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## PRESIDENT LOU ANNA K. SIMON



Lou Anna K. Simon is the 20th president of Michigan State University, leading the way to Advancing Knowledge and Transforming Lives. She served as provost and vice president for academic affairs from 1993-2004, interim president in 2003 and was appointed president by the MSU Board of Trustees in January 2005.

President Simon has a distinguished history with MSU. After earning her doctorate in administration and higher education from MSU in 1974, she became a member of the MSU faculty and assistant director of the Office of Institutional Research (now the Office of Planning and Budgets). From there, she moved into a variety of administrative roles, including assistant provost for general academic administration during the 1980s and associate provost in the early 1990s.

Simon's commitment to the land-grant tradition of applying education in many areas, particularly in economic development and globalization, has been demonstrated on a national level through her work with her involvement as a member of the Council on Competitiveness and the Board of Directors for the National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges (NASULGC). Simon was appointed to the State of Michigan Governor's Emergency Financial Advisory Panel and she has served as a member of the Lt. Governor's Commission on Higher Education and Economic Growth (Cherry Commission). She is a member of the Michigan Strategic Economic Investment and Commercialization Board (SEIC), the Detroit Renaissance Board of Directors and locally with Prima Civitas. Furthermore, she is a member of the following global initiatives: the American Council on Education (ACE) Commission on International Initiative and the Partnership to Cut Hunger in Africa Executive Committee.





Ron Mason was introduced as the 16th athletics director in Michigan State history on Jan. 28, 2002, and assumed the leadership of the 25-sport department on July 1, 2002. Prior to moving into an administrative role, Mason spent 36 years behind the bench, including 23 seasons at Michigan State, during which he established himself as the winningest coach in college hockey history.

During Mason's five-year tenure as athletics director, State squads have captured 11 conference championships (regular season and postseason combined) and one national championship. In addition, MSU has been represented at the NCAA Championships 72 times, including Final Four/Frozen Four appearances by men's basketball (2005), women's basketball (2005), field hockey (2002 and 2004) and ice hockey (2007).

In 2006-07, 12 of MSU's 25 sports participated in NCAA Championships for the second-straight year. The ice hockey team capped an incredible postseason run by winning the program's third national championship, defeating Boston College 3-1 in the NCAA title game. With the championship, Michigan State became one of only nine schools in the country to win at least three ice hockey national titles. In addition to the national championship, both the men's and women's golf teams captured Big Ten titles and advanced to the NCAA Championships. In March, the men's and women's basketball teams extended their program record for consecutive NCAA Tournament appearances, as the men's team earned its 10th-straight bid and the women's team made its fifth-straight appearance. The overall success of the department was represented in Michigan State's jump to 34th place in the U.S. Sports Academy Directors' Cup. The department also reached another milestone by hosting the Women's NCAA Basketball Tournament First and Second Rounds at the Breslin Center, marking the first time MSU has hosted the prestigious event. East Lansing led all eight First- and Second-Round sites with a total 21,340 fans passing through the turnstiles during the three sessions.

During Mason's watch, Spartan student-athletes also have excelled in the classroom. In fall 2006, 12 teams posted a 3.0 or higher grade-point average, including 304 student-athletes who recorded a 3.0 or better for the semester. In spring 2007, student-athletes produced a cumulative GPA of 2.98, as 40 student-athletes posted a perfect 4.0 term GPA (most in program history) and a record-tying 14 sports maintained a 3.0 cumulative GPA. A total of 193 student-athletes earned Academic All-Big Ten honors during the 2006-07 academic year.

Community outreach and service also have been a priority during his tenure, with over 300 student-athletes participating in outreach activities during the 2006-07 academic year. Now in its fourth year, the outreach initiative PACT (Putting Athletes and Community Together) has reached over 45,000 area children.

Mason's vision on diversity programming has had a significant impact on the daily lives of MSU's student-athletes. MSU's Student-Athlete Multicultural Center, the first of its kind at the

NCAA Division I-A level, provides quality leadership training for minority student-athletes as well as social and outreach programs.

Under Mason's leadership, the Ralph Young Fund has set all-time record highs each of the last five years, including \$28.5 million for the 2006-07 fiscal year. He successfully introduced Scholarship Seating for football as well as men's and women's basketball which has generated significant funds for the athletics department. Fundraising efforts have been completed on three major athletic facility initiatives, including the Alfred Berkowitz Basketball Complex, Spartan Stadium expansion and Doug Rearick Golf Practice Facility. Significant progress also has been made towards the funding of two additional athletic facilities, including expansion of the Duffy Daugherty Football Building and the Old College Field project, which supports MSU's men's and women's soccer, baseball and softball programs. In addition, the men's and women's basketball teams will move into new locker rooms at the Breslin Center for the 2007-08 season. At a cost of \$2.6 million, the privately funded locker rooms will rank among the very best in the nation.

In 2005-06, 12 sports participated in NCAA Championships. In November 2005, the women's soccer team earned its second-ever bid to the NCAA Tournament. In addition, the Spartan hockey team won its first Central Collegiate Hockey Association Tournament championship since 2001 and its 11th overall. In May 2006, the women's rowing team attained its highest NCAA finish in program history, claiming sixth place.

In 2004-05, Mason saw a school-record five teams (field hockey, men's golf, women's basketball, crew and men's soccer) capture Big Ten Conference Championships. The field hockey team, which won the regular-season title, advanced to its second Final Four in the last three years in November, while the men's soccer team captured its first-ever Big Ten title. The men's golf team won just its second Big Ten title in school history in May, while crew won its first-ever conference crown. The basketball teams became the sixth school in NCAA history to send both its men's and women's programs to the Final Four in the same year, as the women's team fell in the national title game. In addition, the women's basketball team shared the Big Ten regular-season championship with Ohio State and won the Big Ten Tournament title for the first time in school history.

In 2003-04, 17 of the 25 sports were represented at the 2003-04 NCAA Championships and the football team participated in the Alamo Bowl. In addition, the softball team captured the school's first-ever Big Ten Tournament Championship, while the field hockey squad won its second-straight Big Ten Championship and advanced to its third-straight NCAA Tournament. In addition, "The BasketBowl" – the MSU-Kentucky basketball game was played before a world-record crowd of 78,129 at Detroit's Ford Field on Dec. 13, 2003.

In 2002-03, 17 of MSU's 25 sports were represented at the NCAA Championships, including the field hockey team which advanced to the Final Four for the first time in school history. In addition, the men's basketball team moved on to the Elite Eight and the women's basketball and softball teams made the NCAA Tournament for the first time since the 1997 and 1999 seasons, respectively.

Mason finished his 36-year coaching career in 2002 with a record of 924-380-83. In 23 years at Michigan State, he posted a 635-270-69 mark. He is the only coach in college hockey history with more than 750 victories. His career highlights include an NCAA Championship at Michigan State in 1986 and an NAIA Championship with Lake Superior State in 1972. He led MSU to 17 CCHA regular-season and playoff titles and guided 23 teams to the NCAA Tournament, an all-time record. In addition, he coached 35 All-Americans and 50 former Spartans who went onto to establish careers in the National Hockey League.

In 1966, Mason began his coaching career as the first head coach at Lake Superior State, where he also served as assistant athletics director. He guided the Lakers to five NAIA Tournament appearances, including the 1972 National Championship. Three of his other teams finished as NAIA runners-up.

In 1973, he moved on to Bowling Green, establishing the Falcons as a national hockey power. In six seasons, he led Bowling Green to three CCHA regular-season titles (1976, 1978, 1979) and three playoff championships (1977, 1978, 1979). His 1977-78 squad finished third in the NCAA Tournament with an impressive 31-8 record. The following season, his BGSU squad established a then-national record with 37 wins. While at BGSU, he coached two members of the 1980 U.S. Gold Medal Olympic Hockey Team – Ken Morrow and Mark Wells.

Mason's Michigan State career began with the 1979-80 season when he replaced the legendary Amo Bessone. The seven-time CCHA Coach of the Year led the Spartans to seven regular-season league championships and 10 playoff crowns. In 2001, the conference honored Mason by renaming the CCHA playoff trophy – The Mason Cup – in recognition of his contributions to college hockey and the formation of the league as well as his success behind the bench. Mason is considered one of the "Founding Fathers" of the CCHA, as he joined Bowling Green's Jack Vivian and St. Louis University's Bill Selman in establishing a "coaches' league" in 1971.

On March 18, 1994, a win over Bowling Green established him as the winningest college hockey coach in history. In 2001-02, Mason's final campaign as the Spartan coach, he recorded his unprecedented 900th-win as a college hockey coach with a victory over Ferris State (Oct. 20, 2001).

Mason also had a first-hand perspective on one of MSU's biggest athletic endeavors, as he coached his Spartans against Michigan in front of a world-record crowd of 74,554 in an outdoor hockey game at Spartan Stadium (Oct. 6, 2001). He coached MSU's only two Hobey Baker Award winners – Kip Miller in 1990 and Ryan Miller in 2001. He also coached the first college player – Joe Murphy – to be taken first overall in the NHL Draft in 1986 by the Detroit Red Wings.

Mason served on the American Hockey Association Board of Directors from 1973-77 and is a former member of the NCAA Ice Hockey Rules Committee and NCAA Ice Hockey Championships Committee.

He is active in a number of local organizations and charities. He is very involved with Sparrow Hospital in Lansing, where he recently completed a four-year term on the Sparrow Foundation Board and has set up the Ron Mason Fund for Kids that supports the Pediatric Rehabilitation Department, which has raised nearly \$675,000 since 1998. He also served as the honorary chairperson for the Children's Miracle Network, which has raised \$19 million over the last 19 years, and has worked with the Coaches For Kids campaign, which has raised \$5.3 million in the last seven years for a pediatrics emergency room at Sparrow Hospital. In addition, he served on the committee for the broomball game for the Legal Eagles, which benefited the Boys and Girls Club of Lansing, and spent several years on the Lansing Safety Council. Mason currently is a board member for the Lansing Chamber of Commerce.

Mason received his bachelor's degree from St. Lawrence University in 1964 and his master's degree from Pittsburgh in 1965. He was presented with an honorary doctorate from Michigan State in the spring of 2001.

For all his career accomplishments, Mason has been inducted into the Michigan Sports Hall of Fame (1994), Lake Superior Sports Hall of Fame (1996) and St. Lawrence Sports Hall of Fame (1999). In addition, the American Hockey Coaches Association honored him with the John MacInnes Award for his outstanding contributions to hockey in the spring of 2003, and he received the Hobey Baker Memorial Award Foundation's 2004 "Legend of Hockey" award in April 2004.

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The Michigan State University Office of Compliance Services is committed to a comprehensive compliance program that educates student-athletes, prospective student-athletes, institutional employees, community members and boosters about the importance of adhering to NCAA, Big Ten and institutional rules. The commitment to compliance ensures institutional control over the department of athletics. The existence of a successful compliance program depends on the willingness of coaches, administrators, staff, student-athletes and boosters to be cognizant of NCAA, Big Ten and institutional rules.

#### WHAT IS COMPLIANCE?

At Michigan State University, the Office of Compliance Services works within the department of athletics and the University to ensure MSU's compliance with all applicable NCAA, Big Ten and institutional rules. In doing so, the compliance office is charged with the following tasks:

- Educating administrators, coaches, staff, prospective student-athletes, current student-athletes and boosters about NCAA, Big Ten and institutional rules;
- Developing monitoring systems to ensure compliance with NCAA, Big Ten and institutional rules (e.g., recruiting, academic eligibility, financial aid, awards and benefits, amateurism and agents).
- Investigating and reporting violations of NCAA, Big Ten and institutional rules.

#### ARE YOU A BOOSTER?

You are a booster if you are or ever have:

- Been a member of a booster organization that supports MSU athletics (e.g., Downtown Coaches Club, Rebounders Club, Fast Break Club);
- Made any financial contributions to the athletics department (e.g., Ralph Young Fund);
- Been involved in promoting MSU's athletics program;
- Been a season-ticket holder; or
- Provided benefits to enrolled student-athletes or their relatives or friends.

You can become a booster if you provide benefits to prospects, student-athletes, their relatives or friends and any of the following statements are true:

- The relationship between the athlete (or parents of the athlete) and the individual providing the benefits developed as a result of the athlete's participation in athletics or their reputation as an athlete;
- The relationship began only after the athlete become a prospect;
- The relationship began only after the athlete had achieved notoriety due to his or her athletic ability or reputation;
- The pattern of benefits increased after the athlete attained notoriety as a talented athlete.

#### ONCE A BOOSTER ALWAYS A BOOSTER

Once an individual is identified as a booster, the person retains that identity FOREVER! This is true even if the individual no longer contributes to, or is involved with MSU's athletics program.

#### WHO IS A PROSPECTIVE STUDENT-ATHLETE?

A prospective student-athlete (prospect) is a student who has started classes for the ninth grade. Student-athletes enrolled in preparatory schools and two-year colleges are also considered prospects. An individual remains a prospect even after he/she signs a National Letter of Intent.

#### THE RECRUITING DO'S AND DON'T'S

Only MSU coaches may be involved in the recruiting process. Boosters MAY NOT make any recruiting contacts with prospective student-athletes. Boosters are prohibited from the following:

- DO NOT telephone, write or make in-person contact with a prospect for recruiting purposes.
- DO NOT contact a prospect's coach, principal or counselor in an attempt to evaluate the prospect.
- DO NOT become involved in making arrangements for a prospect, the prospect's relatives or friends to receive money or financial aid of any kind.
- DO NOT visit a prospect's school to acquire films or transcripts in an attempt to evaluate the prospect's academic or athletics eligibility.
- DO NOT have contact with a prospect, their relatives or friends during any of their visits to MSU's campus.
- DO NOT contact student-athletes enrolled in other four-year institutions regarding the possibility of transferring to MSU.

Even though there are many rules prohibiting your involvement with prospects and the recruiting process, as a booster you are permitted to do the following:

- Notify MSU coaching staff about noteworthy prospects in your area.
- Attend a prospect's athletics event on your own initiative, provided no contact with the prospect, the prospect's parents or coach occurs.
- Continue existing friendships, provided solicitation of a prospect's enrollment does not occur.

#### WHAT IS AN EXTRA BENEFIT?

An extra benefit is any special arrangement by a MSU employee or booster to provide a prospect, student-athlete or their relatives or friends a benefit not expressly authorized by the NCAA. Examples of impermissible benefits include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Gifts of cash, clothing, equipment or any other tangible item;
- A special discount, payment arrangement or credit on any purchase or service;
- Loan of money or cosigning of loans;
- A vehicle, use of a vehicle, or any transportation expenses;
- Free or reduced-cost services, purchases or rentals;
- Entertainment on- or off-campus; or
- Free or reduced-cost rent or housing.

#### WHAT ARE THE CONSEQUENCES?

MSU is responsible for the actions of its boosters. If a booster provides an impermissible benefit to a prospect, student-athlete, their relatives or friends, MSU may be subject to penalties from the NCAA and Big Ten Conference. When a violation occurs, regardless of intention, it can:

- Jeopardize the eligibility of prospective and current student-athletes;
- Result in the MSU athletics program being penalized by the NCAA and/or Big Ten Conference; and
- Cause you to lose benefits or privileges associated with the athletics department (i.e., booster club membership, ticket privileges).

#### QUESTIONS?

The above information is a brief overview of compliance and rules pertaining to boosters and their interactions with prospective student-athletes. If you have any questions about any NCAA, Big Ten or institutional rules, please contact the Office of Compliance Services at (517) 432-5510. For more information on compliance and boosters, please visit the Office of Compliance Services' web site at [www.msu.edu/user/msuncaa/](http://www.msu.edu/user/msuncaa/).

Spartan Stadium is in its 84th season as home to Michigan State football. Since its opening in 1923, Michigan State has won nearly 69 percent of its games played in Spartan Stadium.

In 2005, the natural grass playing surface in Spartan Stadium earned Field of the Year honors from the Sports Turf Managers Association (STMA).

Spartan Stadium represents a tribute to Michigan State's football past and a vote of confidence in its future. A \$64 million expansion project completed prior to the start of the 2005 football season features the addition of nearly 3,000 seats, including 24 suites and a 193-seat press box, bringing the current stadium capacity to 75,005. "The Spartan" statue has been relocated to the atrium of the new structure. The 200,000-square-foot addition also houses the MSU Alumni Association, University Development and other units. The MSU Board of Trustees approved the major addition and expansion project of Spartan Stadium in September 2003.

Here's a quick look at some Spartan Stadium construction milestones:

- **Dec. 22, 2003** – Groundbreaking begins at construction site.
- **May 7, 2004** – Erection of steel framework begins.
- **July 30, 2004** – Topping-out ceremony held as the uppermost steel beam is lifted into place.
- **Nov. 13, 2004** – Press box demolition begins just 13 hours after Michigan State concluded its 2004 home schedule against Wisconsin.
- **Aug. 1, 2005** – The 20-month construction project was completed.

Barton Malow/Clark served as the construction manager for the Spartan Stadium expansion project, with HNTB providing architectural services.

Prior to the 2002 season, ESPN.com's Mel Kiper Jr. ranked Spartan Stadium No. 8 on his list of the nation's most scenic venues.

Natural grass returned to Spartan Stadium in 2002 after a 33-year absence, with the installation of a modular field. The new playing surface, planted in May of 2001 at MSU's Hancock Turfgrass Research Center, is comprised of a blend of nine varieties of Kentucky bluegrass. The original switch from natural grass to artificial turf came in time for the 1969 season.

Since 1957, capacity crowds have attended 144 games in Spartan Stadium, including the single-game record 80,401 fans who witnessed MSU's 20-19 loss to top-ranked Notre Dame on Sept. 22, 1990. The Spartans have ranked among the NCAA's top 25 in attendance each of the last 51 seasons, including 21st in 2006, averaging 70,819 fans per game.

Season-ticket sales have topped the 60,000 mark five times in Spartan football history, with an all-time record 61,479 season tickets purchased in 2000.

A series of projects paralleling the Spartans' rise to national football prominence enlarged the steel-and-concrete facility from its original 14,000 seats in 1923 to its present size in 1957.

The first came in 1935, the year in which the stadium was officially named Macklin Field, boosting the capacity to 26,000. The 1948 enlargement raised the total to 51,000.

After 9,000 new seats upped the capacity to 60,000 in 1956, the upper decks were added to the east and west stands in 1957, bringing the capacity to 76,000. It also became Spartan Stadium that year. Renovations during the summer of 1994 improved sightlines and comfort for fans, while reducing the capacity to its current 72,027.

On Oct. 6, 2001, Spartan Stadium added another chapter to its storied history as a world-record crowd of 74,554 attended the MSU-Michigan outdoor hockey game.

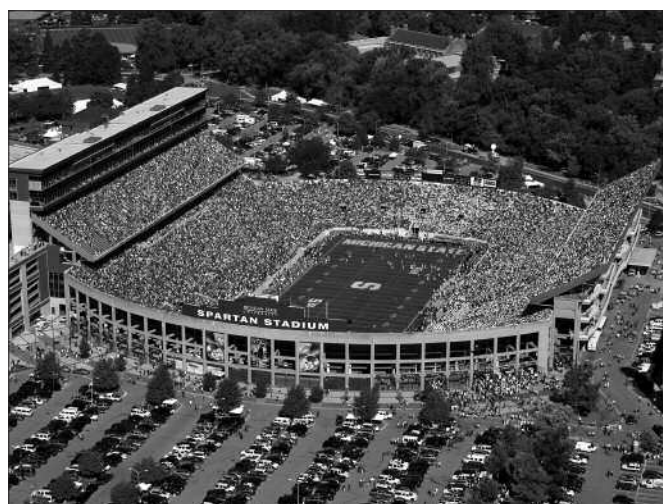
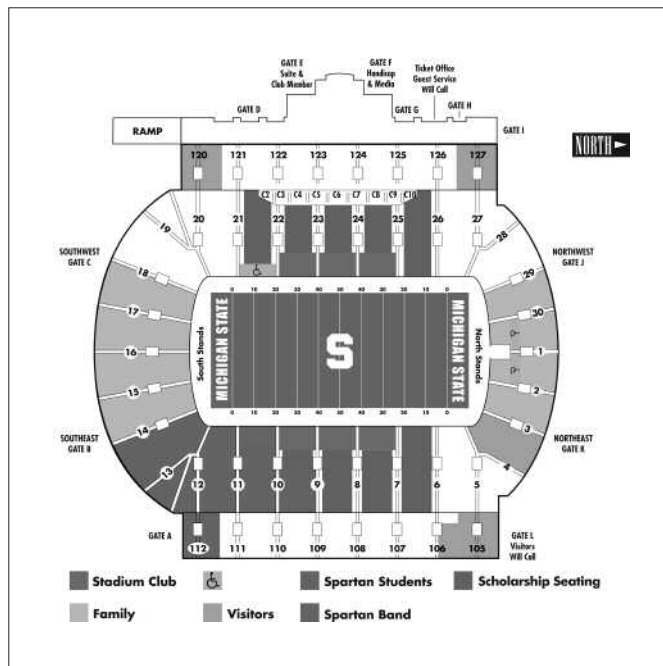
Prior to the 1998 season, a Mitsubishi Diamond Vision was installed in the south end zone and a new scoreboard and black and white message board were added to the north end zone. The CRT video display measures 21 feet x 27 feet and it is operated from a digital production control room in the Breslin Center. The video display board shows live game action, replays and special features. In addition, a concert-quality 50,000-watt sound system was installed.

In 1998, Spartan Stadium celebrated its 75th anniversary plus it reached another milestone that season when it played host to its 400th game, a 29-5 MSU victory over Northwestern on Oct. 31.

With its 49-14 victory over No. 4 Wisconsin in the 2004 home finale, Michigan State recorded its 300th win in Spartan Stadium. Michigan State has compiled a 305-136-13 record (.686) since taking up residency in Spartan Stadium (formerly Macklin Field) in 1923. The Spartans have gone undefeated at home 16 times since the stadium opened, including a perfect 6-0 mark in 1999. It marked MSU's first undefeated home record since 1966 (5-0-1) and its first unbeaten and untied home slate since 1965 (5-0-0).

In addition, Michigan State has suffered only one home loss during a season 27 times. Only nine times in the history of the stadium have the Spartans experienced a losing record at home.

Michigan State's longest home winning streak is 19 games from Oct. 14, 1950, through Nov. 21, 1953.



### TOP 10 CROWDS AT SPARTAN STADIUM

Att.	Opponent	Year
80,401	Notre Dame	1990
80,383	Ohio State	1975
80,193	Notre Dame	2006
80,157	Michigan	1991
80,093	Michigan	1971
80,011	Notre Dame	1966
79,895	Notre Dame	1986
79,776	Michigan	1975
79,687	Michigan	1997
79,561	Purdue	1979

### ALL-TIME MSU FOOTBALL SEASON-TICKET SALES

Rank	Season	Tickets Sold
1	2000	61,479
2	2006	61,227
3	2001	61,198
4	2005	60,692
5	1999	60,109

**YEAR-BY-YEAR ATTENDANCE**

Year	HOME				AWAY			TOTAL		
	G	Attendance	Avg.	NCAA Rank	G	Attendance	Avg.	G	Attendance	Avg.
1948	5	191,903	38,380	—	5	121,186	24,237	10	313,089	31,309
1949	6	226,786	37,797	—	3	135,478	45,159	9	362,264	40,252
1950	6	229,159	38,193	—	3	183,804	61,268	9	412,963	45,885
1951	5	195,340	39,068	—	4	230,553	57,638	9	425,893	47,321
1952	5	226,856	45,371	—	4	191,334	47,833	9	418,190	46,466
1953	5	248,349	49,669	—	5	327,047	65,409	10	575,396	57,540
1954	4	189,016	47,254	—	5	293,052	58,610	9	482,068	53,563
1955	5	244,863	48,972	—	5	316,377	63,275	10	561,240	56,124
1956	4	203,051	50,762	No. 10	5	348,976	69,795	9	552,027	61,336
1957	6	358,563	59,760	No. 4	3	190,287	63,429	9	548,850	60,983
1958	5	295,938	59,188	No. 4	4	188,296	47,231	9	484,864	53,878
1959	5	288,429	57,685	No. 4	4	285,534	71,383	9	573,963	63,774
1960	4	276,605	69,150	No. 2	5	223,098	44,619	9	499,703	55,523
1961	5	282,607	56,521	No. 6	4	259,361	64,840	9	541,968	60,219
1962	4	273,372	68,343	No. 2	5	190,882	38,016	9	464,254	51,584
1963	5	328,632	65,726	No. 3	4	256,737	64,184	9	585,369	65,041
1964	4	290,080	72,520	No. 2	5	235,250	47,050	9	525,330	58,370
1965	5	347,299	69,459	No. 3	6	425,520	70,918	11	772,809	70,255
1966	6	426,740	71,123	No. 2	4	216,429	54,107	10	643,169	64,317
1967	6	411,916	68,652	No. 3	4	280,203	70,050	10	692,119	69,212
1968	6	414,177	69,029	No. 3	4	265,856	66,462	10	680,033	68,003
1969	5	352,123	70,425	No. 3	5	295,190	59,083	10	647,313	64,731
1970	6	387,051	64,509	No. 6	4	239,840	59,960	10	626,891	62,689
1971	5	306,162	61,232	No. 10	6	364,598	60,766	11	670,490	60,954
1972	6	398,660	66,443	No. 8	5	303,015	60,603	11	701,675	63,789
1973	5	306,542	61,308	No. 10	6	282,211	47,035	11	588,753	53,523
1974	6	386,237	64,372	No. 7	5	308,725	61,745	11	694,962	63,178
1975	6	401,369	66,894	No. 7	5	229,611	45,922	11	630,980	57,362
1976	6	341,440	56,907	No. 15	5	296,904	59,381	11	638,344	58,031
1977	6	369,501	61,583	No. 13	5	249,560	49,912	11	619,061	56,278
1978	6	426,854	71,142	No. 10	5	293,040	58,608	11	719,894	65,445
1979	6	460,135	76,689	No. 5	5	302,398	60,479	11	762,533	69,321
1980	6	420,550	70,092	No. 10	5	281,631	56,326	11	702,18	63,835
1981	6	381,545	63,591	No. 17	5	300,243	60,049	11	671,788	61,072
1982	5	320,925	64,185	No. 17	6	372,647	62,108	11	693,572	63,052
1983	5	359,744	71,949	No. 13	6	345,137	57,523	11	704,881	64,080
1984	6	406,082	67,680	No. 16	6	400,845	66,808	12	806,927	67,244
1985	6	400,496	66,479	No. 16	6	319,397	53,233	12	719,893	59,991
1986	6	423,225	70,538	No. 12	5	336,032	67,206	11	759,257	69,023
1987	6	462,090	77,015	No. 8	6	395,035	65,839	12	857,125	71,427
1988	6	454,948	75,825	No. 9	6	416,349	69,392	12	871,297	72,608
1989	6	433,896	72,316	No. 10	6	299,520	49,920	12	733,416	61,118
1990	5	369,395	73,879	No. 11	7	366,848	52,407	12	736,243	61,354
1991	6	421,231	70,205	No. 12	5	272,146	54,429	11	693,377	63,034
1992	6	358,886	59,814	No. 20	5	246,533	49,307	11	605,419	55,038
1993	6	368,922	61,487	No. 19	6	310,682	51,780	12	679,604	56,634
1994	6	402,163	67,027	No. 17	5	342,045	68,409	11	744,208	67,655
1995	6	431,583	71,930	No. 14	6	293,655	48,942	12	725,238	60,437
1996	6	418,338	69,723	No. 16	6	436,196	72,699	12	854,534	71,211
1997	6	447,924	74,654	No. 13	6	292,660	48,777	12	740,584	61,715
1998	7	490,989	70,141	No. 19	5	386,152	77,230	12	877,141	73,095
1999	6	444,886	74,148	No. 18	6	371,170	61,862	12	816,056	68,005
2000	6	444,138	74,023	No. 19	5	424,569	84,914	11	868,707	78,973
2001	6	442,292	73,715	No. 19	6	333,507	55,585	12	775,799	64,650
2002	8	591,539	73,942	No. 19	4	318,571	79,643	12	910,110	75,843
2003	7	509,811	72,830	No. 20	6	407,758	67,960	13	917,569	70,582
2004	6	441,613	73,602	No. 20	6	392,229	65,372	12	833,842	69,486
2005	6	451,097	75,183	No. 20	5	345,040	69,008	11	796,137	72,376
2006	7	495,731	70,819	No. 21	5	333,743	66,749	12	829,474	69,123

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## THE NICKNAME

In 1926, Michigan State's first southern baseball training tour provided the setting for the birth of the "Spartan" nickname.

It all came about when a Lansing sportswriter imposed the silent treatment on a contest-winning nickname and substituted his own choice, the name that has lasted through the years.

In 1925, Michigan State College replaced the name Michigan Agricultural College. The college sponsored a contest to select a nickname to replace "Aggies" and picked "The Michigan Staters."

George S. Alderton, then sports editor of the *Lansing State Journal*, decided the name was too cumbersome for newspaper writing and vowed to find a better one. Alderton contacted Jim Hasselman of Information Services to see if entries still remained from the contest. When informed that they still existed, Alderton ran across the entry name of "Spartans" and then decided that was the choice. Unfortunately, Alderton forgot to write down who submitted that particular entry, so that part of the story remains a mystery.

Rewriting game accounts supplied by Perry Fremont, a catcher on the squad, Alderton first used the name sparingly and then ventured into the headlines with it. (Incidentally, after two days of spelling the name incorrectly with an "o", Mr. Alderton changed it to Spartan on a tip from a close friend.) Dale Stafford, a sports writer for the *Lansing Capitol News*, a rival of the *State Journal*, picked up the name for his paper after a couple of days. Alderton called Stafford and suggested that he might want to join the Spartan parade and he did.

As Mr. Alderton explains: "No student, alumnus or college official had called up the editor to complain about our audacity in giving the old school a new name, so we ventured into headlines with it. Happily for the experiment, the name took. It began appearing in other newspapers and when the student publication used it, that clinched it."

## SPARTY

"The Spartan" statue, designed and produced by MSU assistant art professor Leonard D. Jungwirth, has a permanent home inside the atrium of the Spartan Stadium tower. The 9-foot-7 ceramic figure weighs approximately 6,600 pounds, including its base. In 2005, the sculpture was relocated to protect it from the elements.



"The Spartan" was dedicated on June 9, 1945, at the intersection of Red Cedar Road, Kalamazoo Street and Chestnut Road. Popularly known as "Sparty," the statue remains one of the favorite photo subjects of campus visitors.

Last fall, an exact replica of the original terra cotta sculpture – now cast in bronze – took up residency on the plaza located at the north end of Demonstration Hall Field. The molds for the bronze statue were made from the original sculpture. The new statue was cast in bronze at the Artworks Foundry in Berkeley, Calif.

As part of MSU's sesquicentennial celebration, the bronze "Sparty" was dedicated on Oct. 8, 2005.

Donors contributed approximately \$500,000 to pay for all work related to the new sculpture, including the plaza.

## GREEN & WHITE

Details are sketchy as to when Michigan State athletic teams officially began using the school colors green and white. But records of the Athletic Association of the then Michigan Agricultural College show that on April 11, 1899, the organization took steps toward adoption of a green monogram, "to be worn only by athletes who subsequently take part in intercollegiate events."

It is generally thought the colors came into wide use with the arrival in 1903 of Chester L. Brewer as the school's first full-time director of athletics. Brewer also coached the Spartan football, basketball, baseball and track teams, the only varsity units in existence at the time.

## SPARTY MASCOT

Michigan State's beloved Sparty has won three national championships in the last four years at the Universal Cheer Association's mascot competition at Walt Disney World in Orlando, Fla.

In January 2004, Sparty became the first Big Ten mascot to claim the national title, and in 2005, he defended his national championship, beating Goldy Gopher and Bucky Badger in the finals. After finishing third in the 2006 competition, Sparty reclaimed the national championship in 2007.

Made of hi-tech materials, including a vinyl chest plate and fiberglass molds like the ones used for making Muppets, the seven-foot costume weighs in at 40 pounds, allowing enough flexibility for playful gestures and animation. Sparty is a far cry from the many papier-mache heads that have popped up since the 1950's, mostly from fraternity efforts. The first official one apparently debuted in 1955 courtesy of Theta Xi.

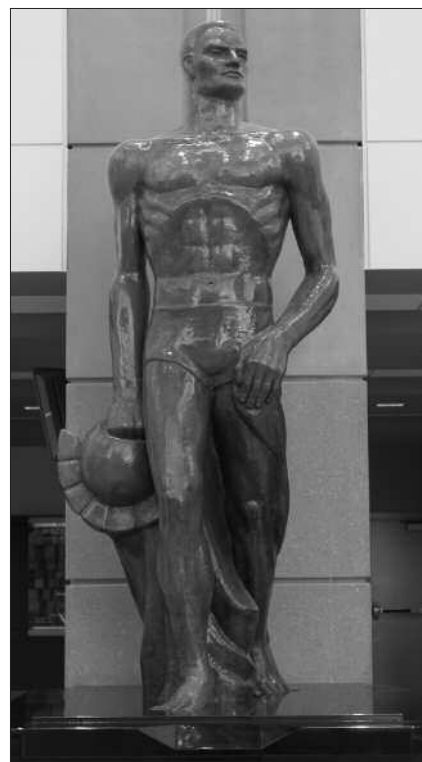
Other versions were introduced from time to time. In 1984, Sigma Phi Epsilon introduced the first "gruff" head--sporting the unshaven look that still adorns many sweatshirts and jackets.

By contrast, the current Sparty costume is a state-of-the-art, full-bodied uniform that costs \$12,000.

Today six students--their identities kept private--take turns being Sparty with one of three costumes. Because of the costume size, Sparty aspirants must be between 5-10 and 6-2 in height. Candidates who fit the physical needs are chosen after a hands-on process that includes tryouts and interviews.

The Sparty Mascot Program is run and funded by the Student Alumni Foundation.

Those interested in hiring Sparty can submit a request online at [www.msusaf.com](http://www.msusaf.com) and click on the mascot program or contact the SAF office at 517-355-4458. Those who wish to donate to the Sparty mascot fund can contact University Development at 517-355-8257.



## MSU FIGHT SONG

*On the banks of the Red Cedar,  
There's a school that's known to all;  
Its specialty is winning,  
And those Spartans play good ball;  
Spartan teams are never beaten,  
All through the game they'll fight;  
Fight for the only colors,  
Green and White.  
Go right through for MSU,  
Watch the points keep growing.  
Spartan teams are bound to win,  
They're fighting with a vim.  
Rah! Rah! Rah!  
See their team is weakening,  
We're going to win this game.  
Fight! Fight! Rah! Team, Fight!  
Victory for MSU.*