DEDICATION 2005

New Spartan Statue

Saturday, October 8, 2005 • 4:00 p.m.

Master of Ceremonies - David Brown, MSU Alumni Association

OPENING FANFARE - Spartan Marching Band

REMARKS

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ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Leo Cropsey, DVM was chosen by Dr. Hannah as the student to pull the cord at the original Spartan Statue Dedication on June 9, 1945. Dr. Cropsey was cited by Hannah as Michigan State's First Dual Major undergraduates

Ms. Alessandra Ayers, daughter of Professor Leonard Jungwirth, the artist commissioned by President Hannah to create the original Spartan Statue

MSU SHADOWS - Spartan Marching Band

HISTORY OF THE

Spartan Statue

Leonard D. Jungwirth, Michigan State College assistant professor in the Department of Art and Art History, created The Spartan in 1945. The statue is constructed of three large, glazed terra cotta clay sections that were fused together on site and filled with a poured concrete core. After World War II, metal was unavailable, so terra cotta was used.

The Spartan is believed to be the tallest, free-standing terra cotta sculpture in the world at 9 feet 7 inches. The original sculpture has a weight of 6,600 pounds.

The idea of a statue was conceived in 1932 by then MSC Athletic Director Ralph Young when he was visiting the University of Southern California and saw their Trojan statue. Students attempted to design a Spartan statue, but the project failed. Nothing more was done until 1941 when John Hannah became president of MSC, and he asked Jungwirth to undertake the design of the sculpture.

After 60 years of exposure to Michigan's weather, the original sculpture was failing in spite of annual upkeep. Molds were made directly from the original sculpture to cast the new bronze statue. On May 11, 2005, the original sculpture was moved to the new atrium area of the Football Stadium addition. The new bronze sculpture was cast at Artworks Foundry in Berkeley, CA and weighs approximately 1,500 pounds. It was installed on August 10th, 2005, at 8:34 a.m.

On June 9, 1945, President John A. Hannah dedicated the original sculpture. (The program appears at the end of this booklet.) Students Leo "Mac" Cropsey and Susan C. Averill were selected to assist with the unveiling.

Thanks to the gifts of many, over $575,000 was raised for the casting of the sculpture, the creation and landscaping of the plaza area and for an endowment ensuring the care of both sculptures in perpetuity.

GO GREEN
PROGRAM FOR THE SPARTAN

Saturday, June 9, 1945
At 10:30 A.M. (EWT)

Master of Ceremonies,
Dean Ernest I. Anthony
Chairman of the Athletic Council

Music
Michigan State College Band
Leonard V. Falcone, Director

The "Spartan"
Dr. John A. Hannah
President, Michigan State University

Unveiling "The Spartan"
Leo "Mac" Crospay
President, Senior Class
Susan C. Avellin
President, Associated Women Students

Students and alumni gather at the 1945 dedication to admire the imposing "Spartan" statue.

Remarks
Leonard D. Jungwirth
Sculptor of The Spartan
Assistant Professor of Art
Michigan State College

Fight Song

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University Photographs.
Students Leo Coppi, and Susan Overall assisted with the unrolling of the Spurtard.