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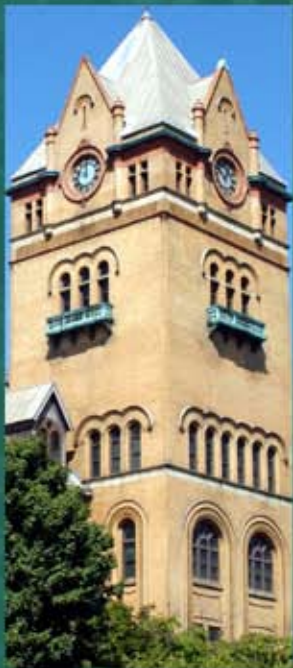
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## Edward Lapham

Edward Lapham was promoted to executive editor of Automotive News on September 1, 2003. In this position he sets the editorial tone of the publication through his commentaries and editorial page content.

Lapham previously served as editor and managing editor of Automotive News and ran the publication's news operations for 10 years. He joined Automotive News in January 1977 as the publication's first financial editor. Since then he has held several positions with the newspaper, including marketing editor and chief of reporters.



Born in Dixon, Illinois, but raised in Detroit, Lapham began covering the auto industry in 1972 as an associate editor of Ward's Automotive Reports. He has been a correspondent for the Reuters financial news service and a business features correspondent for The Times of London. He has contributed to the Washington Post, the International Herald Tribune, Business Week magazine, AutoWeek magazine and other publications. Lapham also does twice weekly on-air automotive commentaries for radio station WJR-AM.

He earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Wayne State University in 1971 and was a Herbert J. Davenport fellow in business and economics reporting at the University of Missouri in 1976. He has received several journalism awards for reporting and opinion writing, including the prestigious International Wheel Award. In 1994 he was honored with the Outstanding Alumni Award by the journalism faculty of Wayne State.

Lapham was elected and served two terms as president of the Detroit Press Club. He is president and trustee of the charitable Detroit Press Club Foundation, has taught investigative reporting as a part-time Journalism instructor at Wayne State, and was a volunteer leader in the Boy Scouts of America for 20 years.

Edward Lapham began serving on the Board of Visitors in the College of Fine, Performing and Communication Arts in January 2006.

Lapham is married, has three children and resides in the Detroit area.