The Timnick Faculty Position in the Humanities established

MSU alumnus and retired businessman Henry O. Timnick (BA 1955, MA 1958, Business) recently endowed a faculty position in the MSU College of Arts and Letters, funded by the Henry O. Timnick Endowment Fund in honor of Mr. Timnick’s mother, Ottilie Schroeter Timnick.

**DIVERSE BUSINESS CAREER**

Henry’s career was mainly in two distinct segments. First, he spent 11 years—including a two-year stint in Germany—at General Electric, where he learned all the phases of running a business. He then became the CEO and principal owner of Stanley Furniture, a major furniture manufacturing company in Virginia. When he sold this business, he became a partner at Clayton, Dubilier and Rice in New York City, a private investment firm specializing in leveraged acquisitions involving management participation.

**DEVELOPING THOUGHT LEADERS**

Mr. Timnick is enthused about this new faculty position, and hopes the professor holding it will help students develop their capacities as thought leaders and for creativity and innovation, while engendering in them outstanding critical-thinking and communication skills.

Over the course of his long and varied career, Henry has become more and more convinced that a rigorous and well-balanced liberal arts education is not only the best foundation for any career, but, perhaps even more importantly, the beginning of a life-long pursuit of truth and knowledge, in addition to a broad range of interests and hobbies.

“The Timnick Faculty Position in the Humanities has been established in the College of Arts and Letters,” Dean Karin A. Wurst says, “to impart through excellence in teaching the habits of mind embodied by Henry Timnick’s mother: her humanist sensibility, cultural curiosity, and active engagement with the humanities.

“In the end, these capacities and habits of mind will allow our students to make meaningful lives for themselves, not merely a living.”