

Symposium And Strategic Visioning Fund Honor Leroi

For 40 years at MSU, everywhere from the Leroi Lab in the basement of the Chemistry Building to the Dean's Office at Natural Science, Dean George Leroi has played an instrumental role in teaching, research and leadership. He has touched the lives of thousands of students, faculty and staff at MSU. During his tenure, the college experienced growth in facilities, graduate, and research funding, and he never lost focus on the students and the fundamental importance of education. With this in mind, the college invited six former colleagues and students to return to campus on October 6, 2006 for a symposium honoring the Dean. At a dinner following the symposium, guests expressed their appreciation of Dr. Leroi and were informed of the creation of the George E. Leroi - College of Natural Science Strategic Visioning Fund, an endowment that will give the college flexibility to seize the benefits of continually evolving opportunities in science and mathematics. It will provide the resources necessary to compete internationally in the evolution of the physical, mathematical, and life sciences. Contributions to the endowment will ensure that the legacy of Dr. Leroi's strategic vision will forever be a part of the College of Natural Science. For more information on supporting the fund, contact Suzette Hittner at (517) 353-9855 or hittner@psu.edu.



Retiring Dean George Leroi visited with President Lou Anna K. Simon who spoke at his retirement dinner. Photo: Matt Sengle



John Davis, Jocelle Golding and Elizabeth Strassner were among the guests enjoying dinner. Photo: Matt Sengle



Dean Leroi (center) listened along with other guests to the many presentation who spoke at the symposium held in his honor. Photo: Tim Schirmer



The Leroi family, from left: sons David and Christopher, George and his wife Ellen, and sons John and Ben. Photo: Matt Sengle



Dean Leroi posed with family friends. They-Tien Nguyen (left) and her parents, They-Lien and Phuong Nguyen. Photo: Matt Sengle



Dinner guests share a laugh during the program. Photo: Matt Sengle