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MSU Varsity Alumni 'S' Club

NEWSLETTER

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2011 Varsity Alumni Reunion Weekend Scheduled for September 22, 23 & 24; 2011

Featuring: Breslin/Jackson/Bullough and Retired Coaches Awards,
30-40-50-60-70 Year Anniversary Awards, and Honorary Inductees

Sponsored by: MSU Dept. of Intercollegiate Athletics
and the Varsity Alumni 'S' Club

This year's reunion will again be part of the MSU Athletic Department's "Celebrate 2011 Weekend" and will include the MSU Sports Hall of Fame, the Varsity 'S' Club Awards, the Athletic Department Awards, and the 2nd annual Letter Jacket Presentation.

Thursday, September 22, 2011

6:30-7:30 PM - Hall of Fame Program - Smith Center - INVITATION ONLY.

7:00-8:30 PM - Varsity Letter Jacket Presentation - Wharton Center's Pasant Theater - INVITATION ONLY.

Friday, September 23, 2011

8:30 AM - Morning Refreshments in Varsity 'S' Club Room.

9:00 AM - Tour of Scandalaris and Clara Bell Smith Centers.

11:00 AM - Downtown Coaches Luncheon: 'S' Club Award Winners and Hall of Fame Inductees honored at Eagle Eye Golf Club.

1:30 PM - Picture taking of groups and individuals at outdoor Sparty statue.

2:15-5:00 PM - Varsity Alumni 'S' Club Room Open House - Light refreshments.

6:00 PM - Varsity Alumni 'S' Club Dinner & Awards Presentations (5:30 Hospitality) - Big Ten Room at Kellogg Center. The 30-40-50-60-70 Year Anniversary Awards will also be presented.

Saturday, September 24

Club Room Open - 1 1/2 hours before the game.

Varsity 'S' Club Young Alumni Tailgate Party before the game - Club members who graduated from MSU in the last 10 years are invited. More info on page 6.

Halftime of Football Game - MSU vs. Central Michigan - "Celebrate 2011" Halftime Show - Student athletes who earned letter jackets, Athletic Dept. major award winners, Varsity Alumni 'S' Club award winners and Hall of Fame Inductees are recognized.

OKEMOS HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS offering rate of \$94 per night, plus tax. Deadline Sept. 1, 2011. Use code VAB when making your reservations:
517/349-8700

You should have received the registration form by email or postal mail by now. It is also available on the Club website. See you there!

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We value your opinion and want to know what you think about the Varsity Alumni 'S' Club Newsletter. Send us an e-mail, call or fax with items or topics you would like to see included in future newsletters. If you have suggestions on how to improve the publication, let us know.

Elections for the Board of Directors of the Varsity Alumni 'S' Club are held each spring. If you would like to serve on the Board, simply visit our website, click on the application tab, print the form, complete, and mail to the 'S' Club office.

MSU Varsity 'S' Club Merchandise Available Online

A range of MSU Varsity 'S' Club items, such as polo shirts, dress shirts, jackets, hats, sets of glasses, coasters, flags, and many other items with the club logo, are available to be shipped to your doorstep. Check it out at:

<http://msuvac.promoshop.com>



Jenilee Rathje awarded Spano Endowment

This year's Joey M. Spano Endowment has been awarded to volleyball team captain Jenilee Rathje. The endowment is given to Spartan seniors who achieve academically and through community service, and who enter graduate programs at MSU. Jenilee graduated in December 2010 with a GPA of 3.84 for her degree in Marketing, specializing in International Business. Outside the classroom she was very involved in PACT (Putting Athletes and Community Together), volunteering in the Children's Miracle Network Telethon, Teams for Toys, March is Reading Month, Pen Pal, and Spartan Buddy. Academically she was AVCA All-Region Honorable Mention in 2010, Co-SIDA Academic All-District Third Team 2010, Academic All-Big Ten and Big Ten Distinguished Scholar 2009-2010. She is currently pursuing a Master of Science in Kinesiology, specializing in Sports Administration.

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Fellow Spartans,

As outgoing President of the Varsity Alumni S Club, I want to sincerely thank the membership and Board of Directors for allowing me to serve over the past nine years. I have truly enjoyed the time at all the various activities, meeting new friends and reuniting with old friends. I am also very excited for the club under the next President, Cheryl Gilliam, Vice President Wally Dobler, and the dedicated Board of Directors. The future is bright for MSU Athletics and your Varsity Alumni 'S' Club.

The club just completed another great summer golf outing with a "filled to capacity" course of past athletes, coaches, and friends. The weather was beautiful, golf scores were low, and we honored our 2011 Major Award Winners and new Honorary Members. Thank you to all who attended or supported the event to make it another fantastic day of Spartan fellowship and memories.

We look forward to the Fall Reunion Weekend, again partnering with the MSU Athletic Department to honor the 2011 Hall of Fame inductees, our Varsity 'S' Major Award Winners and Honorary Members, and all the first time MSU Varsity 'S' Letter Winners. There will be two great nights of ceremonies honoring the past, present, and legends of MSU Athletics. We hope to see you there supporting Michigan State University.

If you would like to become more involved with your club, please contact the club office at (staff@msuvarsityclub.org) or me personally (ccronin@dnmgt.com).

It has been my pleasure serving the Varsity Alumni 'S' Club, and I will continue to do so. Go Green!
Colin Cronin, Football '90-'94
2010 President, MSU Varsity Alumni 'S' Club

2011 VARSITY 'S' ALUMNI CLUB ANNUAL AWARD WINNERS

The **HENRY C. BULLOUGH VARSITY 'S' ALUMNI SERVICE AWARD** - Presented to an MSU varsity letter winner who demonstrates outstanding volunteer service and devotion to MSU athletics; and possesses high standards of character, positively reflecting on the prestige of MSU.

SEDRIC AUDIS - A 1980 graduate of MSU, Rick was a member of the 1978 Big Ten Football Championship Team. He joined Equitable in 1982 and started his career in the Tax Sheltered Annuity market at MSU. He moved up the ranks to Divisional Executive Vice President in 1998, serving in the Retired Benefits Group, currently focusing on professional athletes, coaches, and school and county employees. Rick has been active in community concerns, especially in Okemos, but also in his home town of Saginaw. Notably, he has served as President of both the Downtown Coaches Club and the MSU Varsity Alumni 'S' Club.

The **NELL JACKSON OUTSTANDING ALUMNA AWARD** - Presented to a Spartan varsity alumna whose post-graduation career has been distinguished by both outstanding professional accomplishment and a record of exceptional community service.

ANGELA HOWARD-MONTIE - As a member of the MSU Gymnastics Team, Angela was a four-time Academic All-American. Since graduation she has worked for 14 years in MSU's Student-Athlete Support Services, serving as academic coordinator to men's and women's golf, gymnastics and tennis teams, as well as the field hockey, rowing and ice hockey teams. As Director of Student-Athlete Development, she is charged with providing career, community, and personal growth opportunities for 750 MSU student-athletes in 25 sports. Angela earned her bachelor's in business and psychology in 1995, and an MBA in marketing in 1997.

The **JACK BRESLIN LIFE ACHIEVEMENT AWARD** is presented to the Spartan varsity alumnus whose post-college career has brought honor to him and to Michigan State University and its sports programs.

PAUL HRUBY - After playing hockey for MSU from 1957 to 1959, Paul has remained intensely active as a player, teacher, principal and organizer, developing and maintaining hockey programs for all ages in Illinois. His programs have benefited men, women and kids, some on weekday evenings and some on weekends. He's directed Hockey Operations in Oak Park for 40 years, and has served as president of the Amateur Hockey Assoc. of Chicago, the Illinois Amateur Hockey Association and the National Ice Hockey Officials Association. The ultimate role model, Paul has been a member of the 'S' Club for over 50 years.

The **VANSPYBROOK RETIRED COACHES AWARD** - is presented to the male or female MSU coach whose career has brought great personal honor, and by reflection to MSU and its intercollegiate athletic programs.

JOE BAUM - As a 3-year soccer goalie from 1966-68, Joe led the Spartans to a 33-1-7 record, including two NCAA titles. Along with his serving as an assistant coach for four years and head coach for 32 years, Joe has been involved in Spartan soccer for 39 years. A 1969 graduate, he was named Big Ten Coach of the Year in 1996, 2000 and 2008. He guided the Spartans to 22 winning seasons and 320 wins, only the second Big Ten coach to reach 300 wins. His teams competed in the NCAA Tournament in 2001, 2004, 2007, and 2008, and he mentored 57 All-Big Ten Players, five moving on to the MLS.

2011 VARSITY ALUMNI 'S' CLUB HONORARY MEMBERS

MARK DANTONIO - Mark started at MSU as an assistant football coach from 1995 to 2000. He moved on as head coach at Cincinnati, where in three years he made the Bearcats a competitive force. Since returning as the Spartan head coach in 2006, he has provided stability, and the Spartans have responded as an increasingly solid football team. His greatest accomplishment, though, is how he took a 6-7 team with off-field problems in 2009, and turned them into the focused 11-1 Big Ten Champions of 2010.

BARRY GREER - Barry, born with Down Syndrome and not expected to make it past open-heart surgery, loved sports and music. At age 4 his father started taking him to MSU Basketball games. One game when he was 6, his father took him down to meet John Madden and the MSU Band. As the band started to play "Domino," his father and Madden were talking, so Barry started directing the band. Now he helps direct the band at all home games. He's also won 29 Special Olympics medals and has a black belt in Tae Kwando.

JOHN MADDEN - About to begin his 23rd year as Director of the 300-member Spartan Marching Band, John is all things music at MSU. He also supervises the Spartan Brass, an ensemble that performs at many home games in several sports, and conducts the MSU Symphony Band through many performances. Under him Spartan musicians have performed at many bowl games, and have been invited to perform at many prestigious events. He's also served as a guest conductor at numerous state, regional and national venues.

SUZY MERCHANT - Originally from Traverse City, Suzy played basketball at Central Michigan, and then coached successfully at Saginaw Valley State. She moved on to Eastern Michigan, where her Eagles women achieved as never before, taking MAC titles and competing in the NCAA tourney. Taking over at MSU in 2007, she compiled a record of 95 wins in her first four years, most ever by a Spartan coach. Her crowning touch came last year, when she led a short Spartan team to their first-ever outright Big Ten Championship.

ROY SIMON - Roy has done it all at MSU, earning a Bachelor's in finance; a Master's in marketing, logistics and finance; a Ph.D. in higher education and finance; and a Post-Doctoral degree in computer networking. Currently the Director of Telecommunications and Transportation at the MSU Physical Plant, he's also served MSU in key positions at its Office of Institutional Research and College of Nursing. Add his work at New York Life and the State of Michigan's Human Resources; it totals a remarkable academic and professional career!

SCENES FROM THE 'S' CLUB GOLF OUTING



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Kathie Klages & Carol VanSpybrook

Women's Gymnastics, Men's Tennis Win Athletic Director Awards



Gene Orlando with Eldon & Carol VanSpybrook

On Monday, April 11, MSU's Student-Athlete Support Services held its 14th annual Academic Gala, honoring sophomore, junior and senior athletes with at least a 3.0 cumulative GPA. Coaches of teams holding the highest GPA averages accepted Athletic Director Awards for their teams. Kathie Klages, the women's gymnastics coach, accepted for her team, with an average of 3.437. Gene Orlando, the men's tennis coach, accepted for his team, which averaged 3.439. President's Awards went to the male and female seniors who held the highest overall GPAs. Top male senior was swimmer Brian Rockwell, whose GPA was 4.0. Top female senior was cross country/track runner Thereseann Hupricar, whose GPA was 3.906. The 3.0 average required for inclusion in the event was met by 267 Spartans, 27 more than last year.

Young Varsity 'S' Members to Hold First Annual Tailgate Party

September 24, 2011 before the Central Michigan football game

Come and network with Spartan teammates from around the country, reliving great and funny moments from when you gave your all for MSU. Want to help? Contact the Club Office.

Facebook: Young Alumni-MSU Varsity Alumni 'S' Club, Twitter: MSU_YoungAlumni
LinkedIn: Young Alumni Group-MSU Varsity Alumni 'S' Club

Spartans Bring Total to Five Big Ten Championships

By winter's end MSU had picked off Big Ten titles in Women's Cross Country, Football, and Women's Basketball. But the Spartan sun shown this rainy spring as the Spartans earned two more for a total of five this year. Only Ohio State claimed more conference titles at seven, three of those for post-season tournaments.

Women's Golf - For the past three years the Spartans finished second to Purdue, and this year they knew it would take exceptional focus to gain a second title in five years. Down by five strokes late on the last day, the Spartans bore down, and led by junior Lindsey Solberg's three birdies in the final four holes, they bested the Boilermakers when it counted. Freshmen Allyssa Ferrell and Christine Meier were also strong down the stretch. The surge gave coach Stacy Slobodnik-Stoll her third Big Ten Championship since 2001.

Baseball - Third year coach Jake Boss from the start pressed his team to work the basics. Against a 32-year drought for championships, when often the Spartans didn't even qualify for the Big Ten Tournament, this year he made believers of his players. In 2011 the Spartans became known for comebacks in the late innings. Despite at times this season struggling with pitching, the Green and White won two of three games against Northwestern on the last weekend, earning their first championship since 1979. The achievement resulted in Spartan domination in All-Big Ten selections. Senior first baseman Jeff Holm was named Player of the Year, senior Kurt Wunderlic the pitcher of the year, and Boss was a very deserving Coach of the Year.

'WHERE ARE THEY NOW?'

1940s

George Liljebblad, Football 1943-46 - George lives in Flint, MI and continues to work as a landscape architect/independent consultant.

1950s

Raymond Cook, Gymnastics 1956-58 - Raymond lives in Kewadin, MI and is retired. He enjoys fishing, hunting, and travel.

Richard Schiesel, Baseball 1956-58 - Richard lives in Macomb, MI. He is retired and plays senior softball.

1960s

Terry Hagan, Swimming 1963-65 - Terry still lives in East Lansing, is retired, and is an MSU Professor Emeritus.

Vincent Scialli, Hockey 1967-68 - Vincent lives in Tampa, FL and teaches anatomy and physiology at Hillsborough Community College. He was Doctor of Veterinary Medicine at MSU in 1970. He's also a retired NHL Off-Ice Official, and says that his wife

Sharon (MSU 1969) does fine arts festivals all over the country.

John Spain, Track 1966-67 - John lives in Hudson, FL. He serves as the Governor of the New Port Richey Moose Lodge there.

1980s

Dave Corey, Baseball 1982-85 - Dave lives near Grand Rapids, works for Bissell Homecare, and is the VP of Supply Chain. He's married with 7 children; one graduated from MSU and two are attending.

Elizabeth Klos (Haas), Field Hockey 1985-89 - Elizabeth lives in Beverly Hills, MI. Elizabeth got her Masters in Public Administration at NYU and has worked in development and fundraising, now at the College for Creative Studies, "helping Detroit become the city it once was!"

1990s

Brian Crane, Hockey 1993-94,97- Brian lives in Grosse Pointe, MI and is a Financial Representative with the Northwestern Mutual Network.

Danielle Osterholzer (Manzardo), Softball 1995-98 - Danielle lives in Carmel, IN. She's a doctor at Indiana University practicing in Infectious Disease, focusing on adult and pediatric HIV. She is married with two daughters, and one on the way.

2000s

Alyse Egner, Rowing 2009-11 - Alyse lives in Burton, MI, but will be attending grad school at Princeton.

Emilie Gross, Rowing 2006-11 - Emilie lives in Richland, MI and will work as a Packaging Engineer for CAT.

Brian Rockwell, Swimming 2008-11 - Brian lives in Houston, TX, but will be soon going to Stanford's grad school in Mechanical Engineering.

Erinn Wertz, Swimming 2006-10 - Erin will be moving to work for Reckitt Benckiser Sales and Marketing in Parsippany, NJ.

Whitney Wilson, Tennis 2007-11 - Whitney lives in Evansville, IN, but will soon serve as an Assistant Tennis Coach at Ball State in Muncie, IN.

Michigan State University Varsity 'S' Club Merchant Discount Program

The Varsity 'S' Club coordinates a program with several campus-area merchants to give club members a discount on purchases when you present your membership card. So if you live in the East Lansing area, or when you visit campus, please patronize these fine merchants who support MSU athletics. Listed below are merchants participating in the program. *Discount amounts vary by merchant, so please check with your cashier or waitperson prior to ordering.*

Applebee's - 2284 Woodlake Drive, Okemos

Arby's - 2220 Jolly Rd., Okemos

Bell's Greek Pizza - 1135 E Grand River Ave, East Lansing

Bravo! Cucina Italiana - Eastwood Town Center, Lansing

College Book Store - Hagadorn Shopping Center

Cosi - 301 E Grand River Ave, East Lansing

Dusty's Cellar - 1839 W Grand River Ave, Okemos

Emil's Italian Restaurant - 2012 E Michigan Ave, Lansing

Forest Akers West Pro Shop - MSU Golf Courses

Grand Traverse Pie Co. - 1401 E Grand River, East Lansing

Grand Traverse Pie Co. - 3536 Meridian Crossing Dr, Okemos

Gilbert & Blake's Steak and Seafood-3554 Okemos Rd, Okemos

Harper's - 131 Albert Avenue, East Lansing

Holden & Reid Clothiers - Frandor Shopping Center

Kellogg Hotel-State Room Restaurant-MSU Campus

Kellogg Hotel - Gift Shop - MSU Campus

Michael's (Framing Dept) - Frandor Shopping Center

Panera Bread - Frandor Shopping Center

Panera Bread - 4738 Central Park Dr, Okemos

Playmakers - 2299 W Grand River Ave, Okemos

Spartan Book Store - International Center - Campus

Spartan Hall of Fame Cafe-1601 Lk Lansing Rd-E Lan

Student Book Store - 421 E. Grand River Ave, E Lan

Trippers - Frandor Shopping Center

Velocipede Peddler-2758 Grand River Ave, E Lan

Woody's Oasis - 1050 Trowbridge Rd, East Lansing

Additional merchants will be added as the program develops. For more information about the program, contact the Varsity 'S' Club office at 517-355-8523, or the committee members listed below:

Ron Berby - 517-290-8043, Wally Dobler - 517-372-8096, Eldon VanSpybrook - 248-895-0015

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PASSINGS

We extend our sympathy to family and friends of 'S' Club members who have recently passed away.

Otis Grant - football 1980-82, Big Ten All-Star: 1982 and played for Los Angeles Rams from 1983 - 1985

Does your Varsity Jacket, which fit when you were twenty, seem tiny these days? Or, do the moths like it even more than you do?

Take heart.

A Varsity 'S' Club Replacement Jacket may be just what you need!

Interested? Contact the Club office at:

517/355-8523

Editor Notes

This issue's different appearance is due to our changing to a different publishing software, as well as contracting with a different printing firm. Hope you like it.

SAVE THE DATES

VARSITY ALUMNI 'S' CLUB REUNION WEEKEND

It all takes place the weekend of MSU vs
CENTRAL MICHIGAN FOOTBALL
SEPTEMBER 22-24, 2011

AND

HOMECOMING WEEKEND

The weekend of MSU vs WISCONSIN
FOOTBALL - OCTOBER 21 & 22, 2011

Members are encouraged to wear their Varsity Jackets or Varsity 'S' Club Replacement Jackets to the 6:00 PM Homecoming Parade on Friday, to the Saturday Game, as well as to other weekend events.

Check the Club website for details.

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