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Coming Your Way! A Night of Politics and Entertainment

By Sherri Muzher (Fall 93)

The 10th Anniversary Michigan Political Leadership Fundraising Dinner on March 3rd promises to keep Michigani-ans buzzing when Democratic Governor Howard Dean and conservative news commentator Pat Buchanan come into town. Laurel Manor in Livonia will provide the backdrop once again as the dynamic duo of Dean and Buchanan take center stage to give their opposing views about the world of politics.



Dean, a physician who has appeared on the covers of *TIME* and *Newsweek*, ran for the 2004 Democratic presidential nomination and energized the Democrat base. He was a member of the Vermont House of Representatives, elected to three terms as Lieutenant Governor, and served as Governor of Vermont from 1991-2002. Since his presidential run, Dean has formed "Democracy for America" – a fiscally responsible and socially progressive political action committee.

The McLaughlin Group. He ran for the Republican presidential nomination three times, and served as the Reform Party presidential nominee in 2000. Buchanan is the editor of "The American Conservative" magazine and the author of several books, including the highly-acclaimed, "Where the Right Went Wrong."



Buchanan, a senior advisor to three US presidents, is a leading conservative who served as the lively co-host for *CNN's Crossfire* for almost 20 years and remains a panelist on

In addition to the entertaining dinner, the 3rd Annual West Michigan Breakfast will be taking place on March 4th at the Frederik Meijer Gardens in Grand Rapids.

To purchase tickets to either event, go online to the MPLP website at www.ippsr.msu.edu. Tickets are a great gift idea for that special someone who has everything!

The MPLP Association of Fellows will be hosting an alumni networking reception in southeast Michigan on Thursday, February 3, 2005, at the Museum of African American History in Detroit.



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Detroit Cultural Center, Lewis H. Cafe
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DeRoche, Still Largely Unknown, Puts Focus On Policy

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If you are wondering - as many in the state are - just who House Speaker-elect Craig DeRoche is and what kind of a speaker he will be, his allies say look to his first decisions for strong clues: initial appointments that put a premium on policy and launching an exhaustive, business-like review of the office's operations.

Mr. DeRoche, a 34-year-old Novi Republican, comes to the speakership as a little-known, younger member of the House about to start his second term. Unlike his two predecessors as speaker since the onset of term limits in 1998 - the hard-charging Chuck Perricone and affable, deal-making Rick Johnson - Mr. DeRoche did not carve a legislative reputation for himself prior to winning the post. He had not served as a committee chair nor was he the sponsor of a major public policy change that passed the House.

But the initial sketches Mr. DeRoche has drawn since winning the post November 10 show he has strong interest in advocating a policy agenda and re-examining the basic operations of the speaker's office. The post is coveted because of its wide-ranging powers in controlling the House agenda from choosing who gets what committee chairs to having the ultimate say on what bills the House votes upon.

Mr. DeRoche tabbed the current House Republican legal counsel and policy director, Jim Holcomb, to be his chief of staff instead of naming someone from the caucus's political team. He has named a mixture of business leaders and some of the most respected figures connected to the House to advise him through the transition, such as Domino's Pizza CEO David Brandon, former Speaker Paul Hillegonds and House Clerk Gary Randall.

When these decisions are placed alongside a staunchly conservative voting record during Mr. DeRoche's first two years in the House, the portrait of Mr. DeRoche comes into a greater focus: a conservative with a strong interest in the state's lagging economy and also re-examining the fundamentals of the powerful speaker's office.

"I'm a delegator by nature in my business and my political life," he said in an interview with Gongwer News Service . . . at his House Office Building office. "I believe you should surround yourself with people that fill in the talents for each other and try to get the smartest, hardest-working, most talented bunch you can get. I'm looking at this as an opportunity to look at the speaker's office from the top down and I'm making every effort with my transition team to find the right employees and structure, the organizational chart to best perform for the taxpayers."

Mr. DeRoche succeeds Mr. Johnson in January with a mandate from House Republicans to take a tougher line in budget negotiations with Democratic Governor Jennifer Granholm and the Senate than Mr. Johnson did. A number of Republicans are grumbling in Mr. Johnson's waning days that he was too prone to capitulating in negotiations, allowing votes on tax and fee increases that most of the House GOP opposed.

He also comes to the post as one of the top two Republicans in the Legislature during the term that will conclude with Ms. Granholm standing for re-election in 2006, a situation that doubtlessly will mean considerable political maneuvering over the next two years.

Mr. DeRoche is throwing down the gauntlet early, saying he is not open to tax increases. During the previous two years, the House passed a 75-cent per pack cigarette tax increase and delayed a scheduled income tax cut by six months.

"I really think the state starts living within its own means," he said of his forecast for the next two years. "The economy really lags behind every other state in the Union. If we continue to raise taxes and fees, we're going to continue to dampen the economy of the state of Michigan."

Rep. Leon Drolet (R-Clinton Township) became an early supporter of Mr. DeRoche as part of a group of about 10 ultra-conservatives who committed to act as one in a decision on whom to support for GOP leader. It was Mr. DeRoche's winning this group's support that was one of the early momentum builders in his victorious campaign.

Mr. Drolet said he was drawn by Mr. DeRoche's House votes, which were usually in line with Mr. Drolet and his fellow conservative allies. Mr. DeRoche could have marginalized himself with such votes, Mr. Drolet said.

"He was willing to take risks with his voting record," he said. "Craig put policy first."

Conservatives in the House Republican caucus are "pumped up" about Mr. DeRoche becoming the next speaker. They had grown disappointed by House Republicans' unwillingness to slash spending more deeply and willingness to allow tax and fee increases proposed by Ms. Granholm to become law.

But if the Legislature and Ms. Granholm are to avoid a government shutdown in the next budget-writing process, at some point trade-offs and compromise will have to happen. Mr. Drolet said conservatives realize Mr. DeRoche will not win on every issue.

"Why conservatives got behind Craig early is because we were convinced that Craig was going to get more in those negotiations with the Senate and the governor than we have been currently getting," he said. "We have faith that Craig will lead us to a re-establishment of our Republican identity."

Mr. DeRoche describes himself as "results-driven." Others say he is extraordinarily thorough in researching the issues facing him and understanding the people with whom he will work.

The former businessman and Novi city council member cut his political teeth with the unsuccessful 1990 congressional campaign of Republican Dick Allen, who lost in the then-10th U.S. House District GOP primary to Dave Camp, who would go on to win the general election. Despite the loss, Mr. DeRoche caught the political bug and developed a desire to work on public policy from his involvement in the race.

Two years later, he would enroll in the inaugural class of the Michigan Political Leadership Program at Michigan State University, an organization that has become a breeding ground for scores of now prominent public officials. That group also included Tom Watkins, now the state superintendent of public instruction, Detroit City Council member Ken Cockrel and Aaron Payment, tribal chairperson for the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians.

Mr. Payment, a Democrat, said Mr. DeRoche demonstrated then an ability to communicate effectively with others in the group, which was generally older and featured racial and ideological diversity.

"Craig held his own on any discussions we had on governance and public policy," he said. "Here's this 22-year-old recent college graduate in a room full of people who had already lived through their career."

The two have kept in touch over the years, and Mr. Payment said he was not surprised by Mr. DeRoche's winning the speakership and would not be surprised to see him run for governor someday. Mr. Payment said he so admires Mr. DeRoche's "no-nonsense approach" and "keen interest in governance" that he would vote for him despite their partisan differences.

"It doesn't surprise me at all that Craig has made decisions each step of the way that would put him in contention (for speaker). I think he's had the idea from the very beginning," he said. "Not since John Engler have I seen someone whose career path has been as strategically planned out as Craig DeRoche."

Gary Heidel, director of program policy and marketing at the Michigan State Housing Development Authority, was in the second class of the political leadership program. He got to know Mr. DeRoche from their mutual involvement in the group's alumni organization.

It was apparent that Mr. DeRoche was "very interested" in politics, Mr. Heidel said. He also is highly motivated, outgoing and develops strong friendships.

"I have found him to be a person who can be very loyal to people, regardless of (party) affiliation," he said. "He is still the kind of person that's easy to talk to."

In 1996, he would seek a seat in the House - at the urging of another young Oakland County Republican seeking the House seat to the east: Andrew Raczkowski. Mr. DeRoche had worked on Mr. Raczkowski's initial unsuccessful bid in 1994.

When the area's senator resigned, it triggered a chain of events that would see the incumbent in Mr. DeRoche's House seat win the Senate seat, leaving the House seat up for grabs. Mr. DeRoche said he was vacationing in Mexico as the situation unfolded, but Mr. Raczkowski tracked him down by phone to urge him to run for the House.

But Mr. DeRoche fell in the Republican primary to Nancy Cassis, who would go on to represent the district for six years and then win a Senate seat. Still, Mr. DeRoche said he took the loss in stride, a characterization with which Mr. Heidel agreed.

"I was very encouraged from being in the process," he said. "I called Nancy up that night of the election and congratulated her and ever since then I've been her biggest fan and supporter in Novi so it wasn't a bad experience at all."

Mr. DeRoche's 2002 campaign for the House was a much different story. He ran unopposed for the GOP nomination in the heavily Republican seat and then crushed his Democratic opponent in the general election. After arriving in the House, little time passed before it became clear he was a freshman to watch.

Mr. Johnson named Mr. DeRoche and Rep. Bill Huizenga of Zeeland to co-chair the caucus's campaign fund-raising efforts, setting up what essentially would be a two-man race between them to succeed Mr. Johnson. Mr. DeRoche had earlier success in building a bigger base of support than Mr. Huizenga, enabling him to make critical geographic inroads among West Michigan lawmakers that in theory should have been with Mr. Huizenga.

Mr. DeRoche's excelling in raising money for the caucus added further steam to his campaign, and Mr. Huizenga withdrew from the race before the vote was held.

Now as he navigates the transition, two things have become clear about Mr. DeRoche: his desire to re-examine the speakership and his intention to pursue a Republican policy agenda in 2005-06.

Mr. DeRoche said he has "a lot of friends" on the Democratic side of the aisle (where he currently sits because the majority party always needs a few seats on the other side of the aisle to fit in its larger membership. And he said it is critical that the two parties work together.

But he also makes no bones about pursuing a GOP agenda.

"The Republicans are in the majority, and I think it's with our caucus and the Republican caucus that we'll get the direction that we want the state of Michigan to go so there will be party-line votes," he said. "It'd be my anticipation that the Democratic caucus isn't going to buy into our agenda from top to bottom."

Of trying to reach a consensus on issues, he said: "I think that it's always better when you can reach a consensus. ... That's a better result if you can get there."

Mr. DeRoche met Tuesday with House Minority Leader Dianne Byrum (D-Onondaga) as the two seek to build their relationship.

The speaker-elect is reluctant to spell out his policy priorities at this point with 20 Republican freshmen who have yet to be sworn in wanting to contribute to the party's agenda. But Mr. DeRoche said he detects an early desire to address taxes, spending and roads.

With the state's tax structure looming as the major issue facing legislators over the next two years - Ms. Granholm is expected to propose major changes to it - Mr. DeRoche laid down some key markers of what should happen to the Single Business Tax. The tax, scheduled to expire in 2010, often is criticized as uncompetitive for the state by businesses.

Mr. DeRoche said any tax restructuring must lead to a net reduction in taxes, not be "revenue-neutral" as Ms. Granholm has indicated is her preference.

"We do not need to replace the Single Business Tax with either a revenue-neutral or a revenue-enhancing tax," he said. "All that will do is continue to drive businesses out of the state of Michigan."

Mr. DeRoche would not commit to how much less in taxes he thinks businesses should pay, pending hearings in the next term.

The other side of the tax issue, of course, is spending and how much in services the state wants to offer. Mr. DeRoche clearly comes down on the side of determining what programs the state wants to offer, funding those well and then perhaps discontinuing those that are not deemed priorities although he would not say which programs he would like to see cut.

"If you do things that way, there are some programs that are going to have potentially large increases," he said. "And then you'll have programs when you evaluate it again from a results-oriented, priority-based funding, you're going to find some that just don't meet the test of maybe even where their current funding level is at."

On two other items of note, Mr. DeRoche:

- ★ Has not decided whom to support for Republican Party chair;
- ★ Would prefer to see changes to term limits handled via a citizen-led petition drive, not by having the Legislature put the matter on the ballot.

Meet the 2005 Class

Central Region

Nicole Champagne (D), Ypsilanti: Nicole works at the University of Michigan–Dearborn as the Program Coordinator for the College of Arts, Sciences and Letter's Office of Distance Learning. She is a Planning Commissioner with the Charter Township of Ypsilanti, is President of the Business Professional Women of Ypsilanti, and serves on the CAS&L Alumni Board of Governors for the U of M–Dearborn.

Sarah Damaske (R), Lansing: Sarah is a Legislative Aide and Constituent Director for State Senator Michael D. Bishop. She volunteers with Beekman Therapeutic Riding Center.

Andrew Doerr (R), Lansing: Andrew works in the Office of Government and Legislative Affairs for the Michigan Credit Union League. He was a former State Legislative Director for Alan Sanborn. He is a member of the Michigan Chapter of JumpStart Financial Literacy Coalition and the Michigan Republican Party.

Brittany Guerriero (D), Milan: Brittany recently managed Andy Dillon's successful campaign for the Michigan House of Representatives, District 17. She is the founding President of the Guerriero Breast Cancer Foundation and is a member of the Michigan Democratic Active Network.

Laura Packard (D), Ann Arbor: Laura is in business development for Cimulus, Inc. She serves as Secretary, is a member of the Executive Committee, and a Precinct Delegate for the Washtenaw County Democratic Party. She also served as a precinct-level Election Chairperson for the City of Ann Arbor in the presidential election.

Robert Proctor (D), Lansing: Robert is a retired Administrative Law Examiner with the State of Michigan's Department of Civil Service. He is a Trustee for Lansing Community College. He also serves on the Board of Directors, as Treasurer, of the Black Child & Family Institute and as a Service Area Resource Council Member for the American Red Cross.

Milton Scales (D), Haslett: Milton is Director of Criminal Investigations with the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality. He was the Senior Advisor for the M. Brian Cavanaugh for Circuit Judge campaign. A former Detroit Police Officer, he serves on the Board of Directors for the Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police. He is also on the advisory board for the Law Enforcement Executive Leadership Institute.

Karishma Shah (D), East Lansing: Karishma is a Policy Analyst/Lobbyist for Wiener Associates. She was a member of the Kerry/Edwards Campaign Health Policy Team and is a member of the Women's Economic Club.

Corey Utley (R), Lansing: Corey is an Account Assistant for the Sterling Corporation. Aside from currently being a student at Michigan State University, Corey continues to be active in Citizen for Traditional Values and Catholic in the Public Square community groups.

Brad Wolvin (R), Ann Arbor: Brad was most recently a Marketing Analyst with Honeywell Automotive, and is currently pursuing his M.B.A. with the University of Michigan. He is a member of the Michigan Leadership Committee, the United Way, and the MBA Students Association.

Northern Region

Matthew Kurta (D), Ironwood: Matthew is a Legislative Aide to State Senator Mike Prusi. After attending Gogebic Community College, he completed his BA in Political Science at Western Michigan University. He has served on the board of the Ironwood Economic Development Corporation and as Student Senate President of Gogebic Community College. He has also participated in a variety of campaigns, ranging between local, state, and federal races, including the 2000 Michigan Democratic Party coordinated campaign.

Janice McCraner (R), Arcadia: Janice serves as a Manistee County Commissioner. Formerly she was the Supervisor of Arcadia Township. She is an active volunteer with the Senior Hot Lunch Program and Hospice.

Southeastern Region

Lydia R. Allen (D), Rochester Hills: Lydia is a Communications and Special Projects Coordinator for JTV Associates/Visteon Corporation. She has previously served as a Legislative Aide to two state representatives and was a consultant to the Committee to Elect Mary Ellen Brennan. She is Chair of the Political Action and Connection committees for Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. (Theta Lambda Omega Chapter) and is also a Project Leader for Royal Oak DDA/Business Development Committee.

Southeastern Region (cont.)

Thomas Cameron (R), Trenton: Thomas is the Senior Assistant to the Michigan Attorney General. He has served as a Prosecutor in two Michigan counties. He is a member of the Downriver Republican Grassroots Organization and a Precinct Delegate for the Michigan Republican Party.

Timothy Greimel (D), Rochester Hills: Tim is an Associate Attorney with Kerr, Russell, and Weber, PLC. He is the President of the Board of Executive for Rochester Community Schools and serves on the Executive Committee for the 9th Congressional District Democratic Party.

James Heath (D), Detroit: James is an attorney with the law firm of Goldpaugh & Associates, PC, where he primarily handles civil and criminal litigation matters. He formerly served as a legislative aide to former Detroit City Council President Gill Hill. He is Vice-President of the Blackstone Park Neighborhood Association and is a member of the Wolverine Bar Association, the Michigan Democratic Party, Legacy Associates Foundation, and Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.

Carmen Johnson (R), Troy: Carmen is a Manager at SBC Communications. She is a precinct Delegate for Oakland County Republican party and also actively involved as a parent at Warren Mott High School.

Daniel Kelly (R), Clarkston: Dan is an Attorney and Equity Partner with Cox, Hodgman & Giamarco. He serves as a Trustee and is on the Planning Commission for Independence Township and is a member of the Statutory Lake Board.

Sharone Senk (D), Southfield: Sharone is the Assistant Director of the Michigan Anti-Defamation League. She is a Conference Coordinator for the Michigan Alliance Against Hate-Crimes and is also a member of Advocates and Leaders for Police and Community Trust. She is an active member of the Public Relations Society of America and the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

Debbie Squires (R), Commerce Township: Debbie is a self-employed internet journalist. She serves as the Vice-President of the Huron Valley Board of Education, Vice-President for the Michigan Parent Teacher Student Association, and as Secretary for the Huron Valley Educational Foundation.

Charles "Chip" Tischer (R), Rochester Hills: Chip is the Political Director for the Oakland County Republican Party, as well as an active member of the Oakland County Young Republicans. He worked as the Political Director for the Knollenberg for Congress Campaign and a Victory Center Director for the Bush-Cheney 2004 campaign. Chip was also nominated to the Oakland County Republican Party Executive Committee for 2005-2006.

Western Region

Dave Cluley (R), Grand Rapids: Dave is a Senior Account Executive with Care Choices HMO. He is a Regional Legislative Chair for the National Association of Health Underwriters (NAHU) and a member of its National Legislative Council.

Nicholas Coutsos (D), Grand Rapids: Nick is an Associate Attorney with Miller, Johnson, Snell, & Cumiskey, P.L.C. He previously worked as the Administrative Assistant for Attorney General Frank Kelly and currently serves on the Grand Rapids Cool Cities Advisory Board.

Denise Massey (R), Gobles: Denise is an Assistant Prosecutor for Kalamazoo County. She is a member of the Michigan Bar Association and the State 4-H Domestic Animal Committee, a Key Leader of the Young Explorers 4-H Club, and President of the Van Buren County 4-H Leaders Association.

Giving Back

by Barb Knuth (Fall 94)

In the summer 2004 edition of the MPLP *Alumni Herald*, the question was “Will the 2004 Class be able to meet the challenge and surpass the 2003 Class? Stay tuned!”

The Giving Back Program was designed for the Fellows to apply fundraising strategies learned in class by helping to raise money through MPLP annual fundraising events. Fellows from the Alumni Steering Committee presented lessons that integrated concepts, such as developing a donor lists and how to ask for money. The goal of the Giving Back Program is for each class member to sell five tickets to the fundraising events, raising \$15,000 - the cost of one MPLP Fellowship. The program also included electing a class representative to the Alumni Steering Committee and planning the class reunion.

The class participants began selling tickets in August and will continue through February to reach the goal of \$15, 000. However by the November weekend, success was plentiful and the Class is well on its way of achieving the goal. As of the printing of the MPLP Herald Alumni, a total of \$9,375 has been collected. The amount includes one table sponsorship, 51 individual tickets and \$350 in cash donation. Bree Woodruff, the class representative to the Alumni Steering Committee, assumed the responsibility of reminding her classmates to sell, sell and sell and beat the 2003 Class.

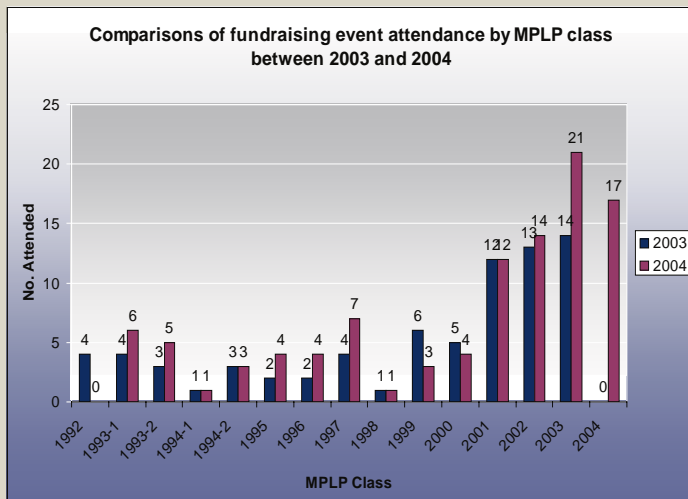
While the challenge has been accepted, the question still remains. Will the 2004 Class surpass the 2003 Class? The answer will be told at the 10th Anniversary MPLP Fundraising Dinner on March 3, 2005, at the Laurel Manor in Livonia. See you there!

Support MPLP: You, Too, Can Become Speaker of the House

By Regina Bell (99)

During the last Michigan Political Leadership Program (MPLP) session, “Understanding the Process of Policy Advocacy,” chair-elect of the MPLP Advisory Board Pat Harrington made a statement that seemed to resonate with everyone. “If you go through MPLP, you too can become Speaker of the Michigan House of Representatives.”

That couldn’t be truer for State Representative Craig DeRoche, a member of the inaugural class of MPLP. In November, he was unanimously elected by his peers to serve as the next Speaker of the Michigan House of Representatives. This is a great endorsement for the program. We should also applaud the success of MPLP graduates Ed Clemente and Dick Ball who were elected to the Michigan House of Representatives. This follows a tradition of success by other graduates to serve in elected positions. After all, that’s what the program is about.



Each year, Shannon, Anne, and Jim wade through hundreds of applicants and interviews to select the right mix of individuals to participate in the program for the following year. I, like you, feel very fortunate to be part of such a distinguished and well recognized group. Regardless of our career path (not all of us are elected officials), all of us can point to a situation or circumstance where the information or networking opportunity provided by MPLP was beneficial. We hold special memories and unique experiences that carry us through life for virtually no cost, and we continue to reap the benefits of being an MPLP graduate.

Only through our support can the program continue to provide other people with an opportunity to share the experience. We are approaching that time of year when the MPLP Steering Committee asks us for something in return – our financial support of the Annual Fundraising Dinner in Livonia on March 3, 2005 and the Breakfast in Grand Rapids on March 4.

Thanks to last year’s alumni efforts, ticket sales increased by \$2,000. Our goal this year is to increase the attendance of program graduates to the Dinner and Breakfast. Ideally, it would be great if all 328 graduates could attend one or both of the events. Alumni tickets are being offered at a special discount rate of \$75. Additionally, there will be a special prize for the class with the greatest attendance. You will be contacted soon by your MPLP Steering Committee class representative with more details.

The program relies on your support. Please mark your calendar and plan on catching up with old classmates and meeting new ones. After all, you just might end up talking to the next Speaker of the House.

Alumni News

Election Winners!

State House

Richard Ball (97), District 85
Ed Clemente (97), District 14
Craig DeRoche (F92), District 38★
 Elected Speaker of the House

Tribal

Aaron Payment (F92), Chairman

City

Nancy Banks (02), Clerk, Southfield★
Karen Buie (04), Clerk, Muskegon★
David Lossing (F94), Mayor, Linden
Kyle Stack (98), Clerk, Trenton★

County

Dale Copedge (03), Commissioner, Ingham
Deb DeLeon (97), Commissioner, Ingham★
Mark Hackel (F93), Sheriff, Macomb★
Joel Hondorp (03), Clerk, Ottawa★
Nadine Klein (04), Commissioner, Kent
Tina Leary (02), Clerk, Van Buren
Roger Trudell (02), Commissioner, Isabella
Carol Vernon (03), Clerk, Gratiot

★Incumbent

Township

Debbie Macon (F93), Trustee, West Bloomfield
Sheryl Mitchell (03), Parks Commission, West Bloomfield

New Position

Michelle Brant (03), Chief of Staff, State Representative
 Chris Ward
Ed Wyszynski, Jr. (96), Counsel, Koernke & Crampton PC

Featured

Hon. **Craig DeRoche** (Fall 92), Hon. **Aaron Payment** (Fall 92), and **Gary Heidel** (Spring 93) were featured in article in *Gongwer News Service*, November 24, 2004.

MPLP Alumni: What's Your Scoop?

Do you have a new employment position? Are you running for office, re-election, or serving on a new board? Perhaps you recently married or have a new child? We'd love to hear about it!

You may also forward special event pictures, upcoming event information, and job openings for posting in the newsletter or release to alumni through e-mail.

Send your updates, photos, events or open job positions to the MPLP Newsletter's Editor, Sherri Muzher, at shehrezadm@yahoo.com. Your photos will be returned.

If you wish, you can choose to submit updates by email through the alumni section of the MPLP website at www.ippsr.msu.edu/MPLP/alumni.htm#update.



Serving Our Country in Iraq

Todd Kaminski, Marshall (01) - Lt. Col. in the United States Marine Corp, stationed in Fallujah, Iraq. Here at home he works as a Training Facilitator with Eaton Corporation. Volunteer, Battle Creek Chamber of Commerce

Policymaking Committee. Vice-Chairman of Calhoun County Local Emergency Planning Committee.

Roy McCalister, Jr., Detroit (99)

Has returned home from Iraq. Works as a Police Sergeant with the City of Detroit Police Department. Special Agent and Chief Warrant Officer III with the Criminal Investigative Division (CID), USAR, Jackson.

MPLP Website Highlights

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NEW!!!.....web resource listing on everything you need to know about the political and policy arenas at <http://www.ippssr.msu.edu/mplp/links.asp>

Remember When . . .

the 2004 class stayed up all night putting in their predictions about 2004 class members into a time capsule? The suggestion came from Lindsey Huddleston, and the predictions could be about anything. The anonymous predictions will be unveiled at the class reunion.

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Annual West Michigan Breakfast - Frederik Meijer Gardens,
Grand Rapids

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Quote to Remember

Great leaders are almost always great simplifiers, who can cut through argument, debate, and doubt to offer a solution everybody can understand.

~ General Colin Powell



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