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## Simply super U.P. vacation enjoyed again in memories

Early in 1955, we rented a cottage in the Upper Peninsula. We covered a coffee can with a map of the U.P., marked the spot and put all of our extra change in the can toward the trip.

At last! Time to go!  
Our two boys of 11 and 13 and our daughter of 4 settled in the backseat with the 30-pound cherry can full of homemade cookies. Our destination was about two miles from Lake Superior on Culhane Lake. Only two cottages on the lake. But what memories!

Some days were spent on the Lake Superior shore collecting stones.

Or we would drive the old logging trails until we could go no farther, then we'd walk among the tall pines watching and listening to the birds and squirrels, looking for deer or stopping to marvel at the many different and beautiful mosses growing there.

One day we drove as far as we could, then climbed up and over a huge sand dune to get to the old lighthouse at Crisp Point. What a beautiful white sand beach, and a beautiful view of us there.

Lake Superior looked so inviting on that hot day, the fellows stripped to their jockey shorts and dove in — wow! Was it cold!

In our adventures, we found a dilapidated old shack with a wooden chair prominent in front. We made up stories about who might have inhabited it in the past. We spent many hours sitting along the lake talking about "everything and nothing."

There were many wild huckleberry bushes near the cottage. The kids picked them for cereal and also picked enough so that I could make the best huckleberry pie we have ever eaten.

Everyone had certain jobs to do. After dinner the boys did the dishes and watched their sister while Dad and I went out to catch those big, delicious northern pike.

When their chores were finished, the kids put on their life jackets and rowed out on the lake for a boat ride and a conversation with "Lena the loon" for their nightly entertainment.

If the boys forgot to empty the garbage before dark, they'd very cautiously take the flashlight and almost tip-toe to the pit after dark, aware that a bear might be lurking somewhere near.

And, of course, we all became very wary of bears as we hurried to the "little house out back" after dark.

If there were major squabbles, I've forgotten them, but at times the boys did tease their little sister. For one: When she would say the dinner prayer they'd say, "That will never get past the ceiling." Or maybe we'd be in a serious conversation and she'd ask, "When is it my turn to talk?" The boys would tell her, "Now, time for your minute."

We still talk of that Culhane vacation and will always remember so many things like Tahquamenon Falls, The Toonerville Trolley, Devil's Slide and Grand Marais where we bought smoked whitefish, homemade cinnamon rolls and a gallon of milk for our picnic lunch along Lake Superior.

But, most of all, we all shall remember our family of five spending most of that vacation by ourselves, just being what is a great accomplishment: A loving and caring family.

Those three children are now grown with families of their own and are teachers in the local school system. I can't help but feel that that Culhane vacation — and other ones — as a family had some bearing on those three being the loving and caring persons that they are today.

Dad and I are very proud and love them dearly.

Litty Moore of Lansing is filling in for columnist John Schneider. Readers are sharing some of their vacation memories and summer experiences this week. John's regular column returns July 27.



## MSU: PRESIDENTIAL SEARCH

# 'It's very hurtful,' Lick says

### MSU candidate has been dogged by race remarks

By GARY MILES  
Lansing State Journal

EAST LANSING — Florida State University President Dale Lick said he is pained by the constant reminder of comments he made about black athletes in 1989. And those comments were taken out of context, he said.

Lick, one of four people recommended to become the next president of Michigan State University, said his comments to students while president of the University of Maine were merely citing existing research that suggests black athletes are superior in some sports.

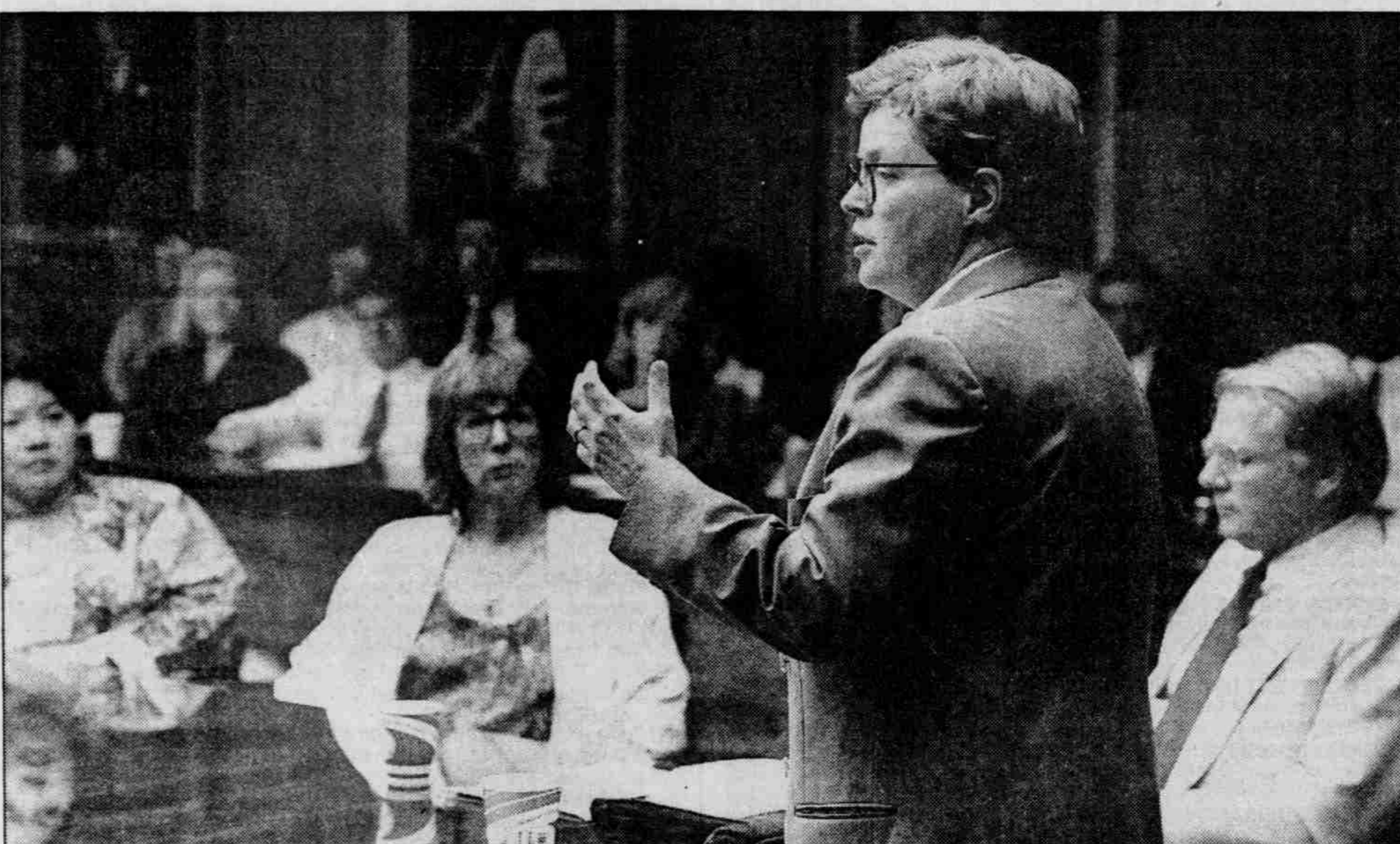
The remarks dogged him before he became president of Florida State University in 1991 and taint his candidacy for the post at MSU.

"It's very hurtful," Lick said. "Because I stand for just the opposite. I have a strong record of just the opposite. It's so very hurtful and it keeps coming back."

He said he made no suggestion whether the findings were fact.

Lick, who brought an NBC-TV documentary about the research to East Lansing with him, will get plenty of opportunities to explain today.

He begins meeting with campus groups at 7:30 a.m. and begins a capping interview with the MSU Board of Trustees, which will select a president, in a public meeting at 9:30 p.m. in the Lincoln



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Lou Anna Simon, candidate for the Michigan State University presidency, answers questions Wednesday during the faculty

session of the candidate's forum on campus. She is the first of three candidates to face the public in the search process.

# Simon confident she can lead

By TONY SCOTTA  
Lansing State Journal

EAST LANSING — MSU Interim Provost Lou Anna Simon assured the university community Wednesday she could make the difficult decisions needed in a university president.

That word came during daylong interviews in which Simon, one of three candidates for the job, fielded a series of questions on topics such as tuition hikes, diversity on campus, and MSU's image to non-MSUers.

It also came after some wondered whether she could separate herself from her past at MSU and make her own decisions.

"I'm prepared to do what I can for MSU, whether I'm an insider or not, to make the decisions it takes to ensure MSU's future — even if those decisions are unpopular in the short term," said Simon.

"My responsibility is to ensure that MSU remains a good investment."

Speaking in front of some 120 fac-

ulty and administrators and some 25 student leaders and community members, Simon reacted publicly for the first time on what she'd do if chosen the school's next president.

Simon, 46, has worked at the university since 1974.

Because of that stay, some wondered if she could bring new leadership to the school.

"I have dealt a lot in the past with Dr. Simon and, while I've never had any problem, I'm concerned because I think MSU needs fresh blood," said Meghan Yamani, a 19-year-old anthropology major from Lansing.

"At MSU there seems to be this dichotomy that MSU has to be either a land-grant university or offer the best education possible. I think the two ideas are compatible and to make it to a top administrative position as she has, she must have had to choose one or the other."

Others wondered about how Simon would handle other issues. Faculty expressed concern that

MSU isn't multicultural enough, that there are some morale problems among faculty, and that the school not lose focus in its mission to educate through outreach-oriented community service.

Students complained about a lack of diversity at MSU, tuition rates and financial-aid ability and the school's outside image. And community leaders asked Simon how she would commit to community service and businesses.

They wanted to know why they paid so much to come to MSU, and about the struggle to diversify the student body.

Simon said success on many of those issues lies heavily on the university community's commitment to helping the school's next president make changes at MSU.

"We've hit a time when it's very important to become shareholders in the institution," said Simon. "Faculty members have to believe that by and large their contributions are going to make the university better.

### The Simon file

- Lou Anna Simon
- Occupation: Interim provost at MSU.
- Age: 46.
- Personal: Married, lives in East Lansing.
- Education: Bachelor's degree in mathematics from Indiana State University, 1969; master's in student personnel and counseling, Indiana State University, 1970; doctorate in higher education administration, MSU, 1974.
- Salary: \$130,000.

Rather than sit in a lab and think it's someone else's problem, we need to say it's 'our' problem."

# House OKs new auto insurance rate-cut bill

Associated Press

The House voted Wednesday to accept a Senate-approved version of an auto insurance revision plan that would cut rates 16 percent while limiting the right to sue and capping medical benefits.

The House and Senate earlier this year passed a similar measure. But the new version is designed to prevent the bill from being overturned



by voters. "The governor's been fighting for this for some time," said John Truscott, Gov. John Engler's press secretary. "He's just very pleased the Legislature has a bill on the way to his desk."

Wednesday's vote was 56-49. The House voted 55-49 to put the measure into effect immediately, short of the two-thirds majority needed.

The House followed the lead of the Senate, which voted July 1 to make the auto insurance measure an appropriations bill, rather than a regulatory bill.

Voters may petition to place regulatory measures on a statewide ballot and can block them from

taking effect until an election is held. Appropriations bills cannot be reversed by a public vote.

Voters in November rejected Proposal D, a similar measure that would have rolled back auto insurance rates. The proposal was backed by AAA Michigan.

The law would take effect April 1, 1994. It would:

- Require insurance companies to cut rates an average of 16 percent.
- Replace the mandatory unlimited medical coverage with a minimum \$1 million coverage.
- Restrict injury lawsuits between motorists.
- Require more insurers to sell

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policies in Detroit and other large cities.

Republicans and insurance companies generally support the plan. Democrats and trial lawyers generally oppose it. Republicans control the Senate; the parties are tied 55-55 in the House.

"We are disappointed that motorists have been forced to wait endlessly for lower insurance

rates and that obstructionist groups have blocked instant rate relief," said Gary Mitchell, spokesman for the Professional Independent Insurance Agents of Michigan. "The process has been painfully slow and the time has come to resolve this issue."

Truscott called the measure a reasonable compromise among the interests involved in auto insurance.

## Morning briefing

### TOP OF THE MORNING

A 16-year-old boy accused in a drug-related slaying was released after five nights in jail in an apparent case of mistaken identity. Kent County officials dropped murder charges against Edward Pearson after witnesses implicated a 15-year-old boy in last Wednesday's shooting of Gregory Johnson Woods on a city street.

### NEWS TIPS

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### Contest held to name book

Detroit Mayor Coleman Young, known for peppering his language with profanity, has vetoed two titles for his autobiography.

Publisher Viking Penguin wanted to use titles that contained initials for cuss words. The mayor's spokesman said Young didn't feel the titles would be appropriate. So the publishing company is offering a chance at \$100 and an autographed copy of the book for anyone who suggests a title that gets used. To participate, call (212) 366-2177 and follow the recorded suggestions. The contest ends July 30.

### BUSINESS TICKER

Dow Jones average rises 10.62 points to 3,555.40, a record high . . . GM drops ½, Ford picks up ¼ and Chrysler falls ½ . . . group rates consumer ripoffs . . . new mobile phones on the way. Business news begins on Page 9B.



### AROUND THE STATE

### Honor students gather at MSU

Top high school students from around the country will be on Michigan State University's campus during the next two weeks as part of a National Science Foundation and MSU-sponsored science program.

The 35th annual MSU High School Honors Science program runs to Aug. 6, offering 29 students research opportunities in chemistry, physiology, genetics, plant biology, pharmacology, entomology, microbiology, and animal science. Students will study with professional scientists and submit oral and written research reports.

### LOTTERY LINE

There was no winning ticket in the July 17 Bonus Lotto drawing. Saturday's jackpot will be worth \$16 million. Winning numbers are on Page 2B. For lottery information any time day or night, call 485-7316 and press 3.

### Engler signs paternity law

Gov. John Engler has signed legislation requiring alleged fathers of children born to unwed mothers to sign and file an affidavit acknowledging paternity before their name is entered on the birth certificate.

"Establishing paternity at the time of birth will help provide much-needed benefits to many of these youngsters," Engler said. It can, for instance, entitle youngsters to child support, Social Security or military benefits.

Twenty-eight percent of all births in Michigan last year were to single mothers.



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