve Donald and Aaron Monick finished second in the National Debate Tournament held in Kansas City, MO, in March.

\$10 MILLION RESEARCH AGREEMENT AIMS AT NEW USES FOR PLANT OILS

An innovative research alliance to improve specific oils and fatty acid traits of soybeans, canola, sunflower and other crops, with MSU as the coordinating university, is joining scientists from Dow Chemical Company, Dow AgroSciences LLC, MSU, Miami University, Washington State University and the U.S. Department of Energy’s Brookhaven National Laboratory.

MSU-DCL NAMES NEW DEAN

Michigan State University-Detroit College of Law has named Terence L. Blackburn as its new dean. Dean Blackburn was formerly dean of the Seton Hall University School of Diplomacy and International Relations.

MSU SAFE PLACE RUN A SUCCESS

The sixth annual 5K run, walk and wheel, which supports MSU Safe Place, took place on April 16, with a goal of raising \$13,000. Co-chairs Joanne McPherson, Sheila Williams and Lupe Izzo, plus many student-athletes, were on hand to congratulate winners of the race. The run has raised more than \$51,000 since it began.

MSU PROFESSORS NAMED LILLY TEACHING FELLOWS

Laura Bierma (Labor and Industrial Relations), Louise Jezierski (James Madison), Isaac Kolumbu (Music), Kelly Millenbah (Fisheries and Wildlife), Punya Mishra (Counseling, Educational Psychology and Special Education), and Alan Munn (Linguistics and Languages) have been named Lilly Teaching Fellows for the 2000-01 academic year, which recognize the teaching and research skills of junior faculty members.

Donors Provide Significant Support To Breslin Expansion

The addition of the Alfred Berkowitz Basketball Complex to the Breslin Center would not be possible without the leadership shown by dedicated major donors to the project. Displaying their enthusiasm for the expansion with significant leadership gifts are:

*Randall Pittman
of Ann Arbor*

*Peter and Joan Secchia
of Grand Rapids*

*Joe and Shirley Pentecost
of Okemos*

*Michael Stein
of Bloomfield Hills*

If you are interested in helping MSU meet its goal for this project, please contact the Ralph Young Fund at (517) 355-8257.

Symphony Premiere Pays Homage To MSU Gardens

Two years of planning, thoughtful effort, and enthusiastic anticipation by alumni Dottie and Jack Withrow and the MSU community came to fruition on February 5, 2000. On that wintry evening, a full house at MSU's Wharton Center for Performing Arts heard the world premiere of "Symphony No. 4—The Gardens" by Pulitzer prize-winning composer, Ellen Taaffe Zwilich. Commissioned by MSU through a generous

gift from the Withrows, the symphony brilliantly celebrates the beauty and legacy of the MSU campus and gardens. A performance by the MSU Symphony Orchestra, MSU Choral Ensembles, and MSU Children's Choir under the direction of Leon Gregorian brought listeners to their feet for a standing ovation.

A pre-concert reception honoring Ellen Taaffe Zwilich and the Withrows took place in the Grand Tier Lounge of the MSU Wharton Center for Per-

forming Arts. President Peter McPherson, Provost Lou Anna K. Simon, Dean of Arts and Letters Wendy Wilkins, MSU Trustees, and over 150 guests

enjoyed meeting with the composer. During a short program hosted by Dean Wilkins, Zwilich presented a signed painting by university artist Bob Brent to the Withrows with warmest appreciation for the commission. Guests then moved to the Great Hall to learn about the making of the symphony from the composer's viewpoint: from being commissioned for the composition, through meeting and getting to know her patrons, to visiting MSU to acquaint herself with the campus gardens, through the rehearsals by MSU students in the orchestra and choral groups.

The performance then followed and was the highlight of the evening. Those present found it difficult to leave the Great Hall at its conclusion and will not soon forget this special evening in MSU's history.



Right: The MSU Symphony Orchestra performs "The Gardens" by Ellen Taaffe Zwilich. Above: Prior to the performance, Zwilich presented an original painting to Dottie and Jack Withrow.



The New Biomedical and Physical Sciences Facility

Gerstacker Donates \$1 Million

The Rollin M. Gerstacker Foundation of Midland, Michigan has made a gift of \$1 million to fund the Gerstacker Foundation Research Cluster in Chronic Disease, to be located in the Biomedical and Physical Sciences Facility under construction at MSU. The Gerstacker Cluster will house scientists studying the mechanisms common to chronic diseases such as cancer, diabetes, and heart disease.

"The Biomedical and Physical Sciences building will be a world class resource for MSU as we enter this new century," said MSU President Peter McPherson. "The Gerstacker Foundation gift makes a critical difference to the success of the campaign to construct this important facility."

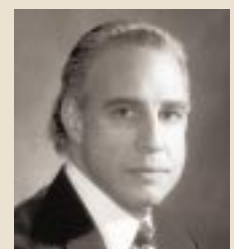
"The Gerstacker Foundation sees the need to provide cutting edge laboratories for research in the biomedical sciences," Gerstacker Vice President E. Ned Brandt stated. "We hope our commitment will enhance MSU's research capabilities in this essential area."



The new facility, to be completed in 2002, is \$2.3 million away from its total fund raising goal of \$13 million.

Minskoff Pledges \$400,000

Edward J. and Julie Minskoff of New York have pledged \$400,000 toward the new Biomedical and Physical Sciences Facility now under construction on campus. The gift will name a major research laboratory on one of the floors of the facility focused on chronic disease research.



Edward J. Minskoff

Minskoff is the President of Edward J. Minskoff Equities, Inc., a Manhattan and U.S. commercial real estate development company. He earned his Bachelors degree from Michigan State University in 1962, majoring in Economics.

Minskoff has had a tremendously successful career in real estate and is admired by those who know his work and reputation, having developed 27 million square feet of prominent commercial office buildings in major cities throughout the U.S. In addition to his business of choice, Minskoff has also been generous with his time and financial resources with other institutions such as the New York University Medical Center. His pledge to MSU's new Biomedical and Physical Sciences Facility is indicative of his feelings that medical research is an area in which his contributions can have a profound impact.

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Spartan Basketball Celebrations



A February 5th event hosted by President and Mrs. McPherson at the Breslin Center before the UConn win started the celebration. The Big Ten Tournament in Chicago took the celebration on the road in early March. Mid-March saw hundreds of loyal Spartan supporters at an event in Troy during the Midwest Regionals. A March 31st Final Four event at the Indiana Historical Society was a night to remember with dinner, music, and a special visit from Coach Izzo. Following the championship game, 2,000 Spartans celebrated MSU's second national basketball title with a party featuring congratulations from Frances Cleaves and Magic Johnson, season highlights and post-game interviews, and a flood of cheers as Coach Izzo led the National Championship Spartans to the stage. Players and Coach gave heartfelt thanks to the loyal Spartan fans they called "the sixth man" on this championship team.

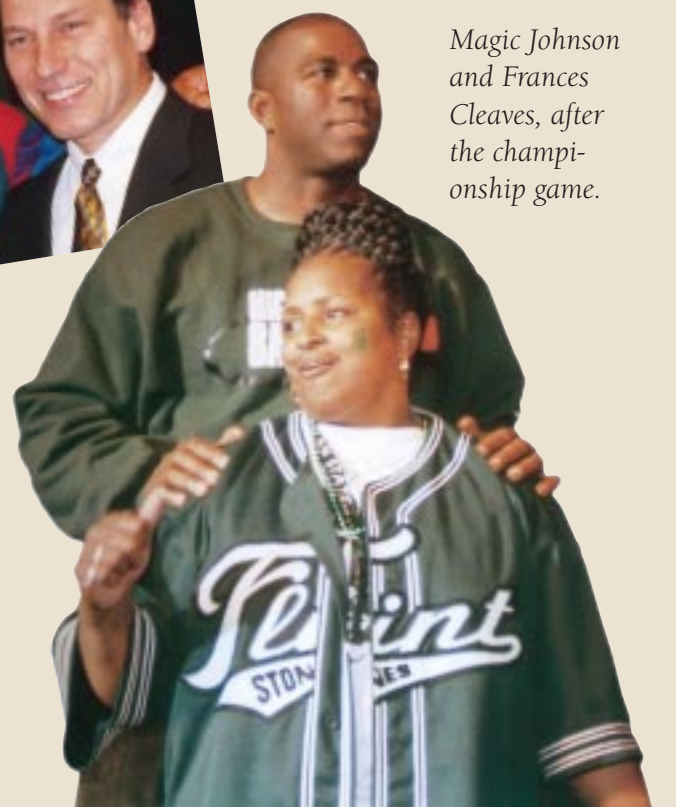
Post championship celebration in Indianapolis.



Muhammad Ali and Coach Tom Izzo at the February 5th event at Breslin Center.



Magic Johnson and Frances Cleaves, after the championship game.



Spartans gather in Indianapolis prior to the Final Four games.



Donors pose with Sparty at the Midwest Regionals gathering.

