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University grows with Education Building, CMU 2010 plan

More than 100 years ago, the first building to house the Central Michigan Normal School and Business Institute was constructed at a cost of $10,000. The excitement and anticipation surrounding the then-modern facility to educate teachers and businesspeople might have rivaled which permeates the CMU campus today. Construction of the university's new $50 million Education Building – made possible by CMU's generous donors and $37.5 million in state funding – is scheduled to begin in spring 2007.

The new structure will be the latest of eight technologically advanced new facilities on campus – not to mention more than 40 off-campus sites that provide excellent opportunities for military and working professionals in metropolitan areas throughout North America.

CMU has made enormous strides in the 115 years since 31 students occupied that first building. CMU today enrolls nearly 28,000 students, including 20,000 attending classes at the Mount Pleasant campus and close to 8,000 enrolled in off-campus programs. The university has 160,000 alumni, 2,200 employees, and more than 200 academic programs. CMU is located in one of Michigan's 11 SmartZones, promoting commercialization of research that stimulates the growth of technology-based businesses and jobs in Michigan, guiding the state's transitioning economy.

The CMU 2010 vision plan has helped the university community focus closely on university and community-wide projects to continue its growth and development. Some of the new projects approved for 2007 address DNA sequencing, Native American culture, leadership, and enhancements to the Honors Program. I am steadfast in my commitment to the vision plan – especially to raising academic standards and increasing opportunities for motivated students – despite Michigan's economic challenges.

Many CMU 2010 priorities already are being met, thanks to the efforts of students, faculty, and staff. The goal of enhanced research and creative activity at CMU is one that is being met well in many areas.

For instance, construction of a new academic center at the CMU Biological Station on Beaver Island will augment research of the Great Lakes region. CMU also is engaging students in important research through the Center for Applied Research and Technology. Biotechnology powerhouse Artificial Cell Technologies is working with CMU to develop universally transferable red blood cells, which will make the search for donors and patients with matching blood types unnecessary. Dendritic Nanotechnologies has brought an influx of dendrimer-based research opportunities to mid-Michigan, having recently announced some very exciting, revolutionary advancements in polymer chemistry.

To catalyze this technological momentum, CMU is developing specialized, advanced degree programs such as a Ph.D. in neuroscience, an area in which CMU is a national leader. Groundbreaking curricula like this will attract students from around the globe and allow CMU to place graduates all over the world.

Internationalization is another critical priority of CMU 2010. My colleagues recently have met with representatives of partner universities in Scotland, the Netherlands, Egypt, China, the Philippines, Russia, Australia, and India. These relationships create critically important opportunities for our students and those from around the world to experience CMU's international relevance. Global collaborations also provide increased study abroad opportunities for CMU students to understand and appreciate diverse populations.

Every student exchange brings CMU closer to its goal of providing students with international perspectives. As active participants in a global society, we are reminded of the benefits of such perspectives on an almost daily basis. These opportunities are critical for our students, as well as for our professors and staff.

CMU will continue to do its part to improve the university's national and international standing through CMU 2010, the continued financial contributions of CMU's supporters, and improvements like the new Education Building. I invite students and alumni to contribute their intellect and talents to improving the community – not only the Mount Pleasant community, but the global community as well. Professional success and personal contributions by our students and alumni will enhance CMU's name recognition. Consider this: As the university's positive national reputation increases, so does the recognition of a degree earned at CMU.

Sincerely,

Michael Rao
CMU President
Alumni serve up laughs

Dentistry using garden tools and barbecue tongs? That was the scene for one of the vignettes in The Good Doctor this summer when 19 Summer Theatre alumni returned to campus to deliver a special fundraising performance of the Neil Simon play.

Here, Dean LeMont (right) and Larry Joe Campbell rehearse on the afternoon before the production, with LeMont as an unwilling patient and Campbell as the “doctor-to-be” dental student. LeMont is a Los Angeles-based actor who has appeared in numerous national commercials and television shows such as FX’s The Shield. Campbell stars as Jim Belushi’s sidekick on ABC’s According to Jim. “The best part of being here is seeing old friends and enjoying their work,” Campbell says. “A lot of these people I admired.”

The play meant coming full circle for LeMont. The Good Doctor was the first play he saw at CMU as a student.

For a look at the entire alumni cast, see the group photo on Page 37.

Hold the phone

Students have found a secret weapon in the ongoing 21st century battle of teachers versus cell phones: high-pitched cell phone ring tones that adults can’t hear.

Ring tones are available for cell phones that are so high-pitched that adults, who develop what’s known as “aging ear,” can’t hear the slightest beep.

CMU audiologist Michael Stewart explains that hearing for infants ranges up to 20,000 Hertz, but people begin to lose their ultra-high frequency hearing starting in their late teens, retaining the range that’s appropriate for hearing normal speech, from 125 Hz to 8,000 Hz.

“There’s no purpose for that (ultra-high frequency) hearing to begin with,” he says.

While Stewart just recently learned of the development, he’s already plotting a not-so-youthful way to combat the cellular trickery in his classroom: wearing a hearing aid tuned to higher frequencies.

Case of the hidden medallion

For a few nights this fall, a few hundred otherwise mellow students will turn campus upside down in search of a 3 1/2-inch metal disk.

Their quest: the Homecoming Medallion.

Beginning at 10 p.m. on the Sunday before Homecoming every year since 2003, student life office staffers begin to issue clues via the Web. They post one clue each night until the medallion is found.

Student sleuths work in teams to locate the medallion — one on a computer to get the clue and others fanning out across campus, armed with maps, flashlights, walkie-talkies, and cell phones.

Some search all night.

One night last fall, Lonnie Scott set up camp on the library steps at 4:30 a.m., waiting for the building to open. He and his friends thought the clues were leading to a book in the Clarke Historical Library. They were wrong.

A complicated series of mental obstacles included deciphering a numeric code, solving riddles, and using pictographs to uncover letters that filled in blanks on the final clue: “I am under a seat in peace.(463,1402),(537,1749)” The medallion’s location: the Peace Grove.

The victors receive $200 in pizza from Papa John’s Pizza, 50 points for their organization toward the prestigious Maroon Cup spirit trophy, and bragging rights.

This fall, follow along with the clues beginning Oct. 8 at www.stulife.cmich.edu. And in the meantime, be the first to decode the top-secret missive within this story.
From one empty nest to another

What you need to know about sending your son or daughter off to college this fall

How your life changes

“The hardest part of sending Alison off to college was knowing that she would not be there each morning to wake up for school or to stop to chat with before bed each night. We knew a special chapter in our lives was drawing to a close. What we didn’t realize was that the new chapter would bring with it a wonderful young woman with great ideas, a sense of humor, compassion, and an adult relationship with us. We still have a very important part in her life – it’s just different. We value our times together, whether by phone, e-mail, or visits together.”

– Chris Gottleber, ’73, mother of Alison Gottleber, a CMU senior

“Once you drop them off you’ll walk by their bedroom, and it’s going to be empty – you’re going to have days when you miss them. I just found it was a period of time where both of our kids really started to appreciate the whole family thing a lot more and us as parents. Look at it as a growing period for your children, and know they’re going to come back as different people – but in a positive way.”

– Sue Hank, ’76, mother of Sarah Hank, ’02

“On a personal level, her going away to college represents an ending of an era, so to speak. As a dad, I want her to be safe, and I want to be able to be there for her on a moment’s notice. But now she will be using much more of her own ingenuity and common sense to help her cope with day-to-day demands. Until now, I ask myself, ‘What’s Anna doing?’ and I have a pretty good idea. Once she is away at school I’ll ask myself the same question and often answer with, ‘I have no clue.’ Parents learn to give up more and more control throughout their child’s high school years. That relinquishing of control is even more precipitous once college comes along.”

– Paul Coleman, Psy.D. ’83, clinical psychologist and father of Anna Coleman, who heads to CMU this fall

Move-in day

“I was doing some light grieving during the move-in but tried not to let it be about me but about my excitement for this new chapter in her life. Because college was such a great experience for me, and Kelli was so much more prepared than I was, I knew she was going to have a blast and be so ready for her chosen career when she graduated. How could I let my emotions interfere with that? I did not really let myself feel the sadness of her leaving until she drove away Labor Day weekend.”

– Sandy Kreps, ’80, guidance counselor and mother of Kelli Kreps, a CMU senior

“Before move-in we went shopping with one of her roommates and the roommate’s mom and grandma. We met at Bed, Bath & Beyond and made a real night of it – it was really exciting. They were so excited about how they were going to fix up their room. They bought matching bedspreads. Later when we dropped her off, we had fun helping them get their room in shape, and we went out to lunch with that family. We drove away, and they all stood there waving. I think the day was easier because we all celebrated as a group. Driving home, I just had a really good feeling.”

– Sue Hank

We asked alumni parents who have been there to share their advice with parents who are sending their college freshmen off to campus for the first time. From dealing with move-in day to upset phone calls, here’s what they had to say.
Phone calls home

“Believe in your son or daughter’s ability to survive without you. When they call and want you to bail them out with advice, money, picking them up, or whatever tactic they might use to pull you into solving a problem for them, patiently encourage them to tell you what they can do to solve the problem themselves. If they get upset with you because you won’t take the bait and become responsible for their problem, you may have to patiently say you are going to hang up now and will talk to them later. And no matter how homesick they get, or how bad they tell you their roommates or teachers are, or how bad the food is (all tactics to pull on your heartstrings), tell them you would like them to stay until the end of the semester and you can re-evaluate then. Tell them you believe in them and that these things will help them learn how to cope with life. Of course they may say a few choice words to you at this point, but hold firm.”

– Sandy Kreps

“If your child calls you and is very upset about something or down in the dumps, it’s easy to let it ruin your whole day. But you might talk again an hour later, and he or she is fine. You have to take those phone calls with a grain of salt.”

– Sue Hank

“Students may have a lot of anxiety at first — they might not like their roommates, their professors, their schedules, living arrangements. Cliché advice should be avoided. Don’t say things like, ‘Oh, you’ll get over it, you’ll be fine, it’s no big deal….’ Those messages might sound encouraging or optimistic but can actually convey the message ‘Your perceptions and reactions are wrong, you can’t trust yourself to make sound judgments.’ Better to hear them out, take them seriously, let the student come up with ideas for dealing with the problems. Often the student just wants to vent.”

– Paul Coleman

Last-minute advice – dos and don’ts

“In my mind, I keep hearing myself say to Anna as I’m driving away, ‘JUST SAY NO!’ but of course that is my anxiety talking. Last minute advice on sex, drugs, or alcohol isn’t likely to make a difference at this point in time. She knows how we feel. I’d like to remind her that we have faith in her. Don’t give advice or comments that carry the underlying message: ‘I have no faith in your judgment.’ College kids realize at some level they are still quite young and inexperienced. But they want to view themselves as older and more mature. Give them room to make their own decisions, since they will make them anyway.”

– Paul Coleman

“Encourage your child to get involved in something outside of going to class and hanging out with roommates. It broadens their horizons so much.”

– Sue Hank

“I was concerned she might not take the time to relax, meet new people, and become involved in CMU. I suggested to her to get to know her instructors, get involved with student organizations, and to take a bowling class or one she could just have fun in. As it turned out she did all of the above and much, much more, which made her have a great college experience.”

– Sally Wojciechowski, ’73 MA ’76
mother of Jessica Wojciechowski, a CMU senior

Finding the bright spot

“Try to find the humor and positive light in all of this. Don’t get too serious. Your child will likely make a lot of changes or try out new beliefs like they are trying on a new pair of jeans. Don’t be offended or frightened if their religious beliefs get questioned or if their political views start to vary from your own. A parent should have faith that by now they have left a strong imprint. Your child will use it as a basis to make many decisions. Veering away from a parent’s way of doing things is common and necessary. They may veer back later or arrive at some middle-road place. Don’t worry about it. We parents never had all the answers, and we never will.”

– Paul Coleman

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The fascinating David Hume

CMU professor says the 18th century Scottish philosopher is more relevant today than ever

By Joan Mathieu

If you could invite any great thinker in history to your next dinner party, you might want to consider David Hume. This chubby, bumbling Scottish philosopher and historian with the not-so-bright look on his face was not only one of the prominent figures of the Scottish Enlightenment but the toast of 18th century Paris for his affability, charm, and intelligence.

“And his ideas are more relevant today than ever before,” says CMU philosophy professor John Prentice Wright. A leading authority on Hume, Wright discovered what would become one of his lifelong passions while writing his Ph.D. dissertation at York University in Toronto.

“Through Hume I came to understand that philosophy is not a narrow discipline,” Wright says. “While his ethics and theory of knowledge is studied by every undergraduate philosophy major, in his own day he was better known for his writings in history, economics, politics, and psychology. With other writers of the Scottish Enlightenment such as those of his friend Adam Smith, his ideas are at the roots of what we now call the social sciences. The more you learn about this man, the more interesting he becomes.”

Wright, a specialist in early modern philosophy, spent 27 years doing research and teaching at various universities in Canada. He joined the CMU faculty in 1997. Today, after recently returning from the University of Edinburgh where he is a visiting professor, he is hard at work on two Hume-related projects: the annotation of one of Hume’s earliest works, An Essay on Chivalry and Modern Honor, and Hume’s Treatise of Human Nature: An Introduction, a book that he is writing for Cambridge University Press.

Wright is particularly fascinated by Hume’s early years and in exploring what shaped his thinking. Born into a family of some political influence, Hume finished college at 15 and, to keep his widowed mother happy, feigned to study the law when in fact he had become infatuated with philosophy and literature. While still in his early 20s, Hume suffered a nervous breakdown.

“We have a letter he wrote to a physician at age 23 discussing all of the symptoms of what we’d now call depression,” Wright says. “He analyzes it, tries to explain it, and attributes it to his attempt to live a Stoic lifestyle, with reason controlling all his passions. I think his breakdown had an enormous influence on him intellectually. He became a skeptic.”

Hume’s skeptical arguments concerned induction, causation, and religion and included the thesis that human knowledge arises only from sense experience.

“Hume wrote that ‘Reason is and ought only to be the slave of the passions.’ He believed morality was not based in reason but in sympathy for the feelings of other people,” Wright says. “When we see others in pain we have a sense of moral outrage against those who cause such pain.”

Hume, who wrote shortly after Newton’s great synthesis of early modern physics, concluded that the time had come to apply experimental method to the study of human beings.

Through his six-volume History of England and his political and economic writings, Hume influenced America’s founding fathers. He was a friend of Benjamin Franklin and supported the American Revolution before his death in 1776.

“Hume is still a very central figure today, even more now than ever before,” Wright said. “His skepticism fascinates people. Also, his moral philosophy has become extremely important to contemporary ethical theory. He was opposed to factions – something we can relate to today, as we see people adhering unthinkingly to the Republican or Democrat ideologies. He didn’t approve of the idea of parties. He thought that morals have nothing to do with religion. In fact, he argued that religious extremism causes immorality – a claim that is particularly relevant in our post 9/11 world. His moral theory focused on evaluating human character and understanding the influences which shape it.”

Wright loves exploring ideas in history as much as he loves turning students on to philosophy.

“My joy is finding a student who is much smarter than I am,” Wright says. “There’s a certain kind of person who is interested in theoretical questions and particularly attuned to the fundamental ideas, which lie at the roots of our culture. It’s fascinating to see what some students just do on their own. You point the direction, and they go far deeper than you ever thought yourself.”

Wright ranks recent philosophy graduate Bill Kiesgen, ‘06, as one of the brightest students he’s ever taught.

“I took three classes from Dr. Wright at CMU, all of which rank among the best experiences of my undergraduate education,” Kiesgen says. “He is passionate about his subject, and his expertise is unquestioned; but more than that, he is intellectually generous. He allows all voices to be heard, and he listens just as attentively and respectfully to the blind alleys as to the brilliant insights.”

The statue of Scottish philosopher David Hume shares the silhouette with the rounded hollow-crowned tower of St. Giles’ Cathedral on the Royal Mile in Edinburgh, Scotland; Wright owns a rare edition of Pierre Bayle’s Dictionnaire historique et critique, a compendium of biographies and criticisms that Hume read with much care; a page of CMU philosophy professor John Wright’s notes concerning one of two Hume-related projects he is working on.

Above: John Wright, CMU philosophy professor and internationally praised expert on Scottish philosopher David Hume.
Bill Boyd, one of CMU’s most popular presidents, led the university during one of America’s most turbulent eras. He talks about the university’s growth, student unrest, and his life post-CMU.

Bill Boyd arrived at CMU in 1968 amid tension between students and trustees as students wanted the university to stop acting in loco parentis — in place of their parents — to determine socially appropriate behavior.

The new CMU president had left the raucous environment of student dissent at the University of California-Berkeley, and he was eager to bring his family to what he called the wholesome atmosphere of Mount Pleasant.

He quickly established himself as a friend of the student — an approachable president who understood the student point of view. And soon after Boyd’s arrival the trustees voted that CMU would no longer act in loco parentis.

“I was leaving Berkeley where there was a history of student dissent,” Boyd says. “I think the students appreciated my perspective. My orientation was toward students, and my principal interest was in undergraduate education.”

The student newspaper in 1968 described Boyd as spirited, frank, and sincere.

Instead of a presidential inauguration, Boyd asked that CMU host a concert by Native American folk singer and activist Buffy Sainte-Marie.

“We did not have a typical inauguration, but it was a fun one,” he says.

Today Boyd lives in Racine, Wisconsin, as president emeritus of the Johnson Foundation. He enjoys retirement with his wife, Karen Johnson Boyd, a member of the Johnson family, founders of S.C. Johnson, the first company in a multibillion-dollar group.
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"But there was no nastiness about it," Boyd says. "They were all civil. I considered the atmosphere wholesome, and that was exactly what I wanted. Some faculty would have rolled their eyes at the use of that word, but it's still a good word."

Also during this time, the CMU faculty were forming a union and undergoing collective bargaining with the university administration for the first time.

"Learning to live with unionization was a challenge," Boyd says. "We were feeling our way toward that. Collective bargaining is fundamentally adversarial. We worked on lessening the conflict. I would have wished it away if I could."

**University growth**

One of Boyd's key influences on CMU was establishing the off-campus education program for students who could not travel to Mount Pleasant.

“There was a tremendous unmet need in the nation,” he says. “I thought off-campus education was the rising movement. I still feel that way. It’s a very important part of the role of higher education. Central became a leader in that area.”

CMU now boasts more than 60 off-campus education sites in the United States, Canada, and Mexico.

Boyd also saw a rise in academic quality at CMU during his tenure from 1968 to 1975. He attributes this to the diligence of the faculty. Boyd put a priority on enhancing the collections of Park Library and Clarke Historical Library. He also focused on student diversity, recruiting minority students to campus, and establishing sensitivity training for campus police.

And Boyd says he’s proud of the strides he made in campus beautification. One of his first big changes was removing a large parking lot near Park Library and planting grass and trees in its place.

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**Life post-CMU**

Boyd left CMU in 1975 to return to the West Coast for the presidency of the University of Oregon.

At CMU he had focused on undergraduate education. The move to Oregon meant working for a research institution with more graduate and doctoral programs.

"It was a great broadening of my experience," he says.

At Oregon, Boyd is remembered as the college president who said “yes” to filming *Animal House* on campus. Crews and cast, including a horse, spent time in his office during filming.

Boyd says this was a fun, interesting opportunity for the university that he wasn’t going to turn down. He had learned his lesson at Berkeley when he played a role in turning down a movie deal for that campus — the film turned out to be *The Graduate*. 
Boyd left higher education in 1980 when he moved to Racine to assume the presidency of the Johnson Foundation, an organization that promotes problem solving and peace relations.

"I was swept off my feet," Boyd says about getting the Johnson Foundation position. "It was just about as close to a dream job as you can get."

On his first business trip to Tokyo for the foundation, Boyd met Karen Johnson. They married two years later.

The Boyds live overlooking the Root River in a home that architect Frank Lloyd Wright designed in the 1950s for the Johnson family. Karen Johnson Boyd loves art, Bill Boyd loves to travel and read, and their home reflects those passions, packed with art, souvenirs, and books.

Boyd served as president of the Johnson Foundation for eight years. In retirement he has taken nature tours to forest reserves and bird sanctuaries, among other travels. Some of his favorite trips have been to India, New Guinea, the rainforest of northern Australia, and the Himalayan Buddhist kingdom of Bhutan.

In the Racine community, Boyd is chairman of a fundraising drive for the Racine Art Museum, where a gallery is named for Karen Johnson Boyd. He also serves on the Harbor Task Force for harbor development, founded an organization to provide grants to public school teachers, and is director emeritus of a private school in Racine, where he was vice-chairman of the board for 15 years.

Boyd says he always thought he would retire to the West Coast, but his marriage and ties to the Racine community have kept him in this vibrant town on the Lake Michigan shore.

“I’ve lived here longer than anywhere else,” he says. “Racine is a very integral part of our lives, and I really enjoy it.”

Clockwise, from top left: Native American folk singer and activist Buffy Sainte-Marie performs on campus in lieu of a traditional presidential inauguration; President Bill Boyd crowns Homecoming Queen Ann Haskel in 1974; A candlelight vigil in 1969; Boyd looks over the construction model of Moore Hall.

Notable growth during Boyd’s administration 1968 to 1975

- Buildings built or opened: Park Library, Moore Hall, Foust Hall, Perry Shorts Stadium (later renamed Kelly/Shorts Stadium), Rose/Ryan Center, and the Towers residence halls of Carey, Cobb, Troutman, and Wheeler.
- Boyd arranged with Alden B. Dow for funding and design of the North Art Studio but left CMU before it was built.
- The off-campus education program began.
- The honors program began.
- The public radio station grew from a 10-watt campus radio station to a 1,000-watt station heard throughout Isabella County.
- WCMU-TV public television station started in late 1967 and really took hold during Boyd’s administration.
- CMU became a Division I-A university and joined the Mid-American Conference.
Friday, October 13

6 a.m.  **Seventh Annual WMHW Alumni Takeover**
Alumni take over the student radio station, 91.5 FM, all weekend.

7 p.m.  **Rock Rally**
**Plachta Auditorium, Warriner Hall**
This includes a pep rally and “mock rock” lip-sync contest for this year’s Maroon Cup. Meet this year’s Homecoming ambassadors and the 2006 football team. Join alumni, friends, students, faculty, and staff for this annual event.

Saturday, October 14

8 a.m.  **Alumni 5K race**
**Intramural Athletic Complex**
Join alumni and friends for this annual race, sponsored by university recreation. To register, call (989) 774-3200 Mondays through Thursdays noon to 9 p.m. and Fridays noon to 6 p.m. Race day registration begins at 7:15 a.m., and the cost is $10 per runner (check or cash only). For more information call Jennifer Spiegel at (989) 774-3686.

9 a.m.  **Alumni continental breakfast**
**Leadership Institute, Powers Hall**
Start your day off right in the company of fellow alumni and friends at the complimentary alumni continental breakfast. Stay right here to watch the parade.

10 a.m.  **Homecoming parade**
Wave at grand marshal Craig DeRoche, ’91, Michigan Speaker of the House. The parade begins at Parking Lot 22 and travels through campus and downtown Mount Pleasant.

10 a.m.  **Cardboard boat race**
**Rose Ponds**
Sponsored by the engineering and technology department, this annual event features teams of students in cardboard boats they’ve engineered, trying to stay afloat while paddling across the ponds.

11 a.m.  **Alumni Village**
**Rose Ponds**
Join the free campus-wide celebration between the ponds for food, friends, and fun! Visit with a favorite professor, grab a bowl of chili, and soak up the atmosphere that is CMU Homecoming.
Most days Craig DeRoche, ’91, leads the Michigan House of Representatives as Speaker of the House. But one day this fall, he will lead CMU Homecoming festivities as grand marshal.

DeRoche, R-Nov, was elected to the Michigan House of Representatives in 2002 and re-elected in 2004, when his colleagues in the House also chose him to serve as Speaker of the House. He is up for election again this fall.

DeRoche is taking his grand marshal role seriously, working the phones and his e-mail network in true political fashion.

“I hope to build as much support among alumni as possible and encourage record attendance,” he says. “We hope to see a lot of friendly faces.”

Accompanying DeRoche to campus will be his wife, Stacey, and their girls, Carley, age 5, and Zoe, age 3.

Look for DeRoche in the parade, at the Alumni Village tents, and during halftime festivities at the football game.

DeRoche on Homecoming:

On being grand marshal: “This is one of the neatest things that has been offered to me. It’s a chance for me to come home.”

Most anticipated activity: “Seeing the students. While I probably look like an old man to them, I still feel very much a connection to those college years. When I’m on campus, the memories come rushing back.”

Campus connection: “My cousin, Jill DeRoche, is a pitcher on the softball team. She’s a bit of a superstar in our family.”


Game prediction: “I think we’ll make short work of Ball State. I predict CMU by six.”
Battle of the spices

By Cynthia J. Drake

Hot! Hot! Hot! Joe Finck (left) and Dave Matty will again face off this year in a famously fiery rivalry.

On Homecoming day, there’s one rivalry so undeniably powerful, so fiercely competitive, you’ll feel the heat.

We’re not talking about football – we’re talking chili.

Only one competition has simmered for years outside Kelly/Shorts Stadium: A crockpot-to-crockpot matchup between physics and geology, an epic battle for the hearts and spoons of their college alumni.

At the College of Science and Technology tent in Alumni Village, you’ll find professors Joe Finck (physics) and Dave Matty (geology) stirring and ladling their creations while giving each other the evil eye and tossing out rampant trash talk.

Finck likes to go for the jugular: “They (geology) use chemicals to enhance their burn. Physics Chili is all natural. Every pepper is chopped by hand.”

While Matty takes the hotter-than-thou yet diplomatic angle: “Most people admit that the Magma Chili is superior to Physics Chili. But let’s not rain on Joe’s parade too much. His chili has been around for a long time, and it’s certainly very tasty.”

This usually continues for a while – Newton’s Law is occasionally invoked, there is talk of Scoville ratings for pepper hotness, and a debate over the acceptable use of pork.

Both professors finally agree on something: that all other Homecoming chilies pale in comparison to the piquant flavor of those made by scientists – “They’re not even on the radar,” says Finck.

And while they say they would never resort to sabotage, it might be wise to watch out for flying peppers.

Fun science fact
To get some relief from a chili burn, drink milk or eat ice cream. Milk products contain casein, a lipophilic (fat-loving) substance that surrounds and washes away the fatty capsaicin molecules found in chili peppers.
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**Physics Hot Chili**

- 12 to 14 lbs. of ground round
- 2 - 6 lb. 6 oz. cans of diced tomatoes
- 40 tablespoons of hot chili powder
- 4 tablespoons of chopped garlic
- 10 red jalapeño peppers
- 8 habañero peppers
- Twice (yes, twice) as many additional peppers to taste

**Geology Magma Chili – Hot version**

- 2 to 3 pounds pork tenderloin cut into 1/2-inch cubes (pork sausage or Chorizo may be substituted, but be sure to drain as much fat as possible after initial cooking)
- 1/2 cup flour
- 3 medium onions, coarsely chopped
- 4 medium garlic cloves, finely chopped
- 1 - 28 oz. can of whole tomatoes, drained well
- 1 - 6 oz. can of tomato paste (don’t use the whole can … about 2/3 will do nicely)
- about 3 cups water
- 2 1/2 teaspoons salt
- 2 teaspoons dried oregano
- 2 teaspoons dried basil
- 2 teaspoons crushed cumin seeds
- 1 teaspoon each: cinnamon and cloves
- 8 to 12 - 4 oz. cans of whole green chiles, drained, seeded, and cut into 1 1/2-inch slices
- or 3 to 4 lbs fresh Anaheim and/or poblano chilies, roasted, peeled, seeded, and cut into 1 1/2-inch slices.
- 3 to 6 fresh Hungarian yellow (or comparable) chilies, roasted, peeled, seeded, and cut into 1 1/2-inch slices.
- or 3 to 6 jalapeño peppers, diced
- or 3 to 6 serrano peppers, diced

1. Melt shortening in a large skillet. Coat the meat with flour by shaking the meat in a paper bag containing the flour. Add the flour-coated cubes to the skillet a few at a time, stirring to brown evenly. After cubes are browned, add some water, cover the skillet and braise the meat until fully cooked. When through with this batch, remove meat and place on several sheets of paper towels to drain excess shortening. When drained, remove the cooked meat to a large pot (at least 12 quarts; don’t use an aluminum pot unless it’s anodized!) Cook the remaining pork. When this batch is done, retain some shortening in the skillet and drain and remove the pork to the large pot.

2. Add the onions and garlic to the remaining shortening in the skillet. Cook, stirring occasionally, until the onions are translucent. Add to the pot with the pork.

3. Except for the water, stir the remaining ingredients into the pork and onion mixture. Break up the tomatoes as you put them in the pot.

4. Add the remaining water to obtain the desired consistency of your chili. About three cups total works pretty well. More water may be added to thin; a little flour may be added to thicken.

5. Place the pot on the stove and bring to a boil. Reduce heat and simmer, uncovered, for a half hour.

6. Taste, adjust seasonings, and cook for a minimum of a half hour longer. The longer it simmers, the better it tastes! Always cook chili uncovered.

7. Best to serve over warm flour tortillas in a bowl and optionally top with grated cheese, sour cream, guacamole, or any combination of the above.

8. Good luck and happy eating! This recipe will serve 8 to 12 people.
With Homecoming season upon us and the annual pilgrimage of maroon-and-gold-fleeced alumni to campus in full swing, the staff of Centralight set out to uncover some of the more unusual CMU licensed products available to show off your school spirit. We sifted through the racks of typical T-shirts and baseball caps in search of interesting CMU swag. Here’s what we found:

**Swag spirit**

Your fondness for your alma mater has no boundaries, so why would your CMU spirit stop at the bathroom door? Warning: May inspire breaking out into the fight song while showering. ($24.95 set of three bathroom accessories, The Alumni Group)

Even Fido can get in on the action with this gourmet frosted dog bone – it looked so tasty we were almost tempted to try it. (Almost). ($7.99, Spirit Products)

Why settle for a nondescript laundry sack when you can buy the Official Central Michigan University Laundry Bag? Perfect for reminiscing about the days when you used to lug 50 pounds of laundry home just to save a few quarters. ($15.95, Neil Enterprises)

The perfect accoutrement for that grill of yours that dwarfs the pathetic one owned by your Western Michigan University fan/neighbor. ($29.95, The Alumni Group)

Get revenge on both mosquitoes and CMU’s college rivals by swatting away with this licensed fly swatter – “For Broncos, Eagles and other obnoxious pests.” ($2.55, Spirit Products)

Can a CMU putter and golf balls improve your game? Probably not, but every little bit helps. ($39.99 putter; $8.99 golf balls set of three, Linkswalker)

Need more cowbell? We thought so. ($11.95, Neil Enterprises)

Products available at the CMU Bookstore or Student Book Exchange. Compiled by Cynthia J. Drake

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**Swag spirit**

Stick this in your den for a truly “enlightening” experience. Bonus: In a pinch, lampshade makes a festive party hat. ($61.95, Wincraft)

Because no nook or cranny should be naked of CMU spirit, we present CMU valve stem caps for your car or bike – for the detail-oriented crowd. ($9.95 set of four, Stockdale)

Scarf: The scarf adored by CMU football fans and Harry Potter readers alike (Potter sports the same striped scarf while attending Hogwarts) ($19.95, ML Caps)

Ice scraper: Bystanders will be so moved by your college pride they almost won’t be able to hear your expletives about the awful weather while you’re scraping your windshield. ($3.95, Neil Enterprises)

Lip balm: Guaranteed to make your lips feel “spirit-y” ($3.99, University Lipbalm Co.)
The colors in this Chevrolet HHR print ad proof meet her standards.

Four other Chevy ads hang on the light board and await approval from the multicultural marketing senior account executive at Campbell-Ewald, the largest full service advertising agency in Michigan and the sixth largest such agency in the nation.

Finn, ’02, oversees the creation and coordination of print, radio, and TV ads, along with promotions and events sponsored by Chevrolet — one of Campbell-Ewald’s principal clients.

She wastes no time in reviewing the final ad proofs. She has a lot to do today.

“I’m a big fan of lists,” Finn says, waving her notebook. “They help me to prioritize what has to be done today and what can wait for tomorrow.

“There are a couple of things that are pretty hot this week.”

Among her priorities today is an afternoon conference call to hammer out details of Chevrolet’s sponsorship and activities at the annual Essence Music Festival. Coordinating this year’s event creates new challenges for Finn because, as a result of Hurricane Katrina, it has been moved from New Orleans to Houston.

Finn doesn’t flinch when faced with workplace challenges. In fact, her abilities in such situations led to her recent feature in Crain’s Detroit Business’ “Twenty in their 20s,” recognizing some of the top young business leaders in metro Detroit.

Campbell-Ewald called on the 26-year-old Finn to quickly create a 90-second spot for Chevy that would appear on Def On Demand, a Comcast video-on-demand service. Her concept of a 90-second music video featuring Detroit hip-hop duo Slum Village soon developed into several 30- and 60-second TV and radio spots and a three-minute Slum Village music video filled with Chevy product placement that plays regularly on MTV2.

“I had confidence that a video featuring Slum Village would work,” Finn says. “They’re a perfect fit for the brand. They’re authentic, they’re up and coming, and they’re from Detroit.”

Finn says she is honored that she was featured in Crain’s select group.

“A friend had nominated me, and I said, ‘If I get it, I’ll take you out to dinner,’” Finn says. “It’s something that I really wanted.”

Finn smiles when she thinks about how much she has accomplished in fewer than four years after graduating from CMU.

She has rapidly progressed through the ranks at Campbell-Ewald and, among other responsibilities, is a member of the agency’s council charged with creating a community mentoring program.

“CMU provided an outstanding education that really gave me a good taste of what advertising is all about,” Finn says.

Finn credits her internship experience at Campbell-Ewald with clearly defining her career and workplace of choice.

“After completing my internship at Campbell-Ewald my senior year, I knew that I really wanted to come back,” she says. “I was really excited to work on an account as large and exciting as Chevrolet.”

So the initials “N.F.” move another Chevy HHR ad closer to production, and a conference call finalizes the features of the 90- by 90-foot Chevrolet display for the Essence Music Festival.

And someday soon, dinner with the friend who nominated her for Crain’s Detroit Business’ “Twenty in their 20s” will find its way onto Finn’s list of priorities for the day. •
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Top: Olga Denison (left) and Sue Ann Martin meet in Denison’s home to discuss the stories behind the art.

Some of the pieces that will be on display include black ash baskets, stone and red cedar carvings, sweet grass baskets, birch bark baskets, porcupine quill embroidery on birch bark, and stoneware clay.
Art of nature

By Barbara Sutherland Chovanec
Photos by Peggy Brisbane

The curve of a pot, the weave of a basket, the luster of a wooden carving.

Olga Denison, ’40, has spent 50 years collecting Native American art and marveling at its beauty.

Some of the pieces she has collected will be exhibited this fall at CMU in Woodland Contemporary Traditions: Selections from the Olga Denison Collection of Native American Art.

In addition to objects, the exhibit also will include some of the stories behind the art and artists. Sue Ann Martin, dean of the College of Communication and Fine Arts, has recorded Denison’s stories to preserve them as permanent records with the pieces, and some will be displayed at the gallery.

“The stories are a priceless addition to the collection,” Martin says. “Olga is such a gentle and special lady – all of her stories are very elegant.”

Denison’s interest in Native American art flourished through her involvement with the Mount Pleasant Federated Women’s Club. For 30 years the group held a fundraising event for indigenous artists to sell their crafts and art.

“It was a wonderful experience getting acquainted with the artists and their families,” she says. “I am constantly amazed at how they make such decorative and beautiful art from things in the environment like stones, shells, and porcupine quills.”

The exhibit will be October 13 to November 27 in the University Art Gallery and runs in conjunction with the Michigan Story Festival October 20 and 21.

“IN ALL THINGS OF NATURE THERE IS SOMETHING OF THE MARVELOUS.” – ARISTOTE
Three months after helping lead UCLA to the NCAA title game, Ernie Zeigler was tabbed to help lead CMU back to the top of the Mid-American Conference.

CMU Athletics Director Dave Heeke introduced Zeigler (pronounced zig-ler) as the Chippewas’ new men’s basketball coach at a press conference June 29.

“Ernie brings a wealth of experience to our program and the championship culture we are building at CMU,” Heeke said. “His roots are in Detroit, and he has strong ties to the Midwest and the state of Michigan. Ernie is well-known as one of the best recruiters in the country. His vision for our program focuses on the student-athlete and will provide an environment for our players to be successful both athletically and academically. We are thrilled to have Ernie and his family join the CMU family.”

Zeigler, 40, spent the last five seasons as an assistant under Ben Howland at both Pittsburgh (2002-03) and UCLA (2004-06). The programs achieved great success with Zeigler on staff as Pitt reached the NCAA Sweet 16 both years and finished 2003 with a final Associated Press ranking of No. 4. The 2002 squad won a school-record 29 games while the 2003 team captured the Big East Tournament championship. Both years the Panthers won the Big East West Division championship.

When Howland took the UCLA job, Zeigler joined the Bruins’ staff and helped the team to back-to-back NCAA Tournament appearances the last two years. This past March, the No. 2 seeded Bruins advanced to the NCAA championship game but fell to Florida, 73-57. UCLA won the 2006 Pac-10 regular season and tournament championships.

Each of the past three years, UCLA has had a top 15-ranked recruiting class — fourth by Rivals.com in 2004, 13th by Scout.com in 2005, and sixth by FoxSports.com in 2006. The Bruins’ staff recruited three McDonald’s All-Americans in the three years Zeigler was on staff – Arron Afflalo, Jordan Farmar, and James Keefe.

Prior to joining Howland’s staff, Zeigler had one-year stints at Kansas State (2000) and Bowling Green (2001).

Zeigler has three seasons of head coaching experience overseas. He was named the Chinese Basketball Alliance Coach of the Year in 1997 after leading the Henan Wildcats to their first winning season and a playoff berth. Zeigler then coached the Al-Hail Club of the Saudi Arabian Basketball Federation to back-to-back Final Four appearances and the 1999 SABF championship. There he compiled a 41-13 record.

Zeigler began his coaching career under his former prep coach, Robert Menefee, at his alma mater, Detroit Cody High School. Zeigler was an assistant at Cody from 1990 to 1996; in four of those six seasons, Cody was ranked among the top 10 Class A teams in the state of Michigan. Detroit Cody reached the state quarterfinals in 1992 and won the Detroit Public School League West Division championship in 1993.

From 1992 to 1997, Zeigler was the head AAU coach for Team Detroit. He guided all six squads to the state AAU Final Four and the 1994 squad reached the national AAU quarterfinals. In 1995 and 1997, Team Detroit advanced to the Adidas Big Time Tournament quarterfinals.

Zeigler received a bachelor’s degree in business management from Cleary College (Ypsilanti, Michigan) in 1994. He played at Schoolcraft College (Livonia, Michigan) from 1984 to 1986, Armstrong Atlantic State University (Savannah, Georgia) from 1986 to 1987, and Northwood University (Midland, Michigan) from 1987 to 1988.

Ernie and his wife, Seantelle, have two children, Trey, 15, and Skylar, 9.

Zeigler is the 19th coach in CMU men’s basketball history. He replaces Jay Smith who resigned in May after leading the Chippewas for the past nine years. CMU won two MAC regular season titles and the 2003 MAC Tournament under Smith.
Six CMU standouts have been chosen for induction into the CMU Athletics Hall of Fame Class of 2006.

This year’s honorees are: Dan Cronkright (baseball, 1982-85); Cathy Heator (softball, 1981-82); Sylvia Odum (women’s basketball, 1982-85); Bernie Raterink (football, 1954-55); John Smith (track and field, 1965-68); and Kevin Vogel (wrestling, 1988-92).

The new inductees will be honored at the Hall of Fame Banquet September 15 and recognized at the CMU-Akron football game September 16.

The CMU Athletics Hall of Fame began in 1984, and the current roster includes 131 members. Plaques honoring all the inductees are on display in the Dan Rose Center.

“These six individuals have each added to the great tradition of Central Michigan University athletics,” first-year Athletics Director Dave Heeke says. “All of the inductees are worthy of the honor, and this will be another outstanding class.”

Following are thumbnail sketches of each new inductee:

**Dan Cronkright:**
A four-year letterwinner, Dan Cronkright was the team MVP for CMU’s Mid-American Conference championship clubs in 1984 and ’85. He was first team All-MAC and All-Mideast Region in 1985.

At the time of his graduation, Dan held the school record for career doubles (38), extra base hits (62) and slugging percentage (.639), and season records for doubles (20) and extra base hits (31). He still ranks in the top 10 in each of those categories. Cronkright had a 19-game hitting streak at one point of his career.

**Cathy Heator:**
One of the top defensive infielders in school history, Cathy Heator earned first team Association for Intercollegiate Athletics for Women All-America honors in 1982, joining teammate Linda Paggett that year as the first All-Americans in school history.

A two-year letterwinner after transferring from a community college, Heator helped lead CMU to an AIAW National Championships appearance in 1982. That year she hit .295 with six doubles, two triples and two home runs. She tallied 22 RBI and walked a team-high 22 times.

**Sylvia Odum:**
Guard Sylvia Odum led CMU to a pair of Mid-American Conference women’s basketball championships in 1984 and ’85. A first team All-MAC pick in 1984 and a second team selection in ’85, Odum still ranks in four career and five season categories of the CMU record book. She led CMU in scoring (16.7), steals (104), and assists (117) in 1984 while setting a Chippewa single-season record with 501 points. Odum is tied for CMU single game records with 36 points against Toledo in 1985 and nine steals versus Ohio in 1984. Her mark of 1,215 career points was a school record when she graduated, and it currently ranks ninth. She tallied 292 career steals, which still rank second.

**Bernie Raterink:**
A third-team All-America selection by Williamson in 1955, Bernie Raterink became the second CMU player to rush for 1,000 yards in a season when he picked up 1,044 that year. Raterink was named the Interstate Intercollegiate Athletic Association most valuable player and first team All-IIAC, along with earning team MVP honors in 1955. His 116.0 yards per game average stood as a school record for 12 years. Raterink's top single game effort was 213 yards against Eastern Illinois in 1955.

**John Smith:**
A champion sprinter and hurdler, John Smith was named the Interstate Intercollegiate Athletic Conference most valuable performer in 1968. That year he won league titles in the high hurdles, 100-yard dash, 220-yard dash and as a member of a relay team. Smith set five CMU varsity records, five CMU freshman records, and numerous event, track and field house records, throughout the Midwest. He won the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics district championships in the low and high hurdles and was invited to the national championships but did not go as the program lacked funds. During his career, CMU won four IIAC outdoor team championships and one indoor title.

**Kevin Vogel:**
A three-time Mid-American Conference champion at 177 pounds, Kevin Vogel compiled a 131-34-1 career record, and his win total still ranks third in Chippewa annals. Of his victories, an incredible 50 percent (66) were by pin. The 66 pins still rank as the most in school history, and he tallied a single-season record 28 falls during the 1989-90 campaign. Twice he was named the Most Outstanding Wrestler (1990, ’92) at the MAC Championships, and three times he was tabbed team MVP. Vogel rattled off 19 straight victories during the 1991-92 season and the 177-pounder’s 40-15-1 record in 1989-90 ties for the second most wins in a season. Following his CMU career, Vogel was involved in USA Wrestling for several years, winning numerous international and national-level tournaments.
CMU presented its most prestigious alumni awards to 16 people during a ceremony this summer.

“We were thrilled to honor these extraordinary people who CMU is proud to call alumni and friends,” says Mary Lu Yardley, executive director of alumni relations. “Each honoree has achieved great career heights, and many have devoted personal time and talents to CMU. We were happy to have the opportunity to thank them.”

The Distinguished Alumni Award is presented in recognition of remarkable professional success and the positive reflection made on the reputation of all graduates of CMU. This year’s recipients were Lt. Col. Nicholas Coppola, MSA ’95, Marc Haxer, ’75 MA ’78, Joseph Steinmetz, ’77 MA ’79, and James Wilt, ’82.

The Alumni Commitment Award is presented in recognition of continued contributions of time, talent or financial resources to help advance and bring positive recognition to CMU. Recipients of this award were Mary Lou Hazleton, MA ’86, Richard Hazleton, MBA ’72, Roger Kerr, ’69 MBA ’87, and Ira Kreft, ’77.

The Community Recognition Alumni Award is presented in recognition of distinctive service of a humanitarian nature or citizenship through community and public service. Recipients were Dr. Gina Geissler, Au.D. ’02, George Loesel, ’69 MA ’74, Susan Loesel, ’69 MA ’74, and Scott Winship, ’96.

The Outstanding Young Alumni Award is presented to recent graduates in recognition of their professional success or outstanding service to their community. Recipients were Jeff Dengate, ’00, and James Fields Jr., ’04 MPA ’05.

The Honorary Alumni Award is presented to individuals who are not CMU graduates but give of their time, talents, and enthusiasm as if they were. Recipients were Thomas Bailey and Charles Burke.

Alumni events

September
16 Northern Michigan and Flint chapter tailgate parties, Kelly/Shorts Stadium.
21 Flint gathering, Mario’s Restaurant and Pizzeria.
23 Flint area golf outing, Woodfield Country Club.
30 Tailgate party at CMU vs. Kentucky football game, Lexington, Kentucky.

October
14 Homecoming.
19 Flint area alumni social gathering, Mario’s Restaurant and Pizzeria.
20 Michigan Story Festival, Mount Pleasant.
21 Michigan Story Festival, Mount Pleasant.
27 Porgy and Bess, Detroit Opera House.

November
2 Boston alumni reception, Union Oyster House.
4 Tailgate party at CMU vs. Temple football game, Philadelphia.
4 Journalism Hall of Fame dinner, The Embers restaurant, Mount Pleasant.
16 Alumni Toys for Tots social, Mario’s Restaurant and Pizzeria, Flint.

Honoring alumni

Honorees are (sitting, from left) Ira Kreft, Charles Burke, Mary Lou Hazleton, Richard Hazleton, (standing, from left) Marc Haxer, Scott Winship, Dr. Gina Geissler, Thomas Bailey, Joseph Steinmetz, James Fields Jr., James Wilt, Roger Kerr, Susan Loesel, George Loesel, and Lt. Col. Nicholas Coppola. Not pictured is Jeff Dengate.
Come home

By Mary Lu Yardley, ’90 MSA ’92
Executive director of alumni relations

There’s no place like home. Home is where the heart is. Home sweet home.

We all know these common “home” sayings. But I want you to consider Homecoming and what that means — returning!

The Chippewa Club has been promoting home football games as “a time to come home.” And what better time to return than Homecoming October 14?

CMU is where many of you lived for four or five years. When I worked in admissions, I often assured incoming freshmen that CMU would become their “home away from home.” I believed then, and still do, that CMU faculty and staff work to create a campus environment that provides a comfortable transition.

Campus is a changing environment with new buildings, new programs, and ever-changing faces. But that doesn’t mean there won’t be familiar places to return to. We have new residence halls, but nostalgia still lingers in the hallways of Barnes, the Towers, Robinson, and all the other “dorms.”

Visit the new buildings such as the Music Building, Park Library, or the Health Professions Building. But as you walk the campus you will quickly be reminded of your classes in Grawn, Anspach, Wightman, etc. Some will remember Ronan Hall as a dorm, others will remember Ronan as the library building, and for many, the building has been the site for education courses. The next time you come, the new education building probably will be under way.

When you come to Alumni Village after the parade, you may see your favorite professor or reminisce with old friends while enjoying the hospitality and good food from your college. You also will have a bird’s eye view of the live broadcast by the BCA alumni who come home every year to take over the student radio station, WMHW-FM 91.5.

The weekend will give you time to visit your favorite spots in Mount Pleasant and see CMU football at its best as the Chippewas take on Ball State.

It is time. No one needs an invitation to return, but if you feel you do … please come home. Enjoy campus with friends and family. Be our guest at the Alumni Village by the ponds near Kelly/Shorts Stadium two hours before game time. Reacquaint yourself with CMU.

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Catching up with the chapters

Los Angeles area
In June alumni met in Anaheim, California, for a reception with President Michael Rao. Alumni who had not been back to campus for some time had an opportunity to hear about CMU’s 2010 vision plan and what has been accomplished over the last few years. The group plans to continue gathering.

Tri-cities
The annual Tri-Cities Scholarship Golf Outing was held at Apple Mountain Golf Course in Freeland in June. Two students from the tri-cities area who will be attending CMU in the fall were awarded scholarships at a dinner following the outing.

Phoenix
Alumni and friends in the Phoenix area enjoyed a major league baseball game as the Arizona Diamondbacks took on the New York Mets.

Fielding
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In June, alumni and friends in the Waterford area attended a CMU student performance of Neil Simon’s Barefoot in the Park at Waterford Mott High School. They mingled with the CMU Summer Theatre cast following the performance.

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On a sunny, bright summer evening, 20 CMU students are packed into the basement of the Carlin Alumni House, telephone headsets on, calling alumni one after another. They’re the phonathon callers, and they’re on a mission to hear the magical word: “yes.”

In the summer, about 45 students work the phones in two shifts a week. In the fall, about 30 more students will join the crew. Last year the Central Callers phoned more than 100,000 alumni, who gave $1.2 million through 14,415 pledges.

“It’s good experience for students in marketing, sales, and communication,” says Jaime Griffis, assistant director of annual giving. “We’re really upbeat. It’s all about keeping the momentum going.”

On a typical fall night, the callers usually raise $15,000. On a gorgeous summer evening like tonight, they’ll be lucky to raise $5,000 in four hours.

Kasee Stratton, a senior psychology major, is a student supervisor who has worked the phonathon for nearly two years.

“I like knowing what the alumni are up to,” she says. “I don’t remember the people who have hung up on me, but I remember some great stories from others about how CMU helped them.”

Stratton says some students find out about internships or get career tips by talking with alumni. She says alumni often ask about the latest buildings or programs on campus, and they sometimes quiz the students on the words to the fight song.

“It’s pretty often that we’re asked to sing,” Stratton says.

Dave Goldenbogen has worked the phonathon since 1998 as an undergraduate student. Now he has bachelor’s and master’s degrees from CMU, he’s a doctoral student in physical therapy, and he’s working part time as a student supervisor.

“It’s a fun job,” Goldenbogen says. “I’m basically here to motivate people. I like to get a competition going between the callers.”
In just a few short years, students enrolled in CMU’s many education-related programs will be studying in an innovative new facility. Teacher education, the child development lab, special education, counseling, educational leadership, and charter schools will be moving from buildings across campus to the new Education Building.

Although originally planned as a renovation and expansion of Ronan Hall, a brand new building is now planned for the south end of campus where the Washington Street Apartments currently are located. The university’s master plan calls for the eventual demolition of the apartments to make way for new academic buildings. The Education Building will be the first to be located on the site.

Architects have been working closely with university administration and College of Education and Human Services faculty and staff to create an impressive, four-story structure that is energy efficient and environmentally friendly. In addition to classrooms and faculty offices, the building will house CMU’s child development lab, a 200-seat auditorium, the college’s many outreach centers, and a technology production studio.

Perhaps one of the most exciting things about the new building is the wonderful learning opportunities it will provide for our students and faculty. Having all of our education-related programs under one roof will increase collaboration for research, classes, and special projects. The facility also will feature a new level of technology that our current building cannot support. The opportunities for student learning, outreach activities, and interaction with a global community of educators are remarkable!

As a public university, CMU will receive 75 percent of the funding, or $37.5 million, for the project from the state. The remaining $12.5 million will be paid by the university and will come from a number of resources including a $7.5 million fundraising campaign. Alumni, friends, corporations, and foundations are all being invited to join this exciting initiative. To date, the response has been very encouraging.

Thanks to two extraordinary lead gifts, the campaign is off to an amazing start. Alumnus and former trustee Sid Smith and Judy French Smith, an alumna from the College of Education and Human Services, have given $1 million. The Gerstacker Foundation has given $1.5 million. We also are hopeful about a number of proposals being considered by companies and foundations that understand the value of our exceptional education programs.

In addition to these remarkable gifts, it will take donations of all sizes for us to reach (and I hope exceed!) our $7.5 million fundraising goal. We are eager to visit with our many alumni and friends around the country to share details about the latest addition to the CMU campus. Several “showcase” events are being planned to introduce details of the new Education Building. Watch for an event in your area over the next several months.

Demolition of the apartments and site preparation for the project will begin in January 2007, with an official groundbreaking scheduled for sometime next spring. We expect construction to take approximately two years to complete, making fall of 2009 the first full semester for classes to be held in the new space.

For past, present, and future students, this new building will be a symbol of CMU’s commitment to quality preparation of education professionals who serve our state and far beyond. It is an awesome obligation and one for which I am so pleased to be able to play a small part. I look forward to sharing more news about the new Education Building over the next few years as this exciting project takes shape.
Celebration wraps up successful campaign

CMU will celebrate the successful conclusion of its history-making New Vision of Excellence Campaign with a reception and program for invited guests September 15 and a community lunch September 16.

The five-year campaign – the first since CMU’s founding more than 110 years ago – has far exceeded the initial campaign goal of $50 million. The campaign has provided outstanding impetus and foundation for visionary progress in four critically important areas identified at the outset:

- Student scholarships
- Faculty and program endowments
- Enhanced campus environment
- Ongoing and special programs

“Central Michigan University sincerely appreciates the many generous donations made during this campaign,” says President Michael Rao. “CMU increasingly holds distinction as one of Michigan’s most vibrant public universities, thanks in no small part to our growing legacy of donor support and endowment.”

The campaign included many milestones, says Michael Leto, vice president of development and alumni relations. Several major gifts inspired many others.

“A $5 million commitment from the Herbert H. and Grace A. Dow Foundation at the outset of the campaign really helped launch this campaign,” Leto says. “By the conclusion this fall, we will have recorded more than 60,000 individual donations, including several additional significant gifts that have resulted in naming of our new residence halls and other key facilities around campus.”

Key New Vision of Excellence donors will be invited to the September 15 reception and dinner, which will feature a campaign video and a historical re-enactment paying tribute to CMU’s founders, whose vision inspired the New Vision of Excellence Campaign.

The community lunch – which begins at 11 a.m. September 16 near Kelly/Shorts Stadium – will extend the celebratory atmosphere to the entire university community. Tickets will be available after the lunch to CMU’s football game against Akron at 1 p.m.

“CMU’s faculty, staff, students, friends, and partners would like to invite the entire university community to join us in this celebration of CMU’s bright future,” Leto said.

For additional information or to inquire about football tickets or overnight accommodations call (989) 774-7155 or (800) 358-6903 or e-mail alwoo1cm@cmich.edu.
Lights on at CMU
Donor support needed for stadium lighting project

Athletics staffers are confident that permanent Kelly/Shorts Stadium lighting will help bring increased revenue and national media coverage to CMU and the Mount Pleasant area.

So are members of the CMU Board of Trustees, who, seeing the opportunities the lights will present, provided up to $650,000 for the lights to be installed this season while athletics staff members raise funds to support the project.

This is why your help is needed to light up the nights at Kelly/Shorts Stadium.

“The opportunities for national exposure that accompany this project will showcase the people and programs that make CMU an outstanding institution for research, public service, student-centered learning, and NCAA Division-I athletics,” says CMU President Michael Rao. “Please join us in supporting this campaign for excellence.”

The investment already is paying off for the university.

All three of the Chippewas’ home night football games will be nationally televised on the ESPN family of networks – more national coverage than any other Mid-American Conference football team this season. CMU previously was the only MAC member to have a football stadium with no lights.

“Going into year three of our program, national exposure is what we were hoping for,” says football coach Brian Kelly.

In addition to the increased national television coverage, Kelly/Shorts Stadium lights will:

- Enhance athletic and academic recruitment
- Increase revenue options
- Expand scheduling flexibility
- Improve on-campus entertainment options

Fundraising for the Kelly/Shorts Stadium lights kicked off in July. Gifts to CMU qualify as charitable contributions to higher education, and donations of $10,000 or more can be made as multiyear pledges.

Consult your tax adviser for specific details on tax benefits. Also, contact the Chippewa Club to find out whether or not you work for a company with a matching gift program.

To learn more about how you can support the Kelly/Shorts Stadium lights project, contact Craig Willey, Chippewa Club director, at (989) 774-6680 or craig.willey@cmich.edu.

Campaign details
The Kelly/Shorts Stadium lights project offers donors several name recognition opportunities based on the total gift amount.

Giving levels and amounts are:
- 60 Watt $100-$249
- 75 Watt $250-$499
- 100 Watt $500-$999
- 150 Watt $1,000-$4,999
- 200 Watt $5,000-$9,999
- 300 Watt $10,000-$49,999
- Kilowatt $50,000-$99,999
- Megawatt $100,000 and up

Donors at all giving levels will be recognized in the 2006 CMU Football game program. Each donor at the 75-Watt level and above also will be recognized on the stadium scoreboard during all 2006 home football games.

All donors at the 100-Watt level and above will be recognized by their respective giving level on a Kelly/Shorts Stadium memorial plaque. All donors at the 150-Watt level and above also will be invited to a special Boston College pregame donor appreciation event and on-field presentation prior to kickoff.

In addition, donors at the Kilowatt level will receive light pole donor recognition. Donors at the Megawatt level will have an exclusive light pole naming opportunity.
Marketing professor J. Holton Wilson has received the College of Business Administration’s first Jerry and Felicia Campbell Endowed Professorship, worth $18,000 a year for two years, and the first Hazleton MBA Faculty Excellence Award, worth $2,600.

Wilson plans to use these professional development awards to fund activities he has not been able to afford previously, such as attending professional meetings to enhance his expertise in marketing research and forecasting.

“It’s important to keep up, and one way is to get out, talk to colleagues, and listen to what other people are doing. But that kind of travel gets expensive, so these awards will really help,” Wilson says.

Wilson, who has taught at CMU since 1985, coauthored what is considered a leading book in forecasting both in the United States and internationally. The text, Business Forecasting, written with Barry Keating at Notre Dame University, is published by McGraw-Hill and is in its fifth edition. Wilson teaches marketing analysis, sales forecasting, and economic analysis for managers. He has published more than 10 textbooks and numerous academic articles in economics, forecasting, and marketing journals.

What is the secret behind Wilson’s success as a teacher?

“I don’t know. I just do my job. I grew up in Pittsburgh. It was very blue-collar; if you wanted something, you had to work for it,” Wilson says. “In teaching it’s wonderful to work with good students, to help them learn and guide them. When I wake up in the morning, I’m anxious to get to CMU, that’s how much I like what I do.”

The Jerry and Felicia Campbell Endowed Professorship honors tenured professors who are nationally or internationally prominent in their fields, are recognized as outstanding teachers, have made significant scholarly contributions, and have contributed to and improved the college’s academic programs.

CMU trustee and 1962 alumnus Jerry Campbell is a member of the College of Business Administration’s Dean’s Business Advisory Committee. He founded Republic Bancorp in 1986 and served as president/CEO/chairman of the board until January 2002, when he stepped down as president/CEO but remained as chairman of the board.

“The key to this professorship was to honor outstanding faculty members in the college for their achievements and accomplishments over the years,” says Daniel Vetter, associate dean of the college. “Wilson is truly deserving of this award.”

The Hazleton MBA Faculty Excellence Award – endowed through a gift from former Dow Corning Corp. executive and CMU alumnus Richard Hazleton, MBA ’72, and his wife, Mary Lou, MA ’86 – recognizes CMU MBA faculty members who foster an exceptionally high quality educational experience for students and improve the program’s reputation among potential applicants and business professionals.

“Receiving the award is truly special and humbling,” says Wilson. “We are fortunate to have many outstanding and dedicated faculty teaching in the MBA program, and I am proud to be among them. I am blessed to be in a profession that I love and to have had the opportunity to work with so many outstanding individuals over the years.”
About 20 years after Jack Greene lost his CMU class ring on a black sand beach in Hawaii, he received a phone call that would lead his ring back home to him.

Greene, ’69 MA ’77, was vacationing with his wife in Maui in 1985 and went body surfing near an uninhabited shoreline.

“I was playing in some big waves, and a wave caught me just so and tumbled me around like a washing machine,” he says.

His CMU class ring, a beautiful blue zircon stone set in gold, slipped off his finger and into the churning waves, never to be found again — or so he thought.

Eight years later, a 12-year-old girl from Arizona named Ashley Lewis was vacationing with her parents and stopped at the beach on a driving trip on the island’s famous Road to Hana.

“I saw something in the sand, and I picked it up, and it was the ring,” says Lewis, who is now 25. “Half of the back of the band was missing, but it had a name inside.”

Lewis gave the ring to her mother to store in a jewelry box and forgot about it until her own college graduation this year. When she realized her mother still had the ring, she sent an e-mail message to CMU’s alumni office and received a message back within a few hours connecting her to Greene.

“Especially since I graduated, I realized it would mean a lot to him if he had it — he’s about my dad’s age,” Lewis says. “I had totally forgotten about that ring. He was amazed that someone had actually found it.”

The two spoke on the phone, and Lewis shared the story of how she found Greene’s ring — to his amazement. After they talked, Lewis packaged up the ring in a clear jewelry box with a pinch of the black sand she had taken from the beach at the time.

“It was just all really weird that someone 20 years after the fact would try to track me down to say they had found my ring,” says Greene, who treasured the class ring as a symbol of how he made it through school and his connection to CMU. “I gave it up for a loss 20 years ago.”

Greene was a teacher for many years in Utah and recently began freelance consulting. In another strange twist of fate, Lewis was born just a few miles away from Smithfield, Utah, the small town where Greene now lives.

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Ah … love
Did you meet your sweetheart at CMU? Are you still blissfully in love? If so, we want to hear from you. We’re planning to write about CMU love stories in a future issue of Centralight.

If you married your CMU sweetheart, contact us by e-mail at alumni@cmich.edu or by mail at Centralight, West Hall, Central Michigan University, Mount Pleasant, MI 48859. Tell us a little about yourselves and what makes your love story special.
**Curtain call**

Nineteen alumni returned to campus this summer to take the stage for a special Summer Theatre alumni performance of *The Good Doctor*, in celebration of the 20th anniversary of CMU Summer Theatre. The alumni and the student cast of the show gathered for a post-performance reception. Shown are (sitting, from left) students Stephanie Buck, Chris Chapin, Kaitlin Steer, Andrew Neer, Michelle Markowitz, director Steve Berglund, students Rob Grabowski, A.J. Miller, and Greg Ott, (second row, from left) Dean Lemont, Randy Colburn, Jill Fenstermaker, Larry Joe Campbell, David McClutchey, Jason Powers, Stacey Pattison, Steve Mitchell, student Jenny Lynn Christoffersen, Tim Connors, John Gray, student Tammy Mock, student Ian Boley, (back from left) Elaine Lifter, Michelle Hoke-Stackpoole, Marcus Kamie, Tami Evans Foster, Stan Jensen, Charlyn Swarthout, Edward Stevens, Natalie (Waterous) Carmolli, and Brian Drake.

**1980s**

**Tom Henry,** ’81, an environmental reporter for the *Blade* newspaper in Toledo, Ohio, was one of three recipients of the Vermont Law School Environmental Law Media Fellowship. He has received two first-place awards for environmental writing from the Ohio Society of Professional Journalists, and he was named the state’s top environmental writer by the Ohio Environmental Council in 2004.

**Steve Rolph,** ’82, is a department manager at Defense Contractor General Dynamics Land Systems in Sterling Heights. He lives in Royal Oak with his wife, Rhonda, and son, Steve Jr.

**Paul Mason,** ’86, joined VF Corp. in Greensboro, North Carolina, as director of corporation communications. VF is a leading apparel company with brands such as Wrangler, Lee, Vanity Fair, Nautica, The North Face, Vans, Reef, and JanSport. Paul and his wife, Claudia, have two daughters and reside in Oak Ridge, North Carolina.

**Mark Starks,** ’86, published *Johnny Green and the Greenmen*.

**Patricia Mowbray,** ’89, celebrated the fourth anniversary of her company, www.mycharmedlife.com, which sells charms and charm jewelry through its online boutique and at select events. She lives in Chicago.

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For Kevin Jacques, firing up the grill isn’t just a summertime dinner option—it’s a competitive passion.

Jacques, ’98, works as director of residence life at the University of North Alabama. But on weekends, he travels throughout Alabama, Tennessee, and Mississippi competing in cook-offs as part of the Grilling Room BBQ team.

The competitions are tense, featuring four meat categories and judging based on appearance, taste, and tenderness. Prizes range from $1,000 to $12,000. Jacques is hoping to get drawn for an invitation to enter the Jack Daniels World Championship Barbecue Competition, the most prestigious barbecue contest in the world.

“The atmosphere is very serious—you’ve got a 30-minute window between one category and the next. The reality is that this is a competition. There’s a good amount of money involved for the winners and a lot of bragging rights,” says Jacques.

Between competitions, Jacques experiments with different recipes on his friends, family, and college students who are appreciative of the free food.

Jacques’ taste for spicy barbecue was fueled while attending CMU.

“When it comes to food one of my most fond memories is wings at Buffalo Wild Wings. I don’t know how many wings I ate there over my four years,” he says.

To keep up with Jacques or to find him at a grill near you, visit the team’s Web site at www.grillingroom.com/bbqteam.htm.
2000s

Lorie Tuma, ’01 MSA ’04, launched supplemental education services programs for Catapult Learning and Hooked on Phonics in the nation’s fifth largest school district, Clark County, Las Vegas. She received an award of recognition from U.S. Congressman Jon C. Porter for her commitment to education students, and Catapult Learning rewarded Tuma with an award of service at its national company meeting.

Anne Veltema, ’02, was promoted to public relations coordinator at Spectrum Health in Grand Rapids. She is a founding member of the Integrative Public Relations Constituent Chapter for CMU.

Rhona Mays, ’05, passed the Michigan Real Estate Exam and is working for Keller Williams Realty – Detroit Market Center.
Evelyn (Lockwood) Lumley, ’29, Cascade, died May 6, 2006, age 98.
Edna (McGarry) Noack, ’31, Shepherd, died May 13, 2006, age 93.
Grace Chisholm, ’43, East Lansing, died June 12, 2006, age 84.
Kathleen Brisbois, ’48, Saginaw, died June 3, 2006, age 80.
James Woodrow, ’48, Traverse City, died May 11, 2006, age 85.
Rena M. Bellinger, ’58, Reed City, died July 19, 2006, age 96.
Leah M. Arnold, ’60 MA ’70, Port Sanilac, died July 13, 2006, age 83.
Frances Wilson, ’62, Grand Rapids, died June 28, 2006, age 92.
Carolyn Fraser, ’64, Freeland, died June 27, 2006, age 88.
Vincent Mosca, ’64 MA ’70, Saginaw, died May 17, 2006, age 66.
Marjorie Misze, ’65, Muskegon, died May 28, 2006, age 80.
Carolee Jo Dowd, ’67, Port Huron, died August 1, 2006, age 62.
Helen Rensberry, ’69, Fenton, died in July 2006, age 92.
Chester Budzynski, ’70 MA ’75, Central Lake, died July 24, 2006, age 58.
Dr. Robert S. Dodge, ’70, King City, California, died May 16, 2006, age 59.
Helen F. Young, ’70, Bernice, Louisiana, died July 19, 2006, age 98.
Ted D. Hall, ’74 MSA ’76, Midland, died July 20, 2006, age 54.
Gary Ross, ’74, Frankford, died July 8, 2006, age 57.
Myles L. Allen Jr., ’75, Hickory Valley, Tennessee, died May 12, 2006, age 55.
Col. Alexander Falxon, MA ’75, Santa Barbara, California, died May 31, 2006, age 75.
Mary J. Grant, ’75, Rockford, died April 4, 2006, age 55.
Alan Kimball, ’75 MA ’80, Cedar Springs, died May 11, 2006, age 64.
Charles Creasey, MA ’76, Grand Blanc, died June 10, 2006, age 68.
Richard Handwerker, ’76, Davison, died April 12, 2006, age 53.
Col. James Anthony Buzzelli, MA ’77, Kiawah Island, South Carolina, died June 2, 2006, age 66.
William P. Russell Jr., ’78, Marshall, died June 24, 2006, age 52.
Leo Blanchard Jr., ’80, Saginaw, died May 18, 2006, age 47.
Gary Hintz, MA ’80, Tustin, died April 5, 2006, age 71.
Theresa “Tess” Stewart, MA ’80, Mount Lebanon, Pennsylvania, died June 29, 2006, age 88.
Gloria Ghent, MSA ’88, New York City, died April 26, 2006, age 61.
Barbara D. Marr, Spec. ’91, Bay City, died July 14, 2006, age 62.
James Newson, ’91, St. Clair Township, died June 9, 2006, age 61.
Donald J. Simmons, MSA ’92, Tecumseh, died March 15, 2006, age 69.
Rachael E. Dooley, MS ’97, Grand Rapids, died July 30, 2006, age 34.
Richard J. Harrington, MSA ’97, Charlotte, North Carolina, died July 18, 2006, age 52.
Erma Swain, MSA ’05, Columbus, Ohio, died June 30, 2006, age 58.

Faculty and staff:
James R. Burley, Mount Pleasant, died July 26, 2006, age 60. He was a marketing and logistics professor at CMU since 1975. Memorial contributions may be made to the Department of Marketing and Hospitality Services Administration, Smith Hall 100, CMU, Mount Pleasant, MI 48859.
Eric H. Kadler, Mount Pleasant, died July 20, 2006, age 84. He was a foreign language professor at CMU from 1970 until his retirement in 1989. He also served as chairman of the foreign languages, literatures, and cultures department.
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Oct. 19 (Thurs.) Bowling Green 7:30 p.m.

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