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Have office, will travel is Glenn Sprague's motto since the development of his mobile office system that includes computer,

printer, mobile phone, modum, paper com-partment and hard case.

## A better mousetrap?

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Glenn Sprague says he used to drive 8,000-10,000 miles during a busy month as a sales representative for Precision Color in Plymouth.

He needed a portable office on those trips, something more than the lap-top computer he was using. So he packaged the computer with a printer, phone modern and cellular phone.

Sprague and his patent-pending invention were honored with an award in the best electronic/computer category from the inventors' Council of Michaels.

At the same ceremony, E. Timothy Pawl of West Elloomileid received the council'a Inventor of the Year award. He won the award for developing the power-lift trunk floor.

"It's being marketed as a dealer-installed option" of the trunk company and out or you," alleviating the need for people backing due to you," alleviating the need for people backing heavy loads to bend down into the trunk and lift objects out.

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This is the same E. Timothy Pawl, owner of Pawl Inventioneering, who used to work for Williams International in Walled Lake. "I designed the cruise missile engine" as a senior analytical engineer at Williams, Pawl said.

SPRAGUE AND PAWL are two of seven inventors who received awards from the council yesterday at Concordia Collego, off U.S. 23 near Geddes Road. Sprague's life has changed as a result of his innovation; Pawl seems to have been in the same field all

long.

Sprague, a 26-year-old Farmington Hills resident
ho grew up in Livonia and went to Stevenson High
chool, left Precision Color after nine years to start

two companies built around his mobile-office invention.

BGS Models and Molds, named after his brother, Brace, Glean himself and their shared last name, will develop and manufacture the invention. Mobile Office Systems will handle marketing.

Sprague had just assembled a prototype of his mobile office when he found out about the Michigan Inventor of the Year competition last month at Domino's Farms in Ann Arbor. He had one week to prepare for the competition, which he entered — and won.

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"We've been in existence about a week," Sprague said of his companies in early July. Both are operating out of his brother's Westland garage. Sprague and his brother are no strangers to making models and molds for prototypes. Their father, Richard, spent 37 years in Ford Motor Co.'s Design Center.

Depending on the type of computer a client wants in the mobile office. Sprague said the price ranges from the working on the proper to the section of the section of the computer and been working on his power-lift trunk floor since 1985 as part of another project called the Hole Gar. Donations on it, of those, Pawl said the car has 21 inventions on it, of those, Pawl said the car has 21 inventions on it, of those, Pawl said the car working around the recessed wheel well where most new ears carry spare tires, Pawl said his invention takes little space away from trunk storage.

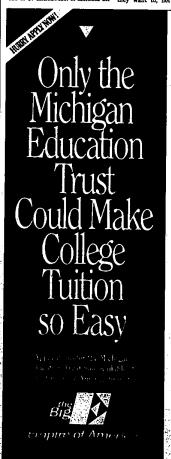
Like Sprague, Pawl's patent for his invention is said here, even the said has come to be cared to the said has come to be cared to the said has come to be cared to the care of the said has come to be cared to the said has come to be cared to the said has come to be cared to the said has come to cared to the said has come to be cared to the said has come to be come to the cared to the said has come to come the cored of the care of the said has come to said here. Fawl said several of the units are "on test" at GM.



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