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"You're learning a lot when you learn every day over a period of a hundred years, but you never know when you're going to need what you have learned," said Fred Sheill, of Au Gres, who was recognized as an honorary forestry alumnus Jan. 15 at the age of 100. The dawn of the Great Depression and the cost of graduation forced Sheill to walk out of Michigan State College of Agriculture and Applied Science in 1932. Sheill praises himself for doing things differently that brought him his success as an entrepreneur. He grows more than 200,000 day lilies and sells them throughout the state and nation.

## THE ULTIMATE LIFELONG STUDENT

By Jacob Carpenter  
THE STATE NEWS

Au Gres, Mich. — Seventy-seven years after leaving MSU a few credits short of graduation, Fred Sheill stood in the foyer of his house Monday proudly sporting a green-and-white MSU T-shirt.

For the first time, Sheill could wear the shirt as a honorary Spartan alumnus.

MSU recognized Sheill, a 100-year-old Au Gres resident, as an honorary forestry alumnus last week nearly eight decades after he left MSU because of the Great Depression. Sheill's state representative and a persistent customer at his day lily farm worked nine months to get Sheill the honor, after he walked out on MSU (then known as Michigan State College of Agriculture and Applied Science) in 1932.

"I never thought I would get my degree," Sheill said Monday and seeing that look on his face was one of the most rewarding things I have done on this job," said Moore, who drove an hour and a half from his Farwell home to visit Sheill.

Sheill was presented with a framed honorary alumnus certificate, the green-and-white T-shirt and a cake with a Spartan logo last Thursday by state Rep. Tim Moore, R-Farwell, and a small gathering of Sheill's friends at his house. MSU officials said Sheill received the recognition because of his efforts while in college, but he will not be listed as having received a degree in university records because he did not complete all the necessary requirements.

"Handing him that diploma and seeing that look on his face was one of the most rewarding things I have done on this job," said Moore, who drove an hour and a half from his Farwell home to visit Sheill.

### A college man

Sheill attended MSU from 1927 to 1932, when tuition was \$35 per year, men named Butterfield and Shaw were school presidents and the institution had an enrollment of about 3,000. The Farmington native was an aspiring entrepreneur and business

owner pushed to attend MSU by his father, a laundry man who left school in the sixth grade.

"A lot of people would become stenographers or follow in their family business, but I was determined to go to college," Sheill said.

In five years on campus, Sheill learned everything from physics to animal husbandry to economics. He also would sneak into lectures of classes that weren't on his schedule to mop up every drop of knowledge.

"You might say I majored in

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To see a video of Sheill talking about his life experiences, visit [stateneews.com/multimedia](http://stateneews.com/multimedia)

### MEN'S BASKETBALL

## Wildcats end Spartans' 11-game winning streak

By Cash Kruth  
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On Wednesday night, the No. 7 MSU men's basketball team committed 18 turnovers, shot 40 percent from the floor and let an opposing player to score more than 30 points for the first time since the 2007 NCAA Tournament.

After having back on their side and coming away with a win in each of the past three games when they arguably shouldn't have, the Spartans finally got what their play earned them — a loss.

Fresh off its upset of then-No. 18 Minnesota on Sunday, unranked Northwestern (10-6 overall, 2-4 Big Ten) came into Breslin Center and beat the Spartans 70-63, breaking

MSU's 11-game winning streak and 28-game home winning streak.

"I have never felt good leaving this town, so today is a really good win for our program and for our guys," said Northwestern head coach Bill Carmody, whose team also won at Breslin Center for the first time.

"You have to be a little fortunate to win here, and I thought all our guys came through when they had to and especially near the end of the game."

Northwestern forward Kevin Coble scored 31 points on 10-for-16 shooting and went 8-for-0 from the free-throw line, and had four of Northwestern's nine steals. Guard Michael Thompson added 20 points for the Wildcats, as he and guard Craig Moore (11 points) each drilled two

deep 3-pointers in the final seven minutes to hold off an MSU comeback.

Northwestern, which had seven turnovers, scored 27 points off MSU's 18 turnovers.

"We just didn't handle their back cuts very well, we just didn't make any shots, we turned the ball over, threw it around and looked like a dysfunctional team," MSU head coach Tom Izzo said. "That's what happens when you don't make shots."

For MSU (15-3, 5-1), sophomore guard Kalin Lucas scored a team-high 20 points and senior center Goran Sutton recorded a double-double with 15 points and 14 rebounds.

Junior forward Raymar Morgan, who entered the game as

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Sophomore guard Kalin Lucas, with ball, fights with Northwestern forwards Davide Curletti, left, and Jeff Ryan for the rebound, while sophomore guard Durrell Summers, center, and senior guard Travis Walton try to help during Wednesday's game at Breslin Center. The Spartans were defeated 70-63, ending their 11-game winning streak.

### OUTBREAK

## MSU cautions by pulling peanut butter from campus

### Peanut butter pulled

A salmonella outbreak that has sickened nearly 500 people nationwide prompted MSU to remove all peanut butter products from cafeterias, vending machines and Sparty's Convenience Stores indefinitely.

Salmonella is a bacterial infection that causes diarrhea, fever and abdominal cramps 12 to 72 hours after infection.

As of Monday night, the CDC confirmed 485 cases of salmonella traced to peanut butter, 25 of which were reported in Michigan.

SOURCE: CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION

### By Jacob Carpenter

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An important part of Rosetta Sloan's diet has disappeared from MSU cafeterias.

Sloan, who avoids eating meat when possible, is searching for other sources of protein this week after the university pulled peanut butter products in precaution of a nationwide salmonella outbreak.

"I'm angry the cafeterias don't have any peanut butter," said Sloan, an art history and visual culture and Spanish sophomore. "I wasn't concerned about salmonella poisoning before, but because of all the cases last semester and this, it seems to happen a lot."

A salmonella outbreak that has sickened nearly 500 people prompted MSU to indefinitely remove all peanut butter products from cafeterias, vending machines and Sparty's Convenience Stores. Those products, which were removed beginning Sunday, include all items that contain peanut butter, are made with peanut sauces or use peanut flavorings and additives.

There have been no reports of cases involving students, but Ingham County health officials said Wednesday the outbreak may have reached the area this week. Two salmonella cases were confirmed by the Ingham County Health Department on Wednesday, but officials will not know until Friday whether the cases are caused by tainted peanut butter.

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