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THE TROPHY

Cast in Bronze and to be Mounted on a Mahogany Wall Board

*To the Officers and Governors of University of Michigan Clubs:*

About three months ago I promised to give you, ten days later, the dope herewith set down.

Well, here's the long-expected information about the much-heralded Michigan Honor Trophy. Heaven knows its production has been the cause of no end of worry and work on our part here in Ann Arbor.

We are pretty confident though, now, that we have something distinctive and worthy of the place we hope this trophy will occupy.

I want every University of Michigan Club to purchase one or more of these trophies and to place one in every high school of your community. If you have only one high school in your city the job is easy. If you have more you might supply them on the basis of one each year, giving to the oldest high school first and proceeding chronologically until you have covered all.

The University of Michigan Club of Toledo intended to do this. Then they figured that if they purchased just one trophy they would probably wake up some morning and find that the obnoxious Ohio alumni had put one in each of the other high schools and had thus stolen all their thunder. So Toledo's order is in for five Michigan Honor Trophies and inasmuch as they ordered first, you will note the Toledo club's name on the pictured trophy.

I am enclosing a sheet giving suggested rules and regulations for the government of this award. I would suggest that you take this sheet to the Superintendent of Schools in your city or the Principal of the high school, and talk over the situation with him before making your plans. *Assure him that this is not a recruiting move on the part of the University of Michigan.* We have too many students here now! But Michigan alumni are interested in emphasizing the right things among high school boys, and, frankly, the honor trophy type of boy is about the only kind we want pointed toward Ann Arbor. We feel sure that the school authorities will appreciate this type of activity on your part and will lend their most cordial and active support. This should be more true in view of the fact that the rules have been drawn up and approved by such outstanding educators as I have listed.

The price of the Michigan Honor Trophy is \$32.50. The orders, with checks, should be sent to me and I can assure you that the trophy will be shipped to you directly from the manufacturing jewelers about three weeks later.

I am going to be terribly disappointed if every University of Michigan Club in the whole Association doesn't seize upon this activity most enthusiastically. I already have orders for over twenty-five trophies without any publicity having been given it.

So much for that. But before I close let me advise you that the deadline for ordering the Michigan alumni prize book, the 1927 *Michiganensian*, closes in about five days. Shoot your order in to me right away.

Also, I want to ask you to send me a copy of the current telephone book for your community. The Catalogue Office finds these invaluable in checking up addresses of alumni. Please mail these immediately if you have not already done so.

Most cordially yours,  
Hawley Tapping,  
Field Secretary.

## MICHIGAN ANNIVERSARY NIGHT

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# SUPPLEMENT TO Field Secretary's Bulletin

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## Suggested Rules and Regulations Governing Presentation, Award and Perpetuation of the Michigan Honor Trophy

It should be understood that these rules and regulations are to be amended at the discretion of officers of University of Michigan Clubs or school officials where local conditions make such changes necessary or advisable. It is manifestly impossible to draw up a set of rules that will be adaptable to all high schools and communities.

1. The Michigan Honor Trophy is purchased, through the General Alumni Association, by the University of Michigan Clubs, for presentation to the high schools in their communities. Inasmuch as there is space on the panels for approximately fourteen names, the trophy is designed to last for that many years. It is to be presented, originally, to the high school at a student assembly at which a presentation talk may be made by a Michigan alumnus representing the local University of Michigan Club. The trophy is given into the custody of the principal of the high school with the request that it be hung in a prominent place. The president and secretary of the University of Michigan Club are jointly responsible for the original presentation.
2. The award of the Michigan Honor Trophy is made annually, preferably in early May. The name of the boy and the year of the award is to be engraved on the trophy at a local jeweler's, at the expense of the donating University of Michigan Club. This engraving should be as follows:

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Announcement of the current award should be made at a high school assembly, with a graduate of the University of Michigan as speaker and with the trophy on display, properly engraved. Following such a presentation the trophy should again be hung in its accustomed place. The secretary of the University of Michigan Club is responsible for these annual presentations.

3. In early April of each year a Field Secretary's Bulletin from the General Association at Ann Arbor will remind the donating clubs of the approaching date for the awarding of the Michigan Honor Trophy. This will be done because experience has shown that changing administrations of clubs often overlook things of this type.

4. The committee on the annual award should be composed of the principal of the high school, the two teachers holding the positions of advisors to juniors and seniors, the coach of the athletic teams, or athletic director, and the president of the local University of Michigan Club, who will act merely as an *ex-officio* member of the committee. In the absence of such administrative officers as advisors to junior and senior classes, there should be selected for these positions those members of the school staff whose duties bring them closest into touch with the characteristics of the members of those two classes. This committee should devise specific rules applicable to the local school, but based on the general rules and regulations here set down. This committee should be guided, and perhaps controlled, in its evaluation of "leadership" qualifications for the award by the vote of students, taken for this specific purpose.

5. The following is the basis for determining mathematically the winner of the award:

Scholarship qualifications constitute twenty-five per cent of the basis for judgment. A boy should be at least in the upper third of his class to be eligible for consideration and should be scored on the basis of zero to twenty-five. In other words, if he is near the bottom of his third he would rate around two or three per cent, while if he were at the top of his third he would rate twenty-five per cent.

Athletics is placed on the same percentage basis as scholarship, namely a twenty-five per cent total. In determining what percentage the boy should be given under this heading, consideration should be given to his spirit in trying for teams as well as his spirit under the strain of competition. Intramural as well as interscholastic sports should be taken into account. The amount of his competition should be considered as well as his achievement. His faithfulness and sportsmanship should be weighed. In this connection there is cited herewith the definition of sportsmanship as given by Mr. Fielding H. Yost, Director of Intercollegiate Athletics at the University of Michigan: "Sportsmanship is that quality of honor that desires always to be courteous, fair and respectful. In its application to intercollegiate athletics it is interpreted in the conduct of players, spectators, coaches, and school authorities."

Qualities of leadership are to be evaluated on a basis of fifty per cent of the whole, as it is desired that this award shall represent very definitely the recognition of all-round development in the high school boy. This is believed to be in line with the efforts now generally being made in high schools to emphasize this type of development among students. Nominations from junior and senior classes by the faculty and a vote by secret ballot by the students is considered the best method of arriving at a determination under this classification. The following characteristics are to be considered separately for every individual rating under this head: honesty, financial responsibility, fixity of purpose, strength of character, willingness to assume responsibility, success in undertakings, self-confidence, courtesy, contribution to spirit and tone of student body, initiative, industry, student estimation, insistence upon acceptance of his ideas, ability to adapt himself to new situations, participation in extra-curricular activities, confidence, and disposition.

These rules and regulations have been drawn up after most extensive correspondence and consultation with such men as Mr. Ira M. Smith, Registrar of the University of Michigan; Dr. James B. Edmondson, Professor of Secondary Education and Inspector of High Schools for the University of Michigan; F. E. Clerk, Superintendent of New Trier Township High School at Winnetka, Ill; and B. J. Rivett, Principal of Northwestern High School at Detroit. All of these men have given their endorsement to this project calling for the presentation of the Michigan Honor Trophy and have approved the methods set down above for its award.

(Signed) Hawley Tapping,  
Field Secretary.

Michigan Honor Trophy