RALPH YOUNG TAKES HIS LEAVE

MICHIGAN STATE COLLEGE
A LETTER FROM —
John Wilson -- Rhodes Scholar

Thousands of Spartan football fans remember John Wilson whose flashy defensive play at left halfback from 1949-'52 earned him a niche as one of M.S.C.'s all-time greats. But Johnny was more than "just a football player." While he was making a record on the field, he was also making an unprecedented record for a football player—a record in the classroom that helped him win a prized Rhodes scholarship. John is now studying under his scholarship at Oxford University in England. In the letter below, he tells of his activities and adventures in a refreshing and frank account of life in Europe.

Dear Editor:

Received your letter of the 10th and I appreciated all the information about M.S.C. It brought back such a flood of pleasant memories that I could almost hear the bells ringing in Beaumont Tower. Naturally, I am flattered by your request for an article on my impression of Oxford and life in England.

Frankly, it seems like I have been here for years. Yet, it was only six months ago that I arrived at Oxford to take up residence on my two-year scholarship. The first three months seemed like an intellectual nightmare. It was not unusual to be assigned one half the library for morning reading, and the other half for the afternoon. I was not unlike another American who sought out his tutor before the term had begun and asked what book he could read to help him with his studies. "Why all the books, of course," replied the tutor, returning to his manuscript and shaking his head as if the answer were self-evident.

I was delightedly surprised with my

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Member of the American Alumni Council. This was my second seven year term by THE DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION SERVICES, Michigan State College. The Record is issued as second class matter at East Lansing, Michigan, under the Act of Congress, August 24, 1912.

English tutor, who proved to be an affable person named Newell Coghll. Incidentally, Professor Coghll will be distinguished visiting professor on the M.S.C. campus this spring term.

I soon found that the tutorial system is an ideal educational device. Work is conducted on an adult basis with the tutor making assignments which allow the student to progress as rapidly as he can absorb the subject matter. The outstanding feature of this system, of course, is the master-pupil relationship. In comparison with our lecture method, there is an intellectual intimacy between the two people involved, with the mature mind setting the challenge and guiding the progress. All in all, it is a stimulating and wonderful experience.

Studies, under the tutorial system, imposed limitations on my in-term travel, and the first three months I was known as "the prisoner of Oxford," or "The Man in the Iron Book." No complaints, mind you, as Oxford reeks with charm and tradition, but after three months, I was glad to escape to the delights of Paris.

But before this break in the intellectual life, Prof. Coghll said: "Let me see, you will probably spend three days coming and going with perhaps a week's rest at Christmas time. This leaves four weeks of solid work! Excellent!!"

After a short sojourn on the continent, where I noted that the Folliers were still drawing the American tourists, and the French were as gay as I had been led to believe, I was back in England fulfilling my obligation to the long-departed Chaucer.

The school year is divided into three eight-week terms, separated, very conveniently, by so-called vacation periods and what is known as "collections." This is a session with your tutor whereby we receive our vacation study program and are examined on our previous term's work.

Since the first term is over now, and I have had an opportunity to do a little traveling, I am amazed at the confidence in the future of both the French and the English. Rationing in England has been cut on almost everything, optimism prevails, and life is almost as pleasant as one could expect. The country is marvelously interesting and the food here is not nearly so bad as I was led to believe. The rooms aren't terribly cold, marvelously interesting and the food here is not nearly so bad as I was led to believe. The rooms aren't terribly cold, I have survived my first rugged English winter.

The students here are a congenial lot with most of them coming from average income homes. This fact surprised me as I had originally thought that only the wealthy were educated at Oxford.

I hope that you can distill this letter and write a sensible article for me. Convey my warmest regards to all those who have made it possible for me to enjoy this opportunity.

Yours truly,

John D. Wilson
Counseling Clinics Give a Helping Hand to Frosh

Hundreds of high school students will receive a helping hand this summer when they participate in one of M.S.C.'s counseling clinics. Each student receives counseling and advice designed to bridge the gap between high school and college.

DO YOU REMEMBER your freshmen week with its experience of being left alone as your parents drove away? Can you recall your lost feeling the first days on the campus?

Michigan State College has become increasingly aware of the problems of entering students. As a result, it inaugurated, in the summer of 1949, a three day pre-college program to ease the transition of incoming freshmen from high school to college.

Recent studies show that those who attend Counseling Clinics have made a better initial adjustment to college and have been less likely to drop out of school during their freshman year.

The program has developed in size and scope. In 1949, three clinics were offered. The number has expanded to nine in 1950, ten in 1951 and eleven in 1952, 1953, and 1954. Similarly the number of participants has increased each year—225 in 1949, 366 in 1950, 635 in 1951, 1025 in 1952, 1225 in 1953.

The clinic schedule is intensive. The second day is devoted to such orientation activities as knowing your college, swimming tests, counseling interviews, and meeting with school and department representatives. The second evening features informal discussions on dormitory living, campus organizations, procedures for registration (illustrated by slides) and recreational activities.

On the third day the clinic program concludes with speech and hearing tests, medical examinations, counseling interviews and filling out evaluation questionnaires.

Approximately 1,500 high school students— including about 300 from out of state—are scheduled to attend the clinics this summer. Assisting the M.S.C. staff will be five experienced counselors from high schools in Michigan. They are Bill Clark, Birmingham; Joe Ropele, St. Joseph; Mrs. Margaret May, Grand Rapids; Frank Reed, Ann Arbor, and Marjorie Shepard, Grand Rapids.

Each student will be assigned a counselor with whom he will work closely throughout the clinic. During individual interviews, test results are interpreted so that the student can use these estimates of his strengths and weaknesses as a basis for planning his program.

In addition to these tests and interviews, further information may be gathered from further testing of interests and aptitudes or from exploration of vocational requirements and opportunities.

Applications for the clinics can be accepted only from those who have received notice of tentative admission to M.S.C. Also, the application should be accompanied by the $8 clinic fee and the student's choice of dates. Housing and meals will be provided in a college residence hall. Costs of the clinic include the $8 clinic fee; $3 for room for one night; $2 for each additional night, and $3.25 for meals, per day.

Clinic dates for the summer of 1954 are as follows: June 22-24, June 29-July 1, July 6-8, 13-15, 20-22, 27-29, August 3-5, 10-12, 17-19, 24-26 and August 31-September 2. For further information write to Thomas A. Goodrich, Coordinator of Counseling Clinics, Counseling Center, Michigan State College, East Lansing, Michigan.
Child Safety Begins in the Home

ACCIDENTS are childhood’s greatest hazard.

And although adults carry the lion’s share of responsibility for youngsters’ safety, a foolproof environment and constant supervision are not always possible—or even desirable.

How then, can you promote safety for your child? Dr. Bernice Borgman of the home management and child development department at M.S.C. has some suggestions to offer parents.

Dr. Borgman is in charge of the Michigan State College nursery school which serves as the child development laboratory for home economics students.

At the nursery school, students and parents see how safety becomes an integral part of the lives of young children.

Dr. Borgman summarizes the nursery school safety techniques this way: First, provide a safe environment. Second, teach the child to use his body safely. And third, teach him to use equipment safely. Parents can use these same techniques at home, maintains Dr. Borgman.

The idea environment, of course, is one that is safe yet allows freedom for adventure and experiment. You can provide this at home by fencing in the yard where your child will play.

You can further the safety situation by placing play equipment so that one activity does not interfere with another. For example, be sure to set the swings where they won’t be dangerous to children in other play areas.

Things to climb on—ladders, boxes, a jungle gym, arrangements of planks or large blocks—must be steady to be safe. While you check to see that they are sturdy, check also to see that they are free from dangerous splinters and sharp edges, advises Dr. Borgman.

You want to take safety precautions indoors, too. Look around your home. You’ll agree that the beauty of a highly waxed floor can be foregone in order to eliminate the danger of its slippery surface.

A safety help to children using stairs is a handrail placed parallel beneath the adult rail, says Dr. Borgman. And for the sake of the whole family’s safety, stairs should be well lighted and free from clutter at all times.

What about those electrical outlets? Wouldn’t it be a good idea to cover the ones within your child’s reach before his curiosity prompts him to poke a metal object into one?

It’s true, you know, that many accidents are not accidents at all—but merely results of carelessness.

If you’ve ever been amazed by your child’s lack of fear, you’ll realize that it is one of the things you’ll have to deal with in teaching him to use his body properly.

He must be warned and educated to some dangers by your reassuring words and your explanations. In this way you can help him to learn and to take care of himself.

You may meet the greatest challenge to your patience in trying to teach him to use equipment safely.

Better stifle the stern rebuke when he throws his toy truck. Instead, advises Dr. Borgman, take the time to explain that some things—like trucks, blocks and
sand—just aren't meant for tossing. On the other hand, you can show him that soft balls and bean bags are fine for throwing—and just as much fun.

Your child probably likes to work with honest tools—shovels that dig, hammers that pound in nails, scissors that cut and other workable items.

Activities such as these require close supervision while he learns to use them with safety to himself and to others. Their use must be restricted to the proper place and manner, too.

He'll quickly learn the safety rules: That the shovel is to be used in his special “garden.” That carpentry tools are to be used at his “child-sized” workbench where wood for sawing is securely fastened in a sturdy vise. And that scissors (with blunt ends) are used when he is seated at a table. Also that none of these tools are carried when he is running about, of course.

All such common-sense precautions can make home less hazardous for childhood, concludes Dr. Borgman.

MSC Professors Leave for Brazil

Four M.S.C. professors will serve this year as a team in helping to establish the first school of business administration in Brazil.

The four will serve as consultants, advisers and teachers in Sao Paulo, site of the new school, according to Dr. H. J. Wyngarden, Dean of the School of Business and Public Service.

Two professors and their families left April 1 on their new assignment. They are Dr. Karl A. Boedecker, professor of business administration, and Dr. Ole S. Johnson, assistant professor of marketing. Dr. Leonard H. Rall, professor of finance, and Fritz B. Harris, assistant professor of industrial engineering, will head for the Brazilian industrial city in June.

The four will assist primarily in the areas of top management and policy, financial administration, marketing and production management. Some members of the team may stay longer than a year to develop an overlapping arrangement with a second M.S.C. mission, to be selected later in the long-range cooperative project.

Dean Wyngarden explained the school will begin with courses for Brazilian businessmen and plans call for the establishment later of undergraduate and graduate programs, also with M.S.C. help.

Financing the new school and M.S.C.'s participation are the Getulio Vargas Foundation of Brazil, a private organization; and the Institute for Inter-American Affairs, a U.S. agency.

Faculty Publications

Dr. Frank H. Mossman, associate professor of transportation, is co-author of a new book in the transportation field, "Industrial Traffic Management." Published in New York by Ronald Press company, the 520-page book is the work of Mossman and Newton Morton, assistant professor of commerce at Kent State University.

Dr. Irma H. Gross, head of the home management and child development department, is the co-author of a new college textbook, "Management for Modern Families," published this spring by Appleton-Century-Crofts, Inc.


Alumni-Commencement Week End Schedule

More than 1,100 alumni—last year's record group—will attend alumni activities during alumni-commencement week end, June 5, and 6 according to Starr H. Keesler, director of alumni relations.

In addition to the regular five year reunions—highlighted by the induction of the Class of '04 into the Patriarchs and the Silver Anniversary reunion of the Class of '29, the Class of 1895, 1901, and 1914 will have dinners Friday evening, June 4.

Class officers and chairmen are busy planning details, and mailings will be sent to all members of the reunion classes.

Five year anniversary reunions will be held by the classes of '09, '14, '19, '24, '29, '34, '39, '44, and '49. The Class of 1906 will hold a luncheon on Saturday noon.

Activities for the week end include the traditional Water Carnival, and the baseball game between Michigan State and Western Michigan.

Alumni Awards for Distinguished Service will be presented at Commencement, Sunday, June 6, at 5 p.m. in Macklin Field.

All alumni are cordially invited to attend the alumni-commencement week end program.

New Married Housing Approved for MSC

Construction of a million-dollar apartment project for married students at Michigan State College has been approved by the State Board of Agriculture, M.S.C.'s governing body.

Nine buildings—containing a total of 108 apartments—are to be completed by October of this year. The first three buildings are to be finished in 147 days.

Construction of the nine buildings will bring to 12 the number of new apartment dwellings for married students on the M.S.C. campus, and will make available a total of 144 apartments.

More than 1,000 married students live on the Spartan campus annually.
Outstanding Club Awards

The Kent County Alumni Club joined forces with the county Alumnae club for Outstanding Club Awards for a February meeting. More than 350 alumni and friends turned out for the meeting which was held at the Pantlind Hotel in Grand Rapids.

One of the highlights of the evening was the presentation of a banner of achievement to the Kent County Alumni Club. The club was selected as the most outstanding club of the type "A" group for 1953 and presentation was made by Wilbur Hart, '49, alumni advisory council representative of district four.

Harold Rockwell, '47, who acted as toastmaster, introduced the featured speaker, William L. Davidson, '33, M.S.C. fund director. Mr. Davidson discussed the annual Roll Call program and other activities of the fund office. Rose Bowl game movies and team travelogue were also shown.

Potluck Dinner

One of the biggest pot-luck dinners in a number of years was held in St. Joseph in February. The Berrien County Alumni Club, headed by Dan Mather, '13, had almost 175 people at its annual affair. Best of all, the food was almost 175 people at the Pantlind Hotel in Grand Rapids.

Dan Mather reported on the progress of the Berrien County Alumni Club directory, which the group hopes to print this Spring. "Returns from a club questionnaire sent to all alumni in the county have been exceptionally good," Mather reported.

Current college activities were reviewed by John McGoff. The meeting closed with a showing of the Rose Bowl game film.

Banquets

Dearborn turned out almost 100 alumni for a late Winter square dance. Co-chairman for the event were Mrs. Don King, '52, and Mrs. C. R. Johnson, '52.

Morenci was the scene of Lenawee county's annual alumni banquet. Usually held in Adrian, club officers decided to experiment with an out-county meeting this time. If numbers are any indication of success, then it can be said that it was fully a success. Some 120 members attended the meeting. Max Huff, '38, was program chairman. After a huge dinner in the Morenci Grange Hall dining room, Max adjourned the group to an upstairs meeting room where more space was available. John McGoff, '50, assistant alumni director, talked on current M.S.C. activities. At the club's business meeting, members elected Bob Ries, '31, to the office of presidency. His term will begin July 1, 1954. The meeting concluded with films of the Rose Bowl game and Parade.

At Coldwater, some fifty alumni met for the club's annual dinner and the Rose Bowl game and Parade of Roses films. Norm Wise, '39, Branch County Alumni Club president, introduced Bob Toll, '49, assistant alumni director, who spoke on recent events at the college.

The Mecosta-Osceola Alumni Club elected as its new president, Lloyd Atkins, '22, at its recent annual banquet. Atkins, who lives in Big Rapids, has been active in county alumni affairs for a number of years.

This year's banquet was held in Remus. Alumni club president, Dr. Edward Kowaleski, w'43, presided at the meeting and introduced the featured speaker, John McGoff of the Alumni Office staff. The seventy members in attendance also witnessed the Rose Bowl and Parade of Roses films.

Clifford Lake Hotel was the scene of the Montcalm county alumni dinner meeting. Vic Beal, '28, club president, presided at the meeting and introduced Michigan State's alumni director, Starr Keesler. The group also saw the Rose Bowl films as part of the evening's program.

The club elected to office: Bob Ballard, '40, president; Milt Armstrong, '51, vice-president; Bob Price, '46, secretary. Those elected to the board of directors were: Jim Herrick, '50, George Rennay, '38, and Vic Beal, '28.

Dr. Shao Chang Lee, head of the department of Foreign Studies, was the featured speaker at a mid-March meeting in Wyandotte. Holding its fourth meeting since its organization in September, the group heard Dr. Lee speak on "The Far Eastern Problem." At the conclusion of his talk, club members engaged in a lively question and answer period. Mike Homowetz, '41, club president, announced that another meeting would be held in the late Spring.

Huron County Elects

Huron county had one of its best meetings and turnouts in quite some time at a late February meeting in Bad Axe. Starr Keesler, '41, alumni director, brought the 120 alumni and guests up-to-date on current Michigan State affairs. The Rose Bowl game and Tournament of Roses Parade films were shown.

The following club members were elected to office: James Muehlenbeck, '30, president; Lucille Monark, '53, and Mrs. Douglas Phillips, '46, vice-presidents; Leslie Miller, '40, secretary-treasurer. Members elected to the board of directors were: Harold Greenan, '32, William Eick, '51, Herbert Avey, '50.

Bowl Films Still Popular

Another one thousand Spartan football fans had an opportunity to see the Green and White eleven trounce U.C.L.A. in the annual Rose Bowl classic at Pasadena via the movie screen. Eight alumni clubs sponsored public showings in several communities around the state during February and early March. Clubs sponsoring showings were: Clare-Isabella, Lapeer, Lake-Mason, Oceana, Oakland, Hillsdale and Clinton county clubs.

Out-of-State

Hannah Visits Philadelphia

A rather spontaneous meeting of some twenty-five alumni was held in Philadelphia in March. It all started when members were informed that Dr. John Hannah would be in town for an appearance on Junior Press Conference, a local TV show. Dr. Hannah, Michigan State College president and Assistant Secretary of Defense, accepted the club's dinner invitation. A quickly formed telephone committee contacted alumni living in the Philadelphia area concerning the meeting.

After dinner at the Penn-Sherwood Hotel, the group traveled to the studios of WFIN-TV for the panel discussion show to observe and listen to Dr. Hannah. At the conclusion of the television show, alumni and friends had an opportunity to discuss current activities and developments at Michigan State College with Dr. Hannah.

Among those present was Steve Sebo, former Spartan backfield coach now at the University of Pennsylvania. The club plans to feature Steve in a future program, according to Tom Ottey, '35, club president.
Western Junket

Starr Keesler, '41, Michigan State's alumni director, met with several far western clubs in late March for Rose Bowl film showings and early Spring banquets.

At the Sand Point Naval Station Officers Club in Seattle, well over fifty-five alumni and friends met for the group's annual dinner meeting.

Club president, Russ Breining, '31, introduced Starr Keesler, who talked on college and alumni news. The Rose Bowl game and Tournament of Roses Parade films concluded the meeting.

The club elected the following to office: Dr. George Marble, '40, president; K. B. Stevens, '66, vice-president; Joan Iwerks, current college activities. The program concluded with a showing of the Rose Bowl game and Parade.

In the extreme south of California, at San Diego, a dinner-organization meeting was held. Sixty-five alumni and friends were on hand for the meeting.

Program chairman, Verne Branch, introduced Starr Keesler, guest speaker.

A long time friend and former Registrar at Michigan State College, Mrs. Elida Yakeley, was a special guest of the club.

The largest turnout of the western trip was in the mile high city of Denver, Colorado. The seventy-five members attending the meeting expressed their appreciation to Bill Peck, '48, club president, for his fine leadership.

Newly elected officers are: Bob Buckenhizer, '46, president; Ron Alling, '40, vice-president; Bob Root, '43, secretary; Dick Muller, '50, treasurer.

Those elected to the board of directors are: Lloyd Arnold, '31, Corkey Cribbs, '36, Don Reid, '51 and Paul Jamieson, '18.

Keesler's last stop on his western junket was at Kansas City, Missouri, where thirty-five members met for a dinner meeting.

After a talk on college and alumni activities and the showing of the Rose Bowl game and Parade, the following members were elected to office: William Nichols, '43, president; Don Hoehn, '48, vice-president; Mrs. Doris Milliken, '44, secretary; Robert Renz, '42, treasurer.

Buffalo Awarded Banner

For many years the Buffalo, New York, group has been an outstanding organization. This year, the club was recognized for its activities.

At its March banquet meeting, President John A. Hannah presented the club with the "Outstanding Alumni Club Banner." In recognition for her outstanding leadership as president of the Buffalo club, Mrs. Leola Reister, w'26, was awarded a gold "S" pin by President Hannah.

Nearly 150 alumni and friends were on hand for the dinner meeting to hear President Hannah. Mr. Hannah stopped briefly at Buffalo on his journey north to Thule Air Base.

Representing the Michigan State Alumni Office at the meeting was Bob Toll, '49, assistant alumni director.

South Bend Meets

In late March the South Bend, Indiana, M.S.C. Alumni Club met for its annual Spring banquet.

Bob Toll, '49, of the Alumni Office, talked to the group on current affairs at Michigan State. Mr. Toll was introduced by Bob Russell, '11, alumni club president.

Future plans include a Fall meeting the evening prior to the Notre Dame-Michigan State game.

The meeting closed with a square dance.

Glee Club Tour a Success

Despite sub-zero weather, and bus difficulties, the M.S.C. Men's Glee Club returned to campus after a highly successful concert tour of the Upper Peninsula. Nearly 14,000 concertgoers heard the group during its eleven day concert tour of thirteen Michigan communities. The 2,025 mile trip included stops at Shelby, Hart, Newberry, Sault Ste. Marie, Marquette, L'Anse, Lake Linden, Ontonagon, Ironwood, Crystal Falls, Norway, Iron Mountain and Milwaukee.

The seventeen concerts were sponsored by alumni clubs and high schools.

Oakland County Plans Spring Banquet at the Hotel Pontiac

May 19 is a big date in the history of the Oakland County M.S.C. Alumni Club. On that date, another gala affair is planned for all Michigan State Alumni living in Oakland County.

Featured speaker for the evening will be Dr. Edgar L. Harden, Dean of Continuing Education at M.S.C. Dr. Harden, faculty representative to the Western Conference, will talk on the subject, "Michigan State's Future in the Big Ten."

The banquet is to be held at the Hotel Pontiac in Pontiac, Michigan. Dinner is scheduled to begin at 6 p.m.
Security Council Now in Session

M.S.C.'s Little United Nations

The tension, the expectancy, the anxiety were obvious and real. The setting was a room in the M.S.C. Union. The occasion: a class session of Political Science 462. But in the minds of the class members, this was a meeting of the Security Council at the United Nations.

Political Science 462 is a course in The United Nations, and four of the term’s class sessions are devoted to mock UN meetings. The photos on these pages were made during those sessions and illustrate a method of study that helps students gain a realistic understanding of UN problems and procedures.

The Tunisian question was selected by Assistant Professor A. LeRoy Bennett for discussion at this session. It was a question that had been thoroughly discussed in three actual UN Security Council meetings. Students were assigned to represent the various countries who are members of the Security Council. They had to dig into UN documents and records for every scrap of evidence showing the attitude that the countries they represented had taken in the actual debate. And in their debate, the student representatives submerged their personal opinions and voiced the attitudes of the states they represented.

How do the students value this teaching method? They are unanimous in their approval. One young man said, “It makes the problems more real.” Another commented, “It stimulates class interest and develops understanding of how the UN works.” The strongest endorsement came from a graduating senior who said, “This was the best learning device and experience that I have encountered in four years of college study.”
The representative of France listens intently as the policies of her country in Tunisia are discussed.

Norway designed and lavishly decorated the Security Council chamber at the United Nations headquarters in New York.

This student from Vietnam displays his personal involvement in the problems of subject colonial peoples.

Russian delegates are determined in their condemnation of "French imperialists"...

... while an advisor provides verbal ammunition for delegate of the United States, as the Greek spokesman makes his plea.
The Ralph Young Story

ON JULY 1, 1954, an almost legendary figure will pack his briefcase and quietly drop the reigns of the athletic directorship at Michigan State College after thirty-one years of service. For these many years, portly Ralph Young has been the recognized ambassador of "good will" for M.S.C. His booming voice and friendly greeting have become famous in sports circles throughout the country.

To honor M.S.C.'s "Mr. Athletics," Ralph Young's friends and colleagues are preparing a testimonial banquet. To be held on May 4 in the Oldsmobile Engineering Auditorium, the banquet will pay tribute to a man who has made a strong imprint in Spartan development.

Requests for tickets should be addressed to the Ralph H. Young Testimonial Banquet Committee, Chamber of Commerce Building, Lansing, Michigan. They are priced at $7.50 per person.

Joined "Aggies" in '23

In 1923, Michigan State College weaned Ralph away from Kalamazoo College where he had been coach since 1916. Previously his coaching career had included a short stint at DePauw in 1915-16 where he was football, basketball and track coach.

Young started his athletic career while at Crown Point, Ind., high school. He participated in all sports during his prep days and graduated in 1908, following this up with one year at the University of Chicago. It was here he participated under the tutelage of Amos Alonzo Stagg, then one of the top college coaches of the nation.

After one year at the Chicago school Young transferred to Washington and Jefferson University and played three more years of collegiate football and led the entire eastern college football players in scoring in 1912. The "Presidents" played such top teams as Yale, Harvard, Carlisle Indians and Pittsburgh, and during the three years Young played fullback with the varsity the team lost but four of 31 games.

Military Service

Following graduation from W & J in 1915, Young was football, basketball and track coach at DePauw for the 1915-16 season, and then was taken into military service during World War I. It was while training with the Signal Corps on the University of Michigan campus that Young came to play one varsity year with the Wolverines under the fabulous Fielding H. Yost.

It was while at Kalamazoo College in the early twenties that Young first made the acquaintance of Michigan State officials as he brought his Hornet teams to East Lansing to compete.

As an undergraduate at Washington and Jefferson, Young was an outstanding football player. Performing at a fullback post, he led the east in scoring in 1912. Here, he is shown in full playing gear while at W. & J. This picture furnished the Record courtesy of the Washington and Jefferson Alumni Office.

Once he had taken over the helm at Michigan State's extensive athletic plant, in which Mr. Young played a great part in building, is shown from the air. Prominent facilities in the picture include Macklin Stadium, in the upper left, with the running track to the right of it; Jenison Fieldhouse, in the center, with the Demonstration Hall Ice Rink behind it; and Old College Field, in the left center.

In 1923, East Lansing, he was Director of Athletics, Head of the Department, Professor of Physical Education, and head coach of all sports. During his first season the department included the following squads: varsity football, varsity and freshman cross country, varsity and freshman track, and varsity and freshman basketball. In addition he was responsible for all other sports which included, at that time, baseball, wrestling, swimming, tennis and hockey.
His interest in amateur athletics and track was manifested in his founding of the Central Intercollegiate Conference and the establishment of the NCAA cross country run. The late Knute Rockne and Conrad Jennings of Marquette collaborated with Ralph on these activities.

Young served as chairman of the NCAA Olympic Finance committee for the 1952 games held in Helsinki, both in the period prior to the games as well as during the competition. At the present time he is on the U. S. Olympic track and field committee for 1956.

He also has served as a member of the National A.A.U. track and field committee, and for three years was chairman of the IC4A Records Committee.

Builds Outstanding Track
Young was instrumental in the building of the present Michigan State outdoor track, recognized as one of the nation's finest. It was built in 1937. That layout was built according to the advice and ideas of over sixty of the country's leading track coaches and officials.

Michigan State's indoor track facilities are equally proficient. The indoor track is the scene each year of the Michigan State Relays, now regarded as one of the midwest's biggest relay carnival meets.

Young took over as head track coach in 1924 and served in that capacity until 1940. He developed Olympic team members Fred Alderman, Tom Ottey and Ernest Crosbie.

In addition, he developed twenty other athletes who gained All-American track selection.

In 1938 the NCAA officially adopted a national cross country meet at M.S.C. upon gentle but persistent prodding of Young. On this occasion, M.S.C. extended its full facilities, which, coupled with Ralph Young's reputation as a host, convinced the NCAA that this Meet should be an annual affair at East Lansing. The highlight of Young's track endeavors was achieved when he was selected as associate coach to the United States track and field team in 1932.

Three years later, the NCAA Track Coaches' Association elected him their president.

Physical Plant Expansion
As Athletic Director, Ralph Young had a compelling ambition to build up the physical facilities of the M.S.C. athletic plant, and to gain admission to the Western Conference. From the very beginning, progress and hospitality were symbolic of Young's career in this respect. Visible evidence of this progress is the enlarged Macklin Stadium, construction of Jenison Fieldhouse, the conversion of Demonstration Hall and the installation of the Ice Rink, the outdoor track, and practice fields for football, concrete dugouts for the baseball field, and the numerous tennis courts surrounding the stadium.

Attracts Outstanding Coaches
In addition to the physical plant, Ralph had the knack of attracting young, intelligent coaches to the East Lansing campus to direct M.S.C.'s 14-sport program in intercollegiate athletics. Year after year Spartan teams became famous throughout the nation and in 1949 the Western Conference extended a welcoming hand to the Spartans as a full-fledged member.

The state of Michigan and Michigan State College will long be indebted to Ralph H. Young.
He Explores With a Camera

At 28, Len Stuttman, '39, is well on his way to an outstanding career as a lecturer-photographer. In the summer of 1947 he accepted a job in Alaska and carried a movie camera "just to fool around with." Returning to the campus, he started showing his films to business and lecture clubs in Lansing and has since parlayed his hobby into a well-paying career. Following is his account of a six-month expedition to Africa, from which he recently returned.

IT WAS MAY 1953. The telephone rang at 2:00 a.m. in my East Lansing home. A voice asked me if I wanted to go to Africa. It took me 10 minutes to realize that he wasn't kidding and a month and a half later I was winging my way over the Atlantic headed for Africa. It took me 10 minutes to ring at 2:00 a.m. in my East Lansing home. A voice asked me if I wanted to come very used to because it dominates we reached the river. On the way we had seen many types of antelope and near the Tana River. It was night when kamba we came into the flat scrub area and the semi-arid regions of the Wa-path.

After the rolling green country side and the semi-arid regions of the Wamamba we came into the flat scrub area near the Tana River. It was night when we reached the river. On the way we had seen many types of antelope and gazelle loom up in our spot light. We saw Geranuk and the aard wolf. And in my first 24 hours out of Nairobi I had seen elephant and giraffe, bush babies—or Galagos and monkeys. In fact we saw African wildlife—between the coarse rough shouts of young Somali herdsmen trying to direct their great herds of live stock from tramping thru the camp.

As it was, they didn't miss by much. However, this was a sound that I became very used to because it dominates this sector of the Northern Frontier. I looked out of the tent and in the distance you could see a long string of camels being led down to the river for their 5 to 7 day drink of water. As these tall willowy people appeared over the sand and rock horizon they would disappear and reappear as they guided these stubborn animals thru the scrub and thorn trees down to the water.

The sun rises fast and it was beating hot. A steady breeze blew in from the southwest, and would catch the flowing robes of these people of Islam; you could almost imagine that these same people had walked out of the pages of the Bible and that you were now seeing the ancient pastoral people of Israel. Besides being tall and willowy their features are delicate and well molded; their walk is erect and graceful. Their color is black but their features belong to the Irish, or so their features belong to the Irish, or so it seems. Perhaps it's the other way around.

It's out in this dry hostile country that the Somali live. Completely pastoral, eating meats, fats, milk and blood. Only on rare occasions will they partake the vegetative elements of life. They roam the country in constant search of grazing land and water. Water, Water, Water, Water, WATER, WATER? That is the element that means life and death, prosperity or depression. Water is life. If they wanted to they could live by the river quite easily cultivating crops and would have no problems as far as a livelihood was concerned.

However, to the Somali, the lowest depth of degredation is that of an Agricultural life. This is the unspeakable life. It is worse than death. Why those that live on the river and raise crops are working hard and are degrading the blessed rights of man. And so the Somali lives his existence in the severest of environments with plenty of spare time. He just arises before the sun and fights his elements, walks his cattle 20 miles a day for water, wades off the leopard and lion, and reverently bows toward Mecca to thank Allah for the bountiful life that has been bestowed upon him. His greatest values are cattle, camels, goats, sheep and women evaluated in the order given.
News About These Alumni

By GLADYS M. FRANKS, '27

Patriarchs

Patriarchs Reunion Alumni Day, June 5 1904

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY REUNION Alumni Day, June 5 1907

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1899

45th ANNIVERSARY REUNION Alumni Day, June 5 1911

John R. Cornwell writes from Port Myers Beach. Pin on the blackboard: 'In looking forward to our return to our home on Torch Lake near Alton, Mich., about March 15.'

1914

40th ANNIVERSARY REUNION Alumni Day, June 5 1917

T. G. Yuncker, of DePauw University, Greencastle, Ind., writes: "Mrs. Yuncker (Ethel Chaffe, '15) and I returned a few weeks ago after spending several months in the Tongan Islands where I was carrying out botanical research. This work was instigated by the Bishop Museum of Honolulu on whose staff I am an associate botanist, and carried out with the support of the National Research Foundation and a Guggenheim Memorial Fellowship. Mrs. Yuncker acted as an assistant in the work. We enjoyed stop-overs in Samoa, Tahiti, Niue, Fiji, and Hawaii. I am hoping that we may be able to get back for the class reunion." . . . Last fall, a Sunday edition of the Rocky Mountain News contained an item: "A large Italian food processing firm is being operated in the Denver area, including the hobby of collecting Hopi Indian Khatcina dolls."

1916

Elda Robb, director of the school of home economics at Simmons College, represented the college at the inauguration of the graduate school of arts and sciences at Brandeis University in Boston, Jan. 15.

1919

35th ANNIVERSARY REUNION Alumni Day, June 5

George W. Truber, who has been with the USDA since September 1919 in various places in the United States and Alaska, is at present an international inspector at the port of Detroit, and lives in Dearborn near 6801 Ferrous avenue.

1924

30th ANNIVERSARY REUNION Alumni Day, June 5

Col. Marshall Barr is maneuver signal officer for Exercise Flashburn at Fort Bragg, N.C. He returned from Korea in November and reported to the maneuver from Camp Gordon, Ga. . . .

1925

"In recognition of exceptional services to the Plant Quarantine, retired eight years ago. Dorland, who spent many years with the U. S. Department of Agriculture, Bureau of Entomology, and Plant Quarantine, retired eight years ago.

1932

Fred W. Wagenvoord, former manager of stations WJIM in Lansing and WKBZ in Muskegon, has been named executive vice president of General-Times Television Corporation in Hartford, Conn.

1934

20th ANNIVERSARY REUNION Alumni Day, June 5

Maurice Day is assistant director of Armour Research Foundation, Chicago, Illinois offices at 10 W. 35th St., Chicago. . . . Hertha Horinga gives her new address at 112 Edgewood Terrace, Lafayette, La., and reports that this is axale season there.

1935

Dr. Stephen Lange has his veterinary office at 1916 Ventura Blvd., Tarzana, Calif., while he and Mrs. Lange (Rhoda Carr, '36) and their four children live in Koren at 6204 Koren Blvd. . . . James H. Quello, director of public relations and promotion for station WJIB, has been elected president of the Detroit Housing commission. Appointed to the five-man commission in 1951, Quello was named a member of the board, a trustee of the Michigan veterans' trust fund and state public relations chairman for the FVF. He and Mrs. Quello (Mary Butler, '36) and their two sons, live at 854 Berkshire Rd., Grove Park.

1937

Glen KenKnight, who received his M.S. with the class and his Ph.D. in 1939, will represent the college at the inauguration of Robert Stanley Lambert as president of Berry Schools, April 9. Dr. KenKnight is plant pathologist at the U.S. Hort Field Laboratory at Fort Valley, Ga. . . .

1939

15th ANNIVERSARY REUNION Alumni Day, June 5

Dr. Edwin G. Buhl terminated his interest in the West Pico Hospital for Animals in Los Angeles on March 1 and began a two-year holiday in Rome. He plans to build his headquarters and hopes to see any M.S.C. alumni in that area. A more definite address will appear in forthcoming RECORDS . . . Harold Rutherford is service manager for Ozark Tractor & Implement in Springfield, Mo., where he lives at 2805 Roanoke . . . R. L. Weeks, who has been at Eno Petroleum's Pawley refinery in Southampton, will leave England at the end of the month; it is expected he will eventually be reached in care of Joseph West, 256 Grandview, Union, N.J.

1940

Robert W. Pichtel has been named superintendent of production planning at United States Steel's Homestead District Works in Pittsburgh. He joined USS in 1941 and before the latest assignment has been assistant plant industrial engineer. He lives in Pittsburgh at 444 E. Barfield Dr.
Spartan Personality

Otto E. Sovereign

Otto E. Sovereign, '02, has been vice-president, treasurer and general manager of Aladdin Company of Bay City, Michigan, for 45 years.

Mr. Sovereign and his brother started the Aladdin company in 1906. This company manufactured and shipped the world's first completely readi-cut home. Founded on the idea that homes could be sold by mail, the company has flourished through the years as the idea has gained in popularity.

Always interested in civic and public affairs, Mr. Sovereign has served as State Chairman of the Red Cross Roll Call, was chairman of fund raising for the M.S.C. drive for the Union Building, is a past-president of the Bay City Board of Commerce and the Bay City Rotary Club.

Mr. Sovereign's autobiography, Fifty Million Dollars on a Shoestring, includes this comment: "1898—Entered Michigan Agricultural College (now Mich. State)"

"1899—Sent home in sophomore year for dropping a paper bag filled with water on President Snyder's head (meant for a Freshman)."

Dr. A. Leland Forrest, who received his M.A. with the class, has been named chancellor of Nebraska Wesleyan University in Lincoln. Dean of the College since 1951, he had previously taught at Anderson College and at Taylor University, both in Indiana; and in 1945 served as chaplain and counselor for the Los Angeles County Juvenile authority. He received his A.B. from Abilene Christian College in 1933 and his Ph.D. in religious education from the University of Southern California in 1948. He has done additional graduate work in the Ball State-Indiana University cooperative program and at Chicago University.

Dr. Forrest has written widely for journals devoted to higher education, principally in the field of college administration. He has contributed regularly to youth journals, has authored four books, and has written a book on youth organization in the church. He will assume the Wesleyan chancellorship June 1, and will be the twelfth person to hold that high post.

Mr. and Mrs. William V. Maring of Samou, Calif., announce the birth of their fourth child and first son, Alan Maring, Jan. 8. . . . Robert and Shirley Levinson Mercer and their fourth child and first son, Alan Conrad, were born Feb. 14.

J. Robert Dawson has announced the opening of his public relations and advertising firm with offices in Ypsilanti, Mich., where he and Mrs. Dawson (Clarice Carr) and their two sons live at 212 Elm St. Former director of public relations for Kaiser Motors, Bob will specialize in institutional and industrial public relations and advertising counsel...

Dr. Philip Woods is a biologist in Columbia University's zoology department, and lives at 960B North 3rd Ave. . . . George Horton is research engineer for the General Electric Company, ... Bertha Heck Crane and her Flying Farmer husband, Dean, and their four boys, are living at R. 4, Box 111, Lansing. . . . Berdene Kirchner and Herbert J. Greenberg of 4614 Franklin, '40, were married last Sept. 23, and are living at 2551 Jackson, San Francisco. She is secretary in the career research institute of the University of California's medical school. . . . Kathleen Shields Shopa and her daughter Stephanie left the States last July to join Major Michael Shopa at Head quarters of the Far Eastern Air Forces in Tokyo. They received their mail on APO 925 out of San Francisco, . . . Commander John William Shong may be reached at NASF All-West-Tac-Fac, Barber's Point, Hawaii.

Franklin Gregg Jr., who has his CPA offices in the Goodspeed Bldg., East Lansing, has announced his partnership with Joseph T. Mlkro and the opening of a new firm. Mr. Gregg is a member of several professional accounting organizations, both the junior and senior Chambers of Commerce, East Lansing Kiwanis club and People's church. . . . What a thrill was mine tonight to hear the Armed Forces rebroadcast of the Rose Bowl game out here far, far removed from civilization," writes Lois Sheridan from Kamalal via Mayak. Sierra Leone, West Africa. She continues: "Our radio reception is not too good but was unusually good for the broadcast tonight. My congratulations to Buggie Munn and the 1953 football team. I am with the American Wesleyan Mission here in Sierra Leone teaching domestic science in our girls school and serving as school and community nurse. A big job but one I wouldn't trade for anything. The biggest thrill of a lifetime comes to me... "

At the recent gathering of movie and television celebrities in the Hollywood Palladium, one of the coveted "Emmy" awards for the best children's program went to John Rovick for his "Sheriff John" show from KTTV, Los Angeles. To an ovation from the crowd of 1360 radio, television and movie stars, "Sheriff John" received his award from Jack Bailey of "Queen for a Day" fame. The award was presented annually by the Academy of Television Arts and Sciences, John will be remembered for his work on WKAR and his vocal renditions with the Art Holland band. He and Mrs. Rovick and their two daughters live at 5715 Willis, Van Nuys, Calif. . . .

An U.S.A.F. liaison officer with the Army Map Service in Washington, D.C., Major John E. Smith lives at 1231 Clappage Dr., Rockville, Md. . . . Barbara Steppert Burns (Mrs. James) lives at 25 West 6th St., New York City where she is a book reviewer for Methodist Publishing House. . . . A daughter, Susan, was born Jan. 27 to Thomas and Charlotte (Boyman, '42) Zerb, of R. 2, Box 248, Appleton, Wis. They also have two sons, James and Ralph, and a daughter, Marianne.

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Mr. and Mrs. Shelton W. Barnett (Constance Helmer) of 312 Pond Ave., Harrisburg, Pa., announce the birth of Susan Lynne Jan. 18.

George and Ruth (Leonard, '44) Killmaster and their daughter Karen are living at 413 S. Wood St., Chesterton, Mich. He is affiliated with the Saginaw agency of the Equitable Life Assurance Society and a member of the Million Dollar Round Table. . . . Edna A. Sargent has completed a three year tour of duty with the Army and returned to her home in Mayfield, Mich. . . .

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Vermon Dodson has established his practice of medicine in Detroit with offices at 970 Fisher Bldg. . . . George Horton is research engineer for Vernestreet division of General Motors and lives in Detroit at 5720 Chatham. . . . Edward Poloskey is sales manager for Hotel Delmonico, Park Avenue at Fifth St., New York City. . . . Jane and Shirley Schofield of 312 Pond Ave., Harrisburg, Pa., announce the birth of their fourth child and second daughter, Susan Elizabeth, Feb. 11. They are living at 3660 Knollwood Dr., North Canton, Tenn., where John is field superintendent with duPont construction. . . . Bruce and Eileen Timmer Wortley and their soon-to-be-three-year-old Russell Bruce, have moved into their new home at 670
**1949 5TH ANNIVERSARY REUNION ALUMNI DAY, June 5**

**Lawrence and Mary Overy (26) Anzel of 2321 Ardendale, Incline Village, Mich., announce the birth of their son, Roger Drew, Jan. 8. . . .**

**Robert F. Batch, technical associate at the Institute of Paper Chemistry in Appleton, Wis., represents the birth of their third son, Douglas M. Knight at Lawrence College.**

**HeLEN Garow, secretary to the U. S. naval attache in Brussels, Belgium, announces the birth of their former roommate, Dorothy Buhr, '51.**

**Dottie, instrument flying at North Island Naval Air Station, Glenwood, Ypsilanti. . . . Rollie and Caryl Rundquist, '51 Young are living at 732 E Ave., made a brief European trip which included Rome, Bethany, Jericho, Bethlehem, Halifax, and other points of biblical significance. . . . William G. K. Davis, of 1037 Columbia Dr., Alexandria, Va., is on the sales staff of Wyeth Laboratories, Philadelphia pharmaceutical concern. His wife, Laronna M. Fisher is home service advisor for Hoffman-Abrams, Inc., in Highland Park, Mich., and lives with Mrs. Villaire and their daughter, Michele, Oct. 31. . . . Herbert E. Pifer, executive secretary for the YMCA at Kansas State College, Manhattan, and his wife, announce the birth of their third son, Thomas, Dec. 26. . . . Dr. and Mrs. Dean F. Jenkins have opened offices in Lansing at 106 E. 10th St., and are missionary translators to Papago Indians. . . . The Conservative Baptist Foreign Mission Society of Chicago has appointed Dwight and Barbara Ace Smith, medical missionaries to the Belgian Congo. Dr. Slater has his M.D. from Wayne University and Mrs. Slater is a graduate of the E. W. Sparrow Hospital School of Nursing in Lansing. . . . Thomas, Dec. 26. . . . Dr. and Mrs. Dean F. Jenkins announce the birth of Martha Lucile, Jan. 21 to Thomas and June (Lippert, '47) Lucas, of 1590 University Dr., Lansing. . . .**

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Deaths

WILBUR FISK HOYT, '83, family physician in Paw Paw, Mich., for 25 years, died in that city, March 17. He received his M.D., in 1886 from Starling Medical College, Ohio State University, and was a resident physician at St. Francis Hospital in Columbus for one year. He started his practice in Grand Rapids, moving to Paw Paw five years later. He served that community continuously for 25 years. He was a member of the Philosophical Society of Ontario, and of the Society of Chemical Medicine of Great Britain, and served as its president in 1940. He was a resident of London, England, and a recognition banquet was held in his honor in 1941.

FRED HEBRD HILLMAN, '88, noted botanist and seed expert, died at his home in Washington, D.C., Feb. 8. Mr. Hillman was on the teaching staff at Michigan State College and Nevada State University before joining the USDA Seed Laboratory in 1925 where he remained until his retirement a few years ago. He was a member of the International Seed Testing Association and a delegate to the association's sixth congress in 1931 in Wageningen, Holland. A past president of the Association of Official Seed Analysts in North America, he was a leading agricultural expert. His 33,000 seed publications, many of which are in world-wide use, are supervised by his wife, son, and three daughters.

NATHAN P. HULL, '88, D.Agr. (Hon.) 1948, longtime active in dairy, banking and financial affairs, died in a Lansing hospital, March 3. Former master of the Michigan State Grange and head of the Michigan Milk Producers association for more than 20 years, Mr. Hull had been vice president of the American Amenity Savings association for 15 years. He was a member of the executive council as director of the regional agricultural credit committee of the Federal Reclamation Finance corporation, the Central Trust Company, and the American Bankers Association.

WILLIAM FRANKLIN WIGHT, '84, former botanist and peach breeder for the United States Department of Agriculture, died Feb. 1 in Escal-