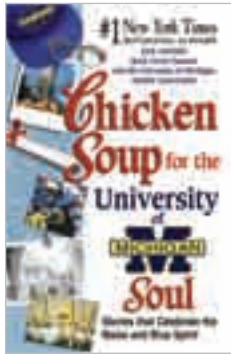


Tell Us Your "Chicken Soup" Story



There's still a little time left to submit your story for consideration for "Chicken Soup for the University of Michigan Soul." The Alumni Association has partnered with the

publisher of the "Chicken Soup for the Soul" books to create a Michigan-specific volume, and we're looking for stories from alumni. Did a University professor change your outlook on life? Did you make the friend of a lifetime in the dorms? Was your life changed by a U-M alum? We are currently accepting heart-warming, engaging, unusual or funny stories about your Michigan experience—whether as a student or an alumna/a. Selected stories will appear in "Chicken Soup for the University of Michigan Soul," scheduled for publication in August 2005. Full submission details are available online at www.umalumni.com (click on "Publications and News").

A Mystery in the Union

Fifty years ago, the members of the Michigan Union Board of Representatives placed a time capsule inside one of the entrance columns of the Union. Though not certain of what was in that steel canister, current board members planned to unearth the capsule in time for its unveiling at the Union's 100th anniversary gala on October 29. At least that's what they thought.

The process proved to be a bit more difficult than they expected. The board brought in workers to locate the capsule by chiseling away at the column. When that didn't work, they tried to do an "ultrasound" of the column and also sent micro-cameras to locate the time capsule. And while a plaque outside the column denotes that a time capsule is hidden within, there was none to be found. Its location remains a mystery.

Instead, the current board created a new time capsule to be unveiled in another 50 years, which it displayed during the Union's centenary celebration. The contents, which commemorate the last 100 years, include letters from University President Mary Sue Coleman, current board members, front pages from The Michigan Daily and video interviews from current students and professors. This time, though, they're making sure it won't get lost. "We're placing the new capsule in the east entrance of the Union. We'll provide a cement block footing, so you'll be able to see it when you walk by," said senior Ben Moerman, chair of the MUBR.

CAN YOU HELP SOLVE THE MYSTERY?

IF YOU WERE AT U-M IN 1954 AND KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT THE TIME CAPSULE, CONTACT THE MICHIGAN UNION BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES AT MUBR-2004@UMICH.EDU.

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1. PSYCHOLOGY

A Mitten that Cools You Off

As the weather gets colder, people sport gloves and mittens to keep their extremities warm. But one Michigan alumnus has created a mitten that actually helps soldiers, athletes, firefighters and factory workers cool off when faced with extreme heat.

Ronald Piasecki, '61, is the president and CEO of AVACore Technologies, an Ann Arbor-based firm that sells CoreControl, a large plastic mitten that helps bring body temperatures down. It functions on the premise that cooling the hand slowly cools the rest of the body as well. Users grasp the handheld device, which creates a vacuum and pulls the blood toward a cooling plate. The process can bring body temperature down in three to five minutes.

So far, the firm has sold the device to professional sports teams, including the San Francisco 49ers and the Milwaukee Bucks, and is also looking to secure contracts with the Department of Defense, which would use it for soldiers stationed in Afghanistan and Iraq.



Courtesy of AVACore Technologies