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During this challenging period of economic uncertainty on many levels and cutbacks for educational programs from other sources, the Michigan Dairy Memorial Scholarship remains a constant in providing assistance to dairy students. Thanks to continued contributions to the MDMSF by loyal supporters, last year additional scholarships could be offered to students who exhibited the qualities of leadership that are crucial to the future of the dairy industry. The foundation is committed to continuing this support and to recognizing the leaders in the dairy industry who continue to work toward the future success of dairying.

As the dairy industry continues to undergo change, it is vital that the Michigan Dairy Memorial Scholarship provide not only the financial support that dairy students need to complete their education but the exposure to outstanding leadership and learning that is essential to a vision for the future. The MDMSF has historically assisted students who perhaps would not have had the opportunity to continue in their formal learning, and the foundation recognizes that now more than ever it is important to support dairy education.

In spite of changes all around in education and the dairy industry, the vision for the future held by the Michigan Dairy Memorial and Scholarship Foundation remains firm — to support the future of dairy not only in Michigan, but as a whole. Thanks to continued support and commitment from you, our contributors, we are able to do so.

John Pell
President, MDMSF

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Ashley Liddy *Glenn and Anne Lake Scholarship Recipient*

Growing up, Ashley was involved in 4-H, showing dairy cows and market lambs at the county fair. She now uses those skills in the MSU Block and Bridle Club, helping out with the annual MSU Beef Expo and the Northern Exposure Lamb Show. Ashley is also active in the MSU Dairy Club, where she serves on the social committee, organizing the club's annual recognition banquet.

Although she has not fully decided what she wants to do after graduation, Ashley knows she wants to work in the dairy industry, citing a strong interest in dairy nutrition. She is also considering graduate school, with a focus on dairy nutrition. ♦



Ashley Liddy, daughter of Leo and Barb Liddy of Gladwin, is this year's recipient of the Glenn and Anne Lake Scholarship.

The scholarship, provided through the Michigan Dairy Memorial and Scholarship Foundation, Inc., will cover Ashley's tuition and fees for the 2003-04 academic year at Michigan State University. She received the award on the basis of her academic abilities, extracurricular activities and interest in a dairy-related career. The scholarship is named in honor of the late Glenn Lake, former MMPA President, and his wife, Anne.

"It was amazing, getting this scholarship," Ashley says. "When I got the letter, I was so happy I called my parents immediately. Receiving a scholarship like this takes off so much financial pressure. Now I don't have to worry about getting loans and paying them off in the future."

As a senior in the four-year animal science program at MSU, Ashley enjoys learning about all species of farm animals, from dairy cows to chickens. During the school year, Ashley works part-time at the MSU Dairy Farm and the Purebred Beef Farm.

Emily Sneller *Russel Erickson Endowed Scholarship Recipient*

Emily Sneller, daughter of Darwin and Kathy Sneller of Sebewaing, is this year's recipient of the Russel Erickson Endowed Scholarship provided by the Michigan Dairy Memorial and Scholarship Foundation, Inc. (MDMSF).

The \$4,000 scholarship was awarded to Emily on the basis of her academics, extracurricular activities and interest in a dairy-related career. The scholarship is named for Dr. Russel Erickson, retired Michigan State University professor of animal science.

"I was so excited to receive the Russel Erickson scholarship this year," Emily says. "I am very thankful for getting it. Financially, it is tough to pay for college; getting a scholarship like this really helps."

Emily is a junior at MSU in the crop and soil sciences program. She would like to specialize in biotechnology and plans to use her skills to gain a "back-door approach" to the dairy industry.

Growing up on a dairy and cash crop farm piqued her interest in dairy nutrition.

"I want to be involved in dairy but through crops and nutrition," Emily says. "My goal is to attend grad school to research crop nutrition after I finish my degree at MSU."

During the school year, Emily works in the agronomy research lab and as a teaching assistant for an Agriculture and Computers class.

Emily is a member of the MSU Agronomy Club and serves as first vice president of the MSU Dairy Club. She is also president of the Michigan Junior Holstein Association, devoting time to various fund-raisers and the annual Dairy Fun Day. ♦





Scholarships awarded to dairy students

To date, more than 350 MSU students have received scholarships from the Michigan Dairy Memorial and Scholarship Foundation. This year, scholarships were awarded to the individuals listed below, in addition to the recipients of the Glenn and Anne Lake Scholarship and the Russel Erickson Scholarship.

Freshman Scholarships (\$1,000)

Krystal Allen, from Fowler, is a freshman in the Ag Tech Dairy Management program. She is in charge of the calf operation on her family's dairy farm and plans to return to the farm following graduation. Krystal was active in FFA and 4-H and participates in the Dairy Club at MSU.

Mitch Fabus, St. Johns, is a freshman in the Ag Tech Agricultural Industries program. Mitch grew up on a dairy farm and worked after high school on a custom harvesting crew in the West. Mitch works at the MSU crop and soil sciences farm and plans to return to his family's farm after graduation.

Joann Greenfield, Annapolis, Md., is a freshman in the Department of Animal Science. Joann worked as a veterinary technician in preparation for her future career as a veterinarian. She participated in the Maryland Junior Holstein Association and 4-H and is currently a member of the MSU Dairy Club and the Collegiate Jazz Choir.

Steven Herr is a freshman in the Ag Tech Dairy Management program from Kendallville, Ind. He grew up on his family's dairy farm, where he continues to work. Steven also works in his family's custom chopping operation. Steve participated in National Honor Society and received his state FFA degree.

Katy McCracken grew up on her family's dairy farm in Carson City, where she continues to work. Katy is a freshman in Animal Science. During high school, she was active in the National Honor Society, Student Council and athletics. She participates in the MSU Dairy Club.

Ag Tech Scholarships (\$1,250)

Jarrod Aldrich grew up on a family dairy farm in Corunna, Ind., and has worked on his home farm as well as other area dairy farms. In addition, Jarrod participated extensively in FFA and in high school athletics. He is a freshman in the Dairy Management program and plans to return to the family farm after graduation.

Joshua Gamble, a sophomore in the Dairy Management program, grew up on a dairy farm in New Carlisle, Ind. He participated in 4-H, MSU Dairy Cattle Judging and the MSU Dairy Challenge, and he is an officer in the MSU Dairy Club. Joshua plans to return to the family farm after graduation.

James Nienhuis, Zeeland, is a sophomore in the Dairy Management program. He works on his family's dairy farm and is also involved in the

MSU Dairy Club, MSU dairy cattle judging and intramural athletics. James plans to own and manage a dairy farm after graduation.

Pieter Serne, Lowell, gained experience with dairy cattle through employment on two farms. Pieter, a freshman in the Ag Tech Dairy Management program, plans to manage a dairy farm after graduation. He participated extensively in FFA, 4-H, church activities and high school athletics.

Molly Yonkman, McBain, is a freshman in the Dairy Management program. She grew up on her family's dairy farm and plans to return there after graduation. Molly was active in athletics and her church during high school and participates in the MSU Dairy Club.

Dairy Memorial Scholarships (\$2,500)

Julie Braid, Durand, is a senior in ANR communications and plans a career in agricultural law. She grew up on a family dairy farm, where she continues to be actively involved. Julie is a member of Agricultural Communicators of Tomorrow and works at the state 4-H Youth Development office.

Mary Daniels, Whittemore, is a senior in Animal Science and plans a career in veterinary medicine. Mary has been actively involved on her family's dairy farm and as a volunteer at a local veterinary clinic. Mary is a member of the Sigma Alpha agricultural and natural resources sorority, the MSU Pre-Vet Club and the Honors College.

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Scholarships awarded to dairy students (continued)

Calby Garrison is a senior in agribusiness management from Onsted. Calby is active in the CANR Student Senate, Alpha Gamma Rho agricultural fraternity, the MSU Dairy Club and the MSU Young Spartan Program. Calby continues to be actively involved on his family's farm and plans a career working with dairy producers.

Megghan Honke, Byron, is a senior in agriculture and natural resources communications. She participates in Agricultural Communicators of Tomorrow and Shiawassee County Farm Bureau activities and is a student employee at MSU in agriscience education. Megghan plans a career in communications with an emphasis on agriculture.

Katie Hyde, Morley, is a junior in Animal Science. Katie is active in the Michigan Junior Holstein Association and the MSU Dairy Club, and she works as a student employee in a dairy nutrition and physiology laboratory. She grew up on a family dairy farm and plans a career working with dairy cattle.

Lindsay Kirk is a senior in Animal Science from St. Johns. She works on her family's dairy farm and plans a career involving nutrient management on dairy farms. Lindsay has been active in the MSU Dairy Club, 4-H and collegiate dairy cattle judging, the CANR Student Senate and the Michigan Junior Holstein Association.

Melissa Koebel, Three Oaks, is an agribusiness management senior. Melissa grew up on a dairy farm and is planning a career in the dairy industry working directly with farmers. Melissa participates in the National Agri-Marketing Association and Sigma

Alpha sorority and is a CANR ambassador.

Garrett Landel is a sophomore in Animal Science from Waldron. Garrett grew up on a farm and plans to work as a state dairy inspector after graduation. He works on his family's farm in addition to operating a lawn service and working at the MSU Dairy Plant. Garrett participated in the MSU Dairy Challenge and is treasurer of the MSU Dairy Club.

Calvin Lindberg is a junior in Animal Science from Coopersville. He is active in his church youth group and worked at MSU University Farms. Calvin grew up on his family's dairy farm, where he continues to work on all aspects of the operation, and plans to return to the dairy farm after graduation.

Travis Marshall grew up on a dairy farm near Stockbridge. Travis participates in the National Agri-Marketing Association and Alpha Zeta honorary agricultural fraternity, and he has completed internships with AntelBio and Archer Daniels Midland Alliance Nutrition. Travis is a senior in the Agribusiness Management program.

Beth Munsell grew up on a family farm near Fowlerville. She is a senior in Animal Science and plans a career in consulting in the dairy industry. Beth works as a laboratory assistant in the MSU Animal Behavior Laboratory. In addition, Beth is active in the MSU Dairy Club, dairy cattle judging and the Michigan Junior Holstein Association.

Cortney Peissig grew up on a family dairy farm in Dorchester, Wis. Cortney is active in the National Agri-Marketing Association, FFA and her church. Cortney is a junior in agri-

culture and natural resources communications and plans a career in education and promotion in the dairy industry.

Bryce Slavik is a sophomore in Animal Science from Ashley. Bryce grew up on a dairy farm, where he developed his career plans of becoming a veterinarian. He works on his family's farm and in a laboratory in the Department of Animal Science. Bryce is currently an officer in the MSU Dairy Club and participated in the Little International.

Rebel Smith grew up on a dairy farm near Fremont and has gained additional experience working on other farms. Rebel has been active in FFA, as a resident mentor at MSU and as a teaching assistant in an agriscience education class. Rebel is a senior in agriscience education and plans to teach agriscience at the high school level.

Joseph Tarkowski is a junior in Animal Science from Belding. Joseph is actively involved in FarmHouse fraternity and is employed at the MSU farms. He currently works as a manager on a dairy farm and plans to return to the farm following graduation.

Robert West, Jr., is a junior in agriscience education from Onsted. Robert works at the MSU Dairy Teaching and Research Center with responsibilities in milking, animal care and maintenance. He is a member of Alpha Gamma Rho and the Agricultural Education Club. After graduation, Robert plans to teach agriscience at the high school level.

Holli Wittenbach is a senior in Animal Science from Ionia. Holli graduated from the Ag Tech Dairy Management program and is currently working with ABS Global while

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Scholarships awarded to dairy students (continued)

attending college. She represented MSU in the North American Intercollegiate Dairy Challenge and participated in the MSU Dairy Club. She plans to work as a consultant for dairy farmers after graduation. ♦

Jack & Betty Barnes International Michigan Dairy Memorial Endowed Scholarship (\$1,000)

The Barnes scholarship is given annually to a student interested in a dairy industry career who is participating in an international experience to enhance his or her education. This year's recipient was **Mary Daniels**, who is mentioned on page 3. Mary participated in a study abroad program on Food, Agriculture and Natural Resources in South Africa and Swaziland in summer 2003. ♦



Mark Your Calendar!

Deadline for scholarship applications (new and renewal applications for 4-year students) — **February 27, 2004**

Deadline for freshman and Ag Tech scholarship applications are — **September 27, 2004**

MSU Dairy Club annual recognition banquet — **March 26, 2004**



2004-05 Michigan Dairy Memorial and Scholarship Foundation Scholarship Applications

Scholarship applications (new, renewal) for the 2004-05 academic year are due February 27, 2004. Freshman and Ag Tech scholarship applications are due September 27, 2004. Applications can be obtained and returned to Dr. Miriam Weber Nielsen at the following address:

Dr. Miriam Weber Nielsen
Department of Animal Science
1250E Anthony Hall
Michigan State University
East Lansing, MI 48824-1225

Questions regarding the MDMSF scholarship program can be directed to Dr. Weber Nielsen at (517) 432-5443 or by e-mail at [msw@msu.edu](mailto:mw@msu.edu).

Your MDMSF Gift Keeps on Giving



As a donor to the Michigan Dairy Memorial Scholarship Fund endowment, your contribution

works to help students today and to support future MSU students for many years to come.

Your gift to an endowed fund is a gift that grows. That is, the principal (the money you give) is invested in perpetuity and only a portion of the investment income is spent. This means your gift will live and grow forever.

Each year, a portion of the annual investment earnings from the MDMSF endowment principal is distributed as scholarships. The rate of this distribution (currently 5.25%) is determined by the MSU Board of Trustees each year. The principal itself (your gift) remains untouched and, in fact, continues to grow as a portion of the annual earnings is reinvested each year. The MDMSF endowment currently has a principal balance of \$562,668.

As traditional funding sources for the University decline, endowed funds such as the MDMSF provide a long-term, dependable source of funding for programs and scholarships. Through your gifts, generations of students pursuing careers in the dairy science industry will be able to count on scholarship help from the MDMSF. ♦



Scholarship recipients express their gratitude

Thank you so much for the scholarship. The money will be very helpful in my last year of undergraduate schooling. I truly appreciate all the help.

- *Megghan Honke*

As I pause this weekend to think of all the things in my life that I'm thankful for, your name came to mind. Thank you so much for having confidence in me by awarding me a scholarship for my education. I hope to make you proud.

- *Lora Sommers*

Thank you so much for giving me the honor of receiving your scholarship. The money will go a long way in helping me to fulfill my dreams.

- *Katie Hyde*

I would like to thank you for choosing me as a scholarship recipient. This scholarship allows some of us to get through college easier. Instead of focusing on bills, I can focus on classes.

- *Lindsay Kirk*

It is with great gratitude that I write you this letter. I can't stress enough what a help this scholarship will be as I complete my final year at Michigan State. My heart and soul lie within the dairy industry and all it has to offer. I am proud of my heritage, and I am looking forward to a successful future in this exceptional industry. I truly appreciate all that you have given and continue to give the future stakeholders in the dairy field.

- *Melissa A. Koebel*

I would like to sincerely thank you for selecting me to be the recipient of the 2003-04 Glenn and Anne Lake Scholarship. I am very grateful and truly thankful to be given a scholarship such as this. I have been solely responsible for funding my college education, and over the past three years, the MDMS Foundation had made it increasingly easier. I first received the regular MDMS for my sophomore year of college. I received the Russ Erickson scholarship for my junior year, and now I have received the most prestigious scholarship in the College of Ag and Natural Resources, the Glenn and Anne Lake Scholarship, for my senior year.

What am I going to do when I graduate? Well, that is a great question with a bounty of answers. Since I have been here at State, I have experienced so many different and intriguing aspects of the dairy industry that I find it hard to want to work in just one area. I initially wanted to become a nutritionist, and while that idea is still in my mind, there is also a certain amount of appeal in going back to the family farm. I have also thought about getting involved in a heifer raising operation. All I can say for sure is that no matter what I do or where I go, I will always be closely tied to the dairy industry.

- *Ashley Liddy*

As a 2003 recipient, I am greatly honored to receive this scholarship funded by all the hard-working individuals in Michigan's dairy industry. I think it's great that the

Michigan dairy industry feels so strongly about supporting young people in education that the MDMS is one of the largest scholarships in the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources at Michigan State University. As I go through life, I will always remember the gift of this scholarship, hoping that one day I, too, may be able to give back to the foundation as it grows with time.

- *Calby Garrison*

I feel extremely honored to be chosen and am proud to accept this scholarship. I am happy to say that I believe I have found the right "fit" for my college education. As a new member of the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources Ambassadors Program, I plan to visit high school students next year for our college recruitment. I look forward to sharing the many opportunities that are available to me, and I accept the challenge to become a leader in the dairy industry in the future.

- *Cortney Peissig*

I would like to give a sincere thank you for selecting me to be the recipient of the Dairy Memorial Scholarship. This scholarship will help a great deal in furthering my education and my future. It is my plan upon completing the dairy management course to enroll in the Agribusiness Management program and complete my education with this degree. None of these plans would be possible without sufficient funds. Once again, thank you for choosing me to receive this honorable award.

- *Pieter Serne*



Michigan Dairy Memorial and Scholarship Foundation Honorees

The Michigan Dairy Memorial and Scholarship Foundation has honored 139 dairy leaders in Michigan since its founding in 1955. The following individuals were recognized as foundation honorees in 2003 for their involvement and dedication to the dairy industry:

G. C. Graf

G. C. Graf was born in Louisville, Ky., on January 23, 1911. His parents came to the United States in 1907 from Switzerland and settled in Kentucky. The family moved to Stockbridge, Mich., and purchased a dairy farm when he was 7 years old. G.C. was active in 4-H. Two Michigan State University 4-H scholarships finalized his decision to attend college.

G. C. enrolled in the MSU Dairy Science Department in 1930 and graduated in 1934. He worked in the university dairy barns for four years. After graduation he became the vocational agricultural instructor in the Bay Port, Mich., high school. His education and experience working with a university dairy herd led him to a dairy herdsman position at the University of Connecticut.

In 1940 G.C. enrolled in the University of Minnesota graduate school and received his master's degree. Upon his return to the University of Connecticut, he was invited to teach in the two-year agricultural program just established.



Later he joined the Extension staff to assist in the development of an artificial breeding program for the dairy program.

In 1948 G.C. accepted a position with the Virginia Tech Extension Service to set up a state-wide dairy cattle artificial breeding program, a position he held until 1950 when he returned to the University of Minnesota for a doctoral degree. After attaining the degree, G.C. returned to Virginia Tech as a member of the research and teaching faculty. He served as chair of the department from 1952 until 1962, when he gave up the position and continued his research and teaching duties. G.C. retired in 1972 and moved into a retirement complex in Frankenmuth, Mich., in 1986.

In 1938 he married an elementary school teacher and shared his life with her until her death in a nursing home in 1999. G.C. is now sharing his life with a former adult education teacher whom he married in 1999.

Irene Warren Graf

Irene Warren Graf was born in Greensboro, Vt., in 1915. While in high school, Irene was in charge of feeding and milking the family's herd of 45 registered Jerseys. After graduating from high school in 1934, she was employed by the New England Telephone Company as an operator for eight years.



In 1942 she married A.B. Warren, the son of a prominent physician, and shortly afterward moved to Manistee, Mich. Here she found employment in a local hospital preparing equipment for the operating room. Over the next few years Irene gave birth to one daughter and two sons and acquired a number of titles such as den mother, boy scout leader, bandbooster, PTA member, etc.

The family moved to Bridgeport, Mich., in 1951. As the children were growing up, Irene enrolled in adult education and qualified to teach sewing and tailoring in the Bridgeport High School, a position she held for a number of years until the illness of her husband required her full attention.

Shortly after the death of her husband, Irene moved into a retirement home in Frankenmuth, Mich. She works as a volunteer in a Saginaw, Mich., hospital. Irene soon became a member of the Helping Hands group of her retirement village, whose members sew, knit and crochet articles of clothing and distribute hundreds of items among a number of needy charities in Saginaw each year. Irene has been in charge of the group for several years. In 1999, she married a fellow resident, G.C. Graf and continues to live in the retirement village.

Max Irvin Graybiel

Max Graybiel was born in Capac, Mich., December 4, 1923. He graduated as valedictorian of Capac Community High School and attended Michigan State College, where he graduated from the Agricultural Short

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Course in March 1942.

Max worked the 240-acre farm where he was born and later purchased it from his father, Irvin. He milked an

average of 50 dairy cows, all registered Holsteins. His farm also included sheep and chickens for many years. Max married Helen Keller in January 1945. Max and Helen were married 52 years when he passed away on July 25, 1997. They had five daughters: Kelann, Karlene, Kathleen, Karen and Kristine. Max was the 4-H dairy leader for all of his daughters.

Max was very active in various local, state and national activities that extended beyond agriculture, including State of Michigan Boundaries Commission (under governors Blanchard and Engler); St. Clair County commissioner (14 years) and chair of the county commission (2 years); chair of the Michigan Association of Counties; MMPA board of directors (director at-large and Market Committee, 20 years); MSU Dairy Advisory Board; director, American Dairy Association of Michigan; 4-H leader (35 years); county Extension advisory board; Dairy Council; Farm Bureau (40 years) and Michigan Holstein Association; Lynn Township Zoning Board (20 years); Yale Community Hospital Board director (24 years); and was an active member of St. John's Lutheran Church.

Max loved MSU and really enjoyed watching Spartan football. Max enjoyed life, sincerely loved people and was a friend to all. He was very proud to be a farmer and a Spartan.

Maynard G. Hogberg

Maynard Hogberg was born in Red Oak, Iowa, and graduated from Iowa State University. After earning his B.S. degree in agricultural education in 1966, he taught vocational agriculture in Ida Grove, Iowa. He returned to Iowa State University to earn his master's and doctoral degrees in animal nutrition. In 1976, he joined the animal husbandry faculty at Michigan State University and began a career of teaching, research and Extension



programming in swine nutrition management. His major interests include growth and development, livestock manure management and integrated livestock production systems. He served as chairperson of the Department of Animal Science from 1984 to 2002. During this time he provided leadership for the Animal Initiative, which renovated facilities and expanded teaching, research and outreach programs in animal agriculture at MSU. Undergraduate student enrollment in Animal Science doubled, and the Dairy Associates Program, an experiential learning program for undergraduate students with a dairy interest, was initiated during his tenure as department chairperson.

Maynard has been active in the American Society of Animal Science, and served on its board of directors. He has been honored with the National ASAS Industry Service Award and the

Midwest Young Animal Scientist Extension Award. He has served on the board of directors of the National Swine Improvement Federation and the American Yorkshire Club. He was instrumental in the creation of the National Swine Registry and chaired its strategic planning and implementation committee. He served as chair of the GAAMPs committee, which sets guidelines for agriculture manure management practices in Michigan.

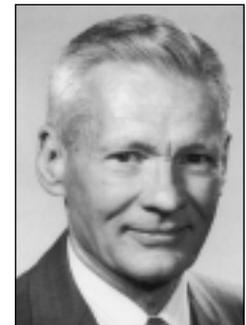
Maynard and his wife, Anne, are the parents of Michael and Emily, both MSU students. Maynard and Anne are active in their church and volunteer youth livestock and leadership programs in the community.

Lon McGilliard

Dr. Lon D. McGilliard was a professor of dairy science at Michigan State University for 38 years. He passed away on June 7, 2002.

He was born August 9, 1921, in Manhattan, Kansas, the eldest of the four children of P.C. and Laura McGilliard. Lon

grew up in Stillwater, Okla., and received a bachelor's degree from Oklahoma State University (then Oklahoma A & M), where he was a member of



FarmHouse Fraternity. Following service in WWII, he received a master's degree from MSU and a Ph.D. from Iowa State University. Lon served for four years on the dairy faculty at ISU, where he also coached the dairy cattle judging team.

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During his tenure as a professor at MSU, Lon specialized in dairy cattle genetics and was a long-time participant in the NC-2 regional research committee that quantified the effects of A.I. sire selection. He advised numerous graduate students and teamed with Clint Meadows to lead a respected program in research, instruction and extension. A steadfast supporter of student activities, Lon enjoyed many years as coach of the MSU dairy cattle judging team. He was an excellent judge and held the rare distinction of being high individual at both the National 4-H Contest in 1938 and the National Collegiate Contest in 1941, representing Oklahoma State.

Lon served as editor of the *Journal of Dairy Science* for 11 years, during which he oversaw the review process and edited more than 3,500 scientific manuscripts in the walk-in closet he set up across the hall from his main office. He received in 1986 the Award of Honor from the American Dairy Science Association and later was inducted into the first class of Fellows of the Association.

While at MSU, Lon was a fixture in noon faculty paddleball games, running to the I.M. building and back to Anthony Hall, rain or shine. He was skilled enough to have once won the Michigan Senior Doubles Championship.

Through all phases of his career, he maintained an admirable dedication to his family and drew great strength from his faith.

Noel P. Ralston

In 1949 Noel P. Ralston came to MSU to teach and research dairy cattle breeding and judging and had oversight

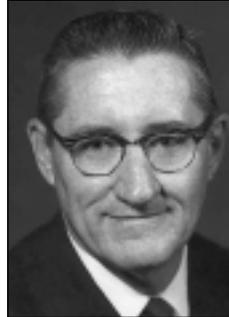
of the MSU campus and Kellogg Farm dairy herds. With excellent cooperation with and between departments, the computerizing of Dairy Herd

Improvement Association member testing records was developed to build a database for dairy cattle genetics, reproduction, health and management for teaching, research and extension. The MSU herds provided an excellent opportunity to do teaching and research in new dairy cattle housing, feeding and milking systems, and bulk milk handling.

Pat was made head of the department in 1955. A new Animal Science building provided space and laboratories in dairy products development technologies and dairy plant management offerings. New space was provided for more staff in genetics, nutrition and feeding, physiology of reproduction, health and lactation.

Strong relations were continued via a strong Extension staff with the Michigan dairy industry and pertinent national organizations. The dean requested that Pat serve as a coordinator for food technologies of the College of Agriculture. In 1958 he recommended a new Food Technology Department be established. Dairy manufacturing products and technology were to be included. This was done in 1960.

Pat served on numerous committees of the American Dairy Science Association, the Society of Animal



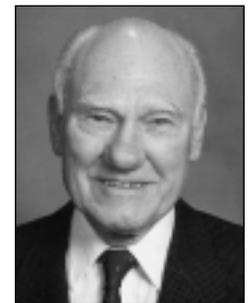
Science and Production, and University and regional research committees. In February 1959, he was appointed assistant dean and director of the Cooperative Extension Service of the College of Agriculture.

Alvin L. Rippen

Alvin Rippen was born on a farm near Campbell, Neb. The Great Depression made it necessary for him to work his way through the University of Nebraska. The University Creamery and summer jobs with Beatrice Creamery and Isaly's provided valuable experience for a career in the dairy industry. Aided by an assistantship, he received a master's degree from Ohio State University in 1941.

After a brief period with Creamery Package Manufacturing Company in Chicago, Al served three years in the U.S. Navy as an aviator. He married Leona Munch during WWII. Following the war he returned to his job as a sales engineer in Chicago.

For seven years Rippen worked for Kagle Dairy and Lansing Dairy in Lansing, Mich. In addition to supervising processing operations, he spent a considerable amount of time with fieldmen and farmers in converting from cans to bulk milk handling. In 1957 he became an Extension specialist in Agricultural Engineering at Michigan State



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University. He was transferred to the new Food Science Department in 1960. Al enjoyed working with dairies on a broad range of processing problems. He appreciated the opportunity to conduct educational workshops for dairy plant workers. Discussing ways to improve energy utilization in processing plants was important to him. He also taught in classrooms and counseled graduate students. He has received awards from several organizations, including the Extension Specialist Award from Michigan State University, an Alumni Award from Ohio State University, the DeLaval Award from the American Dairy Science Association and honors from dairy industry groups in Michigan.

Since his retirement in 1980, Al volunteers in church work and as an emergency blood delivery driver for the American Red Cross. He enjoys travel and camping trips with his family.

J. Gordon Topping

J. Gordon Topping was born in October 1929 in Stockbridge, Michigan, son of Norman and Margaret (Lamb) Topping. Norman Topping started Hickory Ridge Farms in 1928 and Hickory Ridge Farm Dairy in 1938.



After graduating from high school, Gordon went on to attend Michigan State University taking a two-year short course in dairy manufacturing. He joined his father in partnership in both the farm and dairy business after

graduating from MSU. Shortly after returning home, he married Joanne L. Miller in 1949, and they had four children: Linda Hanson, Judy Gorrell, Gary and Marie Hensley. Gordon's major responsibility was running the retail bottling and delivery business. The well-known slogan of the farm's bottled milk was "Fresh as the Morning Dew, Direct from Farm to You." One of Gordon's most enjoyable times was giving farm and dairy tours to local school and camp children in the area.

As the demand for home-delivered milk declined, the family discontinued the dairy processing and retail delivery portion of the partnership in 1979 and began selling their milk to the Michigan Milk Producers Association.

In 1983, the farm became a feed dealership with Purina Mills, Inc., and began a retail feed store in the old retail dairy-bottling store. Gordon waited on many of the walk-in customers until his death August 12, 2002.

Gordon will be remembered for his love of the dairy business, his love of people and his service to the community. He was involved with MMPA, Farm Credit, Michigan Professional Dairy Farmers, and Michigan Farm Managers and Rural Appraisers boards. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge of Stockbridge, the Lions Club and the Stockbridge Presbyterian Church, and he served on the Livingston County Road Commission. ♦

What are you doing now?

Tracy (Zeckzer) Sheehy (B.S., '93, food science, Michigan State University; M.S., 2002, Industrial Technology, Michigan State University). Tracy is now a culinary student at Forest Park Community College in St. Louis, Mo.

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Brian A. Sinkoff (B.S., '76, food science, Michigan State University). Brian has advanced within Rhodia Inc., of Madison, Wis. as the North American dairy business director.

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Robert J Barrett (B.A., '59, dairy production, Michigan State University; M.B.A., '60, Michigan State University). Robert is enjoying his retirement from Mobil Chemical Company, where he was the general manager. He resides in Pittsford, N. Y. ♦



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