'Bucket' founder 'Dinghy' Sharp honored

George Patton, Albert Einstein and Thomas Editon have something in common with one Albino College Distinguished Alumni Award winner. They all had learning disabilities.

Fiorence "Dingby" Spaniding Sharp, a 1984 Distinguished Alumni Award recipient is a 1950 graduate of Albino College.

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Sharp, who is a learning-disability consultant in the Farmington public chools, holds four master's degrees and is working on a doctorate.

She received her bachelor's degree in education from Albion in 1950 and went on 10 Northwestern University, where she earned a master's is speech and language pathology and a master is in additionally and the second of the deal in 1951.

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in clinical psychology. And in 1979 she carried another master's from Cakind University in creding remediation/ learning disabilities.

A recognized authority and consultant by the state of Michigan on teaching and learning disabled, Sharp said she "needed to study how tide learned on the state of Michigan on the state of the state of Michigan on the state of the sta

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through her participation in several events throughout the year, and by her talent of one-to-one communication and telling others about her alma

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band, Larry, a Sigma Cni, watter attending Albion.

In 1970 Sharp saw that there was not enough one-to-one assistance for children with learning disabilities, and developed a program to increase it.

"I took all my Irichs and put them in a bucket," Sharp said, originating the Bucket Brigade fluorial Program.

The program sho designed is a way of teaching learning-disabled children through fun learning games assembled in a colorful bucket brought by one volunteer adult partner.

"Parents take a bucket full of learning games to the learning-disabled chasses and teach their bucket buddy muth, reading, spelling and other things. When a child gets a certain number of points collected the ean open a 'checking' account. When his checking is full, be may start a savings' account, accumulating points, and interest, that can be used for mutually age creates no next the savings account of the color o

dren, and "are a lot like Hallmark: They care caugh to send the very best, themselven," Sharp said.

Her Interest in children has led Sharp lato leadership positions in the Boy Secuts and Girl Secuts of America, the Little League organization and Youth for Understanding. She is also a member of several professional organ-izations for teachers and learning-dis-ability professionals.

izations for teachers and tearning-us-ability professionals. Sharp has brought her Bucket Bri-gade to Parent Teacher Associations and educational organizations around the nation, and frequently speaks at na-tional conventions about her learning

program.

Her goal for the future is to become a learning consultant to foreign students in schools of the American embassies.

Her four publications on learning and teaching the learning disabled are written under her nicknume, 'Dinghy Sharp,' a nicknume she received as a child when she loved to sail. Her friends gave her the nicknume 'Dinghy' after her little beat. When she, first came to Ablion, Sharp said she, 'planned to go by Florence . . it we'd more sophisticated and I was in college now.'

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But when an old friend from her hometown yelled, "Hey Dingby, I didn't know you were coming here," across the eampus quadrangle, the name stuck. Now she happily goes by the nickname Dingby, "It is andpuely mine and it is rememberable. All my kids at school call me Dingby, that's just, who I am," Sharp said with a wink.

Knoll joins senior **MSU Class Council** and teling outer mater. At Ablon, Sharp was a member of Alpha Xi Delta Sorority, where she made some of her closest friends, including Betty Jones Skulstad, now a

Lynda Kooll, daughter of Sae and Ron Knoll of Farmington Hills, is one of 25 students recently selected to the 1984-95 Senior Class Council at Michigan State University.

The Senior Class Council is composed of the top 25 out of the 700 students in the senior class. They act as representatives and are the decision-making the senior class. They act as representatives and are the decision-making the senior class. They act as representatives and are the decision-making the senior class. They act as representatives and are the decision-making the senior class. They act as representatives and are the decision-making the senior class in the communications department pent year. This year Knoll was initiated into the Golden Key National Honer Sective, Mortar Reard, a national society, Mortar Reard, a national society bonoring scholarship, leadership and service, and Phi Kappa Phi, a student must carry a 3.6 or better cumulative grade-point average.

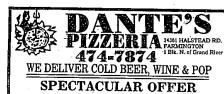
A member of the Kappa Ajpha Thata social sorority on campus, Knoll serves as chapter secretary, and is a member of the Order of Ornega, an honors and leadership society within the Greek system. Also, she is on numerous committees of the MSU Student Foundation and has demonstrated leadership skills as an undergraduate teacher's assistant in the communication department.

During her three years at State, Knoll, a member of the Honors College, has been on the dean is list every sense, ten, and on the 4.0 honor roll seven times. Last summer she spent twelve.



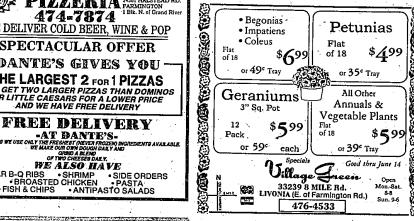
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