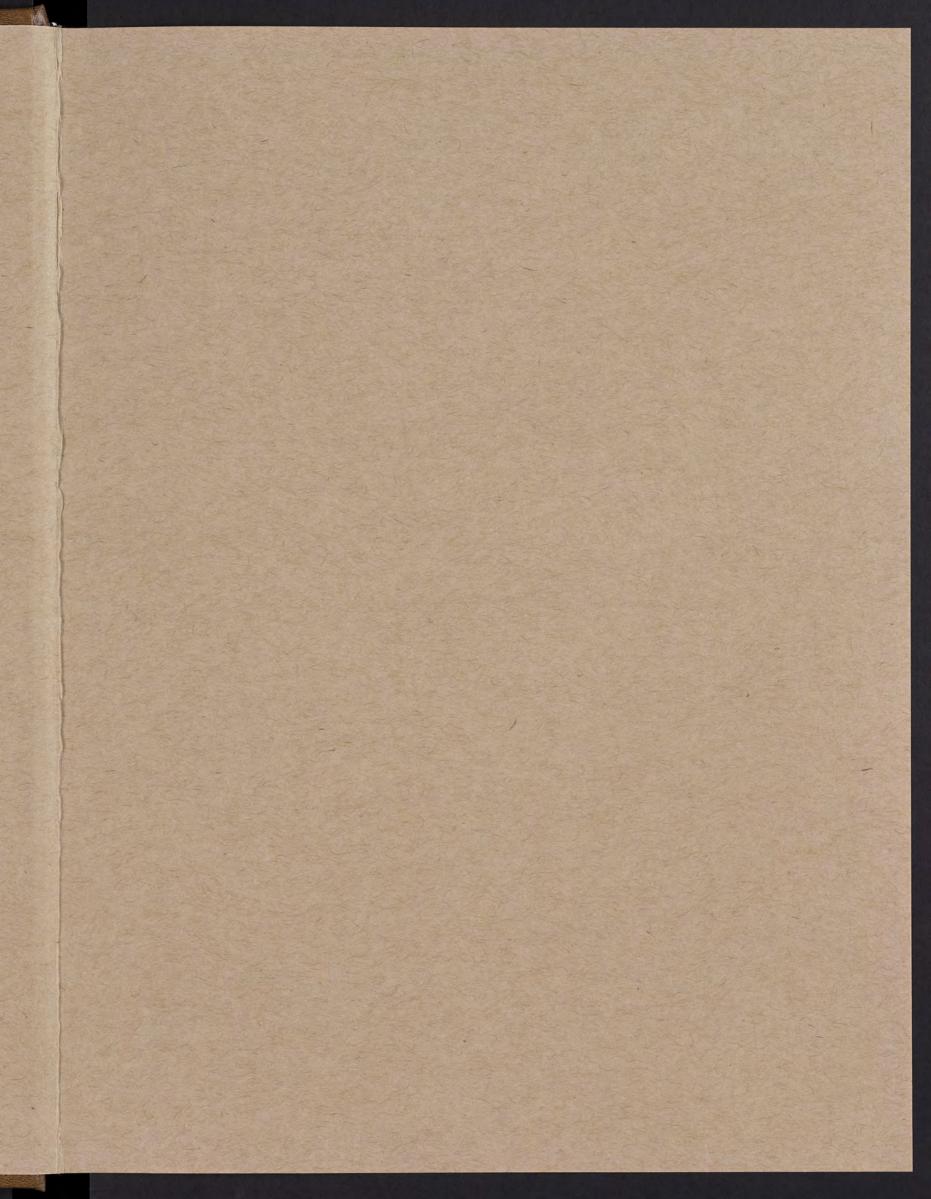


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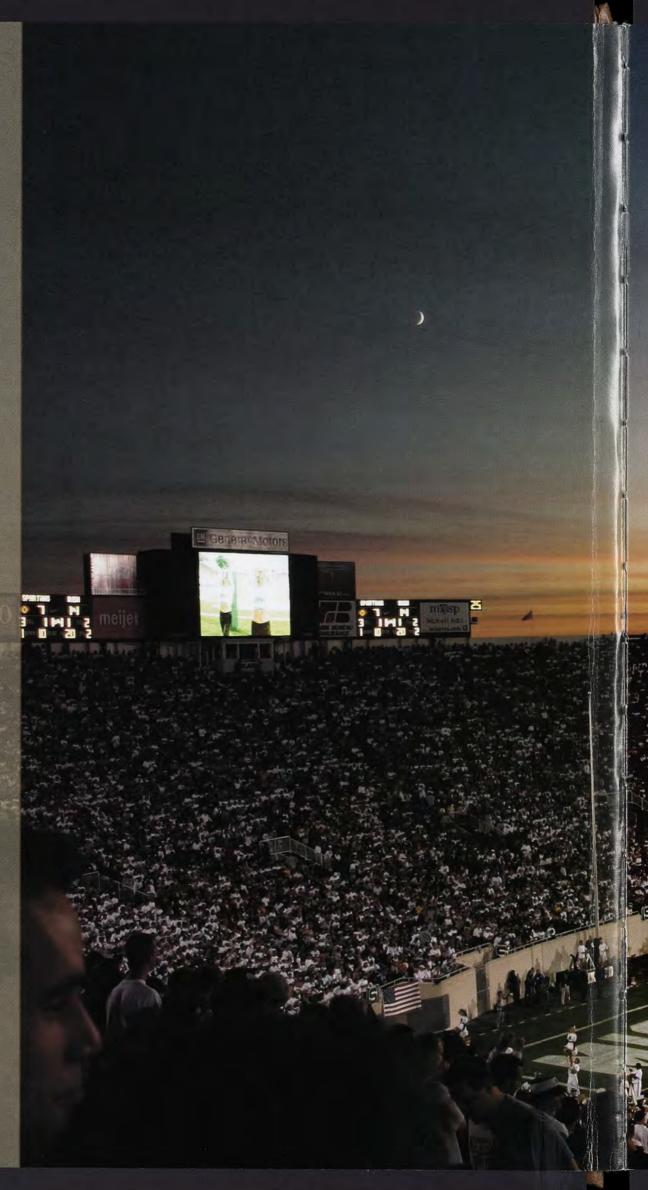
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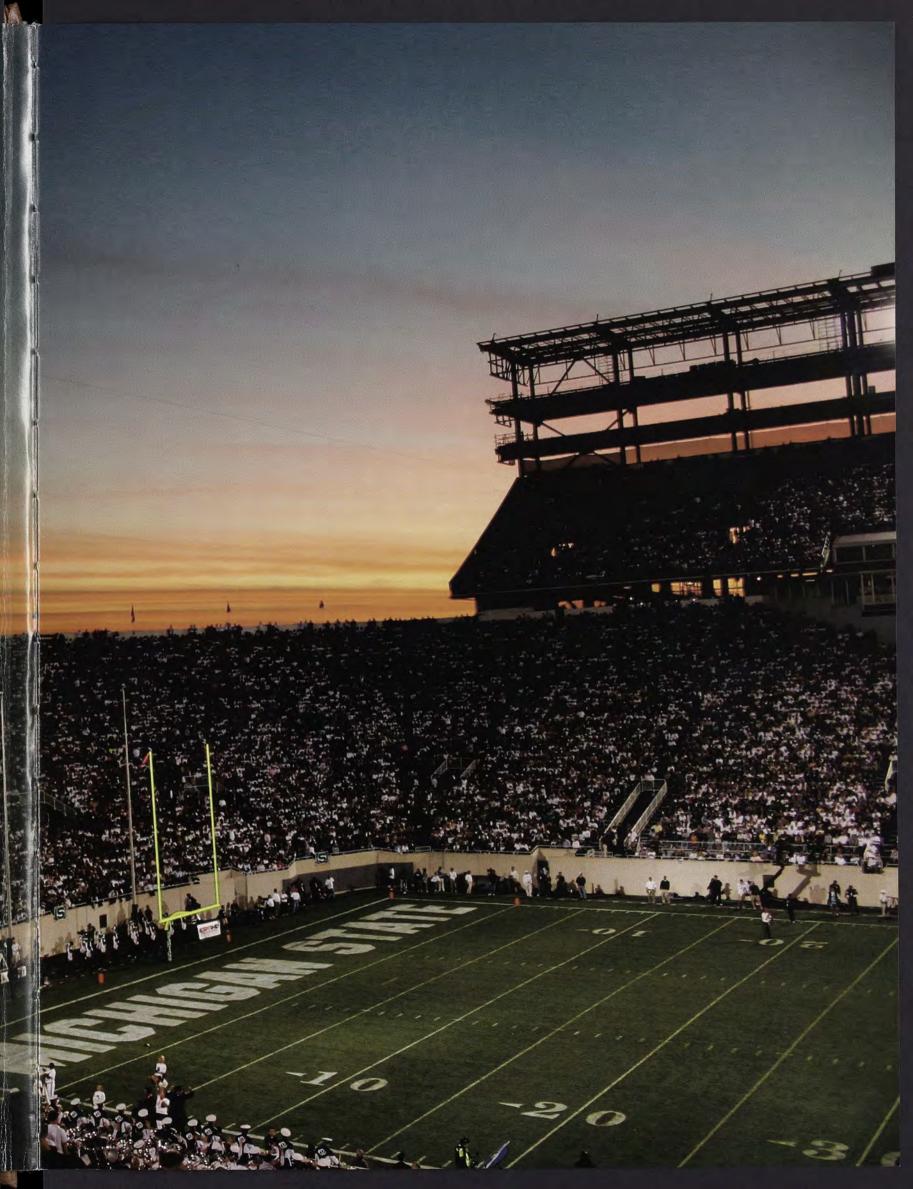


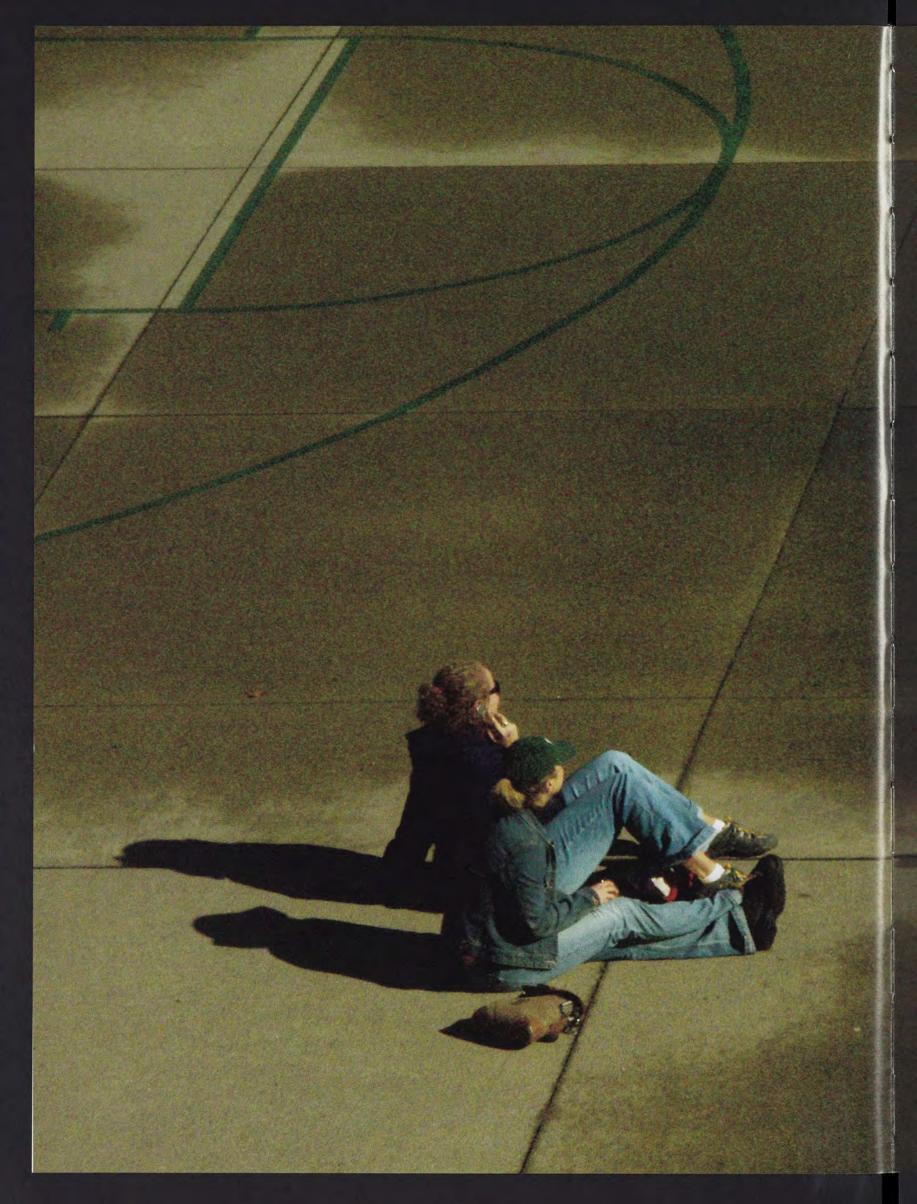
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From the banks of the Red Cedar River, echoes of "Go green! Go white!" can always be heard on a football Saturday during the fall semester. Spartan spirit has been a staple of student life since the first baseball pitch in 1884, when America's favorite pastime became MSU's first varsity sport. As MSU celebrates its 150th anniversary, a renovation of Spartan Stadium plans to make more room for football fans while Izzone fans comprise the nation's largest student-operated spirit section in college basketball. From its roots at Demonstration Field, where small crowds once cheered on the football team, the collective voice of Spartan pride is stronger than ever before as the sun sets on the first 150 years.

Photo by Joshua Grasso



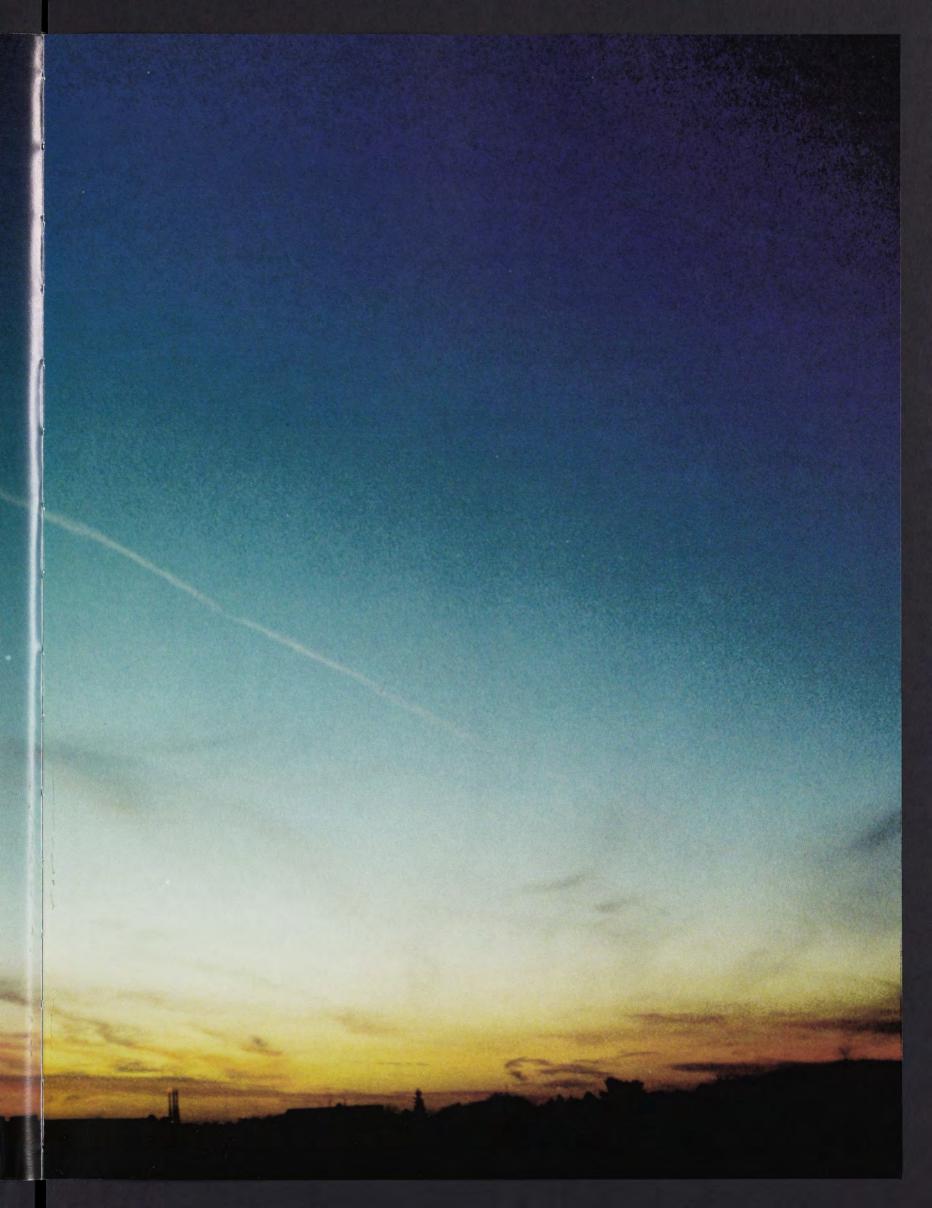




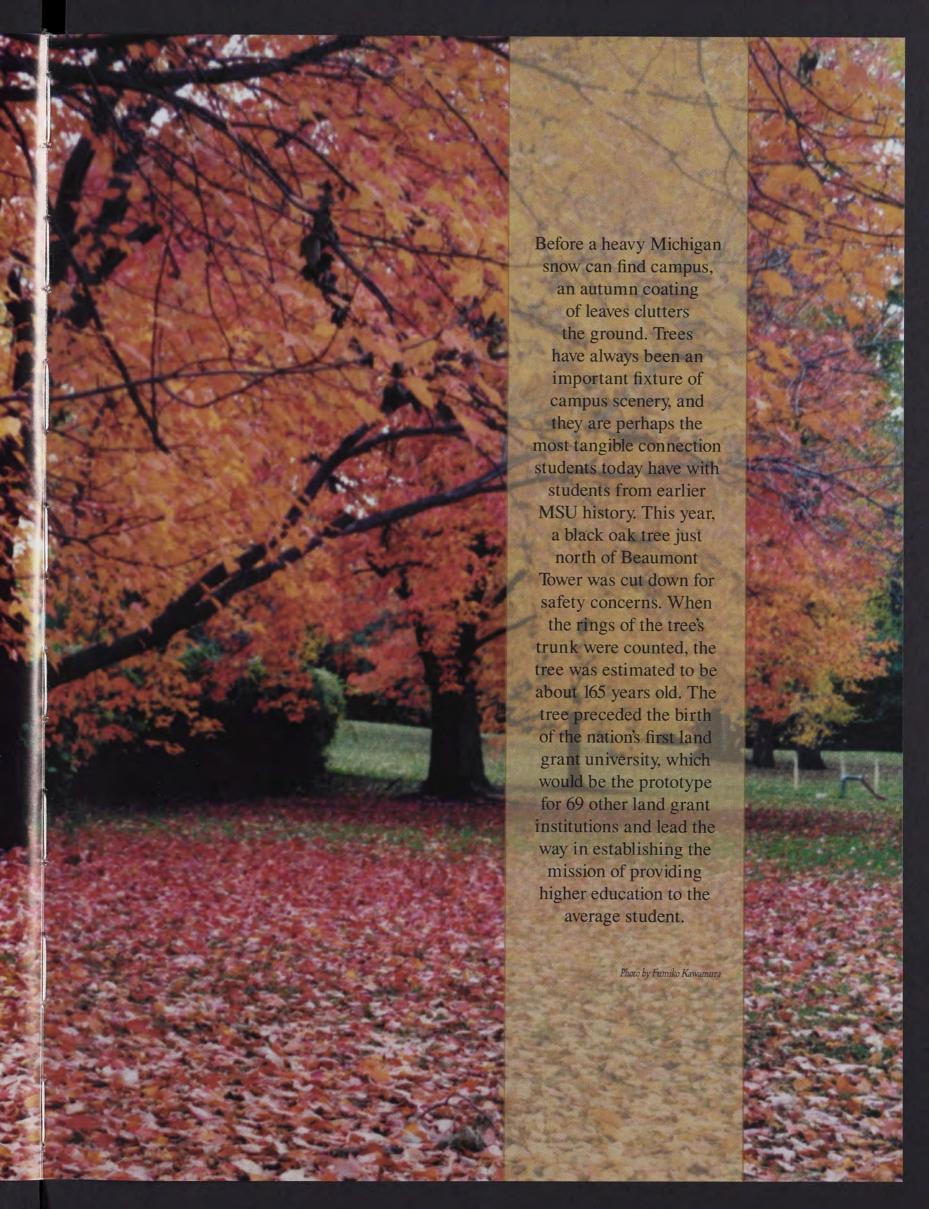
More than the degrees they earn, friendships become some of the strongest memories alumni take away from MSU. The first 150 years of student life are marked with the traditions of class-sponsored dances, carnivals on the Red Cedar River and class rivalries, all of which have fostered the bonds between Spartans. Although MSU has evolved into a modern atmosphere of computers, cell phones and iPods, some traditional aspects of campus continue to bring students together: study breaks on a garden bench, the surprise of running into a friend between classes and an easy conversation with a classmate, which makes a walk from the Engineering Building to Berkey Hall seem short.

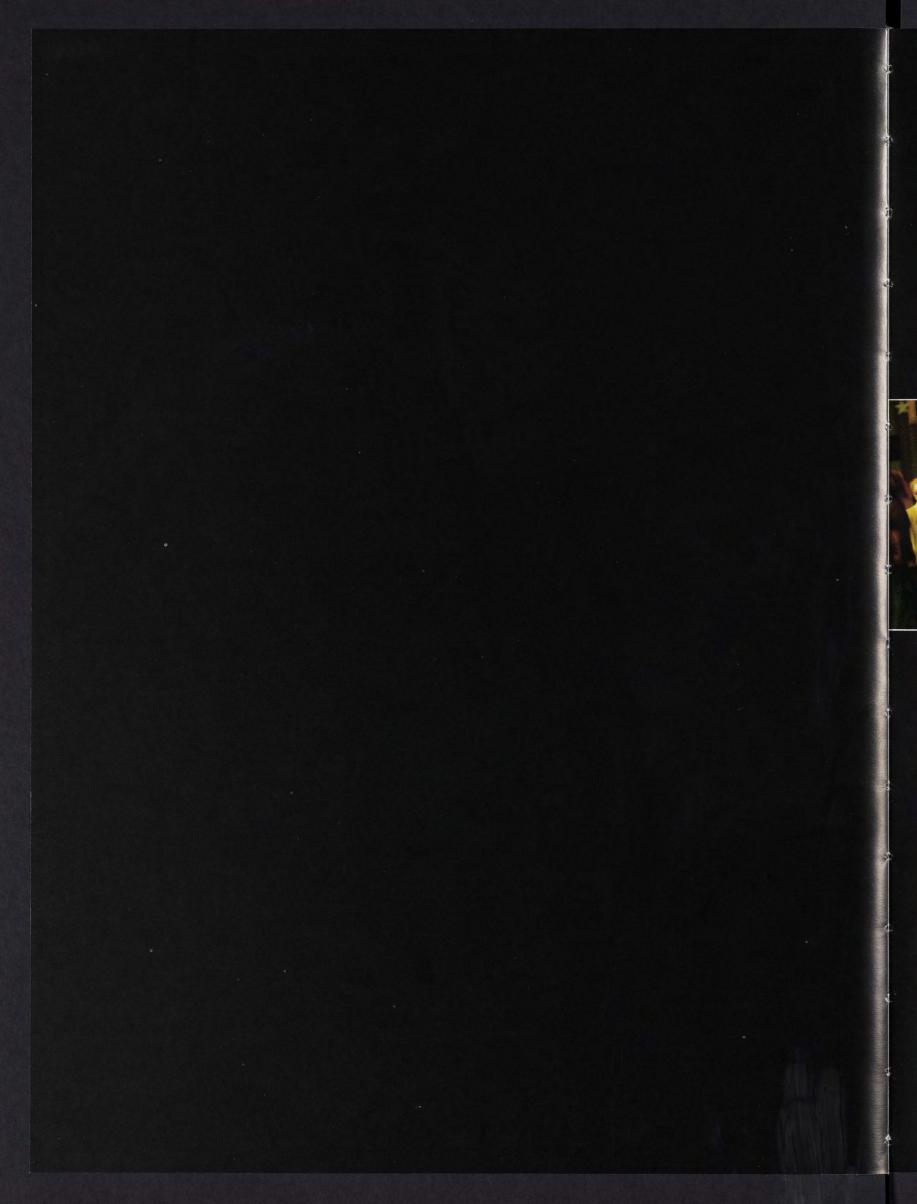
Photo by Natalia Kowaleczko

The expanse of a night sky is a reminder of MSU's own expansiveness. The school that began as a state agricultural college has grown to offer numerous contributions to the global community. MSU Extension programs and educational outreach have a long history of providing credible research and services to communities locally and internationally. The success of MSU's study abroad program has brought Spartans to every continent, and programs such as Alternative Spring Break take students across the country and to countries including Mexico and Ireland. The Spartan commitment to diversity and global service follows students even after graduation, with large participation in programs such as the Peace Corps and Teach for America. Photo by Angela Duncan











Campus Life

McPherson Reflects on MSU Presidency

Former MSU President M. Peter McPherson gave his final State of the University address fall 2004, taking time to reflect on his 11 years at MSU as well as looking forward to the future.

McPherson laid out many goals and challenges, provided advice to future university leaders, and emphasized a connection to the university's past during his speech.

He also said that while times have changed, the roots of MSU can still be found today.

"The principles we celebrate today are built upon the values that guided us in 1855," said McPherson, who had been MSU's president since 1993. "Our great university reflects a populist and progressive tradition. Today we speak of access and quality, intellectual capacity, and cutting-edge research. The opportunity to impact our state, our nation and our world is greater than ever."

McPherson spent time during his
September speech at the Kellogg Center
Auditorium outlining the direction and
vision for the university, focusing on
expansion and study abroad. This expansion
will not only make MSU more known
across the globe, but also make students
more globally aware. The former president
challenged the university to not just prepare
students for the professional world, but to
also educate students on what it means to be
a good citizen of the world.

Biochemistry senior Andy McCoy said he was fond of McPherson's goal of expansion.

"I agree with broadening the student base and different types of learning," he said. "We should also strive to have the majority of our students on study abroad."

Then Provost and current President Lou Anna Simon said she also looked positively upon McPherson's message.

"The history will write for the McPherson era chapters and will document the growth and significance of Michigan State University in both the state and international scene;" Simon said.

The final challenge McPherson provided to future leaders was to excel and effectively manage university resources, which he said directly affects access, quality, engagement and other issues facing universities today.

"I do not want this challenge to excellence to become a threat to excellence," he said. "Fifty years from now, at MSU's bicentennial, I hope the community looks back on 2005-2055 as years when MSU enhanced its excellence, its global outreach continued to lead the way in assuring access and opportunity, and when we continued to lead the revolution in advancing knowledge and transforming lives."

And although McPherson is unsure what his future will hold, he said MSU will always have a special place in his heart.

"It's sad but it's also exciting to look on to other things," McPherson said. "I love MSU and I am sure I'll never be disconnected from it."

Chris Meagher



Our great university reflects a populist and progressive tradition.
- Peter McPherson, Former MSU President



I think he is very articulate and says the things that most people don't have the guts to say.

- Materials science and engineering senior Meghan Griffin



Moore Addresses Slackers

During one of the most decisive elections of our time, influential speaker Michael Moore visited MSU to try to set the political score straight.

In September, the controversial writer and director made a tour stop to speak at the MSU Auditorium and encourage students to vote. His 60-city tour was called "Slacker Uprising," signifying the apathy in our democracy.

Moore wanted to hit all the major schools in Michigan, his home state, and it was no easy task getting to MSU. When ASMSU, MSU's undergraduate student government, first attempted to bring Moore to campus but was unable to provide adequate security, Moore's people contacted the MSU College Democrats. On extremely short notice the student organization pulled all the necessary provisions together in time for Moore to address an audience of more than 3,000.

Sporting an MSU hat and jeans, Moore touched on everything from the war in Iraq to beer guzzling. His points were both liberal and contentious, noting that once Bush got into office he should have investigated what former President Clinton had already found on Osama bin Laden.

His fervor resulted in a number of standing ovations from the crowd. The speech took a more ominous tone when Moore explicitly pointed out the innocent deaths in Iraq and even read a letter from an American soldier

protesting the war.

Moore's zealous speech of anger and disappointment in our government was received from both ends of the spectrum.

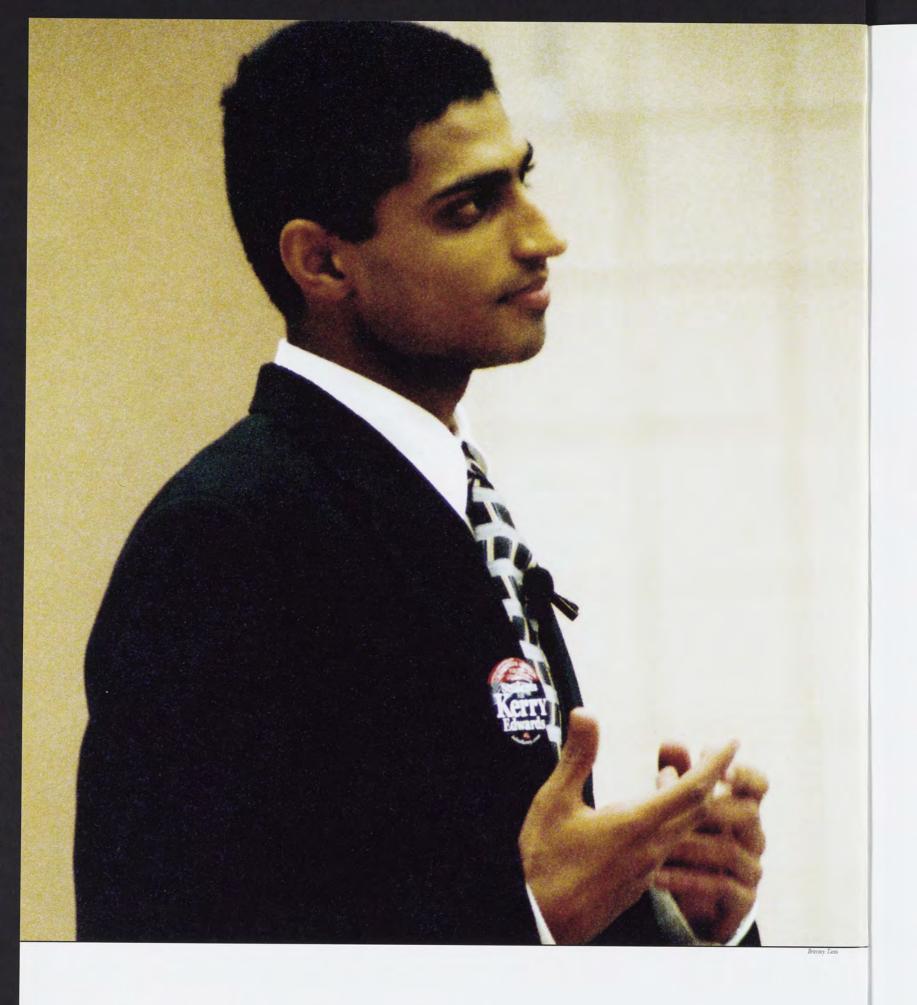
"I think he is very articulate and says the things that most people don't have the guts to say," said Meghan Griffin, a materials science and engineering senior and Moore supporter. "He gives the other side of the news even if it's controversial. I felt extremely excited to hear him speak, and it made me very proud of our campus."

While many people in attendance came to support Moore, there was a Republican voice at the event that didn't appreciate the speaker's views. General business administration and pre-law senior Mike Griffin said Moore was a hypocrite and should have pointed out how John Kerry had mentioned killing terrorists as well.

Political theory senior and MSU College Democrats member Nathan Triplett, who worked with Moore, said no matter how he is interpreted, he was down to earth with an honest interest in fellow Americans.

"Moore took the time to talk to me and the other volunteers and to chat about the election before he went on. You can tell when you talk with him that he loves his country and wants what is best for everyday Americans," Triplett said.

Lindsey Shaw



It was exciting to see so many young people interested and concerned in the political process.

- Debate moderator Stewart French

MSU Rocks the Vote

Five weeks prior to what some called one of the most important presidential elections in history, the Department of Residence Life and the Residence Halls Association sponsored Rock the Vote to inform MSU students about the election and get them involved in U.S. politics.

Held in Wells Hall in September, the event featured student debates about democratic presidential candidate John Kerry and President George W. Bush. A voter registration booth was set up by MSU's Spartan Vote student organization, prizes were raffled and a student rock band performed.

The debates included student speakers who supported each political party's viewpoints. Michael Flis of MSU Students for Bush and MSU College Republicans, and Ken Curell of MSU Students for Bush and Students for Life presented the republican standpoints. Farhan Bhatti and Stephen Purchase, both of MSU College Democrats, presented democratic viewpoints.

Having previously held smaller debates on campus, MSU College Democrats and MSU College Republicans wanted a campus-wide debate to get a wider demographic of students involved.

The main issues covered were reflective of those in the presidential and vice-presidential debates: education, health care and the war in Iraq. A question-and-answer period followed the debates.

"It was exciting to see so many young people interested and concerned in the political process," said Stewart French, political science doctoral candidate and debate moderator. "The American people ask far better questions than the media ever can, because they actually care about the answers as it is important to their lives. It was clear that this was the case at the event as students asked very personal and thoughtful questions of the speakers."

Student supporters for both Kerry and Bush attended to show support for their candidate. Interdisciplinary studies in human resources senior John McKay and civil engineering senior Luke Cesarz wore anti-Bush T-shirts.

"(We) wanted to come out to show our support for John Kerry," McKay said. "We got these T-shirts in Europe over the summer. That's where we really started to learn the issues and why many other countries don't support Bush."

Republican students attending the event also showed great passion for the upcoming election.

"I wanted to be here to help represent President Bush's side and to show that not all of MSU's campus is against him," zoology senior Amy Goodpaster said. "I also wanted to gain some more knowledge on the two party's views to help make sure I am making the right choice in my vote."

Amy Poszywak

Students Compete for Laughs

Bright theater lights shone on a black riser stage with a lone stool and solitary microphone stand, as 10 students vied for the title of funniest MSU student in October for the second annual "Last Spartan Standing."

During their sets, which lasted five to 10 minutes, most joked about how nervous they were, asking the audience why they were standing in front of 600 people.

Jesse Gibbings, one of the competitors, quipped he was selling his dignity for a mouse pad. Gibbings went on to win the competition and a gift certificate to Best Buy.

"I was feeling down at the time, and I felt this could be a pick-me-up," the English senior said.

The winner was decided by votes from the audience and a panel of judges made up of guest comic Dan Adhoot and a representative from both the University Activities Board and the Jewish Student Union, the event's cosponsors.

Telecommunication, information studies and media senior Owen Weber placed second and journalism junior Tom Keller came in third. Other "Last Spartan Standing" contestants included Carol Bontetkoe, Jerome Crawford, Nate Fridson, Sean Kilbane, Zach Korte, Elizabeth Stanton, and last's years "Last Spartan Standing" winner Aaron Hiner.

The entertainment wasn't over after the competition. Adhoot,

a finalist from NBC's "Last Comic Standing," freelance writer for Comedy Central's "Crank Yankers" and opener for comedians Lewis Black and Dave Chapelle, took the stage while ballots were being counted.

Much of Adhoot's material was based on his Iranian descent and included jokes about terrorism, racism, and the quest of many ethnic groups trying to fit in and be respected in America.

"The fact that he is an Iranian-Jewish comedian really brings a sense of humor that points out stereotypes to students' faces;" said Scott Lachman, president of the Jewish Student Union and a business sophomore. "Every campus needs the issues that are at hand in the forefront."

Along with more serious issues, Adhoot treated audience members to three crank calls. Students struggled to stifle laughter when Adhoot phoned half-asleep parents, informing them their child had either been caught streaking, with drugs or had just won a residence hall Bingo game.

"I'm just here to have fun," Adhoot said.

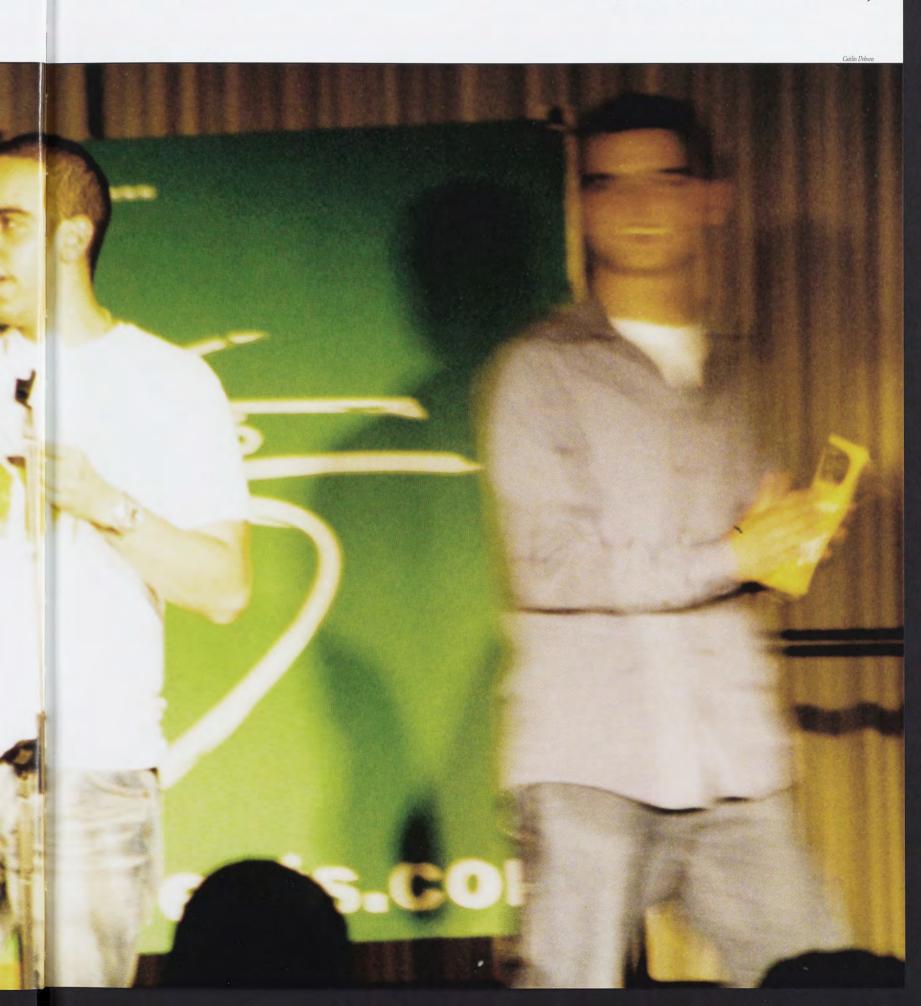
The State Troupers and Your Mom Improv, two student entertainment groups, provided preshow entertainment.

Rachael Steenbergh



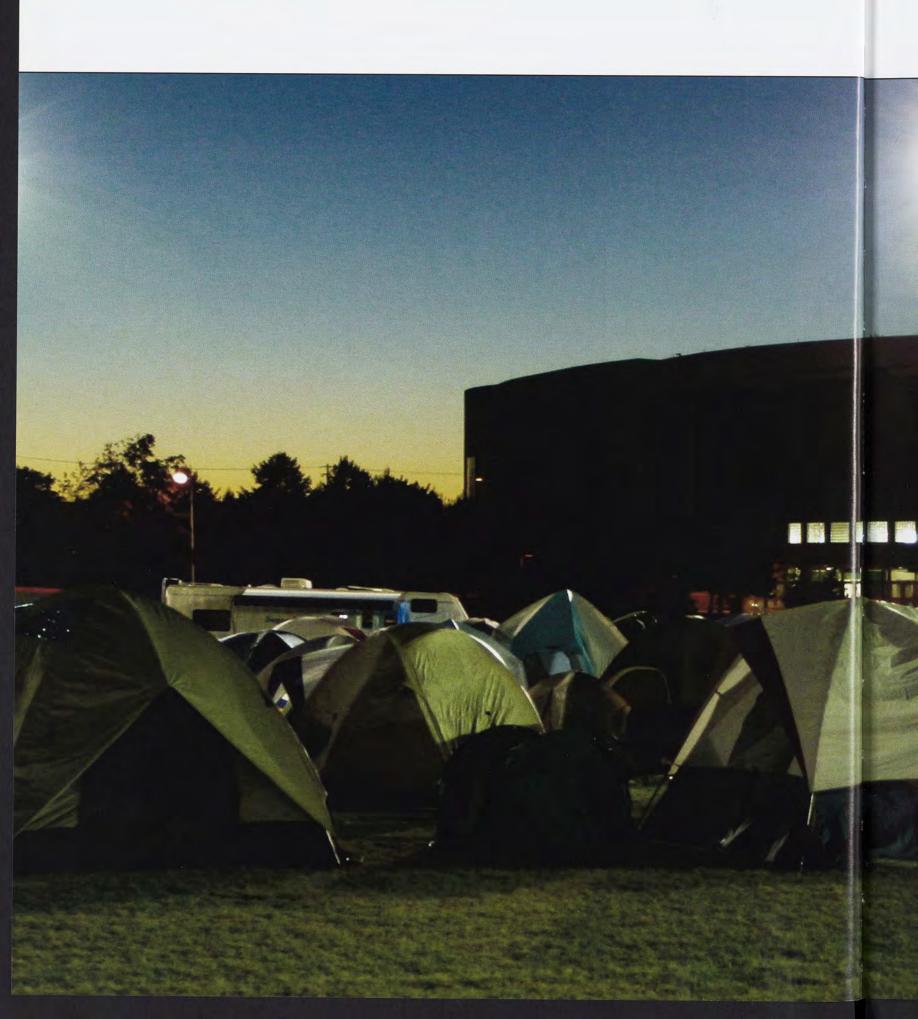
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- President of the Jewish Student Union Scott Lachman on guest comedian Adhoot



I would stay an extra year just to use these tickets again.

- Building construction management junior Jeff Kresch



Fans Camp for Tickets



Fighting frigid temperatures and long hours of boredom, students participated in the annual Izzone campout in early October to stake their claim for men's basketball tickets.

Several hundred students, chosen by a lottery, spent a day and night on Munn Field. Those who were able to stick through the 26 consecutive hours of camping were eligible to receive Izzone tickets in the coveted lower bowl of the Breslin Center.

Despite the challenge, excitement for the campout was high.

"I would stay an extra year just to use these tickets again," said Jeff Kresch, a building construction management junior.

The campout began promptly at 8 a.m. on Saturday when students were checked in, assigned a number, and given a place on the field to pitch their tent. Three roll calls were taken at random times before the campout's conclusion at 10 a.m. on Sunday to ensure students remained at the site the entire time.

Students who were not present during a roll call, or who did not finish the campout, were disqualified and unable to receive lower bowl tickets.

Participants quickly learned that there were few amenities. Although outhouses were provided, there was no running water, and students were expected to bring their own food.

Education junior Melissa Roemer

said she thought the biggest challenge was the overhead lights, which remained on throughout the night.

"It's like it's daylight in the nighttime," she said.

Campout organizers arranged activities to fill the long hours, providing a venue to watch the football game against Iowa. Sparty and men's basketball players also visited the campers.

As the sun set on the first day, temperatures dropped dramatically, forcing students to stay huddled in their sleeping bags or around their grills for warmth.

"They should make the campout two weeks earlier," human biology sophomore Josh Warlick said.

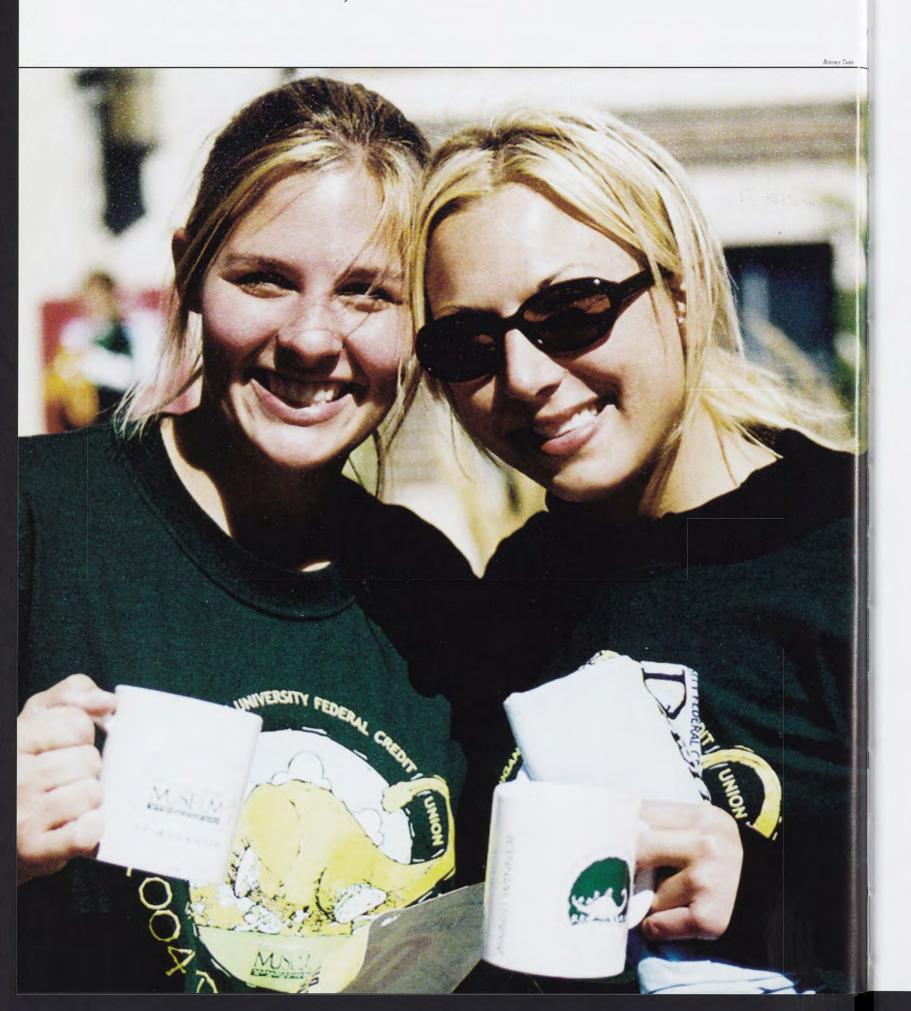
The Izzone was run by codirectors, Frankie Orlando, Aaron King and Michael Tierney, and sponsored by the Student Alumni Foundation.

Last year the Izzone took over both the upper and lower bowls of the student section to include more than 4,000 members, creating the largest student spirit section in college basketball.

Emilie Riester

The community seems to love this race. It's a pretty course to run through campus, and we offer lots of perks.

- Special events planner for the MSU Museum Julie Levy-Weston



Runners Support MSU Museum

With about 1,200 people participating last year, the annual MSU Federal Credit Union Dinosaur Dash benefit race turned 20 and is still running strong.

One of the largest 5-kilometer races in Michigan, the Dinosaur Dash raised \$15,000 for the museum.

The race was originally started to raise money for the museum to purchase dinosaur skeletons. These days, proceeds go toward collection development, with an emphasis on dinosaur displays.

Runners and walkers from 8 to 78 years old came from all around the state to take part in the event. Julie Levy-Weston, special events planner for the MSU Museum, said the turnout was typical of previous years.

"The community seems to love this race," Levy-Weston said. "It's a pretty course to run through campus, and we offer lots of perks."

The Dinosaur Dash kicked off and ended in front the museum on West Circle Drive on an October Sunday. Runners passed many campus locations such as Spartan Stadium, Beaumont Tower, Sparty and Kresge Art Museum.

At the finish line, more than 100 volunteers distributed yogurt, bananas, water and T-shirts to participants.

Kelly Volker, English senior and events coordination assistant for the museum, said one of her favorite things about the Dinosaur Dash is watching the children join the festivities.

"It's a really good family event because kids can participate," she said.

While parents ran or walked in the big race, there were plenty of activities to keep kids busy including a beanbag toss, sidewalk chalk zone and miniature fossil dig. A giant blow-up dinosaur donated by Impression 5 Science Center on the front lawn drew the most attention.

After the race was finished, the kids got to run or walk in their own one-mile version of the Dinosaur Dash. Geological science graduate student Cynthia Rachol brought her son along with her to run the kids' race while she participated in the main event. Having walked for the past three years, Rachol ran for the first time this year.

"My friends encouraged me to step up and try running this year," she said, adding she was excited to pass the Sparty statue and hear the crowd waiting for her around the bend.

First to finish the race and male overall winner was Matt Bozung, 26, of Haslett, with a time of 15:12 minutes. The fastest female was 27-year-old Ann Hallgren, also of Haslett, who ran the course in 17:55 minutes.

Emily Sorger

Hayride Kicks Off Homecoming

As a kickoff to Homecoming week, MSU's University Activities
Board conducted its annual "Hayrides and History" tour. Free tractor-pulled hayrides were given while tour guides informed the excited hayride passengers with interesting facts about MSU's campus on an October evening.

The hayrides lasted about 30 minutes and ran from the International Center to north campus, down Shaw Lane and returned to the International Center where complimentary cider and doughnuts were available.

UAB volunteers help distribute the Krispy Kreme doughnuts and apple cider and also served as tour guides for the hayrides. UAB Spirit and Traditions chairwoman and international relations junior Tahera Sakarwala said she felt it was a fun activity for the beginning of homecoming week.

"It's a great way for students to learn about the history and culture of the university while having fun on a hayride and celebrating this year's homecoming," she said.

The hayride featured fun and interesting information about many campus features including Morrill, Linton and Chittenden halls; West Circle residence halls; Spartan Stadium and the notorious 9-foot-7-inch, 3,000-pound Sparty Statue.

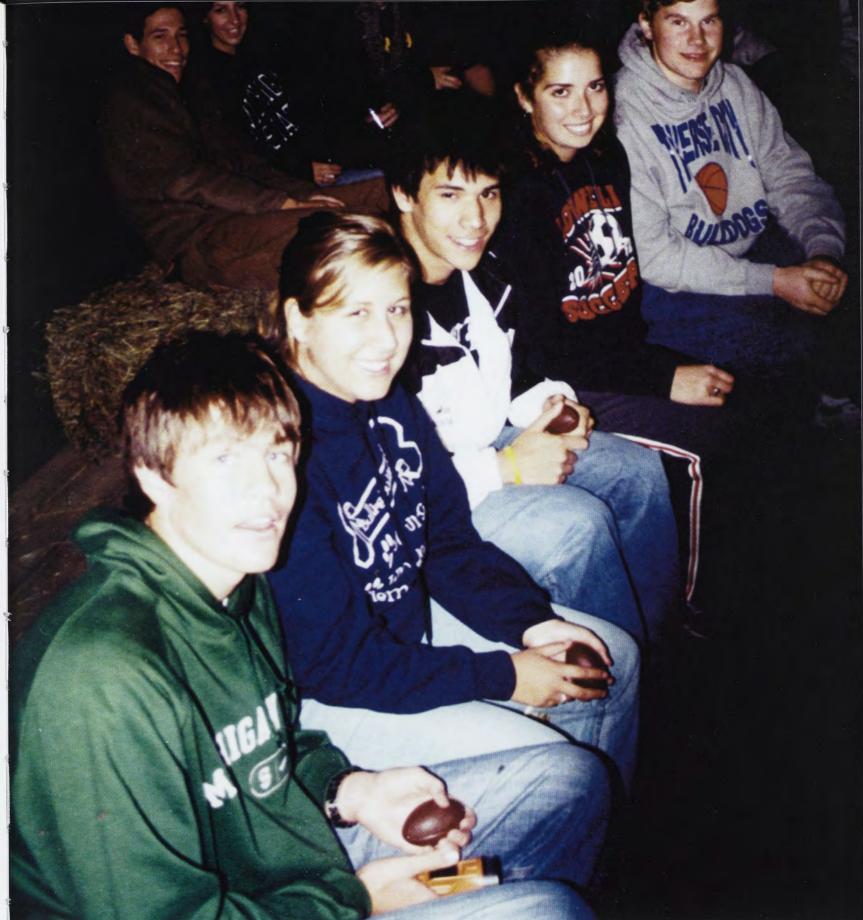
Specifically interesting to students was the history of the rock on Farm Lane. The hayride tour guides informed passengers that the rock was a gift from the class of 1873 and was originally studied by geology students for its mineral content. During the '60s and '70s it was located just north of the Beaumont Tower and was the site for many student anti-war demonstrations.

The tour guides also provided a general history of MSU dating back to its foundation as a land grant college, including historical accounts about campus life from back when MSU was known as Michigan Agricultural College.

English junior Ashley LaCasse said she decided to take a ride on the hayride with her friends in hopes of experiencing one of the many great homecoming activities.

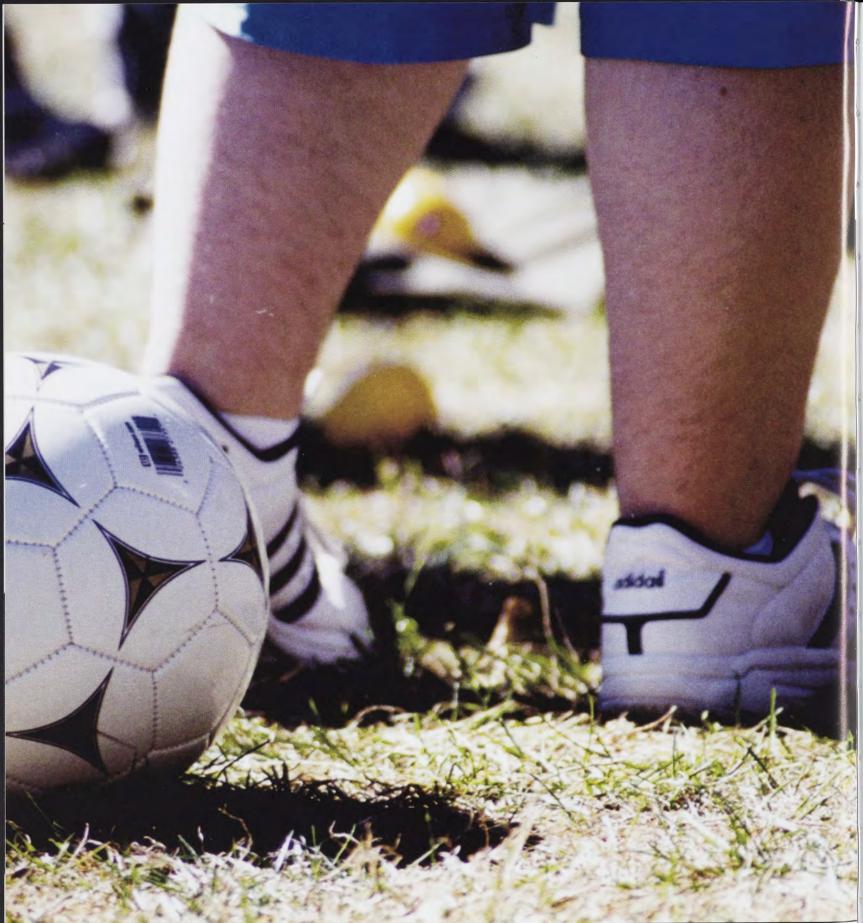
"I wanted to come out and participate in some of the homecoming activities," she said. "I think the information was really interesting and the doughnuts and apple cider made the event all the better."

Amy Poszywak



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- University Activites Board Chairwoman Tahera Sakarwala



We will continue to celebrate coming out until coming out is no longer considered a political statement.

- Alliance member Jon Hoady

Coming Out Week Inspires Acceptance

In early October, National Coming Out Week events took place around the country and MSU's Alliance of Lesbian, Bisexual, Gay, Transgender and Straight Ally Students had its own series of commemorative events on campus.

Beginning on the anniversary of the 1987 march on Washington, D.C. and displaying the NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt, the week brought awareness and togetherness for members of the LBGT community and its allies.

The days were aimed at highlighting words we use in everyday language that have hurtful connotations and affect the lives of LBGT people. Terms and phrases such as "Faggot" and "That's so gay" evoke discrimination and violence against these groups that are striving for equality.

In an attempt to bring attention to these prejudices, members of the Alliance dressed in dark clothing and put on makeup of bruises and cuts to represent hate crime victims. They also passed out flyers containing hate crime statistics that drew a number of reactions from observers.

Scott Howell, a member of the Alliance, experienced several different responses as he represented hate speech.

"There were some positive 'I think you're cool' responses, some were shocked at first," the philosophy junior said. "Many were apathetic, and a few made rude comments."

After the silent protest of

hate crimes on campus, more than 25 people came together to reflect on their experience of coming out or to share their progress in asserting their sexuality. The discussion was focused on dispelling misconceptions and oppression involving the LBGT community and the relationship between hate and free speech.

Other National Coming Out Week Events on campus included a Tparty for transgender students to discuss violence against them, a protest against Proposal 2 on the November ballot to ban gay marriage, a Fruit Bowl field day and a Rainbow Rush dance.

The Alliance also used the week to support other minority groups and encouraged the celebration of Indigenous People's Day and Accessibility Awareness Week.

Jon Hoadly, a member of the Alliance and social relations and women's studies senior, said the week's events are aimed to help the MSU community be more open-minded. The Alliance is working to include gender identity protection in the university's anti-discrimination policy.

"We will continue to celebrate coming out until coming out is no longer considered a political statement," he said.

Lindsey Shaw

MSU Celebrates Homecoming

During Homecoming weekend, campus was filled with spirit, rain, football and fun. And the week leading up to the game had MSU buzzing with events.

Activities kicked off on Monday with Hayrides and History: An MSU Historical Tour. Tractors carried students and community members around campus, as guides told them interesting facts and trivia along the way.

On Tuesday, the hall lounges and cafeterias were decorated green and white for the Residence Hall Spirit Decorating Contest. Holden Hall won first place, a prize of \$500. Both Akers Hall and Wilson Hall were awarded pizza parties for their second place tie.

Students showed their creativity decorating bandanas, buttons, Tshirts and beaded jewelry Wednesday at a Spartan Craft Night sponsored by the University Activities Board.

The weekend started off with a bang Thursday night with Sounds of Homecoming. The concert featured Capital Green, Accafellas, Ladies First and Spartan Discords.

"We love celebrating homecoming with everyone. It's so much fun," said Capital Green's Nason Werth, a pre-law senior.

Friday afternoon, the MSU
Dairy Store gave away free ice cream to
anyone wearing green and white near
the rock on Farm Lane, and later that
night, students equipped with umbrellas
and other rain gear lined the streets to

watch the annual Homecoming parade.

The parade featured former MSU President M. Peter McPherson and Grand Marshals: Max Goodwin, class of 1929. Martha Bachman Thompson, class of 1929, and Milton Muelder, a former MSU professor. Behind them marched student and Greek organizations, community groups, the Spartan Marching Band, the MSU Cheerleaders and others. The top prize for the best float, a \$500 award, was given to University Housing. The award for best banner was given to the Student Alumni Foundation, best group went to Urban Dreams and the Hospitality Association won best Spartan spirit. All received \$250.

The week came to an end Saturday as the football team defeated the University of Minnesota, 51-17. Despite the intense cold and rain, fans cheered their team to victory.

"I love seeing Zeke the dog, and you can't beat MSU's marching band," English junior Jennifer Whitman said.

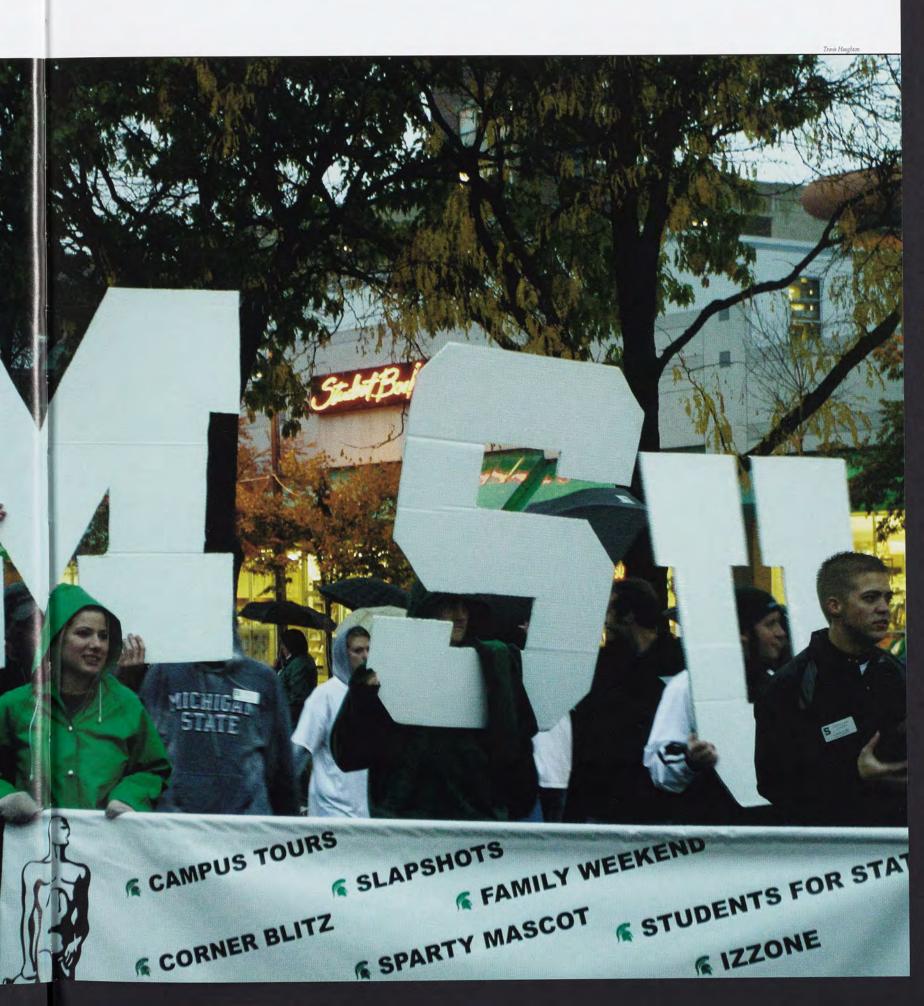
The weekend wrapped up on Saturday night with the spirited Spartan Spectacular at the Breslin Center, a concert featuring MSU Wind Symphony, a jazz band and the marching band.

Students and alumni said the win over Minnesota and the array of activities made Homecoming week a wonderful way to celebrate 150 years of school spirit at MSU.

Alison Costello



I love seeing Zeke the dog and you can't beat MSU's marching band.
- English junior Jennifer Whitman





Travis Haughon

Stand-up is fun, humiliating, terrifying and exhilarating all at the same time.

- Telecommuniation, informational studies, and media senior Owen Weber

Stand-up Laughs

On a cold October night, students gathered at the International Center in search of a good laugh. Sponsored by the University Activities Board, Comedy Night featured the talents of three comedians.

The opening acts of Jesse Gibbings, an English junior and the 2004 Last Spartan Standing winner, and runner-up Owen Weber, a telecommunication, information studies and media senior, did not disappoint. Featured comedian Ophira Eisenberg also kept the audience laughing during her performance.

"All of them were funny and entertaining," pre-veterinary sophomore Kyala Stewart said.

Gibbings and Weber warmed up the crowd with jokes ranging from politics to Olin Health Center.

"Stand-up is fun, humiliating, terrifying and exhilarating all at the same time," Weber said.

Eisenberg, an up-and-coming comedian listed as one of Comedy's Best Bets 2004 "10 Standout Stand-ups Worth Watching," took the stage. She started doing stand-up seven years ago and has made several television appearances including CBS's "The Guardian," and Showtime's "Queer As Folk."

She has also made appearances on the Oxygen network and has hosted her own comedy special on Canada's CTV's "Comedy Now." She said she was also looking forward to being featured on Comedy Central's "Premium Blend."

Eisenberg said what makes her

comedy funny is that "it is personal based, I have a crazy family, and I've made a lot of mistakes in life."

To prepare for her shows, Eisenberg said she only practices her wording.

"I really can't practice for standup," she said.

For her performance, Eisenberg added a few jokes unique to MSU. She said that the International Center must be named for the variety of fast food restaurants hosted there and added it was good Wendy's was in between Taco Bell and Panda Express, in case of "international disputes."

Comedy Night was Eisenberg's first show on a college campus.

"MSU was an excellent audience," she said.

Christanna Hemmingway

Conference: U.S. Problems Need Attention

The turnout was not overwhelming, but the message was clear – America is spending too much money on military defenses and not enough money on pressing issues like child education and general health care.

With a passion and conviction of turning Americans' attention back to their homeland, Frida Berrigan, the main speaker of the Disarm: Sustaining Resistance to Military Recruitment conference, sponsored by Students for Economic Justice, spoke out against what she called political games overseas.

"Were spending all this money for war and defense, and problems that exist in the United States are not attended to," said Berrigan, a senior research associate with the World Policy Institute's Arms Trade Resource Center.

Former MSU President M.

Peter McPherson came under similar scrutiny after spending several months overseeing the rebuilding in Iraq.

George Moyer, a linguistics junior and member of Students for Peace and Justice, said speculation that McPherson violated the Geneva Accords by cutting back Iraq's protective trade tariffs was what ultimately caused McPherson to step down as president. He said McPherson made his decision after MSU authorities voiced concerns that his actions may jeopardize the university's image and reputation.

"Or maybe he was hoping for a position in the cabinet after the elections, should the current administration remain," Moyer said before the 2004 U.S. presidential election.

McPherson said he welcomes discussions like those in the conference to encourage a variety of viewpoints.

"Campus life in general has many differences in view," McPherson said. "Sometimes I don't agree with them, other times they don't agree with me. I think opposing points of view on campus is healthy."

During the conference, Berrigan explained further that the government has spent more than \$250 billion on the war in Iraq, hardly the amount spent on retirement funds and health care. To illustrate her point, Berrigan stated that President Bush asked Congress for \$75 billion to pay the initial costs of the war in Iraq.

"For that same amount, we could hire 1,155,715 elementary school teachers to educate America's children," she said.

The event, held in October, was just days before the 2004 election, and Berrigan stressed the importance of voting.

"Who's going to make a change is not just the presidents, it is us," she said. "We're the ones who have to decide where the money should go."

Cindy Chen



We're spending all this money for war and defense, and problems that exist in the United States are not attended to. - Speaker Frida Berrigan

Campus Casts Votes

From campaign signs displayed in dorm room windows to chalk messages on sidewalks urging pedestrians to vote, campus was taken over by election fever for most of the fall semester, as President George W. Bush and democratic candidate Massachusetts Sen. John Kerry battled for the White House.

Political personalities from both sides of the campaign visited MSU to encourage young voters and gain support for their candidate. The Bush twins held an invitation-only rally at the Union for Bush supporters. Cate Edwards, daughter of Kerry's running mate John Edwards, joined Gov. Jennifer Granholm at the Union to watch the first of three presidential debates with students. Ralph Nader was the only presidential candidate to visit campus in person.

Volunteers from political groups on campus, such as the MSU College Democrats and the MSU College Republicans, set up booths around campus to register voters. And students flooded the Secretary of State office in downtown East Lansing as the registration deadline neared. Randy Neice, political theory senior and president of MSU Democrats, said volunteers registered about 6,000 students on campus.

Some students opted to cast their vote through absentee ballots due to recent legislation requiring students to change their permanent address on their driver's license in order to cast their vote in East Lansing. Others took time between classes, or skipped them altogether, to make a trip home to vote.

Larry Ruhlman, a psychology junior, drove two hours to wait in line at the polls in his hometown.

"I wanted to feel like my vote really counted," Ruhlman said. "By voting in person, I just felt like my voice was stronger."

Bush defeated Kerry, capturing 51 percent of the vote.

According to reports from local precincts, campus voter turn-out was up 15 percent from 2000 and more than 70 percent voted in favor of Kerry. Nationwide, about 21 million voters between the ages of 18-29 went to the polls, an increase of more than 4 million since 2000.

Neice said he was happy with the result of the efforts of campus political groups.

"Thanks to the hundreds of volunteers and our dedicated e-board we did a perfect job on campus," he said.

Emily Morris, a social relations junior, was one of the many students who volunteered.

"Working with the Kerry campaign was one of the best and most memorable experiences of my life," she said. "Talking to voters and volunteers everyday was more of a learning experience than any class I have ever been in. I learned about life and how others live it."

Traci Carpenter

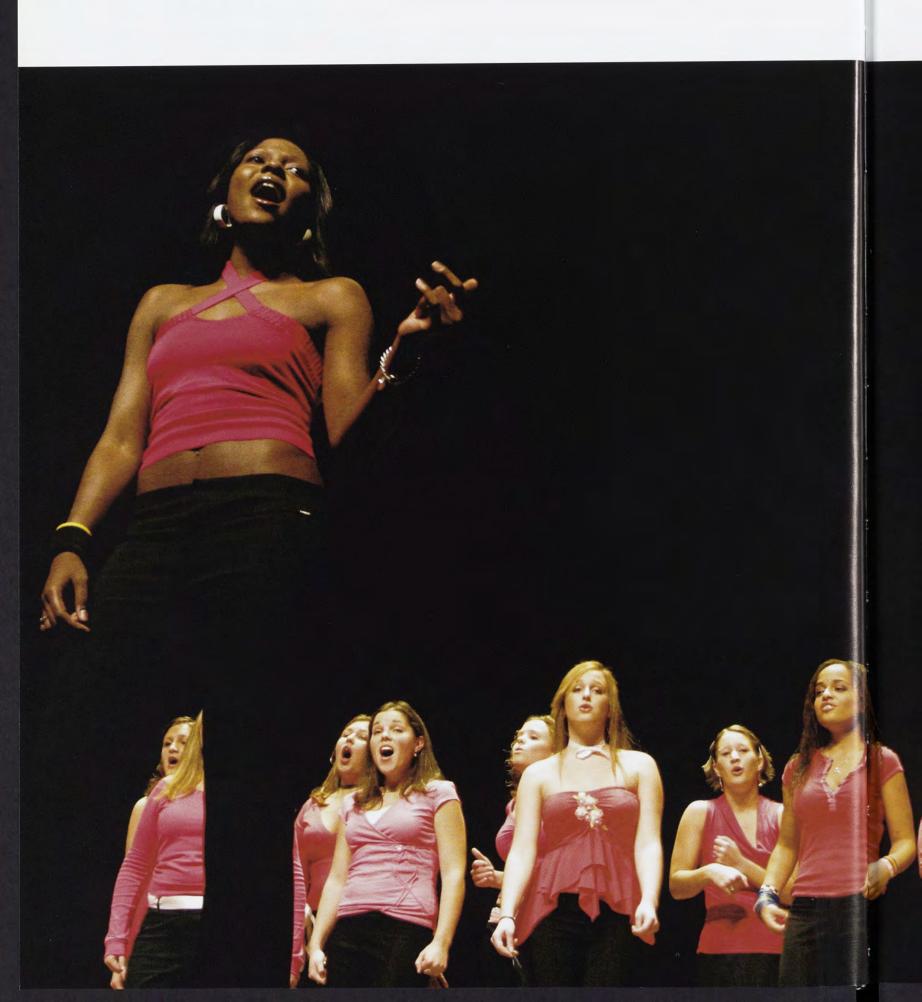


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- Psychology senior Larry Ruhlman



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- Nursing sophomore Meghan Quinn



Acapella Singers Serenade Audience



The Spartan Dischords came out on stage in front of a sold out audience in cowboy hats and riding fake ponies, to kick off Accapalooza, a performance of a cappella groups from campus and around the state. All dressed in khaki pants and dress shirts, members performed modern songs such as "She Will Be Loved" by Maroon 5 and an encore of "Save a Horse, Ride a Cowboy" by Big and Rich.

Next up, a new group on the a cappella scene, State of Harmony, performed one song, and then Ladies First gave their rendition of "Thriller" by Michael Jackson.

Two a cappella groups, The Dicks and Janes and the Sopranos came from the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor to compete. The Dicks and Janes, who competed and won against MSU's Accafellas, did an original song about how they wish they could go back to college, with some of the verses including jokes about the dorm life, teaching assistants and computer labs.

Audience members said they were excited to see all groups perform, including those from U-M.

"We came last year and loved it and heard U-M groups were coming and wanted to hear them as well," nursing sophomore Megan Quinn said.

Capital Green also performed modern songs such as "Hanging Around" by Counting Crows and their own version of "Bring Me to Life" by Evanescence. They had the audience laughing with their moves such as "the sprinkler" in their uniforms of all black dresses and suits with green vests.

Accafellas, who hosted Accapalooza for the second time in its six-year history, wrapped up the performance in front of the energized crowd. The all-male group blended its performance with its own creative versions of traditional songs and line danced to an upbeat country song to finish the act.

For the finale, Accafellas invited alumni onto the stage with the groups to sing "MSU Shadows" and the MSU fight song.

Accapalooza was started in 1998 by Accafellas and now all MSU a cappella groups take turns hosting the annual event. The Accafellas members said they decided to invite groups from the rival U-M last year because they are an a cappella "powerhouse" with about 15 groups, compared to MSU's five.

"We were very pleased with the turn-out, as we did perform for two sell-out crowds," said Andrew Clarkson, Accafellas president and a criminal justice senior.

Sara Knoth, a biology senior, said she has the Spartan Dischords CD, but hadn't seen the group perform live. She also said she wanted to see Accafellas perform again.

"I like anything a cappella," she said.

Jessica Adams

UAB Hosts Spartan Idol

The third annual, two-day long Spartan Idol competition was held in November, allowing students an opportunity to perform onstage for an audience.

Modeled after the well-known TV show "American Idol," MSU's Spartan Idol featured vocally-talented students competing for a \$1,000 recording deal from Lighthouse Recording Inc.

More than 60 students auditioned for the competition and from those audition judges, who were selected by the University Activities Board, which sponsored the event, narrowed the students down to 20. The 20 finalists performed on a Friday night, the first night of the competition and were again judged by three panelists. The students were judged in three categories: overall performance, vocal talent and style.

After the first night the students were narrowed down to five finalists, who were asked to return for the Saturday night show. The five finalists were given a \$150 shopping spree to Eastwood Towne Center in Lansing and a personal hair and makeup technician for Saturday night's performance courtesy of Marshall Field's at Meridian Mall.

The five finalists were no preference sophomores Melissa DeCorte and Nick Giacona, economics senior Clint Atkinson, advertising freshman Daniela Sukkar and the event winner history freshman Nico Berroa.

Berroa's performances on

Saturday night thrilled the audience and the judges, especially with his energetic cover of Michael Jackson's "The Way You Make Me Feel."

DeCorte said he was happy to sing.

"It allowed me to step out of my comfort zone and meet new people, and it was also really interesting and fun to hear everyone sing," she said.

The event exceeded the expectations of its organizers, interdisciplinary studies in social sciences sophomore Rachel Bomeli and general management junior Cheryl Brodowski. With the hard work of Bomeli and Brodowski, combined with help from other UAB members and the enthusiasm of the participants, the event was a success. This show had a lot of expectations to live up to, Bomeli said.

"We were a little nervous about this year's show because of the great success of last year's," she said. "But this year's contestants really stepped up to raise the bar for the show."

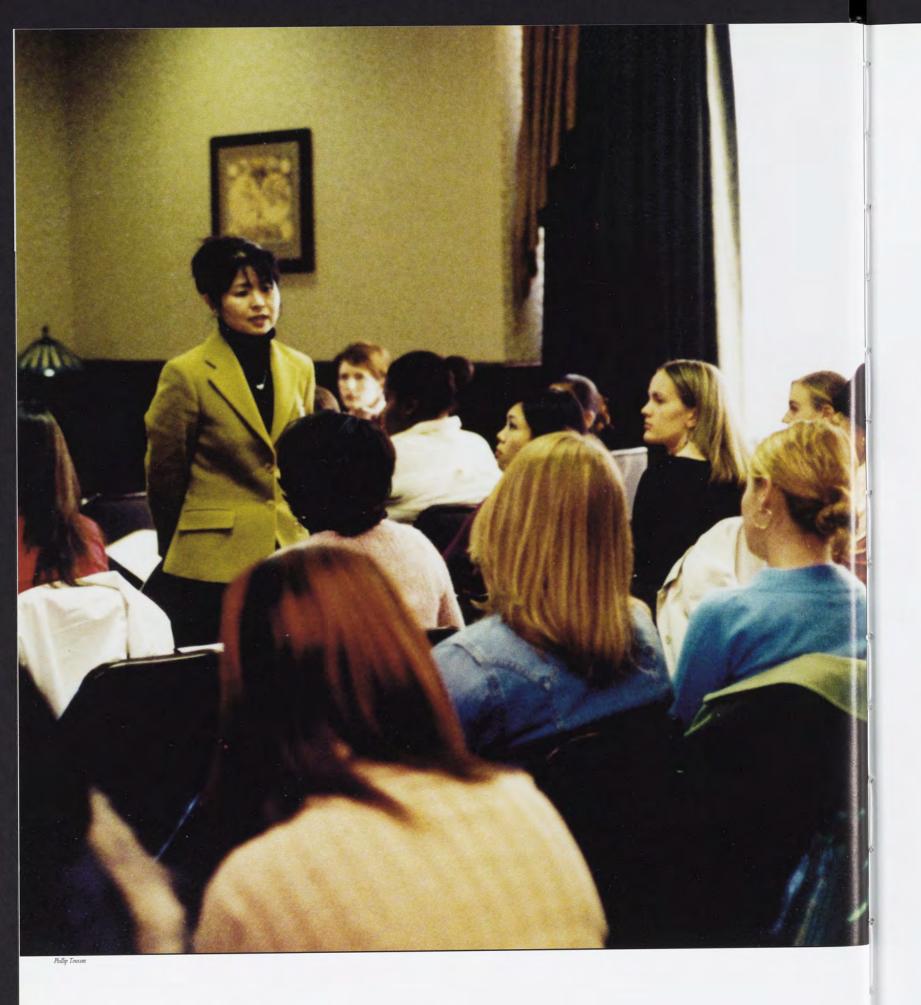
Spartan Idol maintained the fun attitude of previous years and continued to be a great way for singing Spartans to have fun while doing something they love.

Amy Poszywak



It allowed me to step out of my comfort zone and meet new people and it was also really interesting and fun to hear everybody sing.

- No preference sophomore Melissa DeCorte



Leadership is about character, and it's not in the character of women to turn away from a great fight.

- Keynote Speaker Teresa A. Bingman

Women Advocate Leadership

"Lead, follow or get out of the way" with an added snap of the fingers at the end of the phrase was the theme of the 2004 MSU Women Students
Leadership Conference. With a mission to inspire and prepare female students to become outstanding leaders throughout their lives, the conference covered many aspects of leadership and provided renowned guest speakers.

During her keynote speech, Teresa A. Bingman told of how she pushed aside her fears and utilized her strengths to accomplish goals. She then challenged her audience to do the same.

"Leadership is about character, and it's not in the character of women to turn away from a great fight," the deputy legal counsel and emergency management coordinator for Gov. Jennifer Granholm said.

The featured student speaker Bhavisha Bhalsod, a zoology junior who is involved in several organizations, encouraged her peers to be active and get involved.

"I get my energy from the women around me," she said. "You don't have to be alone when going out there fighting for a cause."

As part of a community outreach portion of the conference, participants brought new items that made them feel empowered, such as favorite books, food, or makeup, to add to a gift basket that was donated to MSU Safe Place, a domestic abuse shelter.

The planning committee

organized a scholarship contest, in which participants were invited to interpret the meaning of the conference's theme in a compelling way. A \$150 scholarship was awarded to Sara Hughes, a fisheries and wildlife graduate student, for her poem dismissing the soft, feminine approach to capturing the essence of a woman.

The conference boasted six workshops that featured topics ranging from financial guidance in balancing budgets when planning for graduate school, to dealing with controversy in the workplace and tips on how to react professionally in a variety of situations.

The second annual conference was filled to capacity, a step up from the previous year. Jodi Hancock, educational program coordinator for the Women's Resource Center, said she felt the conference was a success and was glad it was rewarding for her and participants. She said more than 95 percent of the attendants said they would attend next year's conference.

"There were nothing but positive things saying how great and inspirational it was," Hancock said. "I had four girls come up to me at the end to make sure they would be able to come next year and asking to be on the planning committee."

Jacquelyn Halas

Groups Play For Charity

Combining friendly competition with a common goal, students raised more than \$800 for charity at the annual Charity Bowl flag football tournament in November.

The event, hosted by MSU's Senior Class Council, had 16 participating teams that represented a diverse group of the student body including members of student government, residence halls, student organizations and IM sports.

Together, the teams raised funds that were given to the winner's chosen charity. The Future Farmers of America took the first place title and the money went to the club's national chapter, which funds agriculatural education.

Anand Sharma, like other players, was happy to have fun and be philanthropic at the same time.

"I had a great time playing in the tournament, and I hope it can become a tradition for Senior Class Council," said the psychology senior.

Competition began at 9 a.m. in single elimination brackets. Later in the day a disc jockey played music while the remaining teams battled it out for first place.

The football games attracted many onlookers, as students gathered to watch their friends play and fans passing by the field to attend hockey and basketball games in nearby facilities paused to see the action.

Sponsors donated donuts, water,

energy drinks and trophies for the players. In addition, organizers raffled off an array of gift certificates and a grand prize trip for two to Las Vegas.

Charity Bowl is an annual event held by Senior Class Council, a part of ASMSU. The Senior Class Council Philanthropy Committee of Kristen Chase and Scott Henman organized the event, recruiting teams and securing sponsors. Last year's Charity Bowl was a much larger event than it had been previously. More than twice as much money was raised for charity as well as \$3,500 donated by sponsors from businesses in the community. Student participation also increased this year with four times as many teams involved, making the tournament both fun and competitive for all who played.

Chase, an interdisciplinary studies senior, said she was pleased with the participation and overall success of the event.

"Thanks to so many generous sponsors and participants we were able to have a lot of fun while at the same time raise \$800 for charity," she said.

Emilie Riester

I had a great time playing in the tournament and I hope it can become a tradition for Senior Class Council. - Psychology senior Anand Sharma



9-11 Authors Visit

Authors Susan Hagen and Mary Carouba shared their experiences of finding and interviewing women firefighters, police and medical workers that helped after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks in New York City to a crowd of MSU students in November. The presentation consisted of stories, pictures and quotes from the women rescue personnel.

Hagen and Carouba were motivated to find females at ground zero after hearing then-Mayor Rudolph Giuliani give credit primarily to the men and brothers who died saving lives after the attacks on the World Trade Center. They said they noticed little media coverage was given to women rescue workers, so with their own financing, the authors traveled to New York City to interview the lesser-mentioned heroes and gathered emotional and interesting stories of the women's experiences.

After compiling stories of individual accounts, Hagen and Carouba wrote a book entitled, "Women at Ground Zero: Stories of Courage and Compassion." They now make appearances across the county sharing the experiences of writing the book and have promised to donate all profits to charity.

"Healing begins when you start to share your stories with people," Carouba said, "It's very comforting for those women to know we are out there talking about them."

Education freshman Rachel

Boyce decided to attend the presentation after receiving an e-mail describing the event.

"The audience laughed, we cried," she said. "It was really touching to see the pictures of the brave women and to hear of their stories. It made me look at 9-11 from a whole new angle."

To thank the rescue workers for their patronage, the authors hosted a weeklong vacation in California for all of the women who were interviewed. They raised \$1,400 in donations for the trips and established a scholarship for firefighters with remaining funds.

Penny Fischer, a lieutenant with the MSU Department of Police and Public Safety, said she chose to hold the presentation after hearing the authors speak at a national Women in Law Enforcement conference in Arizona.

"They gave another side of the Sept. 11 story," she said. "The talk gave a unique perspective on issues female first responders face".

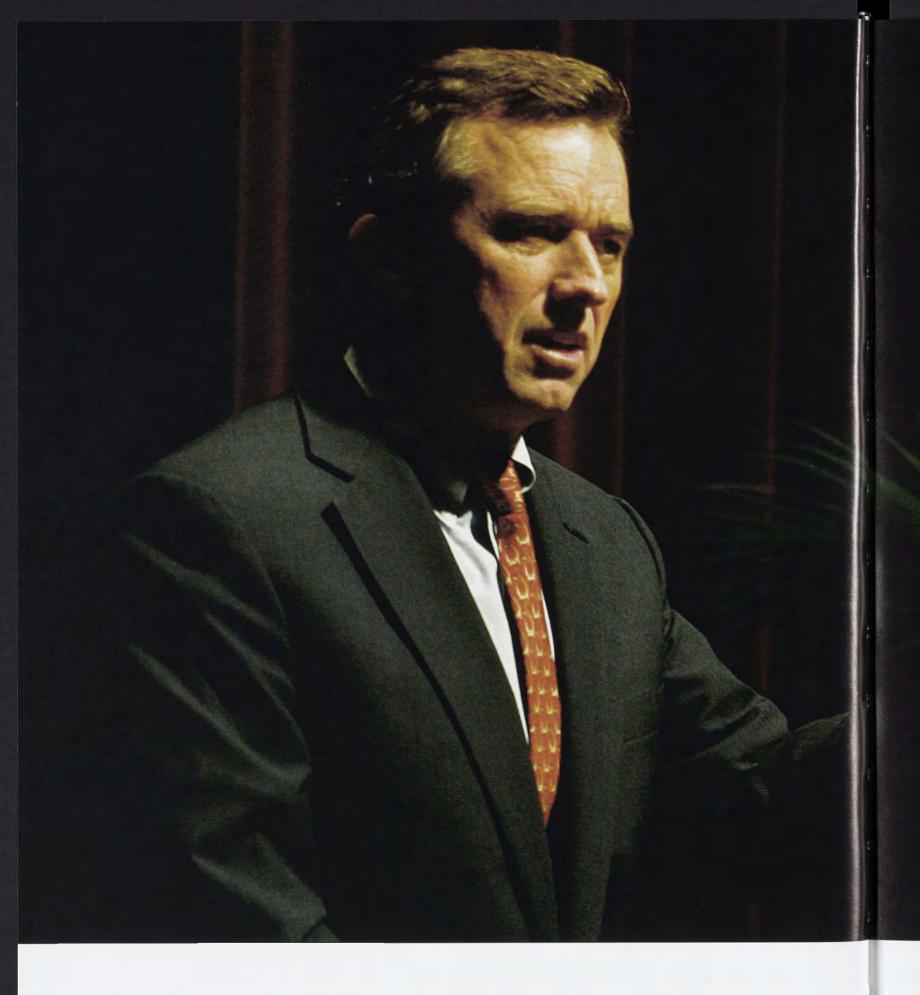
The event was held in Brody
Hall and was sponsored by the Women's
Advisory Committee for Finance,
Personnel and Operations, the MSU
Women's Resource Center, the MSU
Museum, and Our Daily Work/Our
Daily Lives, a joint project of the Labor
Education.

Alison Costello

Mary Carouba, an investigative social worker, discusses her dislike with the lack of media coverage women emergency workers received in the wake of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. Carouba and Susan Hagen, a writer and retired firefighter, wrote the book "Women at Ground Zero" about the female rescue workers.

Photo courtesy of The State News





The Bush administration is robbing from the American people their right to enjoy our country's natural resources.

- Speaker Robert F. Kennedy Jr.



Kennedy Talks Green

MSU students, local environmental groups and members of the Lansing area community filled Wharton Center's Great Hall in November to welcome Robert F. Kennedy Jr.

Kennedy lectured about our country's environmental issues and injustices of the Bush administration's policies on them, calling Bush "by far the worst environmental president in history." His lecture summarized the main ideas discussed in his new book "Crimes against Nature: How George W. Bush and His Corporate Pals are Plundering the Country and Hijacking our Democracy."

An hour prior to his speech Kennedy appeared at the MSU College of Law lobby for a book signing and East Lansing resident Jeremy Rapp was one of the many people who waited in line to get his book signed.

"I just read his book and really enjoyed it so I wanted to come out and meet the man in person," he said.

In his lecture, Kennedy pointed out that Bush's lack of responsibly with our country's environmental issues is being concealed by his administration so well that the majority of citizens have no idea what's really going on.

He noted the many environmental problems the Bush administration has caused in the United States including unsafe mercury levels found in fish in all the Great Lakes and in other lakes around the country. Birth defects and brain damage in newborns result because of high mercury levels in mothers who eat polluted fish. The unsafe levels are a result of pollution from coal burning power plants that Bush is doing nothing to stop, Kennedy said.

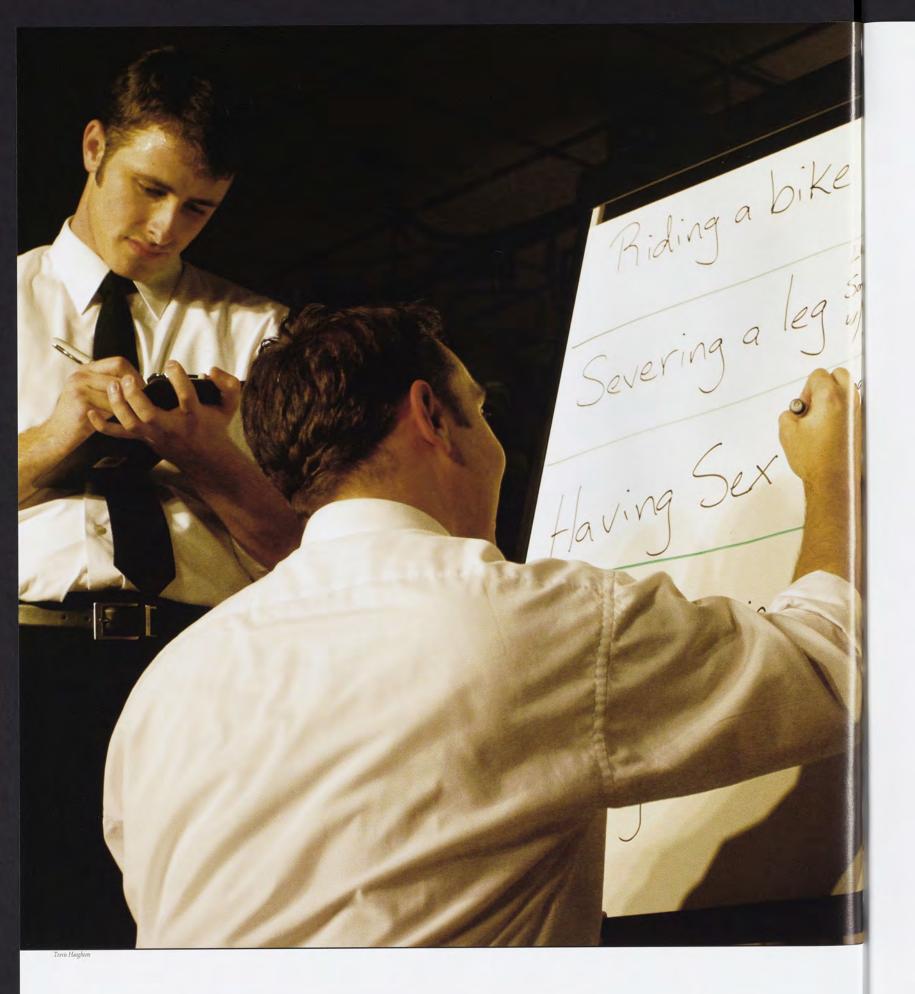
"The Bush administration is robbing from the American people their right to enjoy our country's natural resources," he said.

Marketing sophomore Darryl Anderson attended the lecture, which received a standing ovation, for one of his classes, but said he was surprised and impressed by Kennedy's dedication to his cause and agreed with his stance on our president.

"I never did like Bush since 2000;" he said. "But after learning how careless he had acted in regards to our environment outraged me even more than before."

Kennedy's visit to MSU was arranged and sponsored by the MSU College of Law, as Kennedy is one of the most well known environmental lawyers in the country. Kennedy's work as an environmental lawyer includes prosecuting corporations and government organizations that infringe on citizen's access to natural resources and unlawfully pollute our country's environmental assets such as those who do not comply with the Clean Water Act.

Amy Poszywak



They would take the suggestions from the people for different scenarios, and make hilarious scenes out of them. I would definitely go see them again.

- Pre-law sophomore Nathan Daniels

Improv Entertains Crowd

The five secret agents of Mission IMPROVable snuck their improvisational comedy act into the International Center in November.

Dressed in white dress shirts with black ties, the agents brought two enthusiastic and humorous performances to captivate the large crowds of MSU students in an event sponsored by the University Activities Board.

Many of the acts, or "missions," were received with loud laughter and shocked faces from the crowd, which according to Patrick McIntyre, or Agent Puma, was the reason the troupe came to MSU.

"The crowd was great," said McIntyre, who is new to the group this year. "Some schools bring smaller crowds, but MSU did their job and had an awesome crowd."

Mike Betette, another performer who is known as Agent Cavalry, agreed.

"The crowd was absolutely amazing," said Betette, who has been traveling with Mission IMPROVable for three years. "To have this many people be here and participate is the biggest ego boost of the year for us."

The group's acts involved many props, languages, people and situations. The group opened with a mission in which different agents had to act out a situation while only speaking in "gibberish," while one agent had to guess what they were doing.

Mission IMPROVable is a traveling improv group that performs a

series of short-form "missions" similar to those seen on the "Whose Line is it Anyway?" television show. The group of five professional improvisers performed scenes based on suggestions from the audience.

The agents travel across the country, but are based in Chicago and have gone through classes and auditions to become members of Mission IMPROVable. For some, like Betette, performing on stage has been a lifelong ambition.

"I always wanted to do improv and Mission IMPROVable has turned out to be great for me," he said.

And the show turned out to be great for the students in attendance as well. Pre-law sophomore Nathan Daniels, who attended the second show, said he had a great time.

"They were witty in a very funny way. I wish I had made it for the first show," he said. "They made it entertaining for the crowd. They would take the suggestions from the people for different scenarios, and make hilarious scenes out of them. I would definitely go see them again."

And Mission IMPROVable could return to MSU.

"We love coming to Michigan State because the crowd is amazing," McIntyre said. "I can't wait to come back."

Chris Meagher

Festival Encourages Diversity

The Union was filled with a litany of ethnicity and culture during the 30th annual Global Festival in November.

Anyone could visit the festival and take a virtual trip to an unfamiliar land visiting booths set up for various countries, all while experiencing expressions of that culture.

The five-hour event let students gain a better understanding and appreciation for each of the represented countries and its people. Whether it was getting a henna tattoo from Pakistan or listening to Korean drums, one could enjoy the riches from abroad without leaving campus. There were dance performances from across the globe and a fashion show exhibiting traditional clothing.

Visitors could purchase ethnic food and gifts at the World Gift Shop, but most in attendance agreed that an opportunity to observe something outside U.S. borders was the most beneficial part of the evening. The chance to embrace new culture and language was not passed up by students and members of the community, including telecommunication, information studies and media senior Talha Baweja.

"A number of people took interest and it is good to be informed about different cultures," Baweja said.

Baweja, originally from Pakistan, also mentioned that learning about other vernacular customs, languages and countries help people break down stereotypes and prejudices.

Former teacher and member of Community Volunteers for International Programs Pat Barrett said she felt the festival was beneficial to the community and its youth.

"It's a great opportunity for our local residents to come in touch with other cultures in a meaningful way," Barrett said. "It's especially informative for the kids."

Children were given a passport for the event and got stamps at every booth as they traveled through the Union visiting Greece, China, Indonesia, Nepal, Africa and many other foreign locations. Children also enjoyed crafts and games and even played "country twister" where the colorful circles were replaced with different regions of the world.

Family studies graduate student Sandy Chia-Hui Lin said she enjoyed the festival and, because of MSU's cultural emphasis and desire for diversity, she is proud to call the university her home away from home.

"It's been great here because (the Office for International Students and Scholars) events and activities have gotten us involved. It's nice, I'm having fun here," said Lin, who is originally from Taipei, Taiwan.

Lindsey Shaw



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- Former teacher Pat Barrett



Tailgating Regulations

There will be no more beer pong at tailgates.

New restrictions for the 2004 football season went into affect midway through the semester, upsetting thousands of students who woke up early on Saturday mornings to claim the best spot on campus to socialize, eat and drink before kick-off. MSU officials restricted tailgating to five hours before the game and two hours after, and prohibited any use of drinking game paraphernalia, such as tables and roulette wheels.

Though many students did not think it was necessary to place guidelines on tailgating, officials said there was a serious need to increase safety. MSU spokesman Terry Denbow said a ban was necessary because drinking games can contribute to binge drinking, excessive alcohol use and create health problems.

Also, an alleged rape of a student just minutes before a September home game prompted officials to consider making rules to decrease crimes committed during tailgating.

MSU President Lou Anna Simon said she and other officials felt that alcohol was a common link to sexual assault and other crimes on campus.

This was not the university's first time setting restrictions on campus tailgating. In 1998, 3,000 students rioted after alcohol was banned from Munn field. Since, many students have moved their tailgate activities to the Wilson

tennis courts. Officials felt that the same problems still existed from 1998 and said they want to get to the root of the health and safety problems involved in tailgating.

The new rules began as a pilot program set to be tested during two October home games. The reduction of arrests and alcohol-related incidents caused officials to keep the guidelines in place for the rest of the season.

The regulations met mixed reviews from students.

"One side of me agrees because there are children and families out there, and people are walking around with alcohol," textile design freshman Kelly Spern said. "But the other side of me says this is a college town, and this is what's expected."

Some tailgaters took their pregame activities off campus, gathering on friend's lawns or drinking at home. Still, other students agreed with the new rules, and some said they felt safer with the new rules.

ASMSU, MSU's undergraduate student government, and university officials continued to meet throughout the year to discuss possible permanent guidelines for the 2005 football season.

Christanna Hemmingway





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- Textile design freshman Kelly Spern



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Success and joy of life come from lending
your passions and talents.
- President Lou Anna Simon

Simon Named 20th President

In January, former MSU
President M. Peter McPherson left his office as the head of the university after 11 years. Former Provost Lou Anna Simon took his place, becoming the first female president at MSU.

Days before he was scheduled to hand over his position to Simon, McPherson's office was emptied — all that remained was the office's desk, two chairs and sofa and McPherson sitting behind the desk with a stack of papers with an unlit cigar in his mouth.

McPherson has a history at MSU that extends far before his presidency. As an undergraduate, he lived in Shaw Hall and graduated with a bachelor's degree in political science.

He came to MSU from a banking background and was known for his financial and political experience. Before he took the university's top position, he worked as deputy secretary of the U.S. Department of Treasury, administrator of the Agency for International Development and was a special assistant to former President Gerald Ford.

Even though he moved to Washington to work with the Partnership to Cut Hunger and Poverty in Africa, McPherson will continue to be a consultant with the university.

McPherson and Simon had the longest-running President/Provost partnership in the Big Ten at the time of McPherson's departure. Because of her experience, Simon was chosen as McPherson's successor and was inaugurated on Feb. 11 as MSU's 20th president.

In her time as provost, starting in 1993, Simon was instrumental in the proposed liberal arts reorganization, still a controversial issue at the university. She also was the acting president while McPherson left in 2003 to help reconstruction efforts in Iraq.

Simon, an MSU alumnae and first-generation college graduate, said that being president is a large lifestyle change with more responsibilities, but she's ready for them.

"I'm not a person who replays life much," Simon said. "Success and joy of life comes from lending your passions and talents."

Simon earned her doctorate in administration and higher education in 1974. Her background in administration has given her extensive knowledge of budgets and academic programs.

John Hudzik, dean of International Studies and Programs, served temporarily as acting provost while a national search was conducted for a new provost.

In April, five candidates were announced as possible permanent replacements. The candidates visited campus in late spring, and the MSU Board of Trustees considered the applicants during the summer.

Crystal L. Burks

Diversity within community at Michigan State gives strength and substance to our ideas and programs.

- President Lou Anna Simon



Remembering King's Dream



a guided tour of African art featuring a special exhibit by African Americans that centered on civil rights and the ideas of King. The museum also showed various videos about many of the featured artists.

Art history senior and Kresge employee Julie Luketich said the exhibit drew a large turnout.

"It's nice because it focuses on the idea that these are not just African American artists, but rather artists who are African American," Luketich said.

Other events included two free jazz concerts, a community dinner at Akers Hall and a student leadership conference titled, "Hear Our Voice: Student Activists Express Dr. King's Legacy."

At the end of the day, two marches, one from Beaumont Tower and another from Akers Hall, culminated at Wharton Center for a commemorative convocation. Despite the cold weather, hundred of students, faculty and community members gathered for the marches, including pre-med freshman

Morgan Dudley.

"I just wanted to continue to celebrate the legacy of Dr. King and encourage other people to get involved in the events on campus," Dudley said.

MSU President Lou Anna Simon led the march from Beaumont Tower and greeted each person as they entered Wharton Center.

The convocation included a special preview of the play "Blues for Mr. Charlie," performed by the MSU Department of Theatre. Afterward, members of the cast engaged in a discussion with the audience about overcoming racism and led a question and answer period that allowed participants to use the play as a springboard for a discussion about race and equality.

At the convocation, Simon addressed the importance of King's message, diversity and the effects on MSU.

"Today our university community is a rich tapestry, woven from many different pieces, many different textures and many different colors," Simon said. "Diversity within community at Michigan State gives strength and substance to our ideas and programs and has a powerful impact that extends to people and places far beyond our campus."

Amy Poszywak



City To Revamp East Village

The City of East Lansing announced in the fall of 2004 that it would continue with controversial plans to overhaul the East Village area during an extended tperiod of time in an effort to minimize problems and deterioration in the area. The project is a long-term effort to rejuvenate what city council members see as a prime location in the city.

Bound by the Grand River Avenue, Bogue Street, Hagadorn Road, and the Red Cedar River, East Village is home to apartment complexes, businesses and four fraternity houses. More than 2,000 people live in the East Village area in about 700 housing units.

Community developers are working with city officials to put together a master plan for the reconstruction, which must be approved by the planning commission and by the East Lansing City Council. According to city documents, plans include developing businesses and housing for permanent residents and renters, and demolishing buildings such as Cedar Village.

East Lansing City Manager Ted Staton said he sees the redevelopment as an opportunity to diversify the community and take advantage of the only riverfront access not part of campus.

The 35-acre piece of land was deemed "blighted" by the city council during winter break in 2004. This

designation will provide the city with state tax incentives to renovate the area.

ASMSU, MSU's undergraduate student government, refused to support the redevelopment project until officials promise to keep it a student neighborhood.

But plans might force fraternities to relocate from their homes, some of which have stood at the location for more than 80 years.

"We are trying to keep as involved in the process as possible," said Cody Dawson, economics senior and vice president of external affairs for the Panhellenic Council. "We don't want to be kicked out without a fight."

Talk of rebuilding started after the 1999 riots, which originated in Cedar Village, owned by DTN Management.

Staton said the area "certainly does provide a vivid reminder of the consequences of one land use." He added that diversifying the population might reduce civil disturbances.

"It's been known as party central for so long," said Molly Skupin, a chemical engineering senior and Cedar Village resident. "It's where people go and will continue to go."

Whatever changes are made, they will be gradual, Staton said. He estimated the project could take 15-20 years to complete.

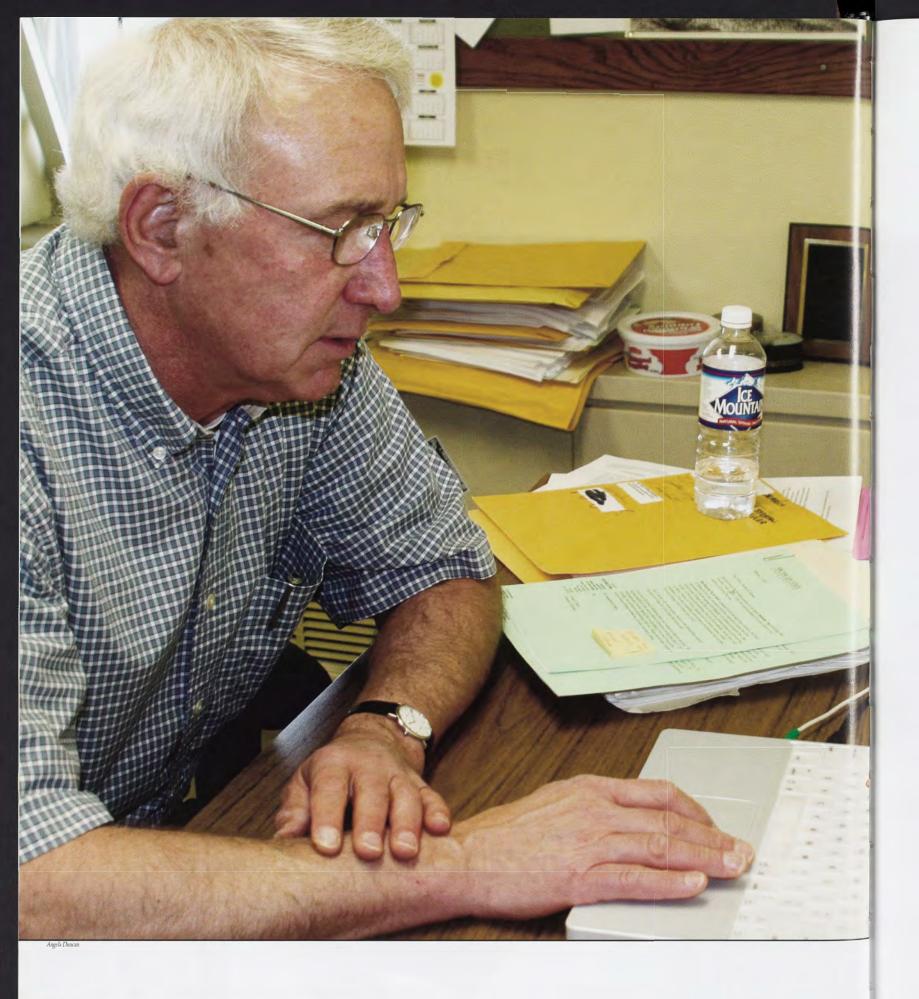
Traci Carpenter



It's been known as party central for so long, it's where people go and will continue to go.

- Cedar Village resident and chemical engineering senior Molly Skupin





It was encouraging to see that everyone agreed on the principles that should be followed if it ever comes to the point that the university needs to be updated.

- Graduate Student Brad Love

Officials Discuss Liberal Arts Options

In April 2004, then-Provost Lou Anna Simon suggested that a committee on college reorganization begin to consider reorganization of the liberal arts and sciences colleges — the College of Communication Arts and Sciences, the College of Arts & Letters, the College of Human Ecology and the College of Social Science.

A committee was put together to discuss the implications of reorganizing the colleges, and in September, drafted a progress report of their discussions.

November brought about a final draft report that was submitted to the university community that suggested two options for reorganization. One option would be to support improvements with faculty, research and outreach without structural changes, but leaving that possibility open for the future. The other option was to create a new department for "faculty of arts and human sciences" from the College of Arts & Letters and the College of Social Science. The options were narrowed down from four possibilities discussed.

The options were put out there for MSU community discussion, but the administration vowed any changes would "bubble up" from faculty suggestions.

Linguistics professor George Peters said the university has not yet made any clear decision on the reorganization of the colleges, and the university appears to not be making any changes anytime soon.

"To my knowledge there may be no major reorganization of the College of Arts and Letters," he said. "It's as if the issue has been put on hold."

But plans for a new residential college for liberal arts students, similar to James Madison College and Lyman Briggs School, are in the works. The residential college is planned for Snyder and Phillips halls and will incorporate the liberal arts and sciences, taking lead from the current Residential Option In Arts and Letters, or ROIAL in Abbott Hall.

The most debated aspect of the proposed reorganization was creating a liberal arts "super college" that would combine the College of Communication Arts and Sciences and the College of Arts & Letters and various programs throughout the university. Many other universities, such as the University of Michigan, have one college devoted to liberal arts, but MSU faculty responded strongly against that suggestion.

Graduate student and committee member Brad Love said the discussion of reorganization was a good thing for the university as a whole because it showed the importance of allowing MSU to become more adaptable to the constantly changing education process.

"I view it as a positive that faculty came together to discuss the state of MSU," he said. "It was encouraging to see that everyone agreed on the principles that should be followed if it ever comes to the point that the university needs to be updated."

Amy Poszywak

MSU Responds To Tsunami Disaster

The tsunami that hit Southeast Asia in December 2004 affected millions of people all around the world, including MSU.

A Tsunami Education Experience Committee was formed at MSU for students to reflect on and learn more about the tragic event. And many events and exhibits took place at the university to draw closer the reality that was transpiring a half a world away. A candlelight vigil, educational forum at the Union and exhibit at the library were all part of the MSU's outreach program.

"The World is One Family" candlelight vigil held at Wharton Center on Jan. 13, joined together MSU students and faculty of all different races, orientations and backgrounds. Nine local religious leaders led part of the ceremony and MSU President Lou Anna Simon spoke on behalf of the university.

"It is awful that the world has to experience situations such as this one, but the strength, courage, and unity that has brought the world together is amazing and that is what we need to be able to see and understand from this," said no preference freshman Sara Buccilli, who participated in the event.

An educational forum at the Union helped alert and inform the public of the tsunami devastation through media presentations and discussions, in which students, faculty and community members learned how a tsunami happens and the health concerns and cultural implications that arise as a

result

Even though the recent tsunami seemed unparalleled, geologists in one discussion said that this was not a "mega" tsunami and they can get much bigger. Visitors also learned that tsunamis are often caused by earthquakes and are huge transmitters of energy. Typically no taller than regular wind waves, tsunamis are much more dangerous, due to the depth of the wave and the speed at which it moves, at about 100 kilometers per hour.

The tsunami hit 12 countries in the Indian Ocean, killing tens of thousands of people. The death toll climbed as disease and hunger spread through the region.

An exhibit at the main library, "Tsunami: Wave of Destruction," was set up to help those interested find out more about the event.

"The university knew it was something that students would be talking about and researching for classes," said Anita Ezzo, science and technology librarian and coordinator of library events. "This was something that students could break off of for starting discussion."

The array of maps, pictures, books, graphs and information on folklore, mythology, disaster relief and historical background effectively presented library resources.

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Iraqis Vote For Democracy

On Jan. 30 Iraqi citizens all over the world cast their vote to determine the country's leadership in the first free election in nearly 50 years. Iraqi citizens living in the United States could also vote at polling stations in five major cities, including Southgate, a suburb of Detroit, which was the closest location to East Lansing.

Once all the votes were counted and certified, which took weeks, a national assembly was named, in what many saw as a first step to building a democratic Iraq. Although no party won a majority, the Shiite coalition, backers of the United Iraqi Alliance, took almost half of the 8.5 million worldwide votes.

For general management sophomore Fasial Hamadi, a citizen of Iraq, the elections meant a great change and hope for the future. Hamadi, who was staying with his parents in Saudi Arabia at the time of the election, traveled with his family to Jordan to cast their votes.

"I have never voted before or anything of the sort, having never had a government," he said. "It was an amazing experience for me."

Hamadi said he was pleased with the results of the election.

"The most important thing happened, the Iraqi people spoke, and they said loud and clear that they want change," he said. "As for the outcome of the actual elections, that too was great because no one party got the majority of the votes."

Hamadi said that while the Shiites won the election, the support of all of the

groups — Kurds, Shiites and Sunnis — together would build a new and safe Iraq.

"Im a very proud to be a citizen of Iraq," Hamadi said. "I love my country very much, and I can't wait for the day when we can live in Iraq without any fear."

Free elections in Iraq had been a goal of the Bush administration since U.S. troops invaded the country in March of 2003. Although many critics urged Bush to postpone elections during what was a particularly violent period of the occupation, elections proceeded.

Ali Jafri, political chairman of the Muslim Students' Association, said he hoped the election would start to bring peace and stability to Iraq, adding he was happy with the outcome of the election. "The elections have brought those who were most oppressed under Saddam's regime into the political forefront, and it will be heart warming to see them reach out to the rest of society and unify people," he said.

Amy Poszywak



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- President Lou Anna Simon

Founders' Day Observes 150 Years

On Feb. 11, MSU celebrated both its 150th Founders' Day and the inauguration of its 20th president, MSU President Lou Anna Simon, the first female president in university history.

Delegates from universities and colleges across the country were in attendance as Simon was presented with the presidential medallion and the university mace, a small-carved staff with the MSU emblem and Beaumont Tower carved into it.

During her speech, Simon spoke about how MSU has a legacy of more than 350,000 alumni globally and called the changes at MSU a "birth of a revolution."

She also talked of upholding the values of the land grant university, which she called "a visionary idea of higher education that called for embracing practical knowledge, as well as traditional scientific and classical studies, and giving all — not just those preparing themselves for a few traditional professions — an equal opportunity to become citizen leaders and to shape a new, wider range of knowledge required by our rapidly growing nation."

While she reflected back on a time when land-grant universities were being established across the country, she also looked to the future.

"To prepare our graduates to be citizen leaders in the rapidly advancing economy and culture in which they will live, we must be forward thinking," she said.

Her ideas of better preparation include broadening approaches to teaching, strengthening liberal arts education,

and expanding degree programs and international education.

Darlene Clark Hine, the inauguration speaker, is a member of the of the African American studies board of trustees and spoke of the achievements that women are making in gaining high positions of power. She said she was happy to speak for the new president because of Simon's dedication to pursuing greatness and her support for the African American studies program.

The celebration at Wharton Center was interwoven with music played by the MSU Orchestra and Jazz Band. Music included a rendition of Miles Davis's song "Milestones" to represent the milestones that both Simon and MSU were experiencing on that day and will encounter as MSU continues to thrive, according to the MSU News Bulletin.

Sue Carter, the organizer of Founders' Day, said that no Founders' Day in recent years had reached the magnitude of MSU's sesquicentennial celebration.

"I was quite pleased with the level of involvement," Carter said.

Carter has helped in some capacity for the Founders' Day celebrations for the past eight years. Founders' Day is celebrated every year to commemorate the founding of the university in 1855.

Crystal L. Burks

NAISO Powwow A Symbol Of Love

People dressed in bright colors dancing in sync to the rhythmic beating of drums is just one of the hypnotic, mesmerizing scenes from the 22nd annual "Pow-Wow of Love," sponsored by the North American Indigenous Student Organization, or NAISO.

Along with the powerful music, Jenison Field House buzzed with merchants selling ornate jewelry, food, crafts and other collectibles in mid-February, on a day during which the MSU community was invited to participate and enjoy the culture of American Indians.

"It's amazing that student groups can put on one of the largest events in the country," social relations senior R.J. Quiambao said.

NAISO's "Pow-Wow of Love" can be described as a cultural explosion. This year's powwow was a success, surpassing last year's event in many ways because of the hard work of NAISO members. This was the first year that the powwow was a three-day event, making it more accessible for the community. There were also 10 invited drums, compared to the average of three in past years. Bigger and better was all a part of the plan to attract more attendees.

"It's really exciting to know that there are people in Arizona talking about what a show Michigan State University can put on," said journalism junior and NAISO Public Relations chairwoman Holly Newland. "Besides, it gives me a glimpse into other native cultures that are different from my own."

Entertaining performances such as the Iron Man and Woman Contest, which is essentially a dance-off, are traditions that attendees and members alike look forward to seeing at the powwow each year. And some seeing the performance for the first time were astounded by the production.

"This is my first time here," said advertising freshman Mimi Yao. "It's really cool that there are as many people in the events as there are watching."

NAISO members start planning each powwow right after the current year's event is over, said Ashley Harding, powwow chairwoman and political science junior. Members are already planning how to further enrich their community and world through next year's powwow.

Being able to see the impact of reaching out to many different people is what keeps many NAISO members willing to continue and improve upon the tradition each year.

"Bringing together the Native American community from all over the nation and Canada with the nonnative community is beauty within itself which words cannot describe, because you see people experience culture for the first time," Harding said.

Jacquelyn Halas



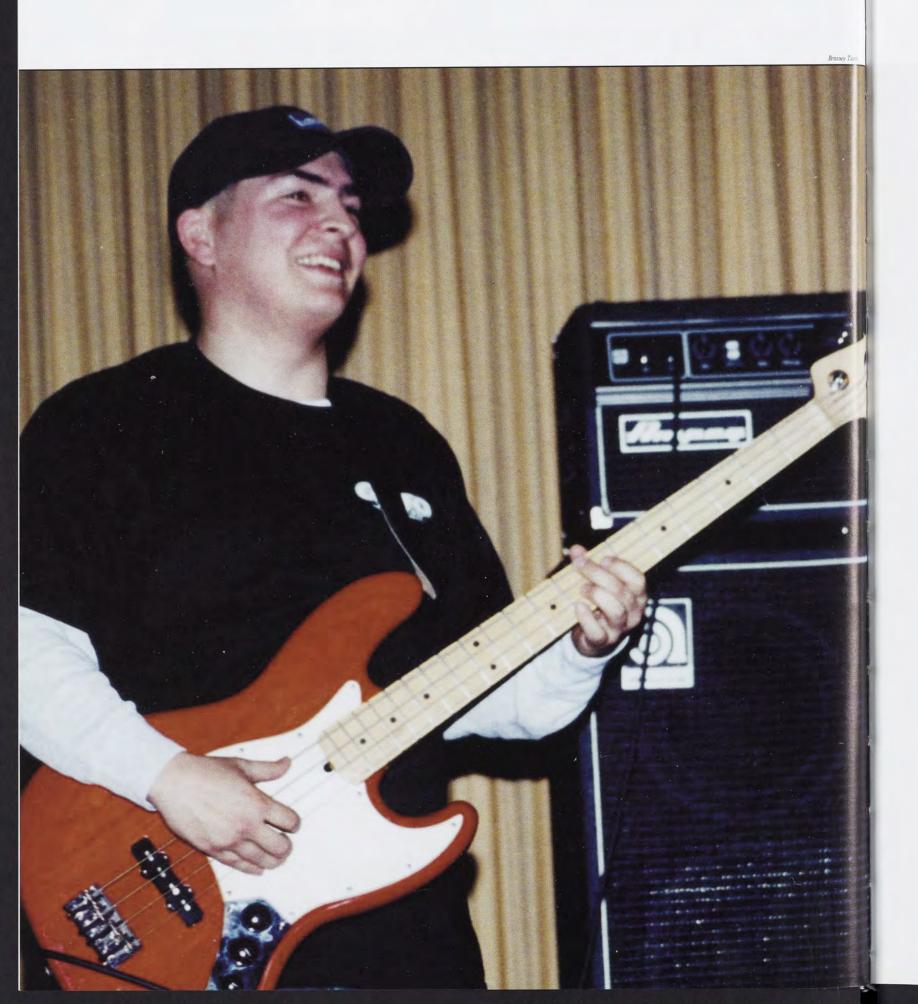


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Grito Serpentino Performs Poetry

When members of the band Grito Serpentino came to MSU, their mission was to get people moving by putting words to a variety of musical influences, and move they did.

"All my friends will tell you I never dance — ever. But tonight, man, you really got me moving," one MSU student was overhead saying as he went to shake the hand of Marc David Pinate, founder and front man poet for the band.

In mid-February, the band packed a Union room with anxious fans. The show opened with two acts that consisted of poetry readings performed by two poets who shared pieces of their original work. One of the poetry readings was done by Yoel Joa, a kinesiology junior and member of Moviemiento Estudiantil Xicano de Aztlan, one of the event's co-sponsors along with ASMSU, MSU's undergraduate student government.

This California-based band of musical activists is a group of young Chicano and Latino men that express their ideas in the form of spoken-word verse, otherwise known as performance poetry. Their music is an intense blend of unique tuneful rhythm that touches on a little bit of hip-hop, ska, old school and blues styles.

With often personal lyrics that focus on social change and a variety of issues such as police brutality, spirituality, identity, sexuality, love and racial profiling, the band has created a new groove movement that not only entertains, but also motivates. They have manufactured their own brand of music unlike that of anything else on the market, and people like it.

"You're really moved by their song and verse, and it's like the whole audience is in a trance because everyone is so in awe of their talent," said education freshman Sara Underwood, who attended the concert.

Grito Serpentino's music is interwoven with much passion and depth. Their music ensemble includes classics like "Downtown When You're Brown" and "Cruzin."

Grito Serpentino, which first started in 1997, was originally aimed primarily at a Chicano and Latino audience, but since then has expanded to a wide variety of listeners. Their new goal is to get their audience thinking a little deeper and to raise questions in their minds about what is going on around them.

The band's final song of their set at MSU was echoed by an encore, to which the band preformed one more song not yet released on CD. The track from the Para la Gente album resulted in a standing ovation, whistles and compliments.

Grito Serpentino is also featured on the last two tracks of "Raza Spoken Here 2;" a compilation of cutting-edge Chicano and Latino poets.

Brittney Tanis

Vagina Monologues Praise Women

Twenty-eight women took the stage for two days in mid-February at Wharton Center's Pasant Theatre in celebration of their one common feature: the vagina.

The Vagina Monologues, in its fifth year of production at MSU, was conceived from writer Eve Ensler's more than 200 interviews with women of various ages, races and sexual orientations. The monologues are a collection of testimonials representing the different kinds of stories Ensler heard. Spanning topics from pubic hair to genital mutilation with emotions ranging from humor to sorrow, the play is both controversial and thought provoking.

"It brings to light so many issues that women face," said nursing freshman Kate Salada, who performed in the play. "But it has a humor that goes with it as well, so people don't leave it going, 'Oh, that was so intense."

In the play, actresses held note cards during their monologues, meant to serve as a reminder to the audience that they were not portraying characters, but actual women who have lived the stories.

Journalism junior and performer Amy Payne said the experience was a rewarding one that was over too soon.

"You get to know these people so well, and then it's all done," she said. "It's not just a play; you become kind of a community."

More than 1,000 schools from

around the world participate in the College Campaign for the Vagina Monologues in recognition of V-Day, a fundraiser Ensler started to help prevent violence against women. The V in V-Day stands for victory, valentine and vagina.

Profits from this year's MSU production were donated to the Battered Women's Clemency Project in Ann Arbor. Last year, MSU's V-Day donated almost \$10,000 to the project.

Since a new monologue exploring transgender issues, "They beat the girl out of my boy...or so they tried," was added to the play this year, proceeds also were donated to TransGender Michigan.

Payne said that along with benefiting good causes, the show also provides women involved and in the audience a sense of knowledge and pride about their bodies and the lives of other kinds of women.

"You have people from all walks of life and all experiences," she said. "Anything that can get people thinking positively about themselves is a good thing."

Emily Kennedy, a Central Michigan University graduate who came to see her friend in the play, said the show definitely hit home for her, especially the monologue entitled "My Angry Vagina."

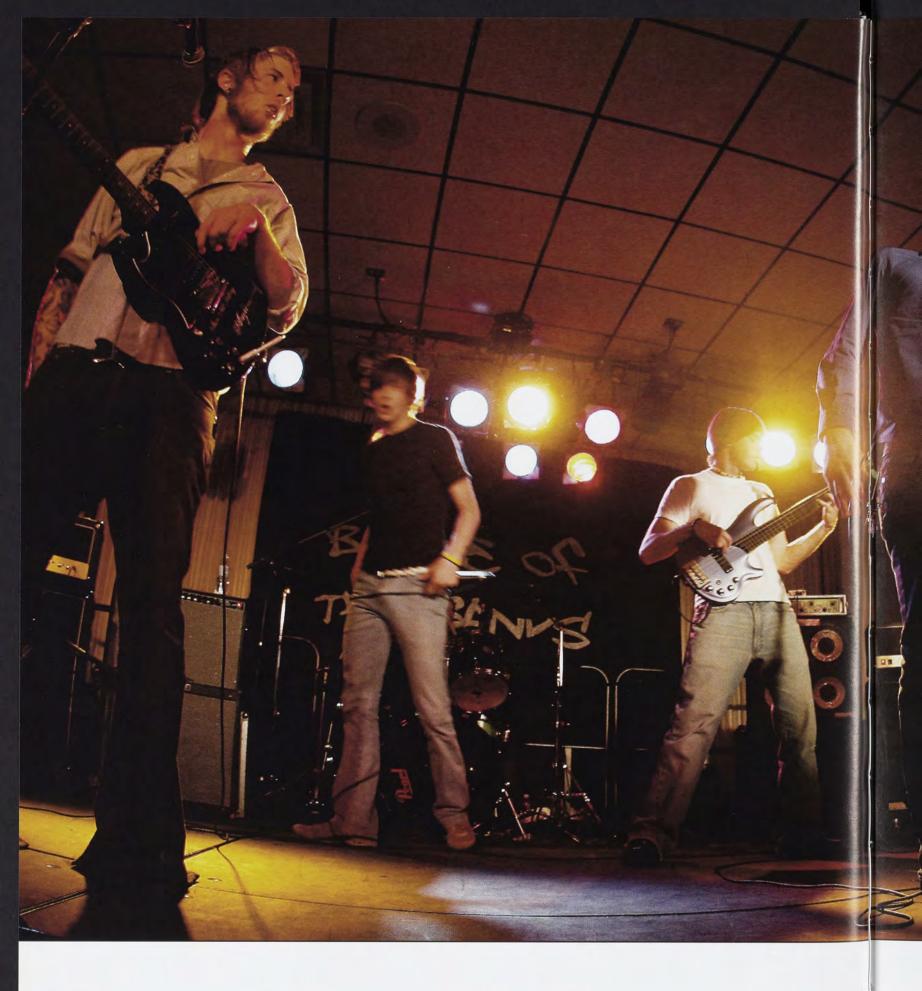
"It was just very honest," she said. "She said what we all want to say."

Emily Sorger



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Who knew that so many bands like this are from MSU?
- Advertising freshman Karen Morse



Bands Battle For Music Prizes

Strong riffs, original lyrics and enthusiastic fans turned the International Center into a formidable MSU music venue on a mid-March evening, when 11 local bands battled to be the best.

Band members weren't only vying for bragging rights in the third annual Battle of the Bands - the champions took away a combined total of \$3,000 in prizes. The Casionauts walked away in first place with a \$1,500 gift certificate to Elderly Instruments. The Schematic won second place and a \$1,000 certificate and El Presidente, third place, was given a \$500 certificate to the Lansing music store.

Advertising freshman Karen Morse said the talent of all the bands surprised her.

"Who knew that so many bands like this are from MSU?" she said. "It is great to come out here and support them. My friends and I have had a lot of fun, and the guys up on stage also look like they enjoy what they're doing."

Andrew Burri of El Presidente was one of those performers who had a good time while on stage.

"The whole thing is real sweet;" the English education sophomore said. "Live music is a good incentive to get people in here as a safe alternative to partying. It's a real good time."

A wide variety of musical styles were featured at the competition. Telecommunication, information studies

and media senior Josh Cochrun, a member of The Summer Formal, one of the bands that performed, described his band's music as "rock-screamo."

"We like to play the stuff that gets it going, anything that brings energy to the table," he said.

Other bands that performed in the competition were Class of '83, Westrin and Mowry, Jose Mango, Madera, Skyway, The Hot Flashez and The Body Electric. Each band was selected after submitting a photograph and recorded audition to the University Activities Board, a co-sponsor of the event along with Elderly Instruments and the Freshman Class Council.

Each band played for the 700person crowd for 15 minutes. A panel of five judges of faculty, students and a representative from Elderly Instruments gauged the performances. The bands were judged on originality, stage presence and musical talent.

This year's event was well received by both its audience and its sponsors. The turnout and the tunes impressed communication freshman Josh Preister, who helped organize the event as a part UAB.

"I've heard that every year it gets better; the audience size increases," he said. "The bands were awesome. They all played really well."

Alison Costello

CIUS Sponsors Holi Festival

In late March, the Coalition of Indian Undergraduate Students sponsored a celebration of the Holi, a festival of color that takes place on the day after the full moon every March. The histories behind the Indian holiday vary, but it is widely believed that Holi is held in honor of Holika, sister of King Hiranyakashipu. The celebration includes music and dance and acts as a time to have fun after a long winter.

Beginning with a presentation explaining the history of the holiday in the McDonel Hall Kiva, participants then excitedly headed outside to the IM East field to throw colored powder at each other, a tradition of the holiday.

The throwing of color is said to represent a celebration of spring and symbolize prosperity and happiness. All students who wanted to participate could buy a bag of color for \$3 and exchange in a color fight with other celebrators.

Education senior and CIUS President Sushma Lohitsa, who organized the event, said the holiday is one of the biggest of the year in India.

"In India it's an all day thing," she said. "People go to temple in the morning and then after, a lot of people mix the colored powders with water, load water guns and literally run the streets with them all day."

Integrative studies in social science junior Brady Harris attended the event to support her Indian friends and learn more about the exuberant festival.

"I'm not Indian, but being a member of the Asian community I think it's important to support everyone's culture," she said.

Supply chain management senior and CIUS Publicity Chairman Amit Chowdhry said he was excited to participate in the event because of the holiday's significance in his culture.

"Being able to participate in this here at MSU is big for me because I transferred here from a smaller university that didn't have any celebrations for Holi," he said.

As a child, Chowdhry threw color with his family to celebrate the holiday and explained that although ways of celebrating vary from family to family, the throwing of color is almost always present.

"It's a great way to maintain a cultural tradition of India," he said.

In India, the festival starts at night, where under the full moon bonfires are lit to ward off evil spirits. Activities run throughout the evening until noon the following day. When the excitement dwindles, each participant bathes, then relaxes indoors for the remainder of the day.

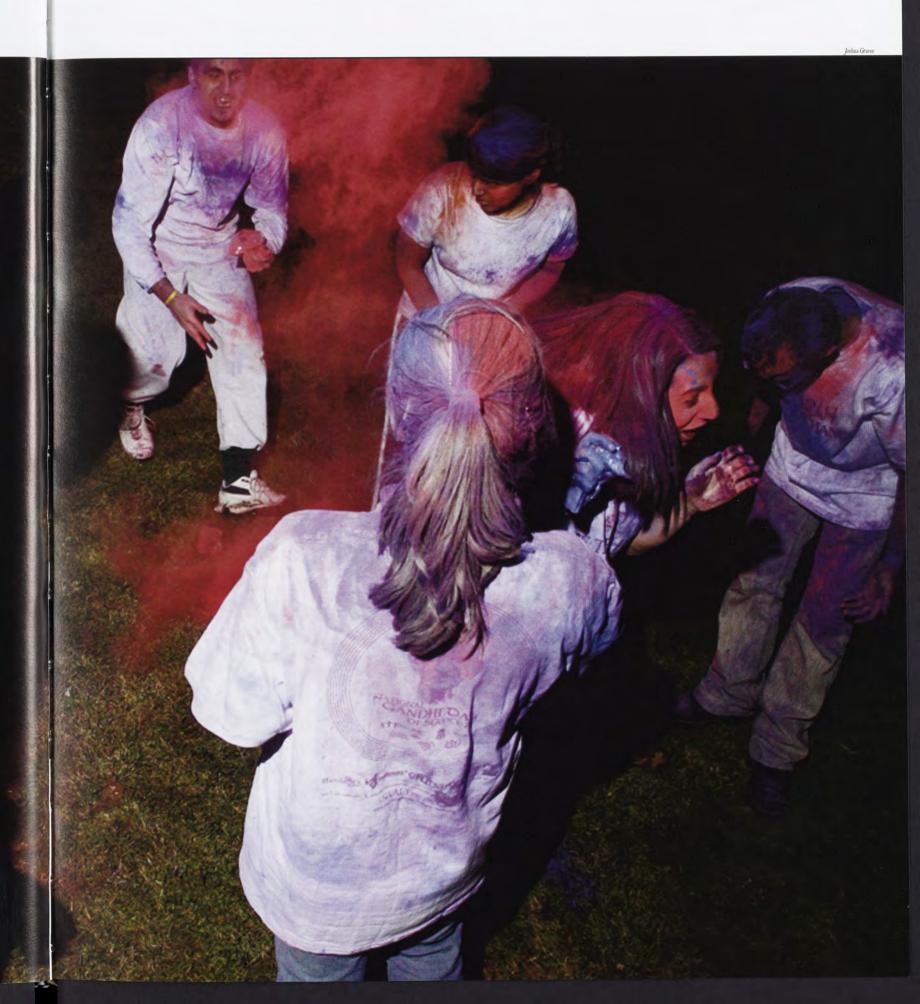
CIUS did not hold an event for Holi in 2004, but Lohitsa said they are hoping to make it an annual tradition.

Amy Poszyak



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Schneider



Music School Holds Jazz Spectacular

Soulful, rhythmic beats resonated in the Union in late March during the School of Music's three-day Jazz Spectacular.

Swing Club members twirled each other around on the dance floor as audience members smiled in appreciation of the talented MSU Jazz Octets I, II and III.

"You can't beat this type of live music," said Jeremy Schneider, a 25year-old business student at Lansing Community College and a member of the MSU Swing Club. "I come listen to them whenever I can."

The event kicked off on a Thursday when MSU Jazz Bands I, II, III and the MSU Vocal Jazz Ensemble performed. The music was followed by "The Education of Thelonious Monk" lecture presented by Robin D. G. Kelly, professor of anthropology and African American and jazz studies at Columbia University.

MSU Jazz Octet I, II, and III flaunted their flair for music on Friday at the Union. The Stefon Harris Quintet performed at Wharton Center the same night. Stefon Harris, a child prodigy who learned to play almost 20 instruments by eighth grade, is one of the most distinguished names in the contemporary jazz setting.

On Saturday, high school and collegiate bands from the surrounding areas came together at the Union to perform.

The Detroit Symphony Civic Jazz Orchestra and Civic Jazz Band and Arts League of Michigan Jazz Band were the high schools present.

The University of Michigan's Jazz Lab Ensemble and Lansing Community College Jazz Band were the two other colleges other than MSU to attend the jazz spectacular.

The 2005 Jazz Spectacular culminated with the MSU Jazz Band, Professors of Jazz at MSU and various guest artists playing at Wharton Center that evening.

Many of the performances were free of charge to jazz music lovers, with others only costing a nominal fee to enjoy the entertainment.

The spectacular is an annual event organized by the MSU School of Music.

Jeff Jones, 23 year-old jazz studies senior at MSU who is the second tenor saxophone player in Jazz Band II, said the event went well.

"It always makes an audience," he said with a smile.

Jacquelyn Halas



When you can get almost 2,500 people to come out and watch you, it's a great feeling.
- Satrang coordinator Jason Master



Satrang Highlights Indian Culture

Taal. It's a Hindi word defined as a rhythmic pattern of Hindustani, or classical Indian, music. And taal is what filled the air in Wharton Center on the night of April 8.

For Satrang 2005, the Coalition of Indian Undergraduate Students titled the show "Taal: The Rhythm of India" to emphasize the role of music in traditional Indian culture. Satrang, the Hindi word used to refer to the annual event, represents the seven colors of the rainbow that unite the states of India.

For those who took part in the Indian culture and dance show, the night was the culmination of more than four months of hard work and practice.

Radhika Bhavsar, a physiology freshman who choreographed a folk dance for the show, said she'll never forget what it was like to finally perform the number on stage.

"It felt so good," Bhavsar said.
"That moment is always going to be a cherished one for me."

Jason Master, a Satrang coordinator, said he jumped at the chance to take part in the show despite the time commitment involved.

"It's tough times, but I love being a part of it," said Master, a finance sophomore. "This last week I didn't sleep at all."

There were no signs of sleep deprivation during the performances, though, as CIUS members gracefully danced across the stage in bright, colorful costumes for an excited and vocal audience of about 2,300.

Animal science junior Leslie Green, who had friends participating in the recital, said she's been to Satrang for the past few years and always enjoys the show.

"I like the culture, and I love watching my friends perform in their element," Green said.

Priya Modh, a supply chain management sophomore, said sharing her culture was the reason she was proud to be a part of Satrang.

"It brings out the whole Indian community on campus," said Modh, a choreographer for the show. "It's our time to show those who don't know a lot about the Indian culture what it's all about."

CIUS has been displaying the beauty of Indian culture through Satrang at MSU for more than 20 years. With the first performance at McDonel Hall Kiva, the show has grown to bigger venues like the Auditorium and Breslin Center. More than 170 performers took part in this year's performance at Wharton Center, Satrang's latest and possibly permanent house.

Master said the growing popularity of the show adds to the excitement of performing.

"When you can get almost 2,500 people to come out and watch you, it's a great feeling," he said.

Emily Sorger

Natalia Kowalezeko

Week Promotes Greek Unity

Greek Week unites the Greek community under a common bond of fraternal friendship with field events, dance and musical competitions.

"Greek Week is a great way for the Greeks to show the surrounding community what we are really about," said Robert Rohlman, a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon and a building construction management freshman. "It shows that we don't just party all the time, but that we also get extremely involved with the surrounding community."

Orna Theboul, Greek Week's event director, joined the Greek Week Leadership Team because it is her favorite time of the year.

"This is an extremely important time for the Greek community because we get a chance to prove why we are special," said Theboul, an interdisciplinary studies in human resources and political science junior. "We have the ability to come together as 27 fraternities and 13 sororities and work toward a common charitable goal."

The teams competed in events to earn points and the title of Greek Week Champions. It kicked off with Relay for Life — a 24-hour event in Jenison Field House where students constantly walked for the American Cancer Society and played games.

Other events included MTV Night, where teams performed a small, choreographed dance routine similar to the ones found in music videos, Speaker Night with 60 Minutes reporter Bob Simon and Battle of the Bands. The week concluded with Songfest, in which teams performed singing and dancing routines under the theme of "Soundtracks."

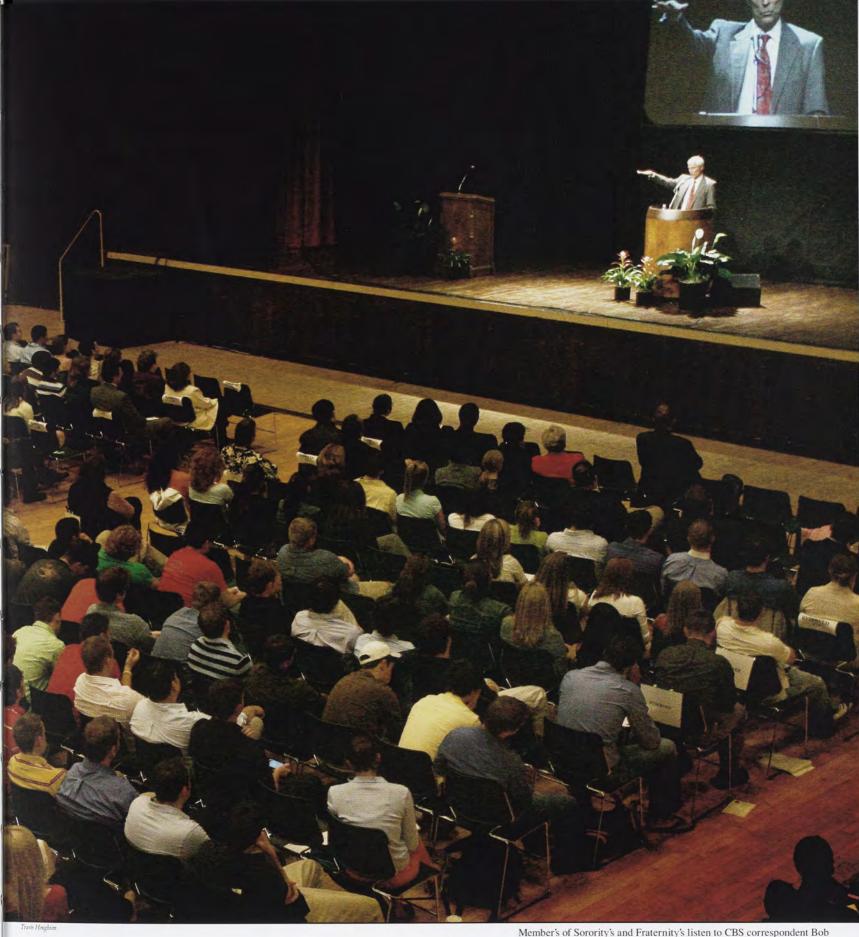
"Greek Week was really fun this year and there was a ton of talent in the Greek community," said Kate Agius, a member of Kappa Alpha Theta and a human resource management and marketing sophomore. "MTV night was my favorite event that I went to because of the great dancing."

In the spring of 2003, teams rose more than \$100,000 for the American Cancer Society. Kate Powers, director of Greek Week and interdisciplinary studies in law senior, said last year MSU was third in the nation of college campuses in the amount of money raised for the American Cancer Society.

"The amount of time and energy that goes into each event is amazing," Powers said. "Greek Week gives the Greek community a positive image and that is what we are all working toward with each event and fund-raiser."

Kappa Delta, Sigma Pi and Farmhouse were the 2005 overall Greek Week champions.

Jessica Adams



Member's of Sorority's and Fraternity's listen to CBS correspondent Bob Simon during Greek Week's annual "Speaker Night." Each organization gathered points based on attendance by their fraternity or sorority.

McGlobe Sponsors Talent Night

The International Talent Night, sponsored and produced by the McGlobe International Club, took place in April when students competed to win an array of prizes, including a VHS tape and a matted painting.

Participants performed songs on guitars, the piano, and the ukulele in the McDonel Hall Kiva. Others danced and some sang. Three judges graded the performers on difficulty of act, uniqueness, and stage presence.

Political theory junior Candace Shankin was named a judge of the International Talent Night because she is a mentor in McDonel Hall.

"It's a fun event to show off talents, giving students a nice study break," Shankin said.

The three top performers chosen by the judges were, civil engineering freshman Abhishek Deora and finance junior Roopak Kandasamy, who danced, and physiology senior Beau Makarewicz, English lifelong education student Birgitte Olesen and English lifelong education student Rikke Andersen, who all sung and played the guitar.

The event, which has occurred once a semester for the past four semesters, attracted an audience of about 100 people. Although the spectator turnout decreased from previous shows, those organizing the event did not see a difference in spirit and enthusiasm.

"The audience turnout was less than expected, but it doesn't matter," said mechanical engineering junior Jimmy Behera, who helped in organizing the show.

"It is impressive that especially when finals are coming that so many came out tonight to cheer for friends."

Political science and prelaw senior Christopher Moyer, president of McGlobe International Club, said the atmosphere inside the Kiva impressed him.

"The people organizing the show don't have any talent so we rely on other people's talents to create a forum so students can do whatever they are good at while having a good time," Moyer said.

Steven Leaf, an art history sophomore, performed at the event both fall and spring semesters of 2004.

"The whole thing is really cool," Leaf said. "There are all sorts of music and performances. Once it all starts to take shape, it's really exciting."

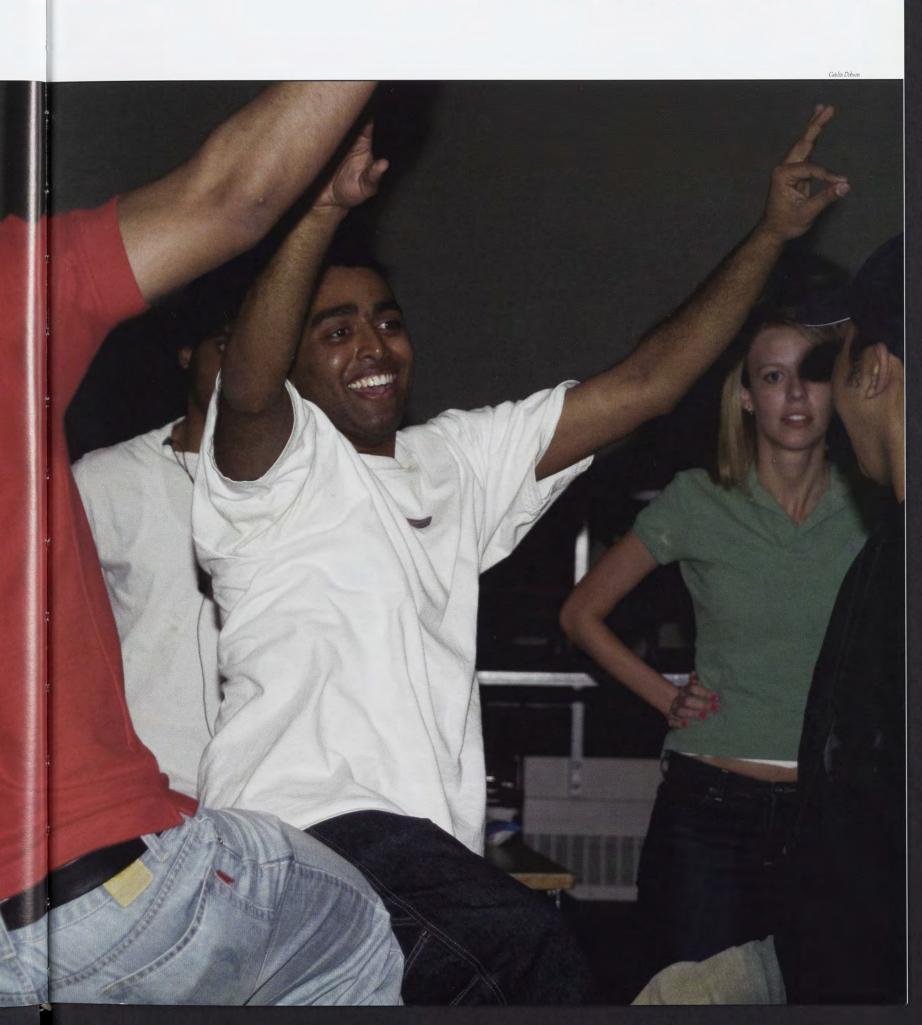
McGlobe, who sponsored the talent show, is an international student group that plans activities for MSU's large population of minority students.

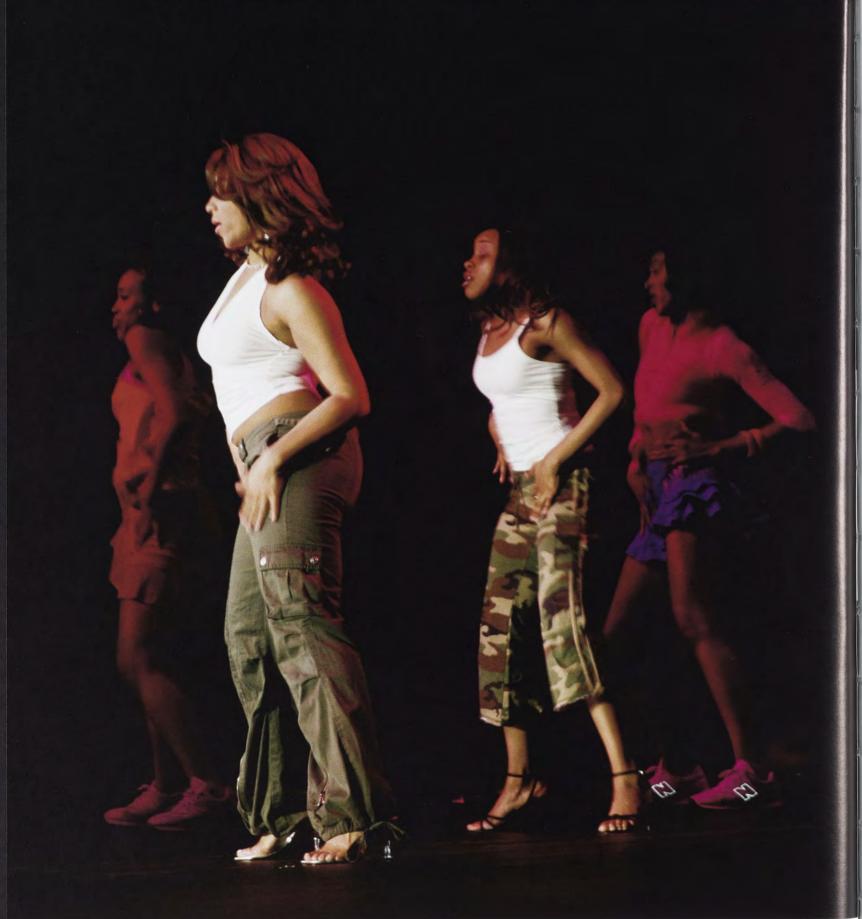
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sophomore Gabe Taylor

Dancers Fake the Funk

Colorful spotlights, loud music, and an enthusiastic crowd filled Breslin Center in April when the 14th annual Fake the Funk took over East Lansing. The event, a lip-synching and dancing competition, was put on by Bombsquad Production, a community service student organization.

Ten groups mimicked pop, R&B and rap artists ranging from Janet Jackson to 50 Cent, in an effort to win \$2,000 in prizes, including a flat-screen television. A panel of 16 judges ruled on lip synch ability, choreography, originality and crowd likeability before choosing first, second, and third prize winners.

First place was given to the group that performed as Janet Jackson. The second place award went to the group modeled after Destiny's Child, and the group who mimicked Usher won the third place prize. The performers were introduced as the artists whose identity that had taken over for the evening, and each winner was given a trophy.

Groups consisted of about ten to twenty people, and most sang and danced to three to five songs of the same artist.

General admission to the show was \$15, while V.I.P. tickets sold for \$18. A V.I.P. had the privilege to be seated on the floor of the arena, rather than in the bowl seats. The Comedian Steve Brown of BET's "Comic View" served as master of ceremony for the event and involved

the V.I.P. ticket holders by cracking jokes at them and encouraging them to dance to "old school" and "new school" songs. Brown also entertained the crowd between performances, making jokes and, at one point, serenading a woman from the production staff.

While judges decided the winners, the crowd enjoyed a performance by Spartan Soul, an MSU dance team with the goal of expressing school spirit though diversity and cultural dance and specializes in hiphop dances.

Gabe Taylor, a telecommunication, information studies and media sophomore, said he liked watching his peers on stage.

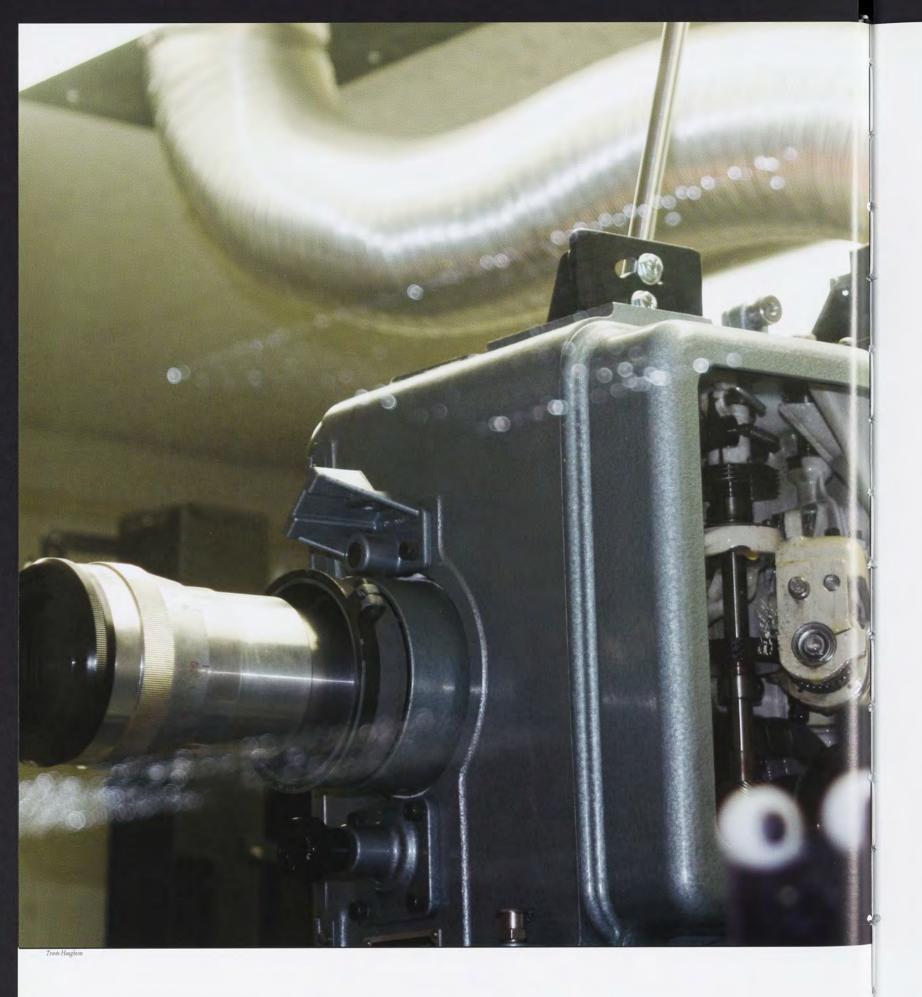
"The performers came out and did what they had to do and the whole thing was real good," Taylor said.

Bombsquad held auditions for the show in February, selecting ten groups from about a dozen who tried out.

Not all groups were made up of MSU students.

The first Fake the Funk held 14 years ago in the Brody Complex, reached an attendance of about 300 people. The event has since grown to be one of the largest lip-synching contests in the nation and attracts crowds of about 6,000.

Alison Costello



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- RHA movies director and

math senior James Henderson

Student Filmmakers Shine In Festival

In mid-April, the Residence
Hall Association and the University
Activities Board sponsored MSU's
second annual student film festival.
The festival took place during a
weekend at Wells Hall, where students
and community members attended
the screening of more than 25 films
showcasing the best of student
filmmakers at MSU.

All of the films submitted were shown this year, different than last year's festival when only a selected group of the best entries were shown on the big screen.

RHA movies director and math senior James Henderson said RHA and UAB started the event last year to provide variety for students who like the weekend RHA-sponsored movies at the Campus Center Cinema in Wells Hall and to provide exposure for student filmmakers.

"This year we were able to make all the films viewable," he said. "It was a good thing just to give the people here on campus who make films a chance to be recognized and gain some exposure."

The films were diverse and plot lines ranged from a day in the life of a college student to wilderness thrillers. Running times also varied, with some running less than 15 minutes and other feature films lasting more than an hour.

Business marketing sophomore Nate Daniels, director of "Facebook:

the Movie," one of the festival's short films, was one of last year festival's winners with his feature film "15 Mile." This year's film revolved around a man who meets his dream girl on Thefacebook, www.thefacebook.com, and becomes obsessed with the Internet phenomenon.

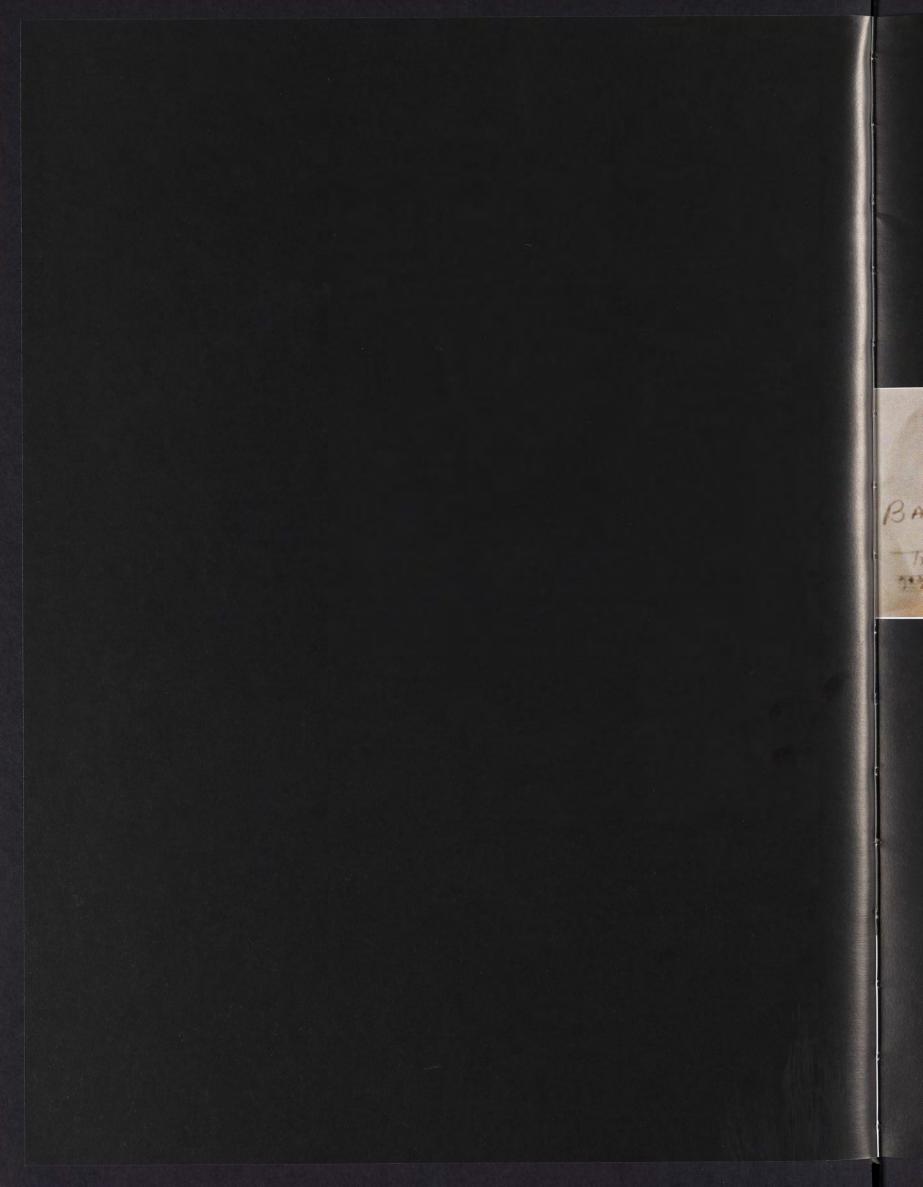
"Last year my film mostly appealed to people in their twenties or thirties," Daniels said. "So this year I really wanted to focus more on college aged kids, and I knew Facebook would be a topic that a lot of people would be on board for."

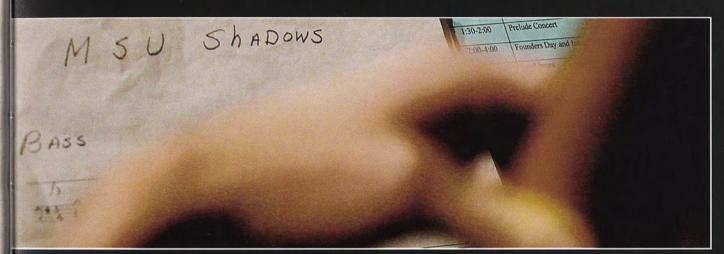
Food science freshman Treesa Fountain attended the film festival Friday night to support one of her friends whose film was being featured.

"We wanted to come out to show our support and vote for our friend," she said. "Plus I think it's a good opportunity for film makers to show off their talent."

After the screening of the films, six winners were chosen by a panel of four judges and audience votes. Michael Ruggirello's "Down" and Owen Weber's "Sleeper's Awake" were selected for the short films; Daniels' "Facebook: The Movie" and Dave Cain's "Kill Dill" were selected as the shorter films; and Benjamin Rosenblatt's "U" won both awards for the feature films. Each winning director received \$100.

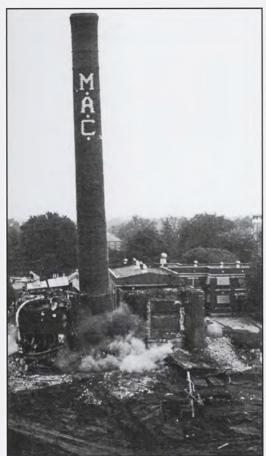
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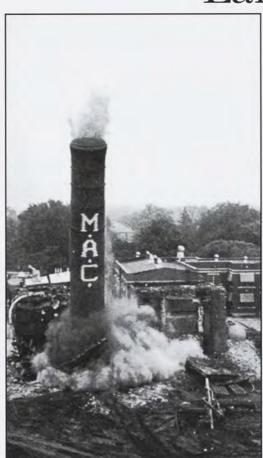


We Love Thy Shadows

Land Grant Start



The most prominent reminder of the university's agricultural past, the Michigan Agricultural Center smoke stack, is imploded in 1965. The name change to Michigan State University drew in notable professors and scholars, which resulted in better facilities and resources for students.





The MSU versus University of Michigan rivalry reaches back to the very first days of MSU's existence.

According to Robert Bao, editor of the MSU Alumni Magazine, before MSU was founded as the Agricultural College of the State of Michigan in 1855, U-M had wanted the school in its institution as an agriculture department because farming played such a major role in society at the time.

"Back then the dominant economic force was agriculture," Bao said. "It accounted for 90 percent of the economy."

Michigan's farmers, however, did not want just a department for agriculture. They wanted an entire college. So MSU became the nation's first land-grant university and the prototype for 69 other land-grant institutions established under the Morrill Act of 1862.

Another significant accomplishment for MSU was its entry

into the Big Ten in 1948, courtesy of the foresight of then-President John Hannah, Bao said. Battling many objections from U-M, Hannah worked for three years to earn the votes of the other Big Ten schools for MSU to join the group. From stadium size to scholarship programs, Hannah kept making adjustments until the school was finally voted in.

"Every objection Michigan came up with, John Hannah went and quietly changed it," Bao said.

And by 1948, every school except U-M was in favor of MSU's inclusion in the Big Ten.

Ironically, U-M then began the initiative for MSU's entry into the Big Ten, which helped establish MSU as a reputable place for higher education.

"It put us on the map athletically, but it also put us on the map academically," Bao said.

Emily Sorger



A man tends a few beef cattle on the university's experimental farm in 1959. Many of these animals were used for teaching, research, and usually an on-campus meal and glass of milk.

1855 The Agricultural College of the State of Michigan is founded on Feb. 12.

1857 Classes begin on May 14.

1861 The school's name is changed to the State Agricultural College.

1862 The Morrill Act is passed, allowing the use of federal land for colleges teaching agriculture, engineering and military science.

1868 The Bubble, a four-page newsletter, becomes the first student publication.

1872 Delta Tau Delta, MSU's first Greek letter society, is established.

1884 Electricity is first used in the chemistry laboratory.

1857 The school's name is changed to the Michigan Agricultural College.

1909 The school's name is changed to the Michigan Agricultural College.

1923 WKAR Radio airs its first program, "Campus Nights."

1925 The school's name is changed to Michigan State College of Agriculture and Applied Science.

1948 Michigan State College airs one of the nation's first college-produced television shows.

1955 The Centennial Celebration begins on Founders' Day, Feb. 12.

1957 The Honors College is created.

1960 Enrollment, at 20,157, passes 20,000 for the first time.

1964 The school's name is changed to Michigan State University.

1967 The nation's first university ombudsman is appointed.

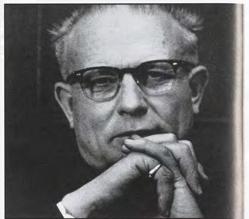
1976 The yearbook changes its name from the Wolverine to the Red Cedar Log.

1998 Sparty is named the "buffest mascot" by Muscle and Fitness Magazine.

2004 Sparty wins the National Mascot Championship, the first mascot in the Big Ten to do so.

2005 The first female president, Lou Anna Simon, takes the university's reins.

John A. Hannah stared his obstacles down as president from 1941 to 1969. During his term, he increased enrollment, infrastructure and diversity on campus.



Past Presidents

MSU has been graced with many ambitious, innovative presidents who have made various remarkable additions and contributions to our renowned university.

Some presidents have stayed at MSU only a short time, while others have stayed for more than a decade. The university's first president Joseph Williams served only two years, while Theophilus Abbot served for 22 years. Many presidents went on to work for the government, such as Edwin Willits, who resigned his presidency to serve as assistant secretary of agriculture during U.S. President Cleveland's administration.

Perhaps the most influential president in MSU's history was John Hannah. When he began his presidency in 1941, the campus only boasted 11 buildings and an enrollment of 6,000. At the end of his term in 1969, many important additions had been made, such as the Honors College, the College of Human Medicine, WKAR-TV,

the College of Communication
Arts and Sciences and the
Kellogg Center. MSU had also
been admitted to the Western
Conference, becoming a part of
the Big Ten, and enrollment had
increased to just less than 40,000
students. Hannah also served in
eight White House administrations.

More than a century after women were admitted in 1870 to boost attendance, the first woman now runs the university. Lou Anna Simon, the 20th president of MSU, has big footsteps to fill and big goals in mind.

By utilizing wits, tact and insight such as Robert S. Shaw, avoiding the "Ivy League" style of Walter Adams and using accessibility as an advantage such as John A. Dibaggio, Simon has potential to make her reign golden during a revolutionary age.

Jacquelyn Halas





M. Peter McPherson looks on as now-president Lou Anna K. Simon delivers a speech and leans over to share a word with David Porteous, chairman of the MSU Board of Trustees. McPherson and Simon served as the longest running president/provost team in the Big Ten. (Middle, Above)

President Wharton addresses his administration in 1973. Although his was criticized for his "Ivy League" style, he was willing to lend an ear when needed. (Bottom) Lou Anna Simon, MSU's 20th president, is inducted during Founders' Day celebrations.



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- Theophilus C. Abbot (1862-1884)
- Edwin Willits (1885-1889)
- Oscar Clute (1889-1893)
- Lewis B. Gorton (1893-1895)
- Jonathan L. Snyder (1896-1915)
- Frank S. Kedzie (1915-1921)
- David Friday (1921-1923)
- Kenyon L. Butterfield (1924-1928)
- Robert S. Shaw (1928-1941)
- John A. Hannah (1941-1969)
- Walter Adams (1969-1970)
- Clifton R. Wharton Jr. (1970-1978)
- Edgar L. Harden (1978-1979)
- Cecil Mackey (1979-1985)
- John DiBiaggio (1985-1992)
- Gordon Guyer (1992-1993)
- M. Peter McPherson (1993 2004)
- Lou Anna Kimsey Simon (2005 present)

Former Faces

In MSU's sesquicentennial year, professors and alumni both have much to be proud of. One alumni, Bob Bao, now editor of the MSU Alumni magazine, has watched MSU undergo much change since he graduated from MSU in 1968. When he was a student, campus was without signature buildings such as Wharton Center and the Breslin Center.

Louise H. Okrutsky, currently an assistant journalism instructor, remembers a time when the area beyond the Dairy Store was "the end of the world," and the Communication Arts and Sciences Building was nothing more than a field. When she returned to the school briefly in the early 1980s, she was shocked by how much it had been expanded.

She also said she remembered watching large-scale Vietnam War protests from her window in Campbell Hall when she was a student.

"I remember seeing both sides of the street filled with protestors and police," Okrutsky said. "We discovered the police shot tear gas at demonstrators in an effort to disperse them."

As the political climate has improved, so has student morale. Okrutsky said one noticeable university change is that students now express more pride than they once did.

"When I was a student, there was a real feeling of being inferior to U-M," she said. "I'm glad that State finally got over that."

Communications Professor William Donohue, another alumni of the university, said, "It is great watching students grow and progress."

Donohue is one example of many alumni professors who have given back to their alma mater by teaching future Spartan graduates. One such "True Spartan," as Mr. Pero G. Dagbovie labels himself, received his bachelor's, master's and doctorate degree at MSU and now is an assistant professor of history at the university.

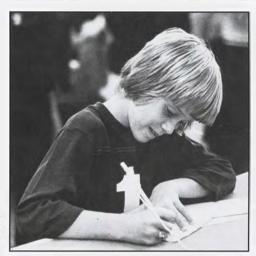
Crystal L. Burks



Professor Kedzie teaches students in his chemistry class. Kedzie has made long-lasting impressions on the university both as a professor and as president from 1915-1921.



Professor Al Mandelstamm lectures to his economics students through his well-known TV. lectures. He was one professor who took a unique approach to his subject to engage his students.



Kam Hunter, 12, writes his first check for his first semester at MSU. He was the second youngest student at the university in 1978.



Maya Ben-Tal explains the formations of Hebrew letters. In 1974, MSU became one of many universities to adopt Judiac Studies in its curriculum.

Famous Alumni

R. Drayton McLane Jr., 1959 Director of Wal-Mart Stores Inc.

M. Peter McPherson, 1963
Former MSU president (1993-2004)

James P. Hoffa, 1963
General president of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters

James Blanchard, 1964 Former Michigan governor (1983-1991)

Kay Koplovitz, 1968 Founded the USA Network

Richard Golden, 1969 Founder of DOC, an eyeglasses store

Jim Cash, 1970 Co-writer/co-producer of "Top Gun"

John Engler, 1971 Former Michigan governor (1991-2003)

Debbie Stabenow, 1972 Michigan senator

Bill Mechanic, 1973
Chairman and chief executive officer of Fox Filmed Entertainment

Spencer Abraham, 1974
Former Michigan senator and secretary of energy under the Bush Administration

John Walters, 1974
Head of the Office of National Drug Control Policy

Lou Anna K. Simon, 1974 Current MSU president (2005-present)

Earvin "Magic" Johnson
Attended until 1979, retired Los Angeles Lakers player



A couple kisses in front of the Beaumont Tower in 1950. Tradition said that a woman was not considered a co-ed until she has been kissed outside of the tower at midnight. (Right)

The marching band, in the early 1900s, stands ready to play on a football field. The band was founded in 1870 and originally consisted of 10 members. (Below)



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Past Traditions

An MSU student is not a true Spartan until he or she is kissed in the shadow of the Beaumont Tower at midnight. A bench near the tower was also once reserved only for couples who were engaged.

The J-Hop, a highly attended junior dance, was created in 1888 after women were admitted to campus and organized more social events. The J-Hop, which ended in the 1960s, is believed to be one of the longest standing MSU traditions. The dance highlights included performances by Duke Ellington and Ella Fitzgerald.

Freshmen students used to be distinguished on campus by wearing beanie caps that could be found in area bookstores. The tradition died after students returned from World War II and refused to listen to the upperclassmen.

The Water Carnival was created in 1923 on campus when the annual canoe-tilting campus event on the Red Cedar River joined the "Festival of Maytime." The carnival included the canoe battle, music, dancing on rafts and refreshments. It was a popular event on campus for more than 40 years.

Traditional Life

MSU alumni, students, and staff can all speak about memorable university traditions. Some might remember being thrown into the Red Cedar River, while others tell of kissing at midnight at Beaumont Tower. Whatever the memory or tradition, each holds its place in time.

Beaumont Tower holds a lot of MSU history. A bench outside the tower was once reserved only for couples who were engaged, and a student is not a true Spartan until he or she is kissed in the shadow of the tower at midnight.

Class rivalries led to a number of traditions. From the 1890s to the 1960s, freshmen followed the sophomore's orders in fear of being thrown into the Red Cedar River. First year students were banned from walking alone with a woman, smoking, and were forced to move off of the sidewalk when an upperclassmen walked by. To be distinguished, freshmen were forced to wear beanie caps that could be bought at area bookstores, although wearing

the caps was not an official university requirement. The beanie tradition died, however, after students returned from World War II and refused to put up with the upperclassmen's cruelty.

"Room stacking" was a way underclassmen got back at their older classmates. While the juniors were at the J-Hop dance, sponsored by their class, sophomores let themselves into the upperclassmen's dorms and piled everything from clothes to desk chairs to mattress springs into the middle of the rooms. Toilet paper was then draped over everything, and ink was dumped on the pile. Buckets of water were set up above the door to be dumped on the unsuspecting students.

While most traditions have since passed, some continue to live, like the painting of the rock on Farm Lane to announce organization and personal messages and screaming at midnight to relieve stress during final exam week.

Alison Costello

Present Traditions

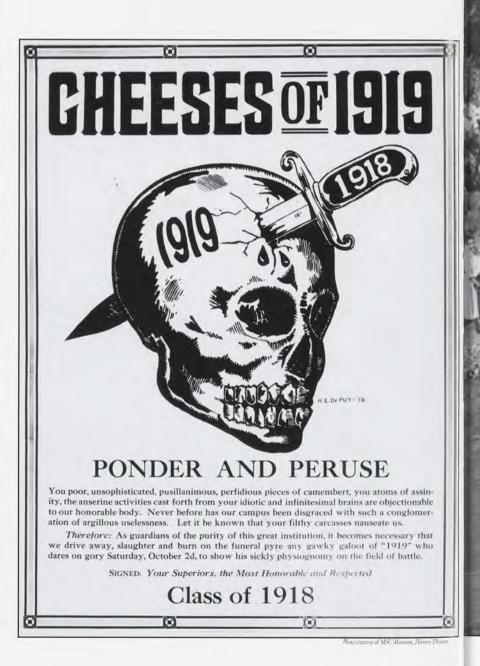
Camping out for coveted lower bowl tickets for the men's basketball team student spirit section began in 1999. The student section began during the 1988-1989 basketball season as Jud's Jungle. After nine years the section became known as the IZZONE and has since earned a reputation as one of the most spirited student sections in college basketball.

To relieve stress during exam weeks, MSU students gather outside dorm rooms and hang outside their windows to scream. The tradition has recently been organized with restrictions sent out to the MSU community.

For more than 20 years, members of the MSU Spartan Marching Band have been responsible for protecting the ceramic Spartan statue during "Sparty Watch" before every major sporting event against rival University of Michigan.

Homecoming activites during the MSU football season continue to bring students and alumni together for parades, concerts and athletics.

A poster hung by the class of 1918 serves as a warning to the class of 1919. Rivalry between classes was seen everywhere on campus from the 1890s to the 1960s.





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Students participate in a tug-of-war over the Red Cedar River during a Fresh-Soph competition. Another event the two classes competed in was a greased pole climb.

Traditional Life 101

Student Progression

Naturally, 150 years has brought some change to students at MSU. From the admittance of women and minorities to changes in student fashion trends, a lot of things have come, gone and returned in terms of student life throughout the university's history.

When MSU was founded, its student population consisted of male agricultural farmers. During the early 1900s, however, women and minorities began to attend the university, forever changing the face of MSU students. Women brought a change of social events and the introduction of yearly dances, such as the notorious J-Hop, a highly attended junior dance. Since then, history and time has transformed campus into a diverse, co-ed mix of students.

Fashion trends and hangouts for students on campus have also evolved through the years. Joan Edwards, a 1976 alumnae, remembers hanging out at MAC's bar in Lansing all the time and the "look" that most people had.

"All the guys had long hair or

sideburns," she said. "We all wore jeans and T-shirts so that's probably the same, but we also had huge bellbottoms and hip huggers, and if you were a real hippie you wore your tye dye T-shirt to top it all off."

Five years into the new millennium, technological advancements have also changed student life at MSU. It is now required that each incoming freshman has a computer, as almost all classes use the Internet and e-mail as a means of communication and homework. Technology has also influenced fashion. Today no student walking around campus is complete without his or her cell phone and iPod mini or other MP3 player.

"I've seen pictures from older people who used to go to school here," advertising junior Louis Ambrose said. "It's funny to look at them and see how much has changed over time and see what the university used to be and what it has become."

Amy Poszywak



Roommates study in their Wells Hall residence room, circa 1915. This was in the second Wells Hall, with the third Wells Hall being the one that currently stands on-campus.



Photo courtesy of MSU Museum, History Divisor

1860 The day in the life of a student began with mandatory prayer at 5:45 a.m. in the chapel of College Hall, followed by breakfast at 6 a.m. Students attended classes during the day and studied by kerosene lamps at night.

1896 Trolley car tracks were laid leading from the Beal Street entrance on campus toward Lansing. The 15-minute ride into town cost a nickel and passengers were expected to help put the tram back on its tracks when it jumped off.

1920 Women Student Council dictated the behavior of young women. Social participation was controlled through a point system monitored by the elite women of the Sphinx Society.

1948 Alpha Phi Alpha, the first black social fraternity, is organized on campus. The fraternity aimed to provide community service and advancement of interracial groups on campus

1954 The first black sorority Alpha Kappa Alpha is founded. Initial service projects for the sorority included reading to the blind, giving tours of campus and visiting veterans' hospitals.



Students engage in games of pinball at Pinball Pete's in downtown East Lansing in 1979. Today, students still visit the arcade, which houses an impressive array of modern video games.

A trolley takes seniors to a class picnic at Pine Lake in 1913. Today, Pine Lake is known as Lake Lansing.



Photo courtesy of MSU Museum, History Divis

1970 A co-ed living experiment began in May, Shaw and Williams halls. Men and women were placed on different floors after students petitioned the MSU Board of Trustees.

1989 More than 3,000 people gather in Cedar Village for a bonfire that police called a riot. The 1980s were termed Cedar Fest for the amount of university-banned parties held in the area.

1991 Delta Lambda Phi, a "gay fraternity" is founded at MSU. Although the fraternity did not discriminate based on sexual orientation, it was the first openlygay fraternity in the state. Delta Lambda Phi no longer exists at the university.

2001 MSU made it a require ment that all incoming undergraduate students have a personal computer equipped with compatible office software.

2005 Fast food restaurants at popular student hangouts, the Union and International Center, leaving campus in the spring. Taco Bell, Wendy's and Little Ceasars Pizza do not renew their contracts citing poor business as a main reason.

Women at MSU

1870 The first female students are admitted.

1896 After requests since 1871, the first formal course of study for women is created. Still, it took decades for women to be given a formal course of study. The first women took home-economics courses.

1900 The Women's Building, now Morill Hall, opens. Morrill Hall has since become home to English department offices.

1943 Freshmen women were allowed to wear slacks to class, provided they were covered by a full length coat. Slacks were only allowed to be worn during winter term.

1996 The MSU Women Students
Leadership Conference started as a
Women's History Month Banquet in
Holmes Hall. It was a successful banquet for seven years and was later turned
into a conference.

2004 The university's student body of almost 45,000 is made up of 54 percent women.

2005 MSU President Lou Anna Simon becomes the first female president of MSU.

Diverse Atmosphere

Considering the more than 100 groups on campus today with some sort of gender, racial or ethnic component, it's hard to imagine a time when the school lacked diversity.

But before 1870, when women were first allowed into what was then the Michigan Agricultural College, the school was populated with mostly white men studying agriculture. And women who came only took classes related to the home.

"Initially the women admitted were admitted for home economics," said Robert Bao, editor of the MSU Alumni Magazine. "That's the only thing they could study."

Although it took decades for a formal course of study to be created for women, Bao said MSU was a forerunner in diversity.

"I think we were quite ahead of our time, but certainly for an agricultural school we were very ahead of our time," he said.

The most progress to make

the university more diverse was made during the Civil Rights Movement, said Maggie Chen Hernandez, acting director for the Office of Racial Ethnic Student Affairs.

Many of the minority programs on campus now came about from initiatives led by student communities decades ago. Meghan Yamanishi, interim coordinator for the Multicultural Center, said such initiatives are almost as old as MSU itself.

"There have been things going on for the whole time students of color have been here," Yamanishi said.

Now MSU boasts organizations and student groups dedicated to cultural awareness and understanding to foster a diverse academic and social atmosphere.

Emily Sorger

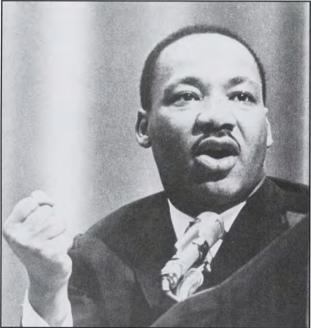
Two MSU home economics students perform experimental testing of food with the latest equipment in 1963. The College of Home Economics became the College of Human Ecology in 1970.



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Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. addresses more than 4,000 students at MSU in 1965.



Courtesy of MSU Archives and Historical Collection



MSU students promote diversity by advocating participation in the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.





Diversity at MSU

- 1907 The first black student, Myrtle Craig Mowbray, graduates. After graduation, she taught in high schools and colleges in Missouri and Kansas.
- 1956 The Office of International Programs is established. The office is resonsible for study abroad, Peace Corps recruiting and international development on campus.
- 1965 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. addresses more than 4,000 students at MSU. It was standing room only in the Auditorium Building, with the overflow packed into Fairchild Theater.
- 1968 John Hannah appoints a civil rights committee to suggest ways to increase the number of minority students, staff and faculty at MSU.
- 1969 The Black Student Alliance is started in the basement of President Richard Thomas' home. The first major issue of the alliance was the poor treatment of university employees.
- 1989 Minority students hold an eight day sit-in at the Administration Building to protest university policies.
- 1999 The Multicultural
 Center opens in January in the
 basement of the Union. The
 center serves as a place for students to address academic and
 social issues.
- 2000 The LBGT caucuses Spectrum, RING and PRIDE are formed. PRISM and BRIGHT are later added to complete campus representation.

Students in the MSU Chapter of the National Organization of Women display their banner after an abortion rally in Washington D.C. in 1992. The chapter was founded earlier that year to increase the presence of women's politics on campus.

In 1960, Robert Kennedy addressed a group of students outside the Union before the falls presidential election. Kennedy was just one of the many figures to visit campus in MSU's history.

1940 First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt speaks in the new Auditorium building to 5,300 people on March 12.

1959 First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt again visits MSU to speak at Wells Center about the importance of the United Nations.

1960 Former president Harry S. Truman delivers the commencement address for MSU's 100th commencement ceremony, on Jun. 12.

1965 ASMSU is founded by the presidents of the Major Governing Groups, replacing the All University Student Government as the undergraduate governing body.

1969 John Kennedy addresses students on campus during his campaign.

1970 Peoples' Park is created in April as a venue for students to voice their opinions.

1992 President Bill Clinton speaks at graduation commencement services.

2004 Independent presidential candidate Ralph Nader speaks to a standing-room only audience in Wells Hall on Sep. 13.



Political Influence

From the Civil War to the recent 2004 presidential election, politics have infiltrated life on campus and affected the MSU community.

During World War I many students, alumni and faculty fought in the war, while farmers from the Michigan Agricultural College and the surrounding areas helped increase crops and produced machinery for the war effort.

But students weren't always as willing to cooperate. In the 1960s, student movements, marches and anti-war protests against the Vietnam War were not uncommon. The anger and frustration associated with the war combined with long-term misrepresentation of students led to a strike in 1970, which resulted in a riot and a two-day standoff with police in May of 1972. The protestors claimed success of bringing more voice to student government and liberating The State News from university control.

Today student activism remains high at MSU. Student organizations such as MSU College Democrats, MSU College Republicans, Spartan Vote, and Students for a Fair Michigan form a backbone for people to have a voice around campus. That voice was showcased during the election between Sen. John Kerry and President George W. Bush in 2004. Human biology senior Tristin Holton said he believed the close election brought a heightened awareness of political issues to MSU and increased student involvement in politics.

"I feel that campus was very hyped up about this year's presidential election," he said. "I think the visits of people like Michael Moore and the president's daughters made students become more involved with the election and with politics in general."

Amy Poszywak



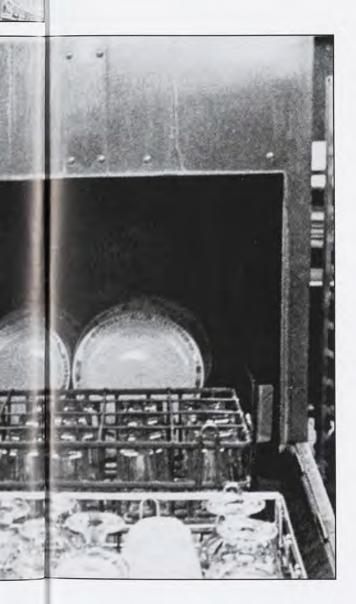
Students gather for a march in 1970 to protest the Vietnam War. The war brought political activism to new heights on campus.

At the end of the night in 1958, three female students wash and rub their swollen feet. At the beginning of the university, male students washed in the Red Cedar before bed. (Right)

A Phillips Hall cafeteria worker cleans dishes in 1972. Plans are now in the works to reconstruct the cafeteria that serves Phillips and Snyder halls to accomodate classrooms for a new residential college for liberal arts. (Below)







Residential Life

Although room and board rates have increased dramatically from the \$104 it cost to live on campus and the \$2.50 food plan per term when MSU was founded, residential life has also become much more relaxed.

For instance, when the college was first founded, the men had a strict routine to follow, said Maria Giggy, conference coordinator for University Housing. Students had to get up at 6 a.m. for three hours of physical labor to help build infrastructures for the campus. Afterward they had to attend chapel, followed by a three-hour lecture. They bathed in the Red Cedar River before their curfew at 9 p.m.

Although curfews were strictly upheld, students found their way around them, according to research by Sharri Margraves, director of marketing communications for Housing and Food Services.

"They found a tunnel that led from Morrill Hall to a tree,

which students used to sneak back and forth after hours," Margraves said.

Back in the 1950s, rooms were checked promptly at 7 a.m. for cleaned floors and carpets, neatly arranged tables, dustpans in closets, books piled, cleaned washbowls and pitchers, clothes hanging neatly in the closet, and shoes arranged in closets with heels against the wall. If any of these regulations weren't followed, the students were given demerits.

Margrave said Williams
Hall was called "bedbug alley" and
students put the legs of their beds
into cans of oils to keep bugs out of
the beds.

Campus building themselves have been the victim of interesting accidents. Once, while practicing in the field by Cowles Hall, the Army ROTC fired a cannon into a student's room in Morrill Hall and in 1940, someone drove a car into the Abbot Hall lobby.

Jessica Adams

Student Involvement

From the university's beginning, student organizations have been an integral part of student life. Some have been around for decades, and new organizations are formed each year, allowing students to come together to share their interests, make a difference and have fun, no matter how quirky or unusual their interests are.

MSU now boasts more than 200 registered student organizations for students to get involved with the university community and to foster lasting relationships. Groups range in interests from entertainment, sports, academic and social activities.

One of the staple organizations is Tower Guard, which was founded in 1934 by May Shaw, the wife of former MSU president Robert Shaw, as a service-oriented organization that would help serve the needs of visually impaired students at the college.

Sixty years later, a group with a very different purpose registered for student organization status. The MSU Magicians' Club was conceived in 2004 and meets to perform and learn new tricks.

"I never would've thought there were so many other magicians on campus," said club treasurer Christopher Haas, a chemical engineering freshman. "This club has not only given me some killer ideas for routines, but I've met some great friends in the process."

The Department of Student
Life handles the regulation of student
organizations on campus and helps
student groups get started, recruit
members, raise funds and progress
over the years. A Student Organization
Resource Center was created to work
specifically with student groups
to make them thrive on campus
and continue traditions of student
involvement.

Jessica Adams



Students at the State News work intently on their stories in 1974. Two years earlier, the State News became an independent newspaper for students on campus.



1901 Horticulture Club

The first student Horticulture Club met on Wednesday nights, as it continues to do today, to gain a better knowledge of the field and foster a relationship between students and faculty in the department. Today's club is a professional and social club comprised of more than 50 members who take part in student competitions, conferences, trade shows and career fairs.

1934 Tower Guard -

As one of the oldest active student organizations on campus, this sophomore honor society is the only one to hold the key to Beaumont Tower. Each member spends four hours per week reading textbooks onto audio tape for blind and visually impaired students.

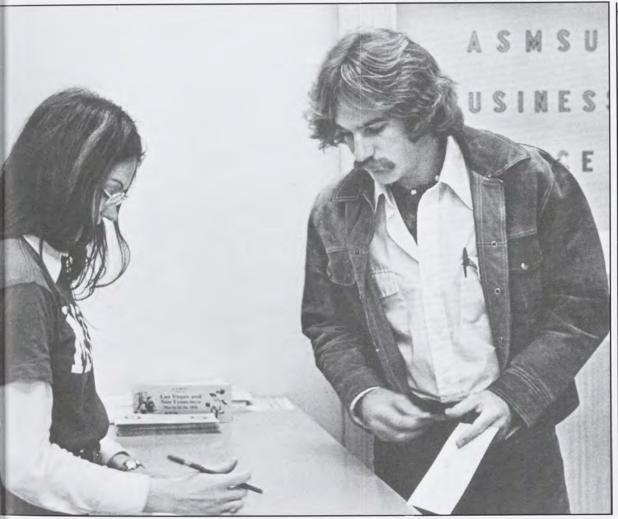
1939 Fencing
Fencing became a varsity sport this year under head coach Charles Schmitter. The MSU Fencing Club welcomes students with any amount of fencing experience. Someone new to the sport can carve out a spot on the competitive traveling team during try-outs if he or she practices enthusiastically and often.

1975 Folksong Society
Called the Ten Pound Fiddle when they perform, members try to promote and present traditional and contemporary folk music at MSU. They have put on manyconcerts and dances since their inception.



Women gather on the steps of Morrill Hall to watch the clown band pass. The clown band was active on campus during the 1910s and participated in carnivals that were organized to raise money for the football teams travel costs.

Students conduct business at the ASMSU office in 1976. ASMSU is the undergraduate student government.



2001 Your Mom Improv Amy Bebensee founded the improvisational

comedy troupe, Your Mom Improv, and used her charisma to attract fellow performers who put on an annual show in the spring and serve as the opening acts for visiting comedians and comedy groups.

2002 History Association of Michigan State

In their mission to provide an outlet for the pursuit of history, members of the History Association of Michigan State are dedicated to providing social, educational and service opportunities for all students interested in the study of history.

2003 Big Green
A weekly student online magazine, The Big Green works to provide the community with an alternative source of media, focusing on entertainment, culture, student life, health, sex and global issues.

2004 Magicians' Club

Members describe themselves as just a bunch of crazy kids who love to watch and perform magic. The club consists of magicians of all levels, from beginners to advanced performers.

2004 Engineers without Borders The orga-

nization aims to improve disadvantaged communities' quality of life by implementing sustainable engineering projects.

Athletic Advancement



MSU's men's basketball guard Jim Snodgrass scores against Cornell in 1950. The men's basketball team has since become a huge force at MSU, earning a national reputation for competitive play.

Baseball Baseball was the first sport played at MSU, back in 1884. The Spartans have compiled a 1,938-1,548-28 record over the years and have won three conference titles. Notable stars to come from the Spartan baseball program include former Detroit Tiger Kirk Gibson and St. Louis Cardinal Mark Mulder.

Volleyball The Spartans have been playing volleyball since 1972, and have since compiled a record of 536-501-18. The furthest an MSU team made it was in 1995 when they reached the NCAA National Semifinals. In the Spartans history, they have gone through only five coaches, with the most recent change of Cathy George replacing Chuck Erbe in 2004.

Swimming & Diving

The Spartan swimming and diving teams continue to make a splash. The men's team, which began competition in 1922, has captured one Big Ten Championship since the Spartans joined the conference. The women's team has been around since 1971, and has had eight swimmers go on to win national championships.

Golf The men's golf team has been shooting straight for many years, which has led to success for the Spartans. While the men have only captured one Big Ten crown, over the years the team has consistently placed at tournaments. The women's team has also had success over the years, capturing two Big Ten championships since becoming a varsity sport at MSU.

Field Hockey Although its 266-275-42 record might not show it, field hockey at MSU continues to dominate just as it did when it began more than 30 years ago. In its first year as a team, the MSU field hockey team played only eight games, but finished with a 4-1-3 record. In 2004, the Spartans finished the season with an 18-4 record and a trip to the NCAA Final Four.



Gideon Smith is MSU's first black football player and played from 1913 to 1915. The university continues to strive for diversity with sports recruiting and other campus organizations.



Weldie Olson duels with a North Dakota defensive player during a 1955 hockey game. The Spartans finished the season 9-17-1.



Two women play tennis in 1973 when women's athletics received recognition as a unit of the MSU Department of Intercollegiate Athletics for the first time. Women's athletics had nine sports teams at the time.



Photo Courtesy of MSU Museum, History F.

MSU's original athletics stadium sat where Old College Field is now. Football and baseball were played at this stadium until a new stadium was built at it's current location in 1924.

The Spartan

After having stood at the intersection of Kalamazoo Street, Red Cedar Road and Chestnut Road for 60 years, the Spartan statue will find a new home in a recent addition to Spartan Stadium.

Dedicated in June of 1945, the statue was designed and built by Leonard D. Jungwirth, an assistant professor of art. He began the project in 1943.

Today, the statue is believed to be the tallest freestanding ceramic statue in the world.

Although the Spartan's ceramic composition is the reason for its world record, it is also the reason for its deterioration. Made from clay instead of metal makes the statue more vulnerable to the elements.

The statue has also been vandalized by intrastate rival University of Michigan students and painted maize and blue. The sandblasting to remove the paint also removed the original glaze that protected the statue. Its move indoors will protect the statue from further weather damage and rivals.

According to Robert Bao, editor of the MSU Alumni Magazine, the Spartan was made of ceramic due to the shortage of metals around the time of World War II and was a sight for sore eyes for those coming home from war.

"It was a welcoming beacon for returning veterans," Bao said.

A bronze replica of the statue was created from molds of the original 5,000-pound statute. The new statue will stand in front of Demonstration Hall, and the original takes refuge inside the stadium,

Emily Sorger



The women's softball team poses with Leonard D. Jungwirth as he perfects the clay model used to cast the actual Spartan statue. The statue is believed to be the largest free-standing ceramic statue in the world.



Sparty cheers on the MSU's men's basketball team during the 2004-2005 season. Sparty was named the best mascot in 2004 for the second year in a row at the National Mascot Championship. (Left)

Sparty talks to Glen Brough, a 1973 Spartan band member. Today, five mystery MSU students take turns animating one of the two 30-pound fiberglass and vinyl costumes. (Below)



Indian Grane

A trip to MSU just wouldn't be the same without spotting the most recognizable Spartan on campus — Sparty the mascot.

Luckily, Sparty appears almost everywhere on campus — from parades and charity events, to sporting events and even weddings. He can also be found at several events outside the East Lansing area.

Sparty doesn't always need a special occasion to show up, he can be often seen hanging out in the Union and around other places on campus. Supported by the MSU Student Alumni Foundation, the mascot is always nearby to provide a boost in Spartan spirit with a hug or high-five.

After being named Buffest Mascot in 1998 by Muscle and Fitness Magazine, Sparty became the first mascot in the Big Ten to win the National Mascot Championship in 2004.

In 2005, Sparty was again named the

Sparty

best mascot in the country. At the Universal Cheer Association's National Competition at Walt Disney World in Orlando, Fla., Sparty beat out the University of Minnesota's Goldy the Gopher and the University of Wisconsin's Bucky Badger to claim the top spot for the second year in a row.

The first official Sparty is said to have debuted in 1955, supported by the Theta Xi fraternity, and featured a head made out of papermache. Several different versions have come and gone since then, and today five different MSU mystery students take turns to animate one of the two 30-pound costumes made of fiberglass and vinyl. Prospective Spartys must try out for the job and stand between 5'10" and 6'2" tall to don the \$8,000 suit.

Emily Sorger





loshua Grasso

Beaumont Tower was constructed in 1928 on the sit of the historic College Hall. The tower was designed by architect John M. Davidson and was dedicated in 1929. Beaumont Tower is also the site of the state of Michigan's first historical marker that commemorates College Hall.



Beaumont Tower

Since its dedication in June 1929, the Beaumont Tower has served as a literal and figurative symbol of both MSU students and the university's principles.

MSU is a school of firsts, and the tower is no exception. It stands on the northeast corner of what was once Old College Hall, attributed as the birthplace of land-grant colleges. This previous building, which collapsed in 1918 due to a deteriorated base and poor construction, was the first building in the nation dedicated to teaching scientific agriculture. Also, the tower is the site of Michigan's first historical marker.

A gift from John W. and Alice M. Beaumont, the tower encapsulates MSU's core beliefs, especially that of unity. In his dedication speech, then-Michigan State College President Robert S. Shaw provided four essential functions for Beaumont Tower: to serve as a meeting place, promote campus synthesis, to invoke inspiration and to serve as a time piece.

These functions are enhanced by the carillon, which underwent a restoration in 1996 to improve the sound quality of the 49 bells, that ring throughout the day. Beaumont houses two carillons, a keyboard with wooden keys and foot pedals, a practice carillon on the ground floor, and a performance carillon on the fourth floor. The largest bell weighs 2.5 tons, while the smallest bell weighs about 15 pounds.

Mortar Board, a senior honors society, and Tower Guard are two student groups that have offices in the tower. Tower Guard, founded in 1934 by May Shaw, former President Shaw's wife, is a former all-female honor's society that exists to aide visually impaired students. Today, both men and women who demonstrate academic excellence, leadership skills, an affinity for community service and outstanding character can serve in the Tower Guard.

Rachael Steenbergh

On The Banks of the Red Cedar

One of the most defining natural features on MSU's campus is the Red Cedar River. Serving as a symbol of pride on campus since the university started, it is even included in the first line of the fight song.

Until its peak during the 1940s and 1950s, the Red Cedar River hosted an annual water carnival. Fraternities, sororities and many residence halls made floats that sat on wooden platforms placed over large oil drums that paraded down the river, as students watched from bleachers set up east of Farm Lane.

During the 1960s however, a new concern of pollution arose. For years, sewage was dumped into the river, making it polluted with phosphorus, and made the river unsanitary. The early 1970s brought change for the Red Cedar

when Congress passed the Clean Water Act making it illegal for sewage to be dumped into the river. Since then, the student organization Friends of the Red Cedar and MSU Water, a research group, has worked to clean it up. Today it is more clean and safe due to these efforts.

Environmental studies junior Greg Taylor has researched the river's environmental history in his classes and is impressed with the clean up efforts.

"A lot of students think that the river is still awful polluted," he said. "But the truth is, the river has done a complete turn around in the past 40 years, and now it is even inhabited by salmon."

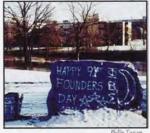
Amy Poszywak







Travis Haughton



Phillip Touran

The rock on Farm Lane first arrived at MSU as a gift from the class of 1873 and has been symbolic throughout its history.

Prior to the Vietnam Era, the giant boulder was known as the "engagement rock." Then located near Beaumont Tower under a spreading elm tree, it served as a romantic hot spot for MSU couples.

Val Berryman, the curator of the MSU Museum, said social changes brought about in the 1960s also brought changes to the rock, both physically and symbolically.

"It was once a quiet spot for students to gather or study between classes, but during the late '60s and early '70s, it all went downhill," Berryman said.

As the Vietnam War progressed

and the political and social unrest on campus grew, students began painting the rock with anti-war messages. Despite the efforts of the administration to clean off the paint, students persisted with painting it everyday in protest.

Now located in one of the busiest areas of campus, the rock serves as a billboard for student voices. Covered with a new coat of paint nearly every day, it displays messages from Greeks and campus organizations to recruit members and personal messages such as birthday greetings. Some student groups camp out all night to ensure their message isn't painted over by morning.

Amy Poszywak

The Rock

The original Wells Hall, built in 1877, was a residence hall. It burned down in 1905.





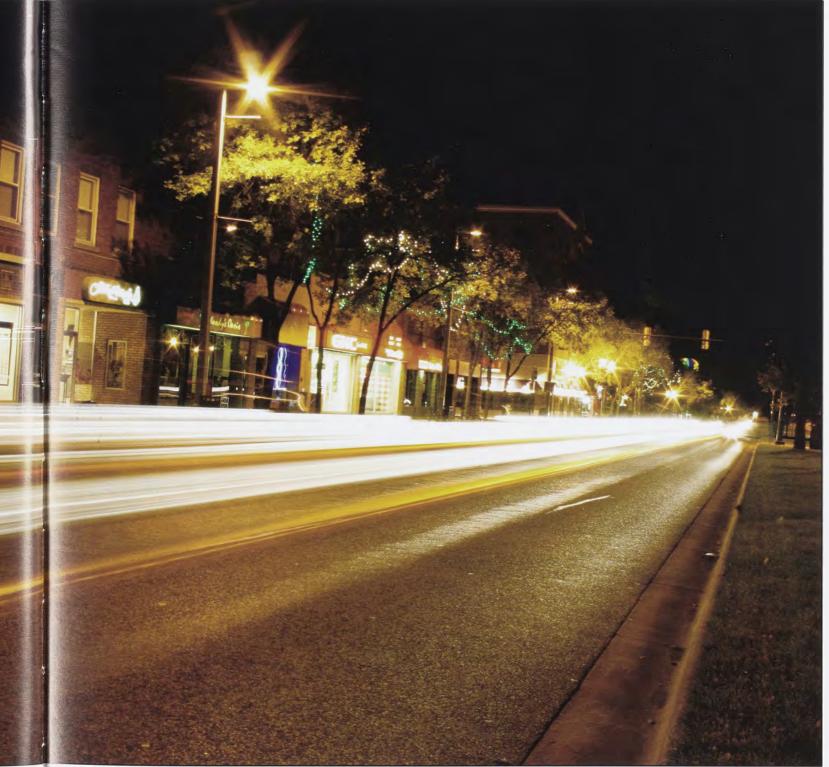
Students enjoy warm weather outside the IM Sports West Building in 1967. MSU has three intramural sports build-ings on campus for student recreation.

The original Engineering Building burns on March 5, 1916. R.E. Olds provided the money to finance the con-struction of the same building, which still stands on campus as Olds Hall.

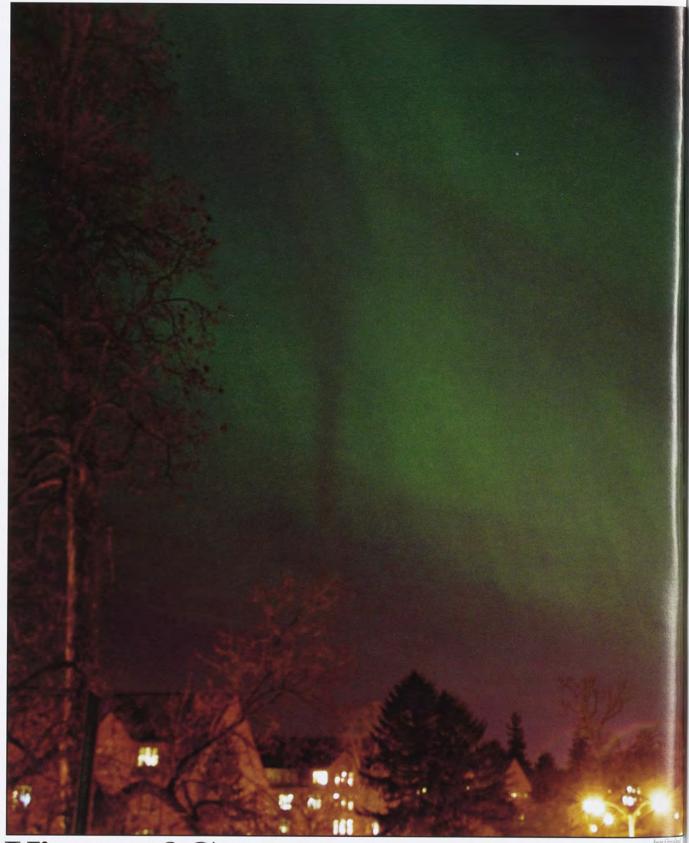




Views of Campus



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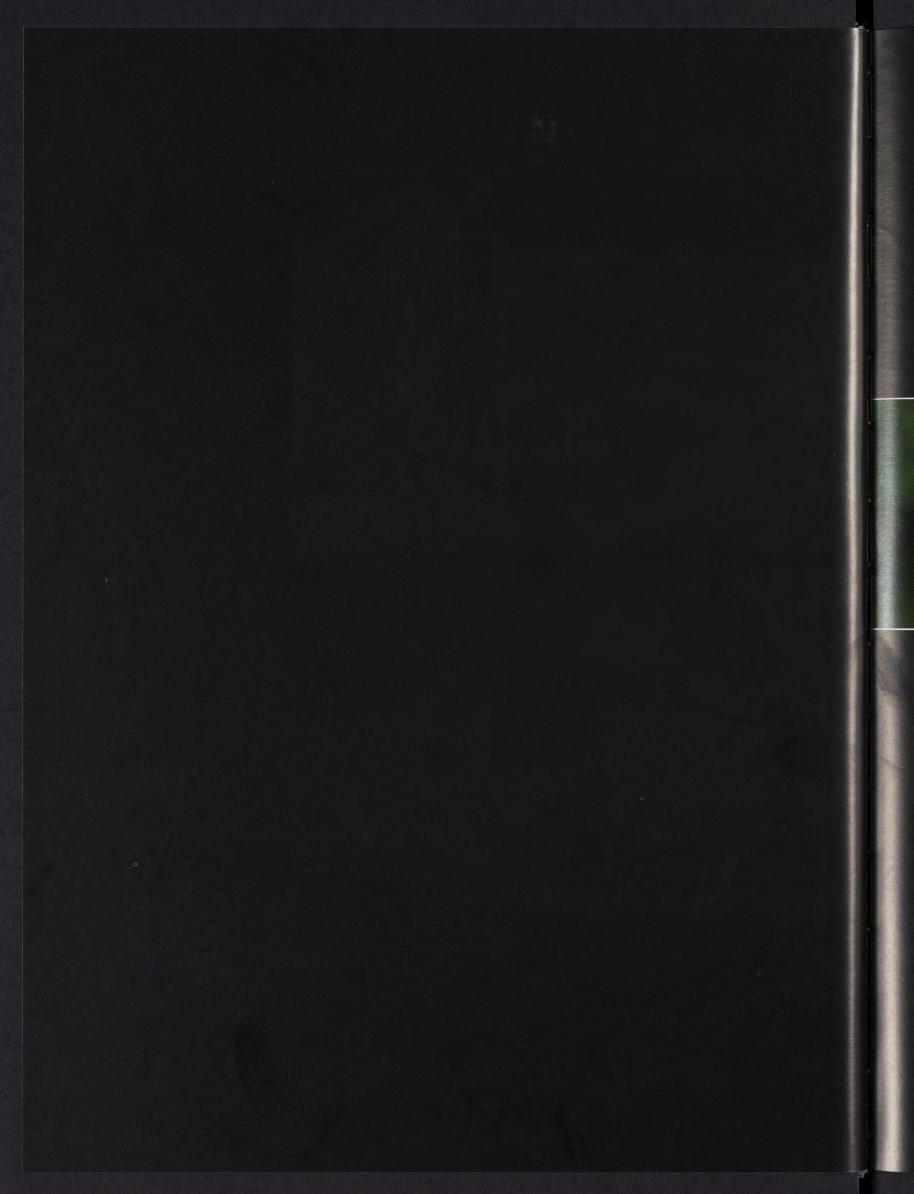
The draft horse barn is town down in 1963. The removal of this structure made way for more lawn space at the new Wonders Hall.



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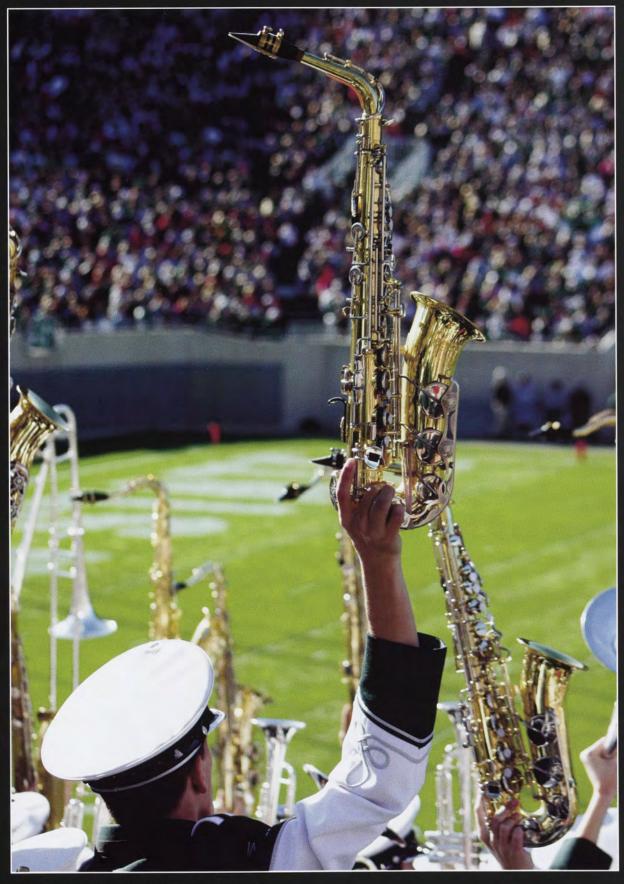


Featured Photography



On a fruitless journey to another photo assignment, I was suddenly struck by the foggy winter night. I set up my tripod on a winding road in Spartan Village and waited for the next car to come along.

Jen Healy



The Spartan marching band is an icon of MSU football fans. They bleed green like the rest of us. With this shot I wanted to try to capture their spirit.

Joshua Grasso



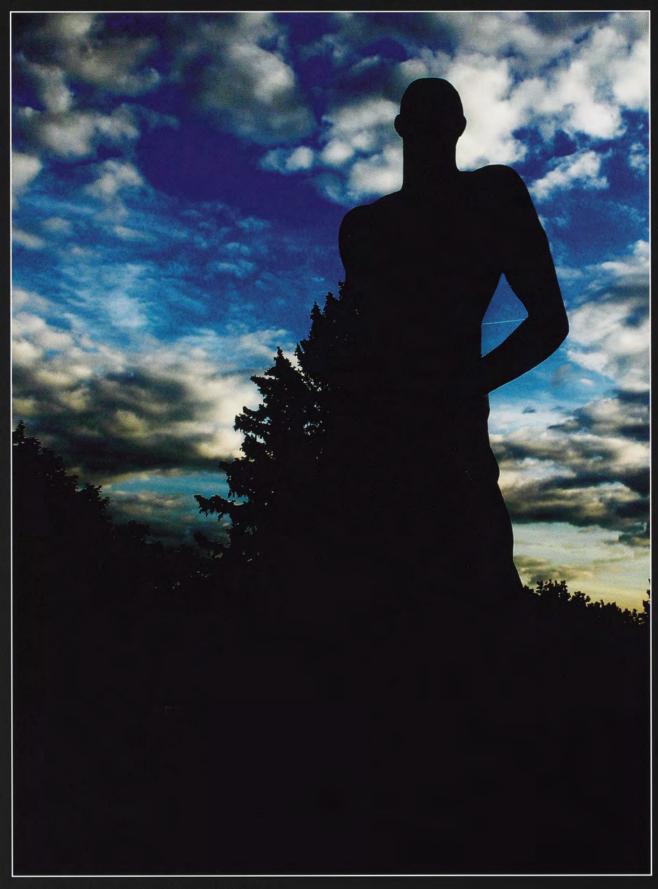
I was sitting down at Espresso Royale on a mid-winter day when I saw these two people passing by. I think they nicely represent cheerful students we run into on campus everday.

Natalia Kowaleczko



Hovering high above campus, I was able to see everything from an angle that not many people do. I was amused by the winding paths and arbitrary patterns that the sidewalks make around Beaumont Tower.

Justin "Bugsy" Sailor



By creating a silhouette and a moody sky, I was trying to show an ominous look of power associated with our mascot.

Joshua Grasso



One day I walked by this tree and saw that the lighting was really dramatic. The juxtaposition of the natural tree and the human made bench was interesting, too. This scene is something you can find when you're walking around the MSU campus. It's something I like about living at MSU.

Fumiko Kawamura



Agriculture is the biggest part of MSU, so when you walk around campus you meet new friends like these cows.

Fumiko Kawamura



Tropical plants are kept warm inside the greenhouse buildings on south campus. Tilting the camera rarely works for me, but I did it here to give the foreground more impact.

Travis Haughton



I stomped through the snow, which was up to my knees, and crouched in some shrubbery to take this picture. It was a really nice day.

Angela Duncan



This vintage cycle was initially appealing due to it's impeccable condition and vibrant color. Beyond that though, it reflects my personality quite well: I dig bikes and I really dig trees.

Phillip Toutant



One day I found the flower garden at MSU and another day I met a new friend on campus. Both discoveries gave me pleasure, and I put them together in one picture.

Fumiko Kawamura



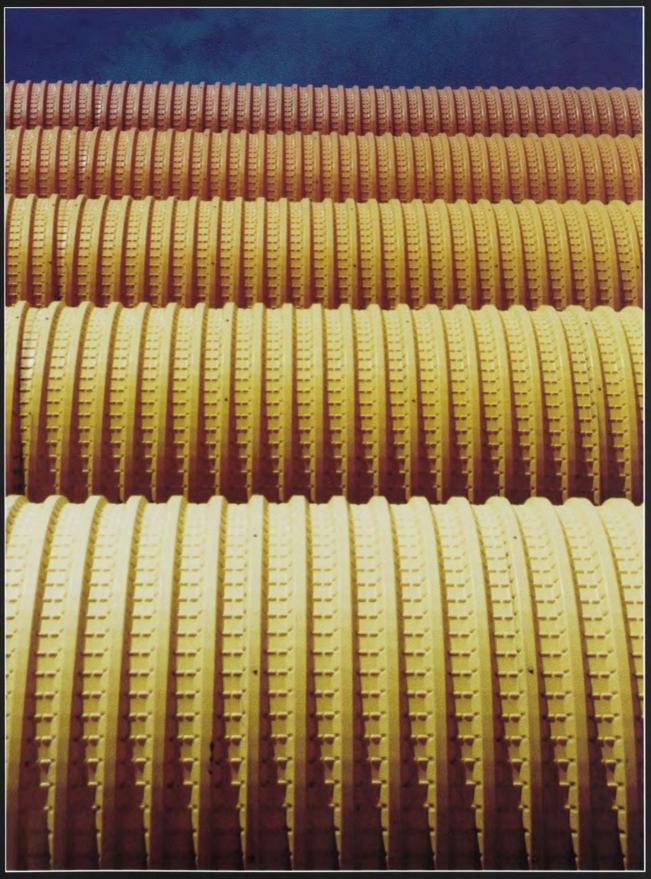
Campbell Hall is located in the historic West Circle Complex. I wanted to add a new mood to a classically beautiful place. The amber glow of the door lamps against a midnight sky gave me what I was looking for.

Joshua Grasso



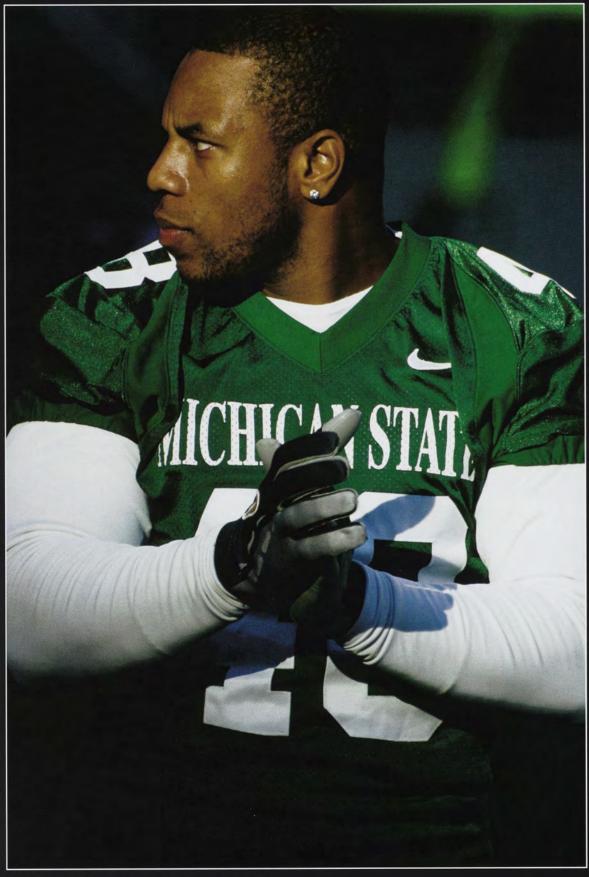
I was talking to a friend on the phone when I took this picture. The river was frozen, and I stood in the middle taking pictures before going to a party.

Angela Duncan



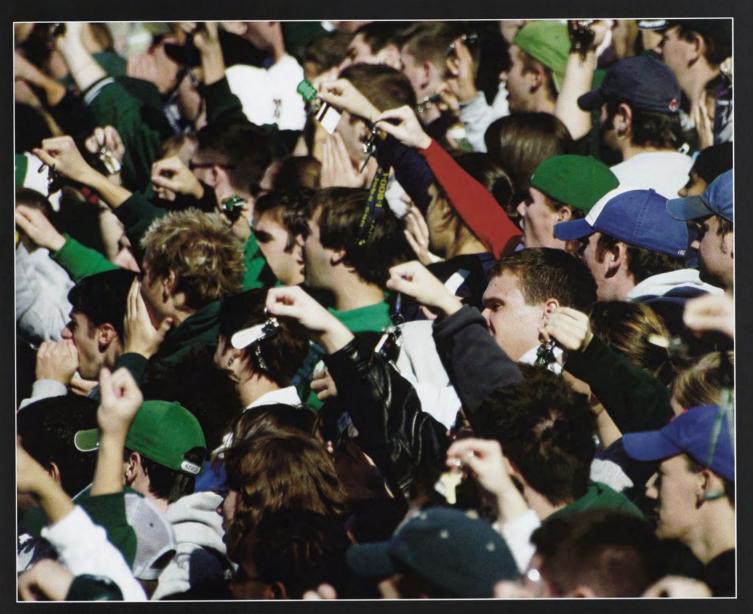
This is the hamster cage, because it looks and works like one. I find parking structures extremely beautiful, and I wanted to capture the essence of this one with this photo.

Angela Duncan



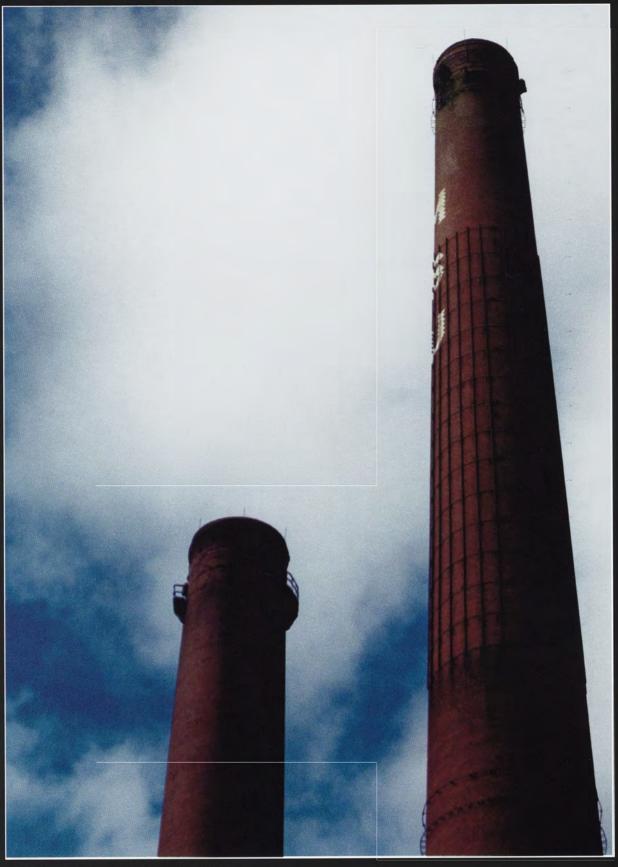
While watching players during warm-ups before the great upset over Wisconsin, I saw junior line backer Seth Mitchell hanging in the shadows getting ready for battle. The way the light was falling struck me as a shot I couldn't pass up.

Joahua Grasso



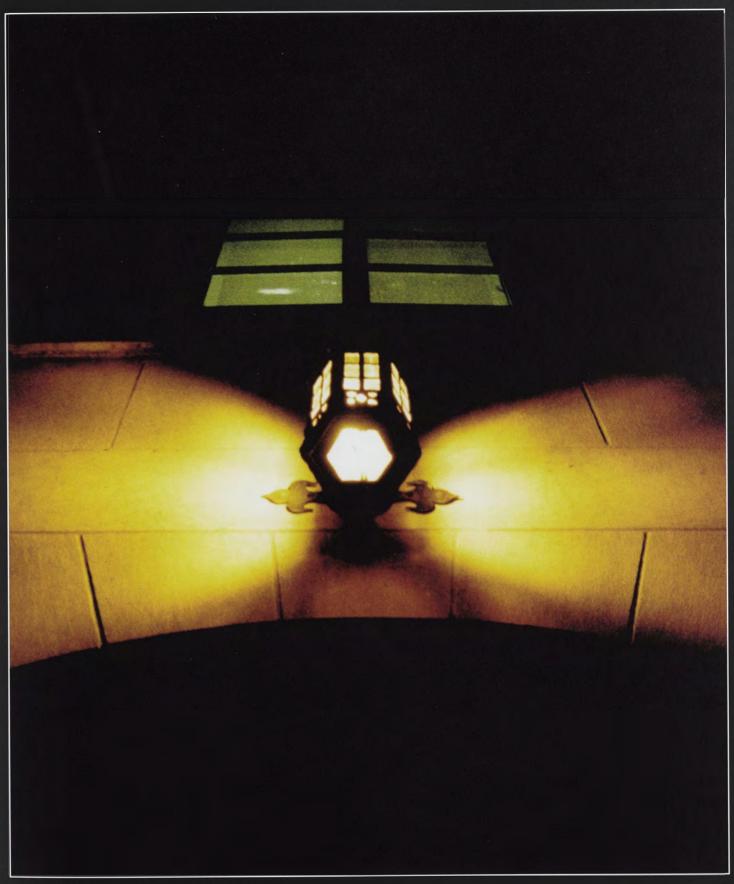
With this shot I was trying to capture the spirit of MSU students. Here they are shown participating in a cheer where we rattle our keys during a key defensive play.

Joshua Grasso



Arriving on campus as a freshman this fall, I was amazed at the sheer size of MSU. I thought the smoke stacks on campus summed up just how intimidating college can initially be.

Jen Healy



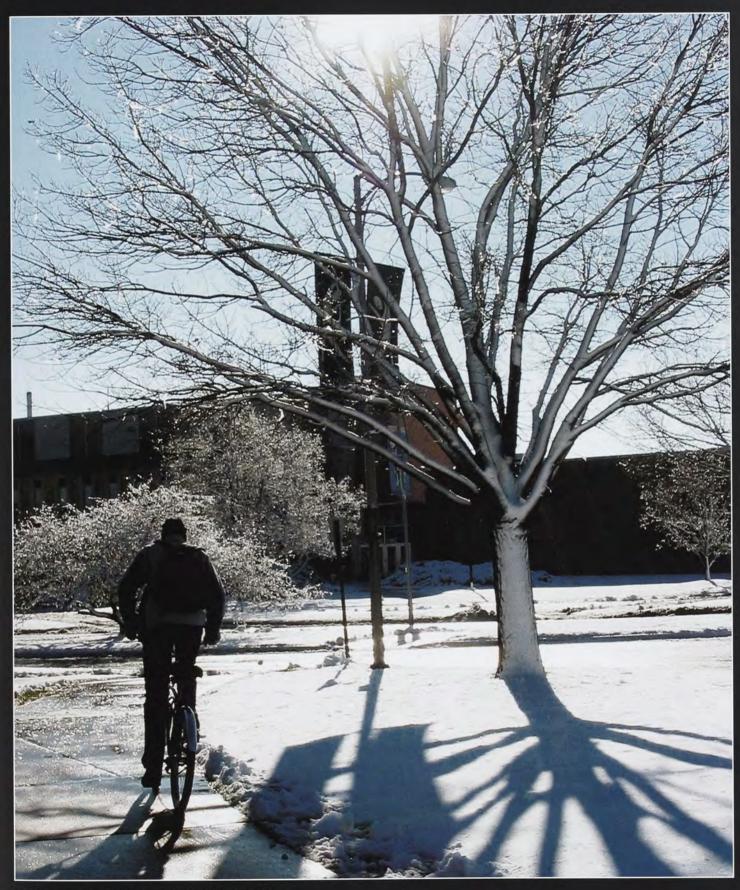
While testing out my new camera I ventured out into campus. At the end of the day I found myself back at the dorm, Snyder Hall. I always thought the lights at the entryways looked very fascinating. I figured that standing under the light looking up would add a cool effect to the intricate light fixture.

Ben Achtabowski



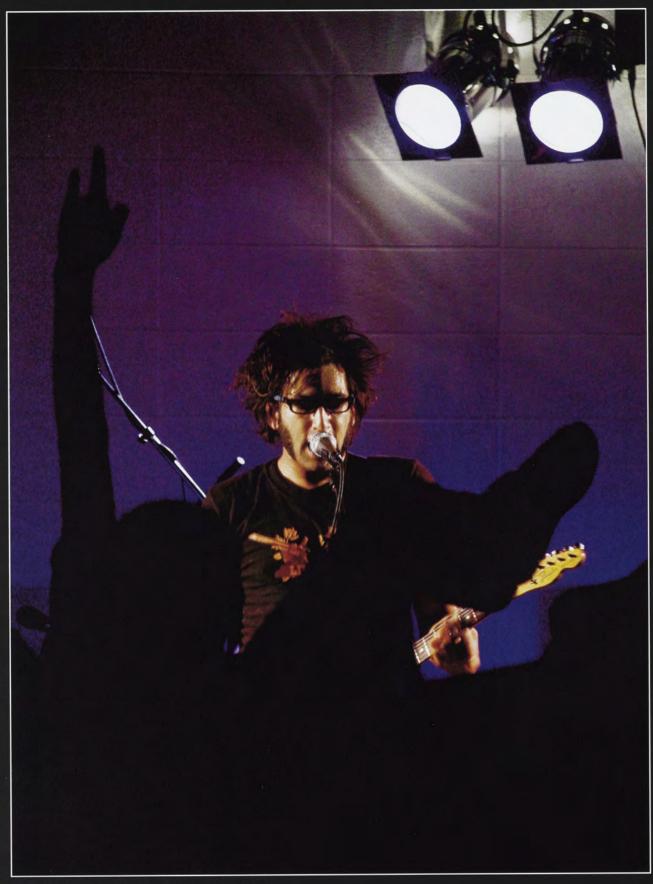
The winter's first snow came overnight, and the sun was shining. It was one of those great, cold winter mornings, and the beauty of untouched snow on a sidewalk make me want to take the picture.

Angela Duncan



One morning I woke up and saw that everything outside was covered with snow. I was so excited taking pictures and almost forgot to go to class. This is something you experience when living in Michigan during winter.

Fumiko Kawamura



A crowd surfer passes in front of lead singer Justine Pierre of Motion City Soundtrack. I noticed the crowd surfers during the first song, but they stopped during more mellow songs. Luckily everyone went crazy when they played their radio hit song, and I managed to get one shot where he perfectly frames the lead singer.

Travis Haughto



To me, this picture of the new Biomed building represented a fresh look at the 21st century of the MSU campus. I liked it because the picture shows a beautiful meshing of steel and glass and looks as much modern as it does timeless.

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2005 Undergraduate Photography Contest Winner



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In the prime of the fall season, I wandered around campus looking for something with great composition that I could photograph. I stumbled upon a bunch of trees, where, through a small opening, I could see a few guys playing football. The light was just beautiful and so inviting because it was around dusk. The framing was very inspiring, not something that you see too often. It was perfect. That was all I needed to compose a good photograph.

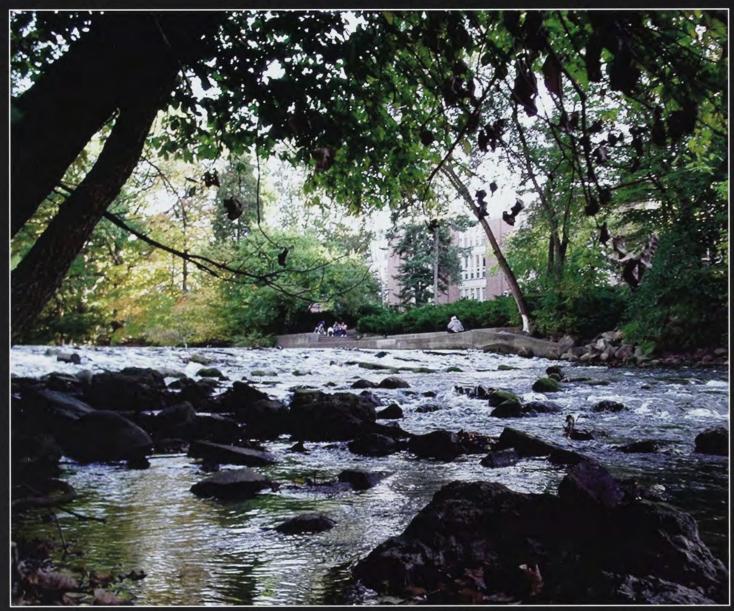
Ebony R. Davis



2005 Undergraduate Photography Contest Winner

It was the peak of fall and I decided that I wanted to explore the nature reserve behind my residence hall, McDonel. I got my camera and walked down through the forest to the river. The leaves were beginning to fall from the trees and they floated down onto the river sending out rings of water. I realized that I could just take a normal picture of the river, but I wanted something different. So I climbed out on this tree that had fallen into the river and I lay down so I could catch the leaves that had fallen in the foreground of the picture. I had just gotten a new camera that had macrofocus and it boasted that it could capture the texture of a dollar bill, so it worked out really well. I feel like the picture really captures the essence of fall and the beauty of MSU's campus.

Robert Shaheen Marketing sophomore



 ${\bf 2005\, Undergraduate\, Photography\, Contest\, Winner}$

One of my favorite parts of campus is the Red Cedar River. My best friend and I walk his dog through campus, and I am always stopping for another picture. I have always liked how the river changes as it runs through campus. By McDonel it barely seems to run and is often glass smooth. When it gets to the Administration Building it has sped up and goes down the mini rapids. At the time I was wondering how the river would look from the dog's perspective, so I lowered the camera to her level. I am always trying to discover if something is going to look different from another perspective. It is a great analogy for life, too.

Amanda Ross Journalism junior



2005 Undergraduate Photography Contest Winner

The image itself was taken outside of Demonstration Hall. The wall faces two large trees between Demonstration Hall and Munn Ice Arena. I was on campus during winter break right after a snowstorm. The campus was empty, so I was focused on using scenery to create interesting shots instead of including people and students for creative inspiration. The red brick is characteristic of many of the old buildings on campus and provided great contrast for the frame of the black lamp and the ice. The odd-colored replacement glass on the left of the lamp itself provides slight imperfection in what I consider to be a perfect shot.

Jeremy Smoker Communications senior





Organizations

Associated Students of MSU

Founded in 1965, the Associated Students of MSU are endlessly working to improve undergraduate education and provide tools and services to help each student receive the best experience MSU has to offer. Different departments come together to form ASMSU, each with unique roles and service offerings.

The ASMSU Student Assembly represents the undergraduate student body in non-academic issues. Two of the Student Assembly's main concerns for the school year were trying to improve campus safety and making tailgating safer without losing any of the fun. Also, the assembly provides resources including free legal services, free bluebooks and 4-cent copies to any MSU undergraduate student.

The Academic Assembly works in partnership with other on-campus organizations to improve the accessibility, quality and prestige of undergraduate

education at MSU. The assembly serves as the student liaison to MSU's administration and Academic Governance system in dealing with campus policies. Academic Assembly's biggest issue was working to help ensure that any reorganization of the colleges, specifically within the liberal arts program, happens in a manner most beneficial to students.

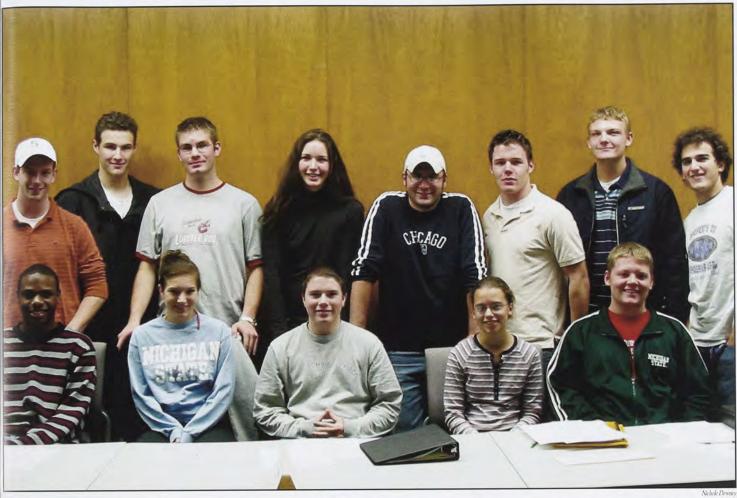
Academic Assembly member and international relations junior Jessica Hancock said she believes her work with the organization has helped her build leadership skills and knowledge about MSU and how it relates to local, state and federal governments.

"It gives me a way to see what is happening at MSU and to make sure that student voices are heard," she said.

Amy Poszywak











With 7,412 freshman enrolled in last year's fall semester, MSU took on one of its largest freshman classes ever. To make them feel more at home, the Freshman Class Council reached out to the incoming students through campus events such as forums on safe partying and hosted an end-of-theyear Battle of the Bands.

The council, founded in 1987 and made up of about 20 students, met once a week to discuss events that specifically concerned the freshman class, including plans for alcohol-free tailgates and social events.

The council's main goal for the 2004-2005 school year was to continue to lobby for a change in the hours the residence hall cafeterias served meals on Sunday. Two years

ago, members pressed University Housing officials to change the operating hours from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. to 10 a.m.-6 p.m. The Freshman Class Council expected the change in hours to take effect in 2004, but it did not happen. Another goal of the year was to add more bike racks around residence halls.

The only requirements to be on the council was that members had to be a first-year student interested in campus involvement and reaching out to freshmen classmates. Many members had an interest in student government before coming to MSU.

Christanna Hemmingway

Freshmen Class Council



Senior Class Council members said they are dedicated to creating a strong presence for seniors in campus functions.

The goal of the council is to make every year its best, by taking the usual campus events and giving them a facelift, Homecoming Chairperson Emilie Reister said. She said this included coming up with new ideas and increasing participation and publicity in 2004.

"We hope to provide opportunities for seniors to have fun, be charitable, learn career skills and participate in the school and community," she said.

Some of these opportunities included the Homecoming Parade, the Charity Bowl football tournament, commencement and career development seminars, all of which were organized by the council. Members were also given the responsibility of choosing the senior gift, which is given to MSU from the graduating class at the end of each year.

Besides increasing benefits for seniors, members were also in charge of allocating their tax dollars.

New senior class council members are chosen every spring to serve the following year. Any senior student due to graduate in May or August who is interested in being involved in MSU events can join the organization.

Cindy Chen

Senior Class Council



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Zoological Students Association

In its 10 years at MSU, the Zoological Students Association has boasted members that have gone on to run zoos around the country and perform conservation work around the world.

The association provides a social atmosphere for the discussion of all aspects of zoology, which has played a significant part of the university's 150 years. Members said they are excited to be in a field that is continually growing and in a program that is one of the best in the country.

Their goals for the year were to have unique guest speakers from the field, including zookeepers from around the country, provide fundraising opportunities and to travel to places such as the Brookfield Zoo in Chicago and Binder Park Zoo in Battle Creek. The association's fundraisers included selling T-shirts and making holiday crafts, and members also donated items to the Capital Area Humane Society.

The Zoological Students
Association encourages anyone who is
interested in animals or zoology to join
their organization. Members do not need
to study zoology to become involved and
attend the biweekly meetings.

Crystal L. Burks





Photos Courtesy of Zoological Students Associati





Student Greenhouse Project members said they are visionaries, trendsetters, fire jugglers and more. Established at MSU in 1998, the group's purpose is to build a tropical place for everyone to enjoy.

"We want something people can come nearby like a 'town center' to spend time, meet neighbors and learn at-hand," Director Phillip Lamoureux said. The group is looking to build the structure behind the Old Horitculture building.

They attend Party at the Aud, where they set up a tent and pass out information to recruit potential members and show a working model of the structure they want to build with waterfalls and lights, Secretary Eada Shemke said. And at Autumnfest, held at the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources, the group's themed

table, which attracts administrators such as former MSU President M. Peter McPherson, has won first place three years straight.

The Student Greenhouse Project also participates in "plant pottings," where members buy more than 250 small tropical plants to put in pots the University Activities Board sponsors for students to paint and take home at a craft night. They also put on Biodome awareness concerts, at which local bands play at the Erickson Kiva and members pass out information.

Members of the group said they are pleased to be part of MSU's sesquicentennial and plan to have the biodome on campus for the next 100 years.

Jessica Adams

Student Greenhouse Project



In its first full year at MSU, the Foundation for International Medical Relief of Children participated in many volunteer and fund-raising events, with the goal of promoting health care for children in the global community.

The FIMRC made dinner for low-income families of children in the hospital with Ronald McDonald House Charities and also for the homeless through the City Rescue Mission in Lansing. Foundation members raised money in the Bowl for Costa Rica event to support the construction of children's hospitals in Costa Rica. The group timed, scored and judged events at the Special Olympics and mentored middle school students in the community.

Foundation for International Medical Relief of Children

The Foundation for International Medical Relief of Children was also involved in AIDS counseling and awareness through the Lansing Area AIDS Network.

The organization received the Chapter of the Month award in June of 2004 for its community involvement. President Lisa Tovey, a human biology junior, said she was proud of the growing organization.

"We have really shown a lot of dedication to fund raising and volunteering," she said. "It's really neat to watch the group and all it does."

Alison Costello





By promoting community service on campus, Into the Streets is an asset not only to MSU, but also to the community. Its purpose is to introduce students to thoughtful community service by challenging them to volunteer at sites within the greater Lansing area. Into the Streets is currently in partnership with 20 non-profit agencies that work with MSU students on three major service days.

Education senior and Into the Streets chairperson Claire Drummond said she believes volunteer experiences are a great way for students to get involved in helping the community.

"Our organization is a great way for students to learn about and get involved in volunteering in a fun and laid back atmosphere," she said. "And the feeling you get after completing a project is really rewarding."

Into the Streets meets every week to talk about and plan for its three major service project days each year: a kickoff in mid-October, MSU and Ohio State University Make a Difference Day in November and Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

On these service days students meet in the morning and listen to a keynote speaker before heading out to the greater Lansing area to volunteer. The days end with a celebration dinner to praise the efforts of the volunteers, planning board and the organization's adviser, Carlos Fuentes.

Amy Poszywak



Angela D

Into the Streets

University Activities Board

Anyone who thinks that MSU is one of the most activity-packed campuses has the University Activities Board to thank for providing free or low-cost social events for students. The UAB is responsible for activities such as weekend movies at the Campus Center Cinemas, weekly swing dance lessons and craft nights.

As the first student organization on campus, the UAB has a long history of providing entertainment for MSU students. Originally known as the Union Activities Board, the board merged with the Campus Center, which provided late night entertainment, in 2001. Since then, the board, which has won three national awards

for its programming in the last 15 years, has livened up the campus social scene with events such as Battle of the Bands, Spartan Idol and Sparty's Spring Party.

During homecoming week, the board put on events such as the Homecoming Jam, Hayrides and History and the Green and White Ice-cream giveaway to increase student school spirit.

The group also coordinated Welcome Week events to keep students busy before classes started.

Cindy Chen





Joshua Grasso

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In the fall of 2003, The Real Food Group emerged on campus with the goal of making the global food system more environmentally and socially just. The organization sustained its goals by promoting locally grown food, Fair Trade Certified products, organic food and the humane treatment of animals. Its purpose at MSU was to educate students about the food system and help make positive social and environmental changes through dialogues with business owners and managers.

In March 2004, the organization sponsored a panel discussion and tasting for Fair Trade coffee. The event hosted business personnel from various coffee companies. After the panel discussion, four Sparty's cafes

began to sell Fair Trade coffee. The group promotes Fair Trade products because the group is an affiliate of United Students for Fair Trade, a collaboration of students working toward economic justice through the promotion of Fair Trade principles, products and policies.

The group meets once a week to plan events and educational field trips. The field trips include going to farmer's markets, food co-ops and local organic restaurants.

Members said the sesquicentennial of MSU made the organization feel a greater responsibility to make sure that the family farmer, both at home and abroad, stays in business at the nation's first land grant university.

Christanna Hemmingway



Jison Gronlim

The Real Food Group



The Accafellas, an eight-man a cappella group, sing songs from The Temptations to Bruce Springsteen and from old school R&B to hip-hop.

Since the founding of the group in 1996, the Accafellas have released three self-titled albums. In order to join the group, each potential member performed an a cappella solo and tested his vocal range and ability to match specific pitches.

The men practiced four days a week, and their hard work paid off when they were invited to sing for the International Championship of Collegiate A Cappella competition for the fifth time.

In November, the group hosted Accapalooza, a performance that showcased the talents of several groups from several Michigan colleges, including MSU, University of Michigan and Eastern Michigan

Accafellas

University. The event, held at the Fairchild Theatre, consisted of female and male a cappella groups.

Accafellas also put on a fall and spring show and hosted the International Championship of Collegiate A Cappella Midwest divisional competition at the Pasant Theatre in Wharton Center, in which a cappella groups from across the country competed against each other. In addition, the Accafellas performed, as they do every year, at the Earth Day concert in downtown East Lansing. Members also sang in various dorms across campus in what they call "dorm storm" and at schools such as a winter tour in Traverse City and South Padre, Texas in the spring.

Christanna Hemmingway



American Advertising Federation

The American Advertising Federation isn't just a group of students who sit around and talk about advertising, but an organization that gives students an opportunity to get tangible experience and develop their resumes.

The meetings are open to all students, but most beneficial to those studying advertising, telecom, marketing, communication, graphic design, studio art and public relations. During the meetings, members get involved with strategic planning, campaign instruction, public relations, media planning, creative and design work, editing, promotional work, printing and presentations.

The federation provides students with hands-on advertising experience by completing and creating a campaign from beginning to end for a business that is

showcased at an annual national American Advertising Federation competition. This year's client for MSU's AAF was Yahoo!.

The goal for the year was to win the regional National Student Advertising Competition in April, going up against 17 other schools in the region. The NSAC was the primary event of the year for the advertising federation. Members worked biweekly in the beginning of the year, but increased their workload to two to three days a week as the competition neared.

Throughout the year members attended workshops and seminars on advertising. Also, the group participates in the greater Lansing area's Addy Awards, the world's largest American Advertising Federation-sponsored creative contest.

Chris Meagher



Jen Heals





In loose affiliation with the national organization Distributive Educational Clubs of America, College DECA was formed at MSU in September 2002. The organization's purpose is to network with business professionals and students, learn necessary and helpful skills for the work world, gain leadership experience and improve each member's experience at MSU.

DECA attends annual state conferences in Lansing where they participate in marketing case study competitions against other Michigan chapters. During the 2003-2004 school year DECA made it to the national conference in Nashville.

College DECA meets twice a month to prepare for state and national conferences. DECA arranged to have guest speakers from local

businesses at each meeting. DECA also holds an annual fall leadership retreat, which aims to build leadership skills and unite members.

President and founder of College DECA Danielle Ruman said she believes the organization is a great way for motivated business students to both strengthen their career skills and have fun.

"Through DECA I've been able to travel throughout the country and meet all kinds of people," the economics junior said. "It's also helped me discover my abilities to effectively run an organization and has increased my confidence, and I am able to see that quality in other members as well."

Amy Poszywak

College DECA





With no fee or experience required to join, the Medical Yoga Club was an ideal group for students and faculty to take part to help relieve stresses caused by ailments such as cancers, asthma, allergies, substance abuse and arthritis. The club integrates medical knowledge and technology with yoga therapy techniques.

Last fall, the Medical Yoga Club, along with MSU's Yoga Club, hosted the Yoga Jamboree — a free, all-day event that focused on teaching yoga therapy techniques for health maintenance, sleeping and relaxation.

The Medical Yoga Club is part of the Yogic Sciences Research Foundation, a non-profit organization based in East Lansing that provides

Medical Yoga Club

free yoga classes, private lessons and medical yoga workshops.

Members of the club met once a week for a yoga class followed by a planning session. The club's goals were to discover prevention and therapy techniques for chronic illnesses and various diseases.

While the group never promised a cure to different illnesses, members worked to help make some conditions easier to live with by reducing severity. Medical Yoga Club members also aimed to achieve good health, relaxation and body awareness and provided non-strenuous exercise tips for all ages.

Christanna Hemmingway



Brittney Tan

172 Medical Yoga Club

Up 'til Dawn

Up 'til Dawn is an organization, established in 2000 that prides itself, both locally and nationally, on donating funds to help St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital find cures for children with cancer.

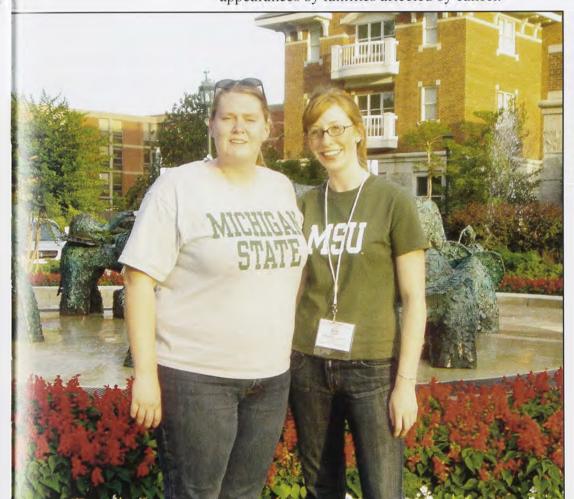
During the 2003-2004 school year Up 'til Dawn raised \$35,000 for St. Jude's, up 300 percent from the year before. In the 2004-2005 school year the group's goal was to raise \$100,000.

The organization held events such as a bowling night, a prom dress auction and an annual Letter Party. The letter party, held in November, consisted of writing letters to family and friends asking them to donate for the cause. The party also had live music, raffled prizes and guest appearances by families affected by cancer.

"MSU sent over 10,000 letters and we're still talking with campus organizations who want to throw their own letter writing parties," said Kerry Wakefield, public relations chairwoman for Up 'til Dawn. "I think more MSU students have heard of Up 'til Dawn this year than ever before."

Donations from the organization have contributed to the rise in the survival rate of cancer patients. In 1962, most cancer patients had less than a 30 percent survival rate for cancers such as Ewing Sarcoma, a bone cancer, and Medulloblastoma, a malignant brain tumor. More recent survival rates range from 75-95 percent.

Crystal L. Burks





CESLO

Even though CESLO, MSU's official Czechoslovak society, has only been established at MSU for three years, the organization already has about 100 members.

Being so far away from their homeland, CESLO members meet every month for a friendly gathering with food, drinks, occasional movies and discussions on how to beat the system of expensive airline tickets, said the organization's president Vladimir Hlasny, an economics doctoral student.

Through this organization, the members hope to connect with other Czech communities around the Midwest, such as in Ann Arbor, Detroit and Chicago. CESLO members also bond through various sports activities, such as their weekly

volleyball sessions and table hockey tournaments. The organization took part in the intramural volleyball competition last year.

One of the more prominent alumni members from the organization is Monika Tothova, an officer at the Organization of Economic Cooperation and Development, a global organization consisting of 30 countries that share a commitment to democratic government and market economy.

CESLO worked to organize activities to encourage learning and diversity at MSU while establishing cross-cultural connections.

Cindy Chen







During the 2004 presidential campaign, religion played a major role in how the public viewed the candidates and left many with questions. Campus Crusade for Christ helped students evaluate their feelings about religion and encouraged a personal relationship with God during the election and throughout the school year.

Since the 1970s, Campus Crusade has been a student-led Christian organization with goals of getting students to know and learn about Jesus. This non-denominational ministry bases its beliefs on the Bible, which members believe is God's word.

The group met on Thursday nights for Bible studies, called Real Life. These meetings consisted of learning to be a "real" Christian by not putting on a mask of always being a "good" Christian. The group learned these concepts through prayer, bible study, and fellowship with other students. Real Life would have as many as four hundred or more students from different races and religions worshipping together.

Another way to have been involved with Campus Crusade was to join the Crusade Drama Team. The team performed skits at meetings for entertainment, as well as for reflection and evangelism.

Other events included an Easter Week celebration, a Christmas conference, and fall and spring Christian retreats.

Christanna Hemmingway

Campus Crusade

Institute of Electrical Engineers

The Institute of Electrical
Engineers started in the early 1970s
and has been involved in MSU and the
community ever since. The organization
consisted of more than 150 members and
held bi weekly sessions where prominent
engineers spoke to students about the field.
Members hoped to increase awareness
of the organization and better prepare
students for the careers they would pursue.

The organization hosted the Student Professional Awareness Conference in February to kick off "E-Week" for the engineering college. The conference involved speakers discussing professionalism in the world of engineering. The organization is responsible for flying the blimp at all of the MSU varsity hockey and women's volleyball games. Members also participated in Delta Sigma Phi's Bed Race, which raised money

for the Hannah Community Center in East Lansing and helped fund after-school tutoring.

The group made an extra effort last year to make contact with former members. Some alumni gave speeches at general meetings and others donated money to the organization. Many corporations such as Microsoft, Dow Chemical and General Motors also donated money.

President Robert Flotkoetter, an electrical engineering senior, said he was proud to be involved in the group and the community.

"It's great to be a part of MSU and the East Lansing community at a time where students really want to be involved to celebrate 150 years," he said.

Alison Costello



Photos courtesy of Institute of Electrical Engineer







Engineers Without Borders, an international organization established at MSU in October, strives to implement engineering projects that are environmentally friendly, equitable and economically sustainable into disadvantaged communities to improve their quality of life.

This year its goal was to empower the people of Pine Ridge, S.D. by offering a solution to communal housing problems. After careful assessment of the community's situation, Engineers Without Borders prepared innovative designs for dwellings that will replace the communal homes residents currently inhabit. The new living quarters will be made of straw bale, which is an inexpensive, effective and resourceful material.

The engineers hoped to begin the Pine Ridge project before the end of summer 2005 and believed

this and similar efforts will further establish their organization. Other potential project sites the ambitious 47-member group wanted to tackle include Peru and Cameroon.

Meetings include guest speakers, project planning, handson activities, computer simulation programs and design activities to enhance students' understanding and help build their skills.

Through their operations and travel, students increase global awareness and integrate different areas of science to solve a problem, said Engineers Without Borders President Mike Glasby.

"Our organization is really preparing the engineering students at MSU to be the engineers of the future," the applied engineering sciences senior said.

Jacquelyn Halas

Engineers Without Borders

ECO

ECO has been fighting for more than a year to have clean energy on campus, and they don't plan on stopping until they win.

ECO, a student environmental group, is committed to promoting environmental awareness and sustainability on campus. The group is trying to change the source of energy used across campus from the MSU coal plant and natural gas to turbines that produce energy using the wind. ECO is pushing MSU to purchase its own turbine and run it by adding a \$5 per semester tax onto students' bills.

"We are committed to producing energy that is as clean as possible, leaving a legacy for future generations," English senior Chelsea

McMellen said.

The group, which was started in 1999, meets once a week to discuss various environmental issues on campus and around the nation. Some other issues that ECO is concerned with include improving recycling at the Eastwood Towne Center in Lansing and on campus, which is limited to paper and newspaper.

ECO also aims to change the Spartan Life student handbook so students will be able to vote for clean energy and promote the consumption of fair trade products.

Chris Meagher







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A fairly young organization on campus, Hapa Asian Pacific Alliance has been fostering friendship and knowledge since fall 2001.

The group provides a supportive home for students of Asian descent and other students who are interested in learning about the current issues that hapas face. According to the group's Web site, the word "hapa" comes from the Hawaiian word "hapa haole," which was actually derogatory in the past. Today, hapa describes anybody who is of mixed Asian heritage.

The HAPA organization meets to discuss issues affecting its community and pertinent politics. The group tackles topics focusing on cultural identity and racial identity, which, despite their differences, are

often not differentiated between in the media and academia. Other subjects include interracial dating, family culture, current news, breaking down stereotypes and significant personal experiences.

The meetings provide a chance for the group to get to know one another better and voice individual concerns. Sometimes the group brings in speakers to attend the meeting and bring up new topics.

In addition to regular meetings, HAPA comes together for social occasions including potlucks, road trips and fund-raisers. Perennially, HAPA participates in the Cultural Vogue show, MAVIN Foundation's Bone Marrow Project and Party at the Aud.

Lindsey Shaw

HAPA



Photos courtesy of the Muslim Students' Associant

The Muslim Students' Association is an organization dedicated to teaching people about Islam, strengthening unity among Muslim students on MSU's campus and voicing concerns of Muslim students in university and community affairs.

The group helped put on Islam
Awareness Week, a week full of programs
and activities aimed at educating people
about what Islam stands for and against.
Other annual events that were hosted
by Muslim Students' Association were
a Ramadan Fast-a-Thon with the Briggs
Multiracial Alliance to promote charity
and an understanding of fasting during
Ramadan. Through such programs, the
association hoped to become more involved
in humanitarian, inter-faith and community
service within the Muslim and non-Muslim

communities, with its ultimate goal to create unity and understanding.

The Muslim Students' Association is one of many chapters of the national association found on college campuses across the United States. Association members said they feel it has brought more diversity to an already culturally rich university and were proud to be a part of that history.

The Muslim Students' Association was established on MSU's campus in August 2002. With only two years in existence, the Muslim Students' Association members said it has already made great strides in educating the community about Islam and the culture of Muslims.

Crystal L. Burks

Muslim Students' Association



If you don't want to live in the dorms freshman year, you better plan on spending part of your high school days on a golf course and the other part of them studying. That is what members of the Evans Scholarship Foundation have done.

The Evans Scholars house, 831 E. Grand River Ave., is the off-campus, co-ed home of all Evans Scholars students, including freshman. MSU's Evans Scholars house is one of 14 around the country that offers the four-year scholarship.

To be eligible students must have been a golf caddie and in the top 25 percent of their high school graduating class, score high on either the ACT or SAT, and have a positive teacher recommendation.

The MSU chapter worked to improve academically and become a more well-known

Evans Scholars

group in the MSU and East Lansing communities.

Evans Scholars participate in many philanthropy events throughout the year including the Lansing Area AIDS Network AIDS Walk, the Kappa Delta golf scramble, the Delta Gamma Anchor Splash, the Lansing Jaycees' haunted house, Adopt-A-Family and St. Vincent's Radio-a-Thon.

The Western Golf Association in Chicago runs the Evans Scholars program. The program was named after Charles "Chick" Evans Jr., who donated money he received for winning tournaments toward caddie scholarships because he wanted to preserve his amateur status.

Chris Meagher





MSU's up-and-coming fashion icons might have found their launch pad in the Student Apparel Design Association.

Every spring, the Student Apparel Design Association hosts a fashion show featuring garments designed and constructed by members of the club. The show, held at Wharton Center, gives students the opportunity to showcase their work to friends, family and anyone in the community interested in fashion. Members are involved in all aspects of show planning including set designing, model workshops, lighting and music, dress rehearsals, advertising, organizing a fundraising banquet, and selling tickets.

A primary goal of the Student Apparel Design Association is to help students working toward careers in all levels of the fashion industry make professional contacts in the field. At meetings, members usually focus on discussing the fashion show and sometimes feature guest speakers.

When they're not putting together the show, Student Apparel Design Association members take trips to Chicago and Detroit, where they attend Fashion Group International conferences with seminars on things such as design, makeup, styling, merchandising and production. This year members traveled to New York to visit and tour the offices of Seventeen magazine, the Fashion Institute of Technology, fabric shops and pattern companies.



Emily Sorger

Student Apparel Design Association

Student Engineering Council

Waking up for early classes and working long into the night on projects, many engineering students considered the Engineering Building their second home. To ensure that it remains a happy and productive home, the Student Engineering Council is responsible for listening to the concerns of fellow engineering students and acting as a liaison between students and faculty.

But the council does more than just field complaints and suggestions. Last year, members also participated in events such as the first annual O-Night, an organization night that showcased all organizations in the College of Engineering, and Engineering Week, a national event held every year that included volunteering, tutoring and even broomball.

"We tried to make the E-week

the best one ever and celebrated MSU's sesquicentennial theme, which was very important to us," said Ana Almonte, a council member and civil engineering senior.

The council included representatives from all engineering organizations and majors in the college. Other members joined based on their motivation and dedication for engineering.

"We like to believe in the fact that engineering is not just about sitting in libraries all night," said Rafat Inayat Elahi, council president and an electrical engineering senior. "It's about being a creative and fun person."

Jessica Adams





Photos courtesy of the Student Engineering Council

American Institute of Chemical Engineers

MSU's Chapter of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers acts as a stepping stone for students who desire future involvement with the national AIChE, which is the only professional organization that represents chemical engineering.

MSU-AIChE's meetings are open to everyone; however, students must be chemical engineering majors to be members. Meetings typically consist of a guest speaker who lectures on topics ranging from workplace professionalism to alumni research.

The organization also participated in various community outreach programs such as the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life and Science, Engineering and Technology Day, which invited high school students to campus to learn more about the chemical engineering program.



AIChE's biggest event is its annual Symposium Day that included a keynote speaker and representatives from various chemical engineering companies that came to campus to give presentations and workshops.

Vice President of Publicity and chemical engineering senior James Moore encouraged students considering chemical engineering studies to check out the organization.

"It's a terrific way for chemical engineering students to make contacts with company representatives," he said. "It also enables students to learn about different fields of chemical engineering, and develop a perspective of the industries and career paths they might be interested in."

Amy Poszywak



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The MSU Human Biology Club assisted human biology students in deciding a career path and learning about the field, and offered students the chance to meet and interact with individuals who share the same interests. Its goals for the year were to increase membership and to become more prominent in the MSU community.

The Human Biology Club was based on four tiers: academic, social, service, and career. One meeting per semester was held on each subject. The members encouraged anyone who is interested in biology and wants to volunteer in the community to join.

The group volunteered regularly at the Lansing City Rescue Mission, serving lunch in the soup

kitchen and managing the clothing store. They also brought meals to Ronald McDonald House Charities, where they had an opportunity to eat and converse with the people staying there.

Established in 2001, the club was fairly new at MSU. Human biology senior Kristen Yanke, the president of the club, said it was significant as a young organization to be able to celebrate the university's sesquicentennial.

"We are proud to offer a way for students to get involved and celebrate the anniversary event," she said.

Alison Costello

Human Biology Club

The Big Green

Last year The Big Green, MSU's online magazine, received thousands of hits each week after relocating from www.allmsu.com to www.thebiggreen.net.

Along with transferring to its own domain, the weekly magazine, which was published every Thursday, underwent a complete redesign. The student-focused publication incorporated stories focusing on MSU, the East Lansing area, art and culture, global issues, and sex and health topics.

MSU's sesquicentennial celebrations generated enthusiasm among members. The Big Green featured a themed issue in the spring that covered topics including the roles and traditions of MSU and historical milestones spanning the past 150 years.

Routine staff duties included providing the student body with interesting and entertaining commentary on social and national events. Meetings were run to mirror the professional journalism world and consisted of brainstorming story ideas for upcoming issues, discussing magazine style writing techniques, planning design and photo elements, and editing articles.

The first issue of The Big Green appeared on St. Patrick's Day in 2003. The online magazine seeks to establish itself as a credible news source for the MSU community by publishing articles on a consistent basis.

Jacquelyn Halas







Combining a unique blend of science, education and public performances, Science Theatre has been organizing science demonstrations to the general public in the surrounding community since 1991.

Ben Collins-Hamel, a physiology senior and director of the organization, said its purpose is "to spark interest in and demystify science through exciting presentations."

The group has developed into several departments including biology, chemistry, computer science, engineering, and physics and astronomy.

The interactive presentations usually include a thematic series of experiments to express a single unifying concept or answer a specific question for the audience.

Science Theatre

With these entertaining science-related performances, the organization is set on being an interface between the general public and the scientific community. Members also try to discourage stereotypes of science and scientists through stage shows and "hands-on" demonstrations.

Most of the organization's activities involve school children of all ages. Every year, the Science Theatre visits more than 50 schools, scouting events and summer camps.

Science Theatre annually takes part in Chemistry Day at Impression 5 Museum in downtown Lansing and Science Day at the Meridian Mall in Okemos.

Cindy Chen



Joshua Grasso



The MSU Academic Competition Club has been bringing a mix of game show fun and quiztaking intelligence to campus since 1996.

The Academic Competition Club, also known as the Quiz Bowl Team or College Bowl Team, promotes and participates in Jeopardy-style team academic competitions at both collegiate and high school levels.

The club holds meetings twice a week complete with "possessed" electronic buzzers. Members use the meetings as practice time to answer questions in preparation for competitions. They quiz each other from packets of information covering a variety of subjects from science and history to pop culture and music.

Along with competing in up to three tournaments a year at MSU and other universities, club members put on a high school tournament in the spring. In October the club took a road trip for a tournament at University of Iowa, where they placed fourth.

In November, the club competed against other college level teams in a College Bowl Incorporated tournament hosted by the University Activities Board. Teams composed of Academic Competition Club members took the top three places. The first-place team, named "Q: Are we not men? A: We are wankel rotary motors!," won the honor to compete in the CBI regional tournament in February.



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Emily Sorger

MSU Academic Competition Club



The sound of the MSU Gospel Choir could be heard on Monday and Thursday evenings in Holden Hall.

The choir rehearsals were not a typical vocal rehearsal, but consisted of testimonies of God's works, prayer, a business meeting and rehearsal of selected songs. The music selections not only consisted of a song ministry, but also a gospel dance ministry, Hype For Christ, and a mime team.

The purpose of the choir was not only to showcase a variety of talents, but also to sing in the name of Jesus, to promote holiness and "to unite all of God's people regardless of denomination," said choir secretary and advertising sophomore Lauren Clayborne.

Since 1966, the choir has traveled all over

Gospel Choir

the United States worshipping God through song. The group also went on a five-day tour of selected cities across the United States. The group also performed across Michigan at different churches, schools and special events.

No audition was required to join the choir, but dedication and commitment remained a priority. The students involved in the choir enjoyed fellowship with other students and were also active in the community.

Christanna Hemmingway



American Medical Student Association

The MSU chapter of the American Medical Student Association provides students interested in the medical field an opportunity for enriching campus experiences. The Association meets to listen to guest speakers in the medical field or tour medical schools, such as MSU's College of Human Medicine and College of Osteopathic Medicine.

Each year the association participates in national and regional conferences, which act as a meeting place for members across the country. Regional conferences feature various medical schools and undergraduate representatives from Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois and Wisconsin. The national conferences include members from schools across the country.

These yearly conferences offer a way for MSU members to network with other schools and get advice from other medical students.

American Medical Student Association President and psychology senior Deanna Bacon said her the organization has helped her progress toward her career in the field of medicine.

"AMSA gave me the opportunity to network with medical students at the medical school that I would like to attend in California, who gave me priceless advice and contact information," she said. "I believe that AMSA is an organization impacting every facet of the health care industry, and I want to be a part of that."

Amy Poszywak



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MSU's Panhellenic Council has been the proud governing board for the 13 women's Greek organization on campus since its establishment in 1902.

The council is made up of nine women who oversee the sororities' philanthropic, social, academic and leadership opportunities. Not only are they a support system for sororities, the panel meets once a week with a delegate from each chapter to discuss current activities in the community and review proposals to changes in policies that govern the Greek community.

The council also strives to strengthen the community through active participation in philanthropic events

Annually, the council partakes in Safe Halloween, the Go Greek Barbecue and Greek Week, a series of charity events including a talent show each spring. In 2004, Greek Week raised \$150,000 in two weeks to benefit the American Cancer Society, Special Olympics, and the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

Panhellenic Council President Abbey Mansfield said MSU Greeks have been an influential part of MSU's campus for years.

"Our history is closely intertwined with the history of MSU, and the longevity of both proves the strength of our close relationship with the university," the social relations senior said.

Lindsey Shaw

Panhellenic Council

Pre-Veterinary Medical Association

Pre-Veterinary Medical Association member's have access to a wealth of resources by being in the organization, but advisor James Averill still works to help students get the most out of their membership.

In 2004 Averill received the Best New Advisor award for helping to make the Pre-Veterinary Medical Association one of MSU's most outstanding organizations. Averill set up the organization's current mentor program which pairs undergraduate members with veterinary medical students based on similar interests. By working as a liaison between undergraduate students trying to get into College of Veterinary Medicine and the vet students themselves, Averill's leadership within the organization benefits each student involved.

Association President and zoology senior

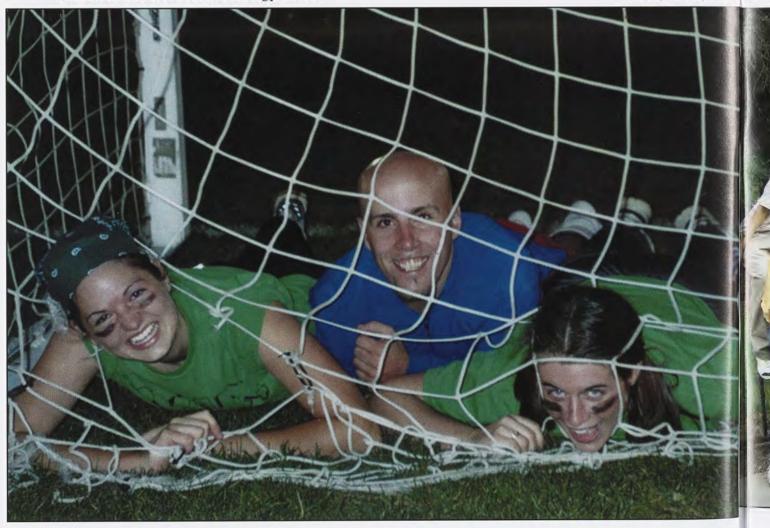


Elizabeth Murphy said Averill allows the group to do its own thing, but always helps them with his own ideas.

"James has provided so much for our club," she said. "He is a phenomenal friend, mentor and overall great supervisor for what we do."

The Pre-Veterinary Medical Association meets to unite pre-veterinary medical students and offer members unique and beneficial experiences such as guest speakers, educational lectures, and volunteer training sessions with the Capital Area Humane Society. Speakers have included wildlife doctors and a Detroit pet police officer who has worked with dog fights and animal abuse.

Amy Poszywa



Hong Kong International

Hong Kong International consisted of about 40 members and strived to be an organization for students to interact and develop connections in the community. Its mission is "to promote and enhance the relationship among our members with the university by organizing and participating in academic and social activities."

The group celebrated holidays together and took field trips. To celebrate the Chinese Mid-Autumn Festival and the Chinese Lunar New Year, members shared traditional Chinese foods.

Hong Kong International members also held a Thanksgiving dinner at a member's home. Group members traveled to Northern Michigan University in February

for a one-day ski trip in and to Indiana University in September to participate in a basketball tournament hosted by the main chapter of the organization. To raise money for their activities, the group sold Chinese decorations and ornaments, such as bracelets and earrings.

Hong Kong International President Anthea Lui, a human resource management senior, said she enjoyed uniting students with similar backgrounds.

"We like to bring things home for the group members," she said. "We are enjoying every single moment here, especially with MSU's 150th birthday."

Alison Costello







Members of the Croquet and Bocce Association came together at least once every two weeks to play and enjoy the sports of croquet and bocce.

In croquet, players hit their ball through a series of hoops. In bocce, one of the oldest Italian games of lawn bowling, competitors attempt to roll their ball closest to a target, another larger ball, farther down the court.

The members played during the fall and spring seasons in Lakeport and Belle Isle, Michigan. In warm weather, they held their meetings on the practice field in West Circle. During the winter they took a trip to the Palazzo di Bocce in Auburn Hills where they played on indoor bocce courts.

Members spent the school

year working to increase membership and educate MSU students about the two lesser-known sports. Anyone who enjoys lawn sports and the company of good friends was encouraged to join.

"I came up with the idea and created the club to suit the needs because there wasn't a club for this and my friends and I really enjoy playing bocce and croquet," said President and Founder Brian Cook, a supply chain management junior.

Members said MSU's sesquicentennial meant a lot to them, because croquet and bocce are fine and established activities, just as MSU is a fine and established university.

Jessica Adams

Croquet & Bocce Association

MSU ASDA, the university's predental club, established in 2000, allows students to get a glimpse of and prepare themselves for the real world dental profession by listening to professionals in the field, discussing school options and preparing for tests.

Dental professionals made guest speaker appearances at meetings in order to impart their advice and share their experiences.

During meetings, club members also discussed the dental school application process as well as practiced for the DAT, the standardized test for dental school admissions. As a group, they reviewed and critiqued different test preparation methods.

Members also attended an open house at the University of Detroit Mercy

Pre-Dental Club

School of Dentistry, one of only three in the state that offers a dentistry program. The University of Michigan also has a dentistry program.

Club secretary Christine Baker said she finds value in all of the opportunities that the club has to offer.

"Pre-dental club helped reaffirm what I wanted to do," the pre-dental and telecommunication, media and information studies senior said. "I love having the opportunity now to help others by letting them know about dentistry, the DAT and volunteer opportunities because I was there a few years ago."

Jacquelyn Halas

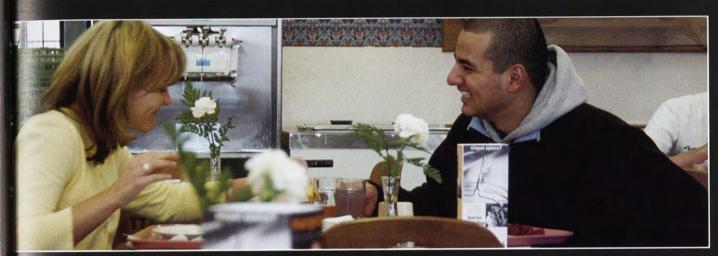




Angela Duncan

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MICHIGAN AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE DORMITORY REGULATIONS

Infraction of any of the following regulations affecting the conduct of the students rooming in the College Dormitories will subject the offender to loss of room without rebate of rent, or to fine, in the discretion of the President and Inspector.

1. Rooms must be constantly kept in good order, and will at all times be subject to inspection. The regular daily inspection (Sundays excepted) will be made between 7:00 and 7:40 a. m., during which time doors will be required to be left unlocked. On Saturdays the regular inspection will take place between 12:20 p. m. and 1:00 p. m.

2. A copy of these regulations will be posted on the inside of the doors of each room occupied by students. The name of the room orderly will be posted directly above.

3 Whenever a room is occupied by more than one student, each occupant will, in turn, a week at a time, serve as room orderly, and will be held individually responsible for the cleanliness of the room, the proper arrangement of the articles contained therein, for the strict observance of regulations, and for the cleanliness of the hall in its immediate vicinity.

4. After 7:00 a.m. each day (12:20 p.m. on Saturdays), the following order will exist in all rooms occupied by students:

Floor or carpet to be clean. Beds to be neatly made.

Clothing not in use to be hung in the closet.

Drawing Boards not in use, to be kept in closet. Tables to be neatly arranged. Closets to be neatly arranged.

Heating apparatus to be kept clean.

Shoe blacking, shoe brush, broom and dust pan to be kept in closet; each room to be supplied with all of these articles by the occupants.

Books to be neatly piled or arranged.
Papers to be neatly folded and piled, or neatly placed in a proper receptacle.
Wash bowl and pitchers to be kept clean, and in or on the wash stand.
Soiled clothing to be kept out of sight.

Shoes to be neatly arranged in closet, with heels against the wall.

- 5. Students shall not in any manner deface or mar the walls or wood work of their rooms, or the halls of the dormitories. This has reference to the use of pins, tacks and paint, as well as other means of defacement.
 - 6. Sinks are provided for carrying off slops, and other refuse matter shall not be thrown therein.
- 7. No student shall spit upon the floors, walls or stairs, nor throw anything, especially water, within the dormitories, nor from the windows.
- 8. Students are absolutely forbidden to change, or in any way tamper with, the electric wiring or apparatus in the rooms or elsewhere in the building, or to appropriate incandescent lamps from the buildings or grounds of the College.
 - 9. No towels, soap, tooth brushes, glasses, or any other toilet articles shall be left in the closets.
- 10. Laundry baskets, wheels, furniture or other personal effects will not be allowed to remain in the halls or corridors, nor will students be allowed to beat or clean carpets or rugs in the halls or from the windows of the halls. Sweepings or other dirt or waste must not be deposited in the halls after 7:40 o'clock in the morning.
- 11. Students procuring keys will not make duplicate keys, or allow them to be made, except by permission of the Secretary.
- 12. Students will quietly devote themselves to study during study hours, and will abstain from doing anything which might interrupt the study or repose of others; and, at no time, will rude or boisterous conduct be allowed within the college buildings.
 - 13. Rooms assigned to students must not be changed without special permission of the President.
- 14. Inspecting officers are assigned to divisions by the President and Inspector of dormitories; and said officers, while in performance of their duty, will be treated with the same amount of respect due a college instructor.
- 15. Occupants of rooms will be held strictly responsible for misconduct in their rooms whether absent or present; also for damages thereto. Other damages to property may be collected from occupants adjacent thereto as may be determined by the inspecting officer.

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Mason 1 North



Mason 1 South



Mason 2 Middle



Mason 2 North



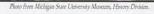




Mason Terrace



Students joke around in their residence, circa 1907 to 1912.





Abbot 1 North and Terrace



Photo from Michigan State University Museum, History Division

Three students play instruments in Arnold H. Hopperstead's room in Wellman House, a boarding house, circa 1916.



Abbot 2 South



Snyder House 12



Abbot 1 South



Abbot 2 North



Abbot 2 Middle



Abbot 3



Snyder House 13



Snyder House 14



Snyder House 15



Snyder House 16



Snyder House 17



Snyder House 18



Phillips House 1



Phillips House 2



Phillips House 3



Phillips House 4



Phillips House 5



Phillips House 6



Phillips House 7



Phillips House 8



Phillips House 9



Photo from Michigan State Museum, History Division





Campbell 1 North



Campbell 2 North



Campbell 3 North



Landon 1 West



Landon 2 West



Campbell 1 South



Campbell 2 South



Campbell 3 South



Landon 1 East



Landon 3 West



Landon Ground West



Mayo 1 West



Mayo 2 West



Landon 2 East



Landon 3 East



Landon Ground East



Mayo 1 East



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Yakeley 1 West



Yakeley 1 East and Ground



Yakeley 2 West



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Yakeley 3 East



Gilchrist 2



Williams 1 North and South



Williams 2 South



Williams Ground South



Gilchrist 1



Gilchrist 3



Williams 2 North



Williams Ground North



Van Hoosen



Bryan 1



Bryan 3



Emmons 1A



Emmons 1B

Seniors pose outside Wells Hall circa 1907 - 1912 in their caps and bathrobes to mock their impending graduation.





Emmons 2B



Emmons 3A



Emmons 3B



Emmons 4A



Bailey 1



Bailey 2



Bailey 3



Bailey 4



Armstrong 1A



Armstrong 2A



Armstrong 3



Rather 1A



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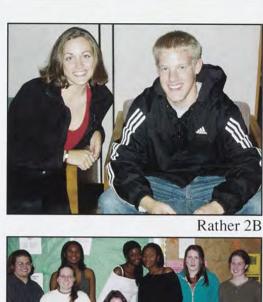
Armstrong 4



Rather 1B



Women in South Campbell take a break to play bridge with friends, circa 1955.





Rather 3A



Rather 3B



Rather 4A



Rather 4B



Rather Black Caucus



Butterfield 1B



Butterfield 2A



Butterfield 2B



Butterfield 3B



Butterfield 4B



Wilson 1 West



Wilson 1 East



Wilson 2 West



Wilson 2 East



Wilson 3 West



Wilson 4 West



Wilson 5 West



Wilson 6 West



Holden 2 West



Wilson 3 East



Wilson 4 East



Wilson 5 East



Wilson 6 East



Holden 2 East



Holden 3 West



Holden 3 East



Holden 4 West



Holden 4 East

Residents of Ward A assemble outside Wells Hall in military garb for a hall activity.





Holden 5 West



Holden 5 East



Holden 6 West



Holden 6 East



Wonders 1 North



Wonders 1 South



Wonders 2 North



Wonders 2 South



Wonders 3 North



Wonders 3 South



Wonders 4 North



Wonders 5 North



Wonders 6 North



Photo from Michigan State University Museum, History Division
Two students share a conversation in their residence hall room.



Wonders 4 South



Wonders 5 South



Wonders Black Caucus



Case 1 South



Case 2 South



Case 4 North



Wonders 6 South



Case 1 North



Case 2 North



Case 3 North



Case 4 South



Case 5 North



Case 5 South



Case 6 North



Case 6 South



Akers 1 West



Akers 2 West

Students gather outside of Mason-Abbot Hall for a post-graduation reception in 1942.



Akers 2 East



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Akers 3 West



Akers 4 East



Akers 5 East



Akers 6 East



Holmes 1 East



Akers 4 West



Akers 5 West



Akers 6 West



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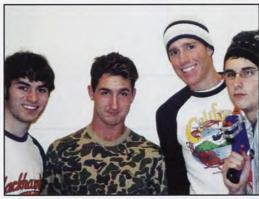
Holmes 6 East



Hubbard 1 North



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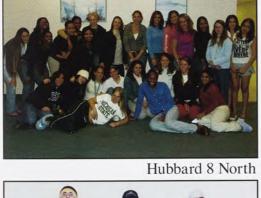
Hubbard 7 North



Hubbard 7 South

Two students share a smoke in their Wells Hall room, circa 1918.





Hubbard 8 South



Hubbard 9 North





Hubbard 9 South



Hubbard 10 North



Hubbard 10 South



Hubbard 11 North





Hubbard 12 North







Hubbard 12 South



McDonel 1 East



McDonel 2 East



McDonel 3 East



McDonel 4 East



McDonel 1 West



McDonel 2 West



McDonel 3 West



McDonel 4 West



A student looks out into the courtyard of Mary Mayo Hall in 1933.



Shaw 1 West



Shaw 2 West



McDonel 5 West



McDonel 5 East



McDonel 6 West



Shaw 1 East



Shaw 2 East



Shaw 3 West



Shaw 3 East



Shaw 4 West



Shaw 4 East



Shaw West Terrace



Shaw East Terrace



Shaw Ground West



Shaw Ground East

Spartan Greek Life

Alpha Tau Omega has a long and respected history at MSU. Founded in 1877 as the Eclectic Society, it boasts the honor of being MSU's oldest social fraternity. The Eclectic Society, or "tics" as they were called, became Alpha Tau Omega in 1940.

Locally, Alpha Tau Omega has produced many distinguished MSU graduates. William Beaumont, namesake of Beaumont Tower; Jack Breslin, namesake of the Jack Breslin Student Events Center; and Jimmy Hoffa Jr. are just a few famous Taus.

Literally and figuratively the MSU chapter of Alpha Tau Omega is on the move. For the past two decades, the men of Alpha Tau Omega called 520 Linden home. In 2003, the ATO MSU Housing Corporation signed a lease for the former Alpha Xi Delta sorority chapter house at 251 W. Grand River Ave. The fraternity's new location is in sight of and reminiscent of its original chapter location, 451 Evergreen.

MSU's first sorority, the Beta Beta chapter of Alpha Phi, was founded in 1922. The Alpha Phi chapter house stands on the corner of M.A.C. and Beech, where it has existed since its founding. Each semester, 50 women live in the chapter house

Since its establishment at MSU, Alpha Phi has remained a strong member of the Greek community. Currently, Alpha Phi membership has 115 initiated members. In 2003, Alpha Phi was awarded "Most improved GPA" and in 2004 it received the "Recruitment Chair of the Year" award.

Distinguished alumnae from MSU include Claire Waters Ferguson, the first woman president of the U.S. Figure Skating Association and Julee Rosso, co-author of "Silver Palate Cookbook, The New Basics Cookbook."

According to Chris Sorgi, president of the Interfraternity Council, "MSU's fraternities and sororities have been a part of student life since the early stages of student life development. They have stood the test of time, hardships and stereotypes, and will grow even stronger for the next 150 years."

Panhellenic Council President Abbey Mansfield shares the same pride and positive outlook toward the future for the Greek community.

"For more than 80 years, MSU students have turned to Greek Life for leadership, service, scholarship and friendship opportunities," she said. "As members of sororities and fraternities, we pride ourselves on our strong history and alumni. We are proud of our positive relationship with the city of East Lansing and Michigan State University and look forward to our growth and success in the future."

Christie Hendrickson

Members of the Eclectic Society gather for a group photo in 1905. The Eclectic Society would later become Alpha Tau Omega.





The women of Alpha Phi assemble for a group picture in 1926. Alpha Phi was the first sorority and was established in 1922.

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Founded in 1936, the MSU's Farmhouse Fraternity chapter has been a home to men interested in the traditional values and

hard work on which the fraternity was based. These values are shown by the fact the Farmhouse does all its own home repairs and remodeling, unlike most fraternities on campus.

Biological engineering senior and president of the fraternity James Bosserd stands by the strength of these values.

"We consider ourselves to stand out from most other fraternities because we try to bring values of hard work and tradition to MSU," he said. "Most of our members are from small towns or rural areas, so we have that in common and have a really strong brotherhood and believe in working together."

Along with participating in common inter-Greek philanthropic events such as Safe Halloween and Relay for Life, the fraternity worked to add its own philanthropy event in January, a Pedal Tractor Pull.

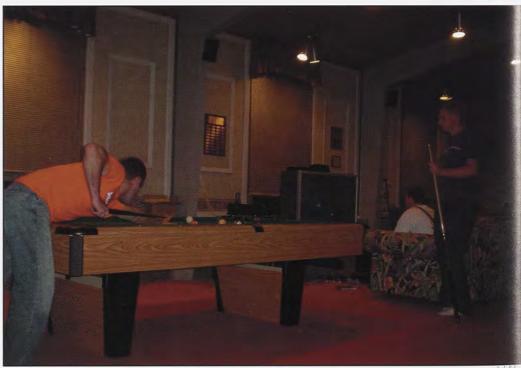
Farmhouse was also involved in the College of Education's annual Small Animal Stay event, which gives an opportunity to young children and their parents to visit MSU and have hands on experiences with its farms and animals.

The brothers have been known to hold, weather permitting, "rolling hot tubs." This consists of sealing up the bed of a pickup truck and filling it with water to create a hot tub on wheels, a creative way to spend a hot afternoon on campus.

Amy Poszywak

Farmhouse

Michigan State Chapter 151 Bogue Street Est. 1936



Pi Beta Phi

Michigan Gamma Chapter 343 North Harrison Est. 1945



Pi Beta Phi's mission statement "To promote friendship, develop women of intellect and integrity, cultivate leadership potential and enrich the lives of members and their communities" provides the foundation of MSU's

chapter. Established Feb. 17, 1945, the sorority has worked to uphold its goal by helping the community.

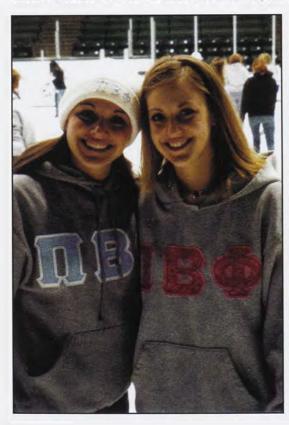
Pi Beta Phi hosts its own philanthropy, Links to Literacy, to help promote literacy throughout the community. This program is supported by the sorority's annual broomball tournament. The sorority also supports Arrowmont School of Arts and Crafts, which was founded by the sorority in 1912, by hosting the annual Arrow Open golf tournament.

Pi Beta Phi also focuses on developing member's communication and leadership skills. Enza Palazzolo, a math and science engineering junior and assistant to the Vice President of Moral Advancement and Arrow Correspondence, credits the sorority for helping develop and advance her professional and social leadership skills.

"I've met so many great people within and outside the sorority," she said. "I've also become so much more comfortable talking to different people and experiencing new things."

The first chapter of Pi Beta Pi was founded on April 28, 1867, at Monmouth College in Monmouth, Ill. and was the first secret society for women modeled after men's Greek lettered fraternities. At the time it was founded, very few females pursued college educations, and it served as a bonding organization for revolutionary women.

Amy Poszywak





Photos Courtesy of Pi Beta Phi





The goal of Alpha Phi Fraternity is to raise awareness of and prevent heart disease, the number one killer of women in the U.S., through

the national charity Cardiac Care.

In the winter of 2004, President George W. Bush invited members of the national foundation to the White House to recognize the fraternity's work in the fight against heart disease. Along with their recognition, members were awarded Red Dress pins, representing women and heart disease.

In spring of 2004, the MSU chapter did its part to raise money for the cause by putting on a Cardiac Arrest event. With the help of volunteer policemen, the women put community members in jail, all of which had volunteered to the mock arrests. The only way for participants to reclaim their freedom was to post

their own bail or call someone else to bail them out. Each participant raised \$50, and the project raised about \$2,500 total. The money went to the Alpha Phi Foundation, which benefits cardiac care programs and other charities.

The MSU chapter boasts famous alumni such as the U.S. Figure Skating Association's first woman president Claire Waters Ferguson.

Founded nationally in 1872 and locally in 1922, the fraternity's colors are silver and Bordeaux, and its mascot is the "Phi Bear." Its motto is "union hand in hand."

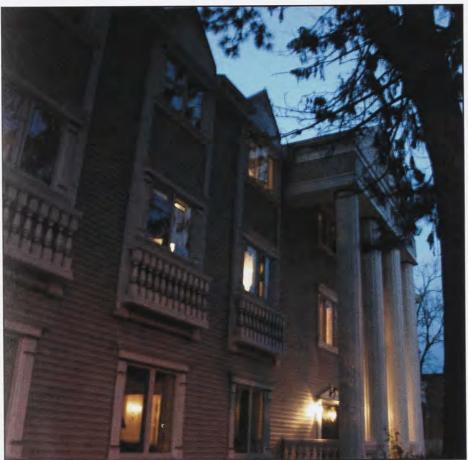
Christanna Hemmingway

Alpha Phi Beta Beta Chapter 616 MAC Est. 1922









Gamma Phi Beta

Beta Delta Chapter 258 Michigan Avenue Est. 1944



Gamma Phi Beta is an award winning sorority dedicated to philanthropy.

Members raised funds by sponsoring an annual Bachelor Auction, in which 18 bachelors from campus are auctioned off to the highest bidder. The winner got

a date with the bachelor at any of the sponsored local restaurants, and the money raised goes not only to the sorority's main chapter philanthropy, but to other events as well, such as the Theta Grill-Off.

Gamma Phi Beta also hosted its first annual dodge ball tournament last year.

The sorority's main philanthropy project is Campfire USA, a nation-wide program that provides educational activities that involve youth leadership, after-school groups, camping and environmental education with childcare. During the last year, the sorority won several awards including Excellence in Greek Community Relations, Excellence in New Member Programming, Greek Academic Women of the Year and Rho Chi of the Year.

Gamma Phi Beta was excited to be an embedded part of the MSU campus as it entered its sesquicentennial year, said Lesley Feight, chapter president and a psychology senior.

Founded in MSU in 1944, the MSU chapter of Gamma Phi Beta has produced several famous alumni such as Illinois Congresswoman Charlotte Reid, Tina Flaherty, vice president of Colgate-Palmolive, GTE and Grey Advertising and Laurel Blair Clark, an astronaut on Columbia.

Cindy Chen

Sigma Delta Tau

Beta Beta Chapter 526 Evergreen Est. 1964



What do an author, a psychologist, a financial columnist, and an actress have in common? Author Carol Saline, Dr. Joyce Brothers, writer Terry Savage, and actress Sherry Lansing who appeared in "Fatal Attraction" and "Indecent

Proposal," all share the sisterhood of Sigma Delta Tau.

The sorority's philanthropy focuses on Prevent Child Abuse America, a volunteer organization dedicated to the prevention of child abuse through citizen action. The month of April is Child Abuse Prevention Month, during which the sorority distributed blue ribbons to show support for prevention through the sorority's Blue Ribbon Campaign. Some of the other events that were the sorority 's highlights of the year include participating in Bash the Blue, Derby Days, Safe Halloween, Theta Chi's Powder Puff and Delta

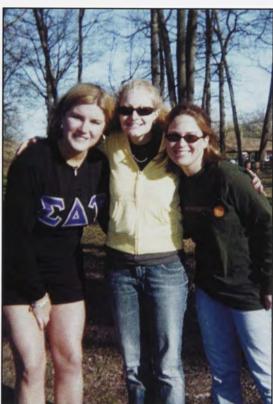
Gamma's Anchor Splash and Anchor Slam.

The Beta Beta Chapter of Sigma Delta Tau was established at MSU in 1984. The members said they were proud to be part of MSU's 150-year history and have enjoyed being able to grow with and be a part of the university's bright future.

The sorority, founded on March 25, 1917 on the campus of Cornell University, is a member of the National Panhellenic Conference and has more than 40,000 alumnae. Sigma Delta Tau's colors are café au lait and old blue. Its symbol is a torch, its flower is a golden tea rose and the sorority's motto is "Patriae multae spes una: One hope of a many people."

Crystal L. Burks





Photos Courtesy of Sigma Delia Tau



Members of Alpha Gamma Rho, say the chapter isn't like other fraternities at MSU. The Tau Chapter is the only fraternity at the university

that is primarily for men in the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources. The organization aims, as the fraternity's motto says, "to make better men, and through them a broader and better agriculture."

Members all have careerrelated interests in agriculture or the food and fiber industries, making the fraternity not only a social organization, but also a professional one. They tour local elementary schools as part of Agriculture in the Classroom, a program in which the men show students simple farming methods such as how to milk a cow.

The fraternity is also involved

in Greek Week, although they do not require potential members to pledge. They also walk for Relay for Life to raise money for a cure for cancer and take part in Safe Halloween with other groups from the Greek community.

Members of Alpha Gamma Rho said they believe it is important to celebrate the past because there are situations and circumstances that can help everyone learn and grow as individuals, as well as groups.

Nationally founded in 1904, the fraternity didn't make its appearance on MSU's campus until 1922. Its colors are dark green and gold, and the symbol is a sickle and sheaf. Michigan's former Lt. Gov. Dick Posthumus was once a member.

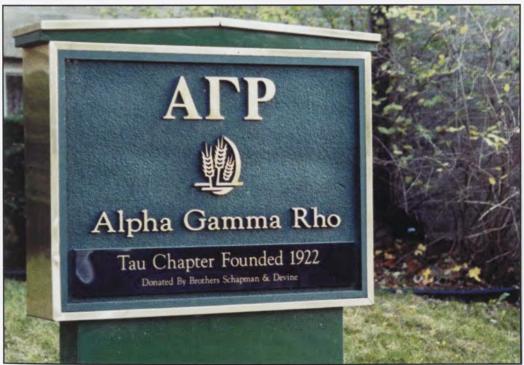
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Alpha Gamma Rho

Tau Chapter 432 Evergreen Est. 1922



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Beta Theta Pi was ranked the number one fraternity for future chief executive officers by Forbes Magazine in 2003, and nationally it

boasts the most CEOs of Fortune 500 companies. The fraternity was also one of the first to enforce a minimum grade point average for active brothers in the house.

Along with their achievements in the classroom, members were active in the community. Annually, members participated in the Theta cook-off and the Chi Omega cook-off. Last year they volunteered at the Gus Macker tournament and participated in Anchor Splash, a week-long event in which all fraternities compete against each other in water events to raise money to benefit a local charity.

For their efforts, the brothers have been awarded 2003 President of the Year, 2002 Best House

Improvements, Excellence of Risk Management and Excellence in Brotherhood

"The most important thing about the house is the actual brotherhood," political science sophomore Nick Romley said. "We do our best to get to know everyone and to form a close bond with each person in the house, which is really our key goal."

Founded nationally in 1839, and locally in 1950, the fraternity's colors are shades of pink and blue. Its symbol is a dragon, and its motto is "We give life to the land."

Famous alumni include Sam Walton of Wal-Mart, Prime Minister of Canada John Turner, Bruce Nordstrom of Nordstrom department stores and Richard Karn, who played Al Borland on "Home Improvement."

Jessica Adams

Beta Theta Pi

Michigan State Chapter 1148 East Grand River Est. 1950



Nichole Downey





Alpha Kappa Delta Phi

Michigan State Chapter Est. 1990

Alpha Kappa Delta Phi is one of MSU's newest Greek organizations. Founded nationally in 1990 and locally in 1998, it has become the fastest growing and largest Asian American sorority.

The organization's national philanthropy is breast cancer awareness, while the MSU chapter's philanthropy is cleft pallet surgery awareness.

To walk toward breast cancer awareness, the girls maintained information booths in the International Center and the Union, passing out flyer and educating the community. They also donated profits they made by selling t-shirts and ribbons to the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation.

In their effort to make the public aware of cleft pallet surgery, the sisters held information sessions frequently and ran forum booths for donations to Smile Train, an organization that collects money for surgery for children born with cleft pallets.

The chapter colors are purple and white, the hourglass is it's symbol, and its motto is, "Timeless friendship through sisterhood."

The sisters said they anticipate the sorority to grow in the future.

"Alpha Kappa Delta Phi looks forward to growing as an organization that promotes cultural awareness and diversity on MSU's everchanging campus," Spanish sophomore Kaitlin Tang said.

Alison Costello

Sigma Kappa

Alpha Tau Chapter Est. 1927



Since the establishment of the Tau Chapter of Sigma Kappa on campus in 1927, the sisters have worked to better the community and nation by donating money to the National Alzheimer's Association, the Main Sea Coast Mission and Gerontology.

The money raised by Sigma Kappa from the Alzheimer's Association's Memory Walk, a fivekilometer walk or run, helped the sorority achieve its status as a bronze medal donor to the national association. In the spring, the sisters helped put on Senior Swirl, where, along with a few fraternities, they brought music, food and dancing to a local retirement home. The sorority also held lollipop sales to raise money for research and helped organize various blood drives in the community.

Public Relations Chairwoman and sociology

junior Ashley Vinkemeier said she enjoyed the charity work and involvement in the Alzheimer's Association.

"Alzheimer's research is something dear to so many women of our chapter because we've been affected by it in numerous individual cases," she said. "We will cherish the memories we are making now years down the road, and that is why we support a cause that helps keep the memories alive."

The chapter colors are lavender and maroon, and its symbols are the dove and the heart, representing love felt by members of the sorority across the country. The motto is "One heart, one way."

MSU President Lou Anna Simon was once a member of the sorority.

Alison Costello





Between barbecue fundraisers, Greek Grill-off, Fash Bash, Safe Halloween, Greek Week, Ronald McDonald House Charities and a calendar fund-raiser, Alpha Omicron Pi is very involved in philanthropy and making a difference in the community.

The MSU chapter, which was founded in 1934, raises money for arthritis research. They held a barbecue during welcome week inviting family, friends, the East Lansing community and other Greeks to an afternoon of games, food and raffles. They also sold calendars of "Alpha Males" this year, featuring fraternity men as well as athletes from several MSU sports teams including sophomore quarterback Drew Stanton and senior forward

Alan Anderson.

According to child development sophomore Lisa Tarczynski, there are many advantages to being a part of Alpha Omicron Pi.

"Alpha Omicron Pi has given me so many great leadership and volunteer opportunities that have helped shape my character," she said. "But my favorite part is the close relationships it has brought me."

Alpha Omicron Pi's symbols include the Jacque Minot Rose, a panda bear and a sheaf of wheat. The panda is significant because it has no natural enemies and the sheaf of wheat represents individuals united in a common bond of sisterhood.

Chris Meagher



Alpha Omicron Pi

Beta Gamma Chapter 445 Abbott Road Est. 1934



Photos Courtesy of Alpha Omicron

Pi Alpha Phi

Michigan State Chapter Est. 2003

Despite being a relatively recent addition to MSU Greek life, the Pi Alpha Phi chapter, founded in July 2003, has jumped right into the mix.

Pi Alpha Phi, the first and oldest Asian-American interest fraternity in the nation, won the Best Cultural Event award in 2003 for hosting an ethnic game night, complete with prizes, in partnership with the Chinese Student Coalition and Korean Students United.

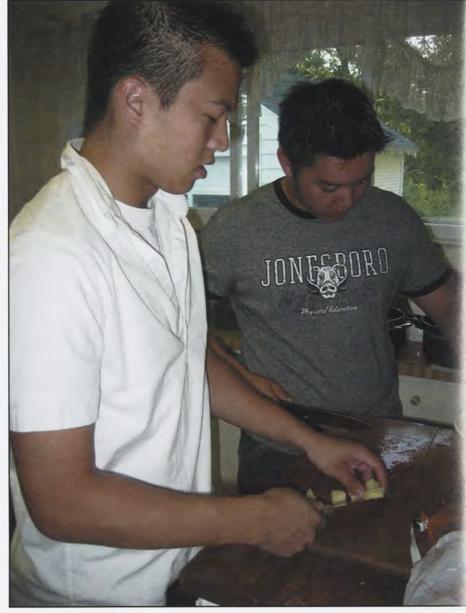
The national philanthropy is the Jade Ribbon Campaign, which raises awareness for Hepatitis B and liver cancer. The fraternity chose the Jade Ribbon Campaign because both diseases are major causes of death in the Asian population. They host informational meetings, events and fund-raisers for the cause. Pi Alpha Phi also participated in America Recycles Day and the APIAVote.

Pi Alpha Phi was founded in 1926 and is still popular today because of the bond that members form, chapter President Hao Luong said.

"People come to experience the brotherhood but stay because of the friendships," the human biology junior said.

The chapter motto for Pi Alpha Phi is "Tradition of Excellence" and their colors are red and black. A few notable alumni include Judge Delbert E. Wong, Dr. Frank Y. Lee, who was knighted by Pope John Paul VI, and Hewlett-Packard Vice President George Kan.

Chris Meagher







Established in 1870, Kappa Alpha Theta was the first Greek letter fraternity known among women. They have been part of the

Greek tradition at MSU since 1926.

MSU's chapter has been a major participator in several community activities in the East Lansing area, as well as internationally. Kappa Alpha Theta's chapter philanthropy is Court Appointed Special Advocates, or CASA. CASA is an advocacy program that works with children in the court system.

CASA representatives help children find the best living conditions and steer them away from temporary foster care. This year Kappa Alpha Theta raised money by holding a concert in December featuring the Accafellas at Okemos High School.

Benefits from being a part of Kappa Alpha Theta go beyond having the opportunity to serve people. International relations junior Ellen Mize said her favorite part of the sorority is being around different people.

"Being surrounded by 115 people allows you to share everyone's passions, talents and personalities," she said. "Everyone is unique."

Some famous alumnae of Kappa Alpha Theta include singer/ songwriters Sheryl Crow and Amy Grant, first lady Laura Bush, actress Ann Margret and Lynne Cheney, wife of Vice President Dick Cheney.

Chris Meagher



Kappa Alpha Theta

Beta Pi Chapter 303 Oakhill Est. 1926



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Delta Sigma Phi

Alpha Pi Chapter 1218 East Grand River Est. 1923



Twelve teams of student and Greek organizations decorated beds, put them on wheels and raced them down Albert Avenue when the brothers of Delta Sigma Phi hosted the first Delt

Sig Bed Race in September of 2004.

Delta Sigma Phi donated more than \$2,000 and, all proceeds raised from the race went to the after-school tutoring program at the Hannah Community Center in East Lansing.

Built in 1929, the Delta Sigma Phi house, 1218 E. Grand River Ave., is home to 52 men and the longest slip-and-slide on campus, which spans 100 feet across the front lawn. The house has underwent new improvements, including complete basement renovations.

"Live, learn, grow" is the motto of the brothers, commonly known around campus as Delt Sigs. Since its establishment in 1923, MSU's Delta Sigma Phi has accumulated the largest alumni base of any Delta Sigma Phi chapter in the United States.

Spartan football head coach John L. Smith spoke at the chapter house in October about teamwork skills and organization, two abilities the brothers said they feel are necessary in life. Delta Sigma Phi has organized IM football, indoor and outdoor soccer, roller and ice hockey, volleyball and basketball teams for its members so they can build and maintain these skills while having fun.

Jacquelyn Halas







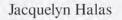
Each year the sisters of Zeta Tau Alpha sponsor the Crown Classic, a threeon-three basketball or football

tournament, to raise money for the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation.

Not ending there with philanthropic endeavors, sorority members also participate in the Race for the Cure's National Series Breast Cancer Survivor Recognition Program and are involved with breast cancer awareness and education.

As part of their "THINK-PINK!" campaign, sisters distributed pink ribbons during October for the American Cancer Society's Breast Cancer Awareness Month. In 2004 the sisters were honored with the Crown Chapter award and took third place overall in Greek Week.

On Oct. 15, 1898, Zeta Tau Alpha was nationally founded and on Oct. 17, 1931, the chapter was established at MSU. Turquoise blue and steel gray are the sorority's signature colors and the white violet is its flower. The sorority's symbols are the strawberry and the crown with the latter representative of their motto "Seek the Noblest."





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Zeta Tau Alpha

Beta Phi Chapter 629 M.A.C. Est. 1931



Photo courtesy of Zeta Tau Alph

Kappa Kappa Gamma

Delta Gamma Chapter 605 M.A.C. Est. 1930



Members of Kappa Kappa Gamma, the Delta Gamma chapter, have boasted a lot of accomplishments in the last couple of years.

In the fall and spring of 2003, the house maintained a

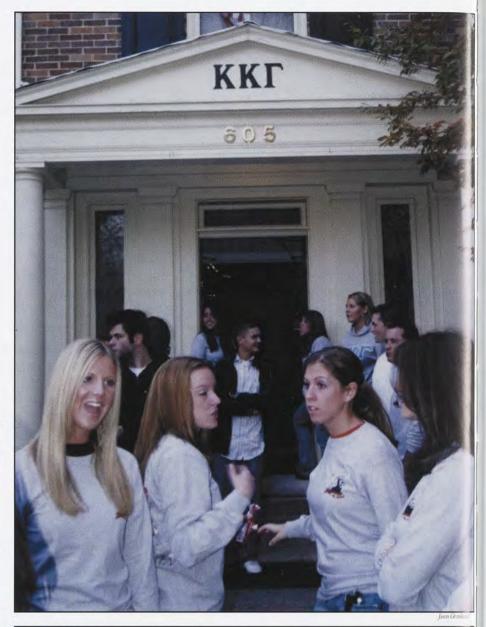
higher grade point average than any other Greek and received the honor of Greek Recruitment Women of the Year 2003. The sorority was honorably mentioned for Gracious Living in 2004. Also, in 2003 they were awarded the title Miss Greek, a pageant that awards a sorority that has maintained high grades and has participated in multiple activities and community service.

The sorority's philanthropy focuses on Reading Is Fundamental, which is a program that encourages children of all ages to read. During Rush Week, the sorority made bookmarks and donated many books to the local schools in support of the program.

The sisters' motto is "to promote life bonds of friendship, mutual support, opportunities for self-growth, respect and for intellectual development and have an understanding and allegiance of positive ethic principles." The sorority's colors are dark blue and light blue, representing the ocean and the sky.

The national chapter has boasted such members as journalist Jane Pauley, fashion designer Kate Spade, U.S. Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor and actresses Candice Bergen, Ashley Judd and Sharon Stone.

Crystal L. Burks





Delta Gamma

Beta Xi Chapter 365 North Harrison Est. 1946



Delta Gamma was founded nationally in 1873 and locally in 1946 with hopes of bettering opportunities for the blind.

Its philanthropy is Service for Sight, an organization that

aids the visually impaired. The sisters also donate money to their Delta Gamma Foundation, which is the first sorority-founded fundraising organization to fund research to benefit the blind.

The sorority hosted two large events last year. Anchor Splash, a swim competition, took place in the fall and involved fraternity members competing in synchronized swimming, diving and racing competitions. Anchor Slam, held in the spring, was a three-on-three basketball tournament where teams competed to become the Anchor Team of the Year.

Some famous Delta Gamma alumnae are "Seinfeld's" Julia Louise Dreyfuss, "Everybody Loves Raymond's" Patricia Heaton, and "Saturday Night Live's" Julia Sweeney.

Delta Gamma's colors are bronze, pink, and blue and its symbol is an anchor, representing hope. Its motto is "do good."

"The ladies of Delta Gamma are very honored to be an organization that has been on MSU's campus for years and hope for many more to come," said Public Relations Director Nicole Truesdell, a psychology junior.

Alison Castello





Photos Courtesy of Delta Gamm

Omega Delta Phi

Michigan State Chapter

For the last two years, the Omega Delta Phi International Fraternity has been awarded the Men's Organization of the Year by the National Association for Latino Fraternal Organizations.

Promoting and maintaining traditional values of unity, honesty, integrity and leadership are hallmarks of the organization's programs, and members of Omega Delta Phi were active on campus last year.

The fraternity hosted resume workshops and seminars and participated in Color-A-Smile at a local elementary. Also, the fraternity painted the rock on Farm Lane during the annual Knight Week dedicated to programs and informationals hosted by Omega Delta Phi members.

Members took part in Martin Luther King Jr. Day activities and Latin Xplosion, which featured a variety of Chicano and Latino entertainment performed by students and community members. Through these events they displayed true dedication to the needs and concerns of the Latino community.

Founded at Texas Tech University in 1987, the MSU chapter of Omega Delta Phi was established in April 1998. They look for ambitious male members who use action instead of words to get results. The brotherhood of Omega Delta Phi was founded in order to provide a diverse fraternal experience that coincides with higher education.

Crystal L. Burks





Photo Courtesy of Omega Delta P.

244 Omega Delta Phi



As part of Chi Omega's mission as a sorority, six basic purposes have been established

nationally — friendship, high standards of personnel, sincere learning and creditable scholarship, participation in campus activities, career development, and community service. Through Chi Omega's philanthropies and other campus activities, they strive to live up to those purposes.

The sorority's chapter philanthropy is the Make-A-Wish Foundation, which is supported primarily by the annual Karen King Kickoff. This event invites the Greek community to participate in a charity soccer tournament where the fee for participating goes to Make-A-Wish. Chi Omega also held smaller MakeA-Wish events throughout the year in hopes of meeting this year's goal of raising enough money to grant an entire wish for a child.

Accounting sophomore Katrina Jurado rushed Chi Omega in the fall of 2003 and said that the sorority's good balance between social and academic achievements distinguishes Chi Omega as a wellrounded sorority.

"I wanted to join to become more involved with the university and meet new people," she said. "Through my experiences with Chi Omega I've met a lot of people, made new friends, and will take away from it a ton of great memories."

MSU's chapter of Chi Omega was founded in 1926 and received a Campus Activities award for participation in outside organizations and sports teams.

Amy Poszywak



Chi Omega

Xi Gamma Chapter 229 Burcham Est. 1926







Sports



Sophmore saftey Anthony Belasco celebrates after a touchdown.

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Football

The MSU football team had some big wins and some tough losses in an up-and-down 2004 season, finishing the year with a 5-7 record.

The season marked the second year for MSU head football coach John L. Smith, who now has a 13-12 record after joining the Spartans from Louisville.

The Spartans' big wins included a 51-17 trouncing of then-No. 19 Minnesota and a 49-14 bashing of then-No. 4 Wisconsin.

Sophomore quarterback Drew Stanton, who was selected as the team MVP at the team banquet in January, led the Spartans to victory against Minnesota, producing a school record of 410 total yards. Stanton threw for 308 yards, ran for 102 and had a reception for four yards.

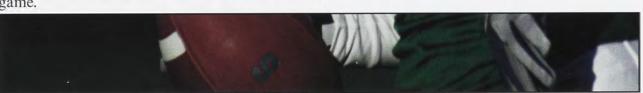
The defense also stepped up against Minnesota, stopping one of the nation's top running teams. The Spartans held the Gophers to 102 yards rushing, while the Gophers entered the game averaging more than 300 yards a game.

Against Wisconsin it was more of the same, as the Spartan offense dominated the daunting Badger defense, accumulating 551 total yards, including 430 yards on the ground. The Badgers came into the game allowing only 9.1 points per game, which was the best in the country.

The Spartans, who finished the Big Ten season with a 4-4 record, also had thrilling games with heartbreaking losses to Michigan, Notre Dame and Ohio State.

The Spartans were leading the Wolverines by 17 with around six minutes to go before Michigan took over and came back to force overtime. After exchanging scores in the first two overtimes, the Wolverines scored and held off the Spartans to win in three overtimes, 45-37.

Chris Meagher



Opponent		W/L
Rutgers	14-19	L
Central Michigan	24-7	W
Notre Dame	24-31	L
Indiana	30-20	W
Iowa	16-38	L
Illinois	38-25	W
Minnesota	51-17	W
Michigan	37-45	L
Ohio State	19-32	L
Wisconsin	49-14	W
Penn State	13-37	L
Hawaii	38-41	L

MSU faces off against Wisconsin on Nov. 14. The Spartens stunned the Badgers 49-14.



Senior goalkeeper Erin Carlson defends the goal.

Opponent		W/L
Colorado College	4-1	W
Western Michigan	2-0	W
Bowling Green	3-0	W
Kentucky	5-1	W
Detroit Mercy	2-0	W
Rhode Island	2-1	W
Rutgers	1-2	L
Illinois	0-1	L
Northwestern	3-2	W
Iowa	1-1	T
Minnesota	1-0	W
Ohio State	1-2	L
Penn State	0-3	L
Indiana	0-3	L
Purdue	0-1	L
Wisconsin	0-1	L
Oakland	3-2	W
Michigan	2-1	W
Eastern Michigan	1-0	W





Senior midfielder Adrienne Treado slide tackles for the ball.

Joshua Grasso

Women's Soccer

Last year was one of transition and change for the MSU women's soccer team, but the women's strong team union and grueling practices helped them overcome a tough season. They came out with a 12-7-1 record, which consisted of a triumph over the University of Michigan and a win over Akron to close the season.

Competitive freshmen gave their all during practice in hopes to win a starting spot, raising the bar for older players and making the level of play during practice and games more challenging, team members said.

Freshman defender Erin Doan was recognized by Soccer Buzz Magazine, earning a spot on the All-Great Lakes Region Freshman team. She was one of nine first-year players from a variety of Big Ten schools.

"Soccer is a team sport, though," she said. "I definitely wouldn't have received the accolades I did without each and every single person involved with our team."

Doan's teammate, senior goalkeeper Erin Carlson, also stepped up at her position and was named Big Ten Defensive Player of the Week in early September.

Off the field, the team also hosted youth clinics for participants between 8 and 17 years old at the Duffy Daugherty Building, which included a goalie specialization program.

Doan said the team's chemistry helped members bond on and off the field throughout the season.

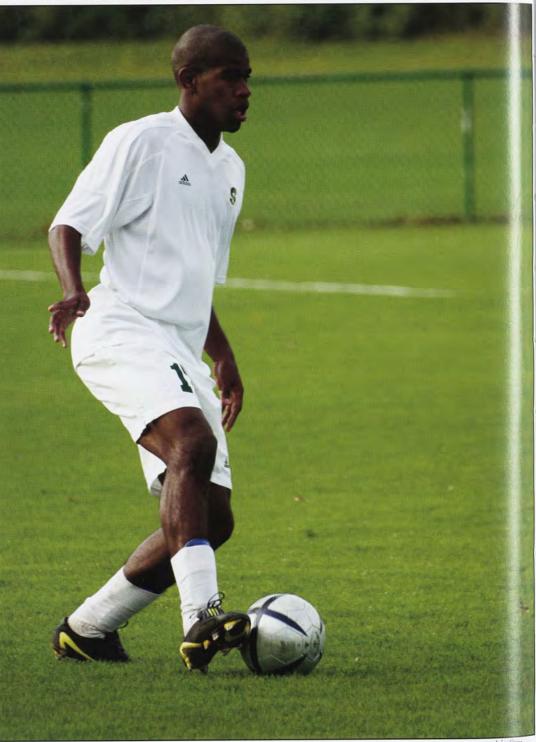
"Our team chemistry this year was amazing. It was so easy as a freshman to become part of the team and feel comfortable," Doan said. "Trust and respect are the two most important factors that make our team such a special group of individuals."

Jacquelyn Halas



Freshman defenseman Rauwshan McKenzie dribbles the ball down the field.

Opponent		W/L
Bowling Green	3-0	W
St. Francis	4-2	W
Western Illinois	3-0	W
Dayton	4-0	W
San Diego State	2-0	W
San Diego	0-2	L
Indiana	1-3	L
Northwestern	1-0	W
Loyola-Chicago	2-0	W
Ohio State	0-2	L
Oakland	0-3	L
Michigan	3-2	W
Penn State	0-1	L
Western Michigan	2-2	T
Wisconsin	1-2	L
Valparaiso	7-1	W
Wisconsin	1-0	W
Indiana	2-1	W
Northwestern	1-0	W
Tusla (NCAA Tourn)	1-3	L





Freshman forward Kenzo Webster maneuvers past Valparaiso on Nov. 5.

Men's Soccer

The MSU men's soccer team won the Big Ten championship in 2004 for the first time in school history.

To accomplish this feat, the Spartans had to defeat the Indiana Hoosiers, the 2003 national champions and eventual 2004 national champions, in the semifinals of the Big Ten tournament in November.

Unfortunately, the team's season came to a quick halt after claiming the Big Ten tournament, when it lost to Tulsa in Oklahoma in the first round, 3-1.

But the Spartans still realized they had accomplished something special.

"It was a great thrill for the team, kind of unexpected," head coach Joe Baum said. "But we stayed focused and worked hard."

The Spartans, who ended the season 12-7-1, were led in 2004 by junior Ryan McMahen and by seniors Jordan Gruber and John Minagawa-Webster, who was the first Spartan ever selected in the Major League Soccer draft.

The three combined for 28 of the team's 38 goals and 81 of the team's 120 points.

According to Baum, those three players were the backbone of the team.

"They were critical to our success," he said. "Gruber and Minagawa-Webster were our leading goal scorers, and McMahen scored a lot of big goals for us."

The Spartans' goal was minded most of the season by sophomore Jason Tillman who allowed only 17 goals in 19 games. Tillman was helped out by freshman Chris Austin, who saw action in six games.

In an up and down season for the Spartans, they managed to win the MSU/Radisson Fall Classic in East Lansing, and finished 2-4 in the tough Big Ten Conference.

Chris Meagher



Senior forward Jim Slater faces off against Lake Superior State. The Spartans beat the Lakers on the first night matchup 8-0, but tied the next day, 2-2. (right)

Sophomore forward Tommy Goebel stickhandles the puck. Goebel was named CCHA Offensive Player of the Week in November. (below)







Senior forward Jim Slater draws the puck behind him during the faceoff. Slater was the captain of the Spartan team.

Joshua Grasse

Men's Hockey

With the NHL lockout keeping professionals off the ice, the Spartans were the main attraction for MSU students searching for a hockey fix in 2004-2005.

The Spartans finished the season with a fair mix of wins, ties and losses, but the overall record helped place the team sixth in the Central Collegiate Hockey Association rankings after a 1-0 loss to Alaska Fairbanks. The team's wins reserved a birth for them in the CCHA tournament and in March, the Spartans defeated Miami (Ohio) two games to none to make it to the Super Six.

One of several highlight weekends for the Spartans came in early February when the Spartans battled from behind on two consecutive nights to tie Michigan. In the first game, sophomore Drew Miller equalized the scoreboard 2-2 with only 1.2 seconds left. Goalie Dominic Vicari was also among the many Spartans that played a great game. Despite battling the flu earlier in the week, the sophomore ferociously

attended the goal, leading to 41 saves, the season's best.

Battling sickness and injury was a problem all-season, but the Spartans fared well under the leadership of Vicari and forward Jim Slater.

Throughout the season, several players received accolades. Junior forward Colton Fretter was named CCHA's Player of the Month for November. After setting up gamewinning goals against Michigan and New Hampshire, sophomore Ethan Graham received the CCHA's Defenseman of the Week honor in early January. Also in early January, Vicari was named the USCHO/ Itech NCAA-I Defensive Player of the Week. In February, he also was honored as CCHA's Defensive Player of the Week after stopping 82 out of 85 goal attempts made by Michigan when the two teams battled in back-to-back overtime ties.

Rachael Steenberg and Chris Meagher



Women's Field Hockey

Women's field hockey head coach Michelle Madison believes the success of the team is a result of hard work and players who believed they could be the best.

"Our first win against Duke provided a momentum and set a standard for the season," Madison said. "And when we beat U-M to advance to the final four, it ended our season on that same standard."

Out of the 17 regular season games last season, the team's only two losses occurred during overtime to Wake Forrest and the University of Michigan. The loss to U-M in the regular season was redeemed, after the Spartans beat the Wolverines in the NCAA regional to advance to the Final Four.

The Spartans lost to Duke 5-2 in the Final Four, marking the end of their season. Despite the disappointing loss, the team received four all-region awards and remained confident and proud of its accomplishments.

"The hard work we all did together

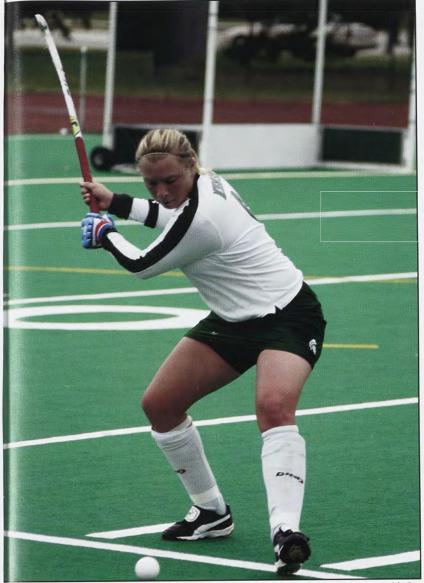
as a team during practices showed on the field," senior forward Veerle Goudswaard said, who set a university record this season for the most single season goals.

Senior forward Michelle Carstens said even though the team didn't win the championship they did they best they could.

"What I enjoyed most about the team this season is their heart," she said. "Not only did each player give everything over the course of the season, but we accepted and embraced each other throughout the long journey."

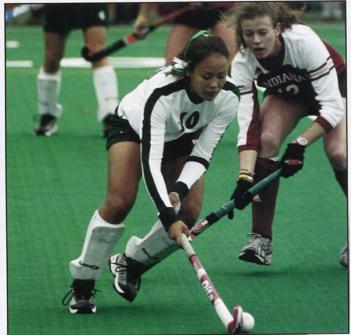
Amy Poszywak





Freshman goaltender Mandy Yocum hits the ball away. The Spartans finished the season 15-2. (left)

Junior forward Michelle Huynh-Ba manuevers around an Indiana opponent. The Spartans beat the Hooisers 5-2. (below)



Joshua Gra



Senior forward Veerle Goudswaard drives the ball toward the goal. The team made it to the NCAA Final Four but lost to Duke, 5-2.

shua Grasso



Mike Brown volleys during practice. "Everyone on the team bonds together well;" senior Anthony Stefani said.

Travis Haughton

Men's Tennis

After a strong start, the men's tennis team remained a force to be reckoned with throughout the season.

The Icy Hot/ITA All-American Championship, which had more than 350 competitors, was an important showing for the men's team. It was the first of three national championships of the season, which kicked off in October and lasted through the end of May.

During the four-day event, the doubles team of seniors Andrew Formanczyk and Cameron Marshall dominated competition, upsetting the No. 1 team of Ryusuke Kashiwabara and Brian Morton of the University of California-Irvine and then defeating Matt Emery and Alex Hume of the University of Kentucky. The duo lost, however, to Shannon Buck and Tyler McClung of Air Force on the third day of competition, 8-4.

Formanczyk also stood out in the singles competition.

Freshmen Nick Rinks also had an impressive season, including 6-2 and 6-3 defeats over Matko Maravic in the Wolverine

Invitational. Rinks played in doubles events with Formanczyk, and together they upset many higher-ranking teams.

"(The) season started out great with some good wins over Arkansas, Northwestern and Wisconsin, then we went off into the deep end for two to three weeks and had some team troubles." Marshall said.

But both Marshall and Formanczyk said they felt the team got back on track to finish the season.

"Our team is now on the rebound heading into the remainder of our conference schedule," Formanczyk said.

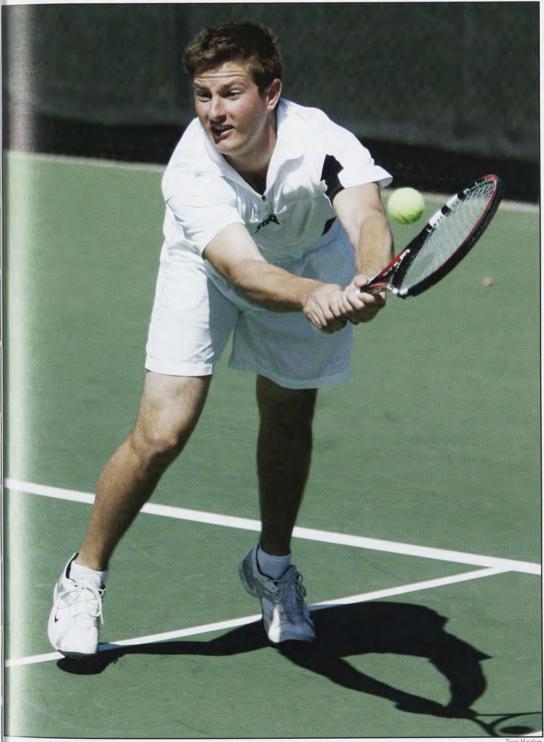
The team's bounce back can be attributed to supportive attitudes both on and off the court.

"Everyone on the team bonds together well, and everyone stands behind each other making us strong and reliable on each other," senior Anthony Stefani said.

Crystal L. Burks

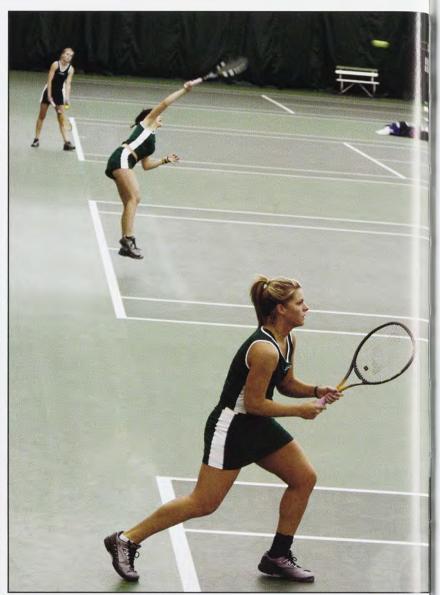


Senior Andrew Formanczyk returns a serve. Formanczyk stook out in the singles competition throughout the season.



Opponent		W/L
Northern Illinois	6-1	W
Wright State	6-1	W
Marquette	6-1	W
Cleveland St	7-0	W
New Mexico	3-4	L
Washington	1-6	L
Valparaiso	6-1	W
Western Michigan	4-3	W
Arkansas	4-3	W
Cornell	5-2	W
Notre Dame	3-4	L
Wisconsin	6-1	W
Northwestern	4-3	W
Harvard	1-6	L
Ball State	0-7	L
Louisville	2-5	L
Michigan	1-6	L
Iowa	6-1	W
Minnesota	1-6	L
Illinois	1-6	L
Purdue	4-3	W
Ohio State	0-7	L
Penn State	3-4	L
Indiana	1-6	L







Joshua Grasso

Women's Tennis

After achieving the longest winning streak in MSU history for women's tennis, head Coach Tim Bauer and the team had much to be proud of.

"Our team has made excellent progress," Bauer said. "This year, our success has been visible to the public, but good things have been happening all along."

The team won 10 matches in a row, reaching national ranking for the second time in five years. In doubles competition, the team won 11 doubles points in a row.

But the team, then No. 75, lost at the Big Ten opener against University of Michigan.

Although the Big Ten competitions didn't go as smoothly as the first half of the season, players were commended for a well-played overall season.

"We have many things from this season we will look back on as great accomplishments," Bauer said. Individually, players performed well. Senior Keri Thompson, MSU's No. 1 singles player, got her first national ranking. Freshman Christine Bader was named the Academic Freshman of the Year by the SASS program, and senior Karen Gustafson was named the Academic Athlete of the Year.

"Both Karen and Christine represent the best in NCAA athletics and how it can prime people for successful lives," Bauer said.

According to Bauer, it has taken the team five years of vision and hard work to get to this point.

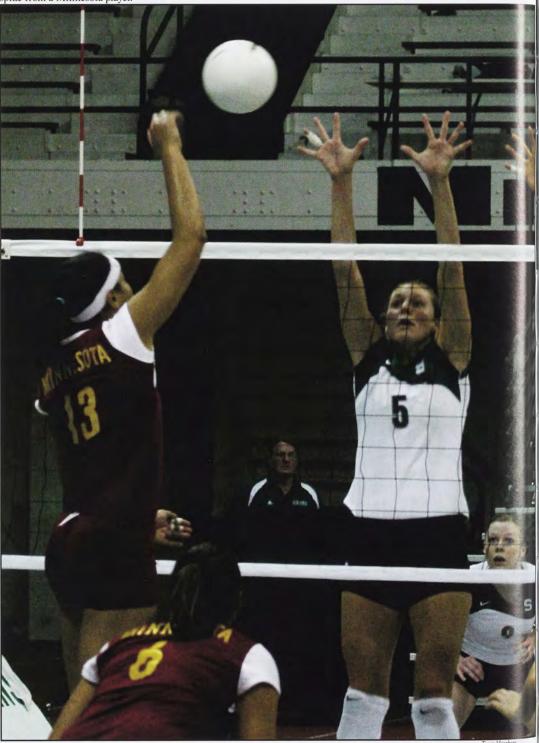
"We are finally able to clearly see results of the growing pains that we have had to go through," he said.

Cindy Chen



Senior outside hitter Michelle Kopka blocks a spike from a Minnesota player.

Opponent		W/L
Minnesota	0-3	L
Iowa	1-3	L
Indiana	3-0	W
Purdue	2-3	L
Michigan	1-3	L
Illinois	0-3	L
Ohio State	0-3	L
Penn State	1-3	L
Wisconsin	0-3	L
Northwestern	3-1	W
Michigan	3-2	W
Illinois	3-1	W
Purdue	1-3	L
Indiana	3-1	W
Iowa	3-0	W
Minnesota	0-3	L
Northwestern	3-0	W
Wisconsin	1-3	L
Penn State	0-3	L
Ohio State	0-3	L





Freshman outside hitter Jessica Hohl and junior defensive specialist Marley Bellwood wait for a serve.

Women's Volleyball

The MSU women's volleyball team's 2004 season finished with a 12-16 record, including a 7-13 record in the Big Ten, and bidding goodbye to head coach Chuck Erbe who retired after 12 years of coaching the Spartans.

In Erbe's time at MSU, he accumulated a record of 244-140, including a 140-100 mark in the Big Ten.

Former Western Michigan head coach Cathy George, who spent 11 years at the helm of the Western Michigan program and compiled a 187-131 record, will replace Erbe.

The Spartans started the 2004 season off strong, winning their first five games, and finished the second half of the Big Ten season with a 5-5 record, but it was not enough for their inconsistent play in the middle of the season.

The Spartans split their two matches with the University of Michigan, winning in East Lansing, 3-2, and losing to the Wolverines in Ann Arbor, 1-3.

The Spartans were led by unanimous

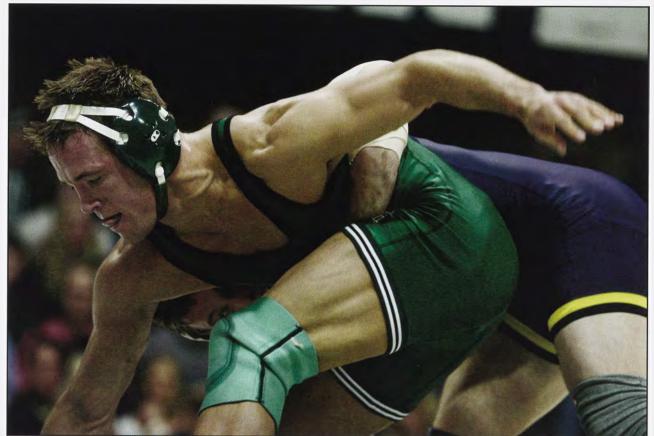
All-Big Ten first team selection Kim Schram and All-Big Ten freshmen team member Maggie Griffin.

Schram, an outside hitter, had 25 career 20-kill matches, including eight this season. She ranks third on the all-time 20-kill match list. Griffin, a setter, had 1,324 assists, and tops the Spartan's all-time freshman records book.

The second longest NCAA Tournament appearance streak in the Big Ten was broken during the season when MSU did not make the tournament for the first time in 11 years and just the second time in Erbe's 12 years at MSU.

Chris Meagher





Junior R.J. Boudro grapples with an opponent. Boudro was named Big Ten Wrestler of the Week in March for his 18-5 victory over Oklahoma's Brad Martens.

Wrestling

Breaking records, having fun and overcoming physical weakness is what this year's MSU wrestling season was made of. All of the men demonstrated their determination out on the mat, and as a result, this year's record surpassed that of the previous season.

"The high of the season was the complete turnaround from last year's record; the four NCAA qualifiers, the two All-Americans," freshman Abe Cross said. "The low was when the flu bug and MRSA bug went around, and everyone was either sick or injured. It hurt our record and put us out of the Big Ten title contention."

Despite the period of illness and injury, the Spartans grabbed awards all season. Junior R.J. Boudro earned his first Big Ten Wrestler of the Week for his 18-5 triumph over Oklahoma's Brad Martens. Boudro, junior Darren McKnight and sophomore brothers Andy and Nick Simmons all qualified for the NCAA Championship.

Nick and Andy Simmons left the NCAA Championships as All-American wrestlers, taking 4th and 6th place respectively. The last time two Spartans snatched up such a prestigious title was in 1998. This was Nick's second All-American finish, and he also was the first MSU male to win a Big Ten Championship since 2000.

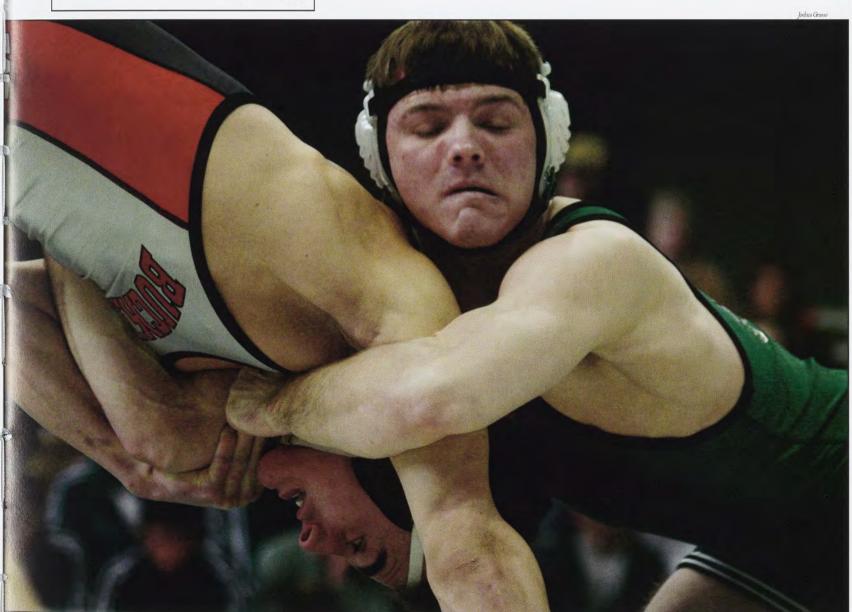
The devotion and friendship of the team radiated as they encouraged one another to give their all.

"Everyone on the team is a brother to me, and I think the same goes for the rest of the guys," freshman Jeremy Bloom said. "We spend vacations together and free time together, we go to class together, we work out together. And when something goes wrong for one guy, it's the whole team's problem, and we help each other through it."

Jacquelyn Halas



Opponent		W/L	
Central Michigan	10-25	L	
Cleveland State	26-15	W	
Oklahoma State	9-28	L	
Penn State	19-12	W	
Kent State	26-7	W	
Ohio State	37-13	W	
Minnesota	28-14	W	
Wisconsin	16-16	T	
Northwestern	20-15	W	
Purdue	13-20	L	
Indiana	4-33	L	
Michigan	8-34	L	
Oklahoma	10-31	L	
Big Ten			
Championship	58.5	7th	
	70.5	8th	
NCAA Championship	0	25.1	
Championship	9	25th	
	26.5	20th	
	31	20th	



Cheerleading and Dance

Each year, MSU's Cheerleading squad and Dance Team perform for more than one million spirited fans at athletic events and exhibitions and last year was no exception.

For the first time in the team's history, the Dance Team received in January a bid to attend the UDA National Championships in Orlando, Fla., which was broadcast on ESPN. After practicing six hours a day during winter break to prepare, the team ranked eighth in the hip-hop competition and 11th in jazz.

"This is the most technical team we've ever been," senior co-captain Sarah Walker said. "Every year, we just get better and better."

Without a coach or any financial support from the university, the 15 women are responsible for running their own team. This included raising more than \$16,000 to attend competitions done through car washes, team poster sales and performing for donations.

During the year, the women practice

three days a week for three hours a day and choreograph their own dances for tailgates and sideline performances. They also hold several clinics for dancers of all ages, who then join the team during half-time shows.

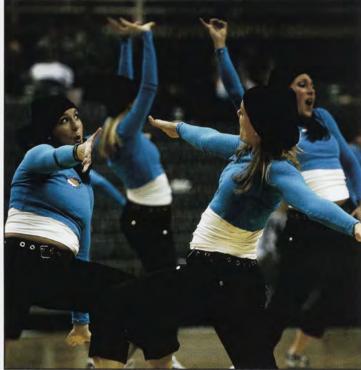
Like the Dance Team, the
Cheerleading Team also performed at
numerous athletic events and Alumni
Association functions. The 38 members
of the team were broken up into two coed squads, the green squad and the white
squad, based on each individual's skill
level. In February the team competed in
the Michigan Spirit Open Competition. But
no matter how large the competition, the
cheerleaders felt most proud cheering in
front of fans.

"I will never forget the feeling I got from cheering in front of 72,000 people at football games and hearing the Izzone screaming every time the MSU players came out for a game," cheerleading captain Antonette Bitonti said.

Traci Carpenter



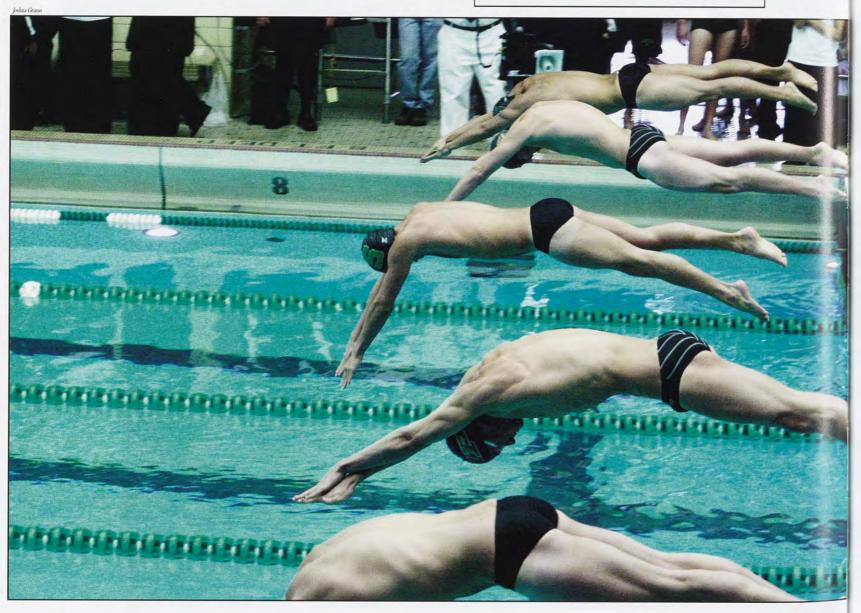






Cheerleader Caryn Pytleski cheers on Spartan fans at an MSU football game.

Opponent		W/L
Kentucky	86-151	L
Iowa	164-125	W
Notre Dame/Pittsburg	gh	L
Michigan	112-132	L
Western Kentucky	123-120	W
Ball State	175-125	W
Purdue	89-197	L
Indiana	83-157	L
Ohio State	102-127	L
Indiana	179-116	W





Ludina Gersso

Men's Swimming

During the men's swim team's 4-6 season, individuals stood out for recordbreaking times in races and dive scores.

The team competed in the Big Ten Championship in Minneapolis, Minn., in late February and placed 9th overall. Also at the championships, two relays broke school records. The team of senior Patrick Saucedo, juniors Matt Wisniewski and Nick Harley and freshmen Adam Schmitt set a record in the 200 freestyle with a time of 1:20.71. In the 400 medley, Harley and Schmitt teamed up with juniors Ian Clutten and Rudolf Wagenaar to set a school record with a time of 3:15.33.

Clutten captured third place in the 200breast stroke at the Big Ten Championships and qualified for the men's NCAA championships for the third year in a row. In October, he represented his native South Africa at the FINA Short Course World Championships, where he placed 22nd in the breast stroke.

Wagenaar was co-Big Ten Swimmer of

the Week in mid-December, for his performance against Ball State. Wagenaar had two 1st place finishes in both the 100-backstroke and the 200-backstroke events.

That same week, senior Justin
Laskowski held the title of Big Ten's Diver of the
Week for his performance at the same meet,
where he claimed 1st place in the one-meter
diving event and tied for 2nd in the three-meter
event.

Sophomore diver Matthew Akerley, who won his first "collegiate sweep," winning both the one-meter and three-meter events at Oakland in January said more practice could help the team.

"The team for next year could improve by getting back to basic drills and skills for our approach and take offs in order to get into the proper orbit for our dives," Akerley said.

Crystal L. Burks





Women's Swimming

The women's swim team is more than winning and losing, it's about having fun with teammates and traveling to warm locales to compete against some of the toughest teams in the nation.

"The weather in Georgia was very nice at the time and it was a good break from regular Midwest competition," said junior Erika Templeton, referring to the Georgia Invitational that took place in early December. She also said that the competition was fierce, but everyone swam fast and hard.

Templeton and junior Tesla Hughes agreed that the invitational, held in Athens, Ga., was the best meet for the team. The Spartans placed 6th overall.

"It imitated the Big Ten's in some aspects," Hughes said of their performance.

Hughes finished 6th in the 1,650 freestyle, and senior Tammy Jones, who had set a school record in the 100-butterfly earlier

in the season, placed 4th in the freestyle. Jones later placed 10th in the 100-freestyle stroke at the Big Ten tournaments.

Despite numerous injuries throughout the season, Hughes said there were a few swimmers that stood out.

Templeton, who was co-Big Ten Swimmer of the Week in mid-December after her performance against Ball State University, offered suggestions for the team to keep getting better and better.

"Next year we can improve by sticking together as a team even more than we do now," she said. "We win together, and we lose together."

The team competed in the Big Ten Championship held in Bloomington, Ind. in mid-February, where it placed 1lth.

Crystal L. Burks



Opponent		W/L
Kentucky	90-150	L
Michigan	133-159	L
Notre Dame/Pittsburgh		L
Ball State	174-126	W
Purdue	75-168	L
Ohio State	103-196	L
Minnesota	81.5-217.5	L
Oakland	141-159	L





Freshman Drew Nietzel defends during a game at Breslin Center. Nietzel stepped up at the end of the season to become a starting point guard for the Spartans.

Indian Circuit

Men's Basketball

After a season of ups and downs, highs and lows, victories and disappointments, the MSU men's basketball team put together a fine run in the NCAA tournament, making it to the Final Four where they lost to North Carolina, who went on to become the national champs.

The Spartans finished the season with an overall 24-7 record and ended the Big Ten season with a 13-3 record, finishing second only to Illinois.

MSU was led by its seniors, who received a lot of flack for their inability to win the big games, but they responded in the postseason, advancing to the Final Four for the fourth time in seven years.

One of those players, senior swingman Alan Anderson, was voted team MVP by the media, coaches and teammates. He sat out most of the Final Four match-up with a knee injury.

The Spartans had a solid year, with a record good enough to win the conference most years, but Illinois swept through the conference and the regular season with only one loss.

After a disappointing loss to Iowa in the first round of the Big Ten tournament, the Spartans bounced back with a victory in the NCAA tournament over Old Dominion, 89-81.

The Spartans then faced Vermont, and though fate and the crowd was on the side of the Catamounts, the Spartans played a good game and came away with a 72-61 victory.

The Spartans then beat Duke for the first time in 46 years to make it to the Elite Eight. A double-overtime win against Kentucky sent MSU to the Final Four.

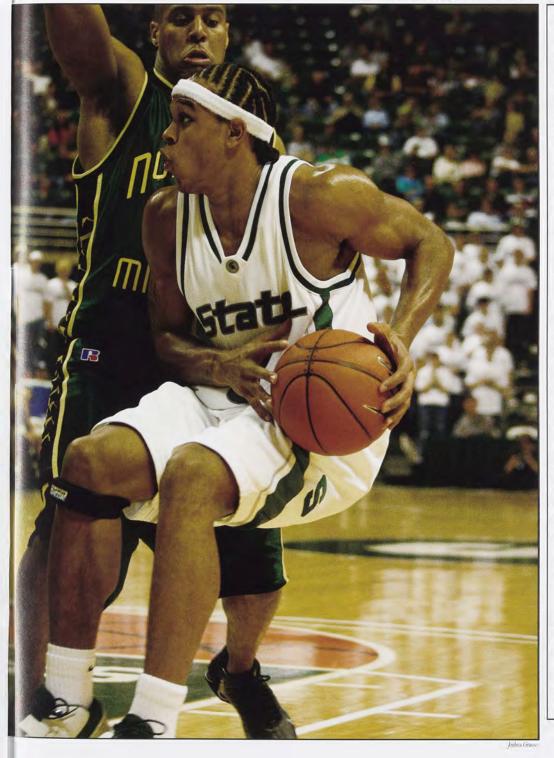
Freshman Drew Neitzel emerged late in the season and became the starting point guard, sharing time at that position with senior Chris Hill.

Seniors Anderson, Hill and Kelvin Torbert left the team to young standouts sophomore guard Shannon Brown, junior guard Maurice Ager and junior center Paul Davis.

Chris Meagher



Sophomore guard Shannon Brown hustles to the basket. Brown was one of the Spartans leading scorers in NCAA tournament play.



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Opponent		W/L
Florida A&M	104-72	W
Wisconsin-Green Bay	104-46	W
Nicholls St.	102-52	W
Duke (Big Ten)	74-81	L
George Washington	83-96	L
George Mason	96-83	W
Stanford	78-53	W
Delaware State	63-45	W
UCLA	76-64	W
UNC Asheville	92-63	W
Penn State	84-58	W
Northwestern	87-58	W
Wisconsin	59-62	L
Purdue	71-64	W
Minnesota	69-55	W
Michigan	64-53	W
Oakland	92-75	W
Illinois	81-68	L
Iowa	75-64	W
Ohio State	83-69	W
Michigan	64-49	W
Minnesota	81-62	W
Purdue	68-57	W
Wisconsin	77-64	W
Indiana	74-78	L
Northwestern	69-58	W
Penn St.	90-64	W
Iowa	69-71	L
NCAA Tourna	ment	
Old Dominion	89-81	W
Vermont	72-61	W
Duke	78-68	W
Kentucky	94-88	W
North Carolina	87-71	L



Junior guard Lindsay Bowen dribbles to the basket. Bowen was one of four Spartans to score more than 1,000 points.

Travis Hangheen

Women's Basketball

After seasons of being overshadowed by the men's team, the No. 1 seed women's basketball team got the recognition it deserved in 2005. The Spartans advanced to the finals of the NCAA tournament, where they lost to Baylor. It was the first season the women's team advanced passed the second round of the NCAA Tournament.

Perhaps the most exciting game of the postseason was the Final Four game against Tennessee. Down 16 points in the second half, the women came back to claim victory, 68-64, tying the biggest comeback in Final Four history.

The women also earned the Big Ten title.
But the postseason was just a
continuation of the hard work and talent that
had been displayed on the court all year under
the head Coach Joanne P. McCallie, who was
named The Associated Press Coach of the Year.

scored her 1,000th point in the season, was named to the Associated Press All-America team along with teammates senior guard Kristin Haynie and junior forward Liz Shimek, making the Spartans one of only two teams to have three players nominated for the honor.

"We have really kicked up the intensity," Schemick said. "For us the sky is the limit."

Haynie broke MSU's basketball record when her six assists in one game that led to her total 466 assists.

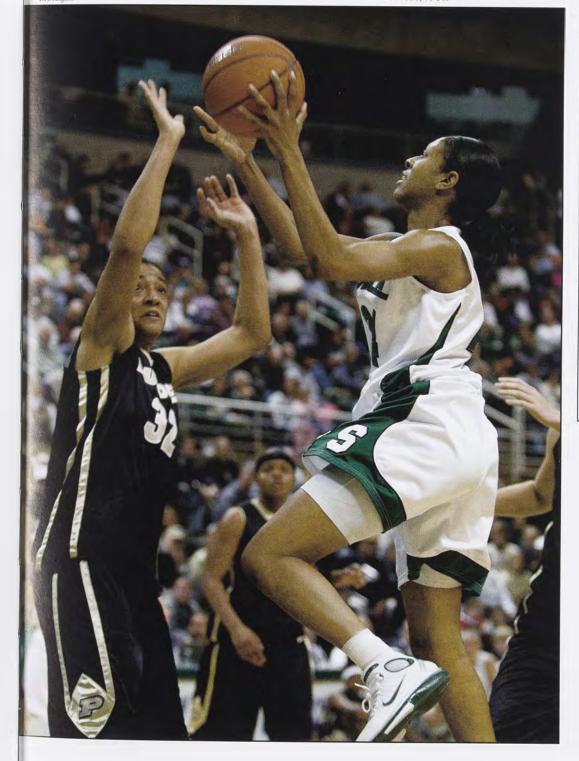
But these women were just three of the 13 players on the team that averaged 71 points per game and had an overall record of 21-2.

"No one should be surprised we are a good team, and we can accomplish a lot if we stick together," senior center Kelli Roehrig said.

Crystal L. Burks

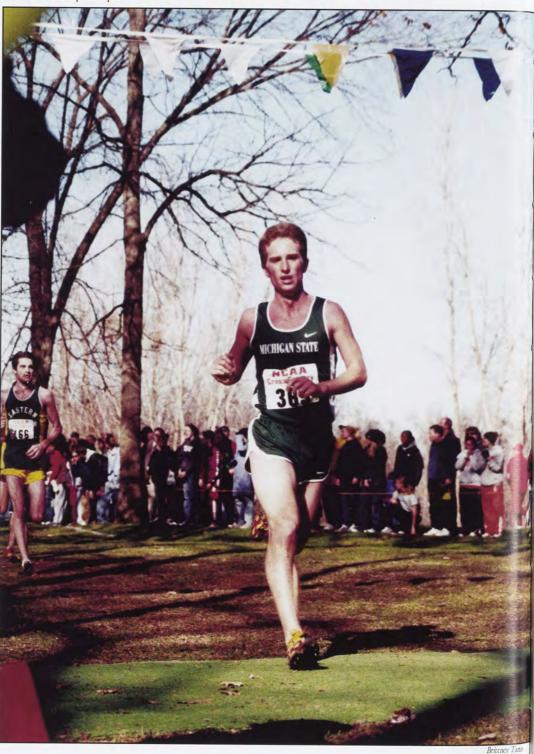


Sophomore guard Rene Haynes takes a shot against a Purdue player. MSU beat Purdue, 71-58.



Opponent		W/L
Colorado College	4-1	W
Western Michigan	2-0	W
Bowling Green	3-0	W
Kentucky	5-1	W
Detroit Mercy	2-0	W
Rhode Island	2-1	W
Rutgers	1-2	L
Illinois	0-1	L
Northwestern	3-2	W
Iowa	1-1	T
Minnesota	1-0	W
Ohio State	1-2	L
Penn State	0-3	L
Indiana	0-3	L
Purdue	0-1	L
Wisconsin	0-1	L
Oakland	3-2	W
Michigan	2-1	W
Eastern Michigan	1-0	W

Sophomore Mitch Graham runs in the NCAA Great Lakes Regional. The team went on to place 28th in the NCAA Championships.





The cross country team huddles before competition begins at the NCAA Great Lakes Regional in November. The Spartans placed 7th with 172 points.

Brittney Tanis

Men's Cross Country

The MSU men's cross country team completed another stellar season in 2004, finishing the year ranked No. 28 in the country.

Walt Drenth took over coaching the Spartans in August after coaching cross country and assisting track and field at Arizona State for eight years. He replaced former coach Jim Stintzi, who took over as head women's track and cross country coach at Wisconsin.

Drenth was impressed with the team but expected them to need time to adjust to his coaching style.

"Their ability to come together as a team and trust (really helped the transition)," Drenth said. "The team put their trust both in me and each other."

The Spartans were paced by seniors Steve Sherer and Andy Marsh and freshman Dustin Voss. The team competed in seven meets during the season. The Spartans' highest finishes included a seventh place both at the Big Ten Championships and at the NCAA Great Lakes Regional meets.

Marsh, who Drenth called the team "character leader," and Sherer both finished in the top 25 at the Great Lakes Regional meet. Sherer finished 12th at the Big Ten Championships and Voss finished 28th. Sherer improved 30 spots from his finish last year, earning second-team All-Big Ten honors.

MSU received an at-large bid to the NCAA Championships in Terre Haute, Ind., where they raced to a 28th place finish.

"Nobody expected us to get there," Drenth said. "But the team worked hard, and it paid off."

Chris Meagher





Simiko Kawamura

Women's Cross Country

The women's cross country team reached impressive heights last year under new first-year head Coach Rita Arndt-Molis, whose encouragement, focus on team unity and dreams of winning a Big Ten Championship led the team to a No. 13 ranking, up nine places from the previous year.

The Spartans also tied for second at the Big Ten Championship and placed 14th at the NCAA Great Lakes Regional.

"Coming in, I knew we had a lot of young talent on the team this past fall," Arndt-Molis said. "Rather than dwell on our inexperience and use it as a handicap, I decided to place some very high expectations and challenge them right off the bat."

Underclassmen met the challenge head on. Danette Doetzel was the first freshman to win the Big Ten Championship and earn All-American Honors. She was also named the Big Ten Cross Country Athlete of the Year.

"I came in with goals to achieve,"

Doetzel said. "The added awards were a nice surprise, and I'm really proud of them."

Sophomore Katie Kelly stepped up the pace when she earned second team All Big Ten honors and was commended for a positive outlook with the Big Ten Sportsmanship Award.

These Spartans looked forward to becoming stronger and close as a team, further establishing themselves as a winning force, a goal Arndt-Molis said she will work to accomplish.

"We're getting there, but Rome wasn't built in a day," she said. "I'm anxious for next fall as it is a new opportunity to grow and achieve. I'll have a great group of girls that are committed to this program."

Jacquelyn Halas



Sophomore runner Katie Kelly trains during mid-season on south campus.





A Spartan gymnast works the beam. The team took 4th in the Big Ten Championship meet in March.

Travis Haughton

Gymnastics

This year, the Spartans gymnasts made their way into record books by scoring a 195475, the all-time best season opening team total. The team's total score, which is the total of the top five scores in vault, floor, uneven parallel bars and beam, led the team to place 1st over Denver, Louisiana State and Ball State, setting a standard for the rest of the season.

Team captain Sarah Alexander, who gave an impressive individual performance with a score of 39.150 out of the 40 individual points possible, said she was proud of the team's performance.

"It was exciting to prove that we were that good of a team and to show people what we are about," she said.

Taking second place with a score of 195.275 during a meet with the University of Michigan, Eastern, Central and Western Michigan, the Spartans earned bragging rights over other schools in the state.

Sophomore Chayla Hill gave an

outstanding performance at the team's meet with Central Michigan and Kentucky State, scoring her season high of 9.900 on a floor routine.

The team also placed 4th in the Big Ten Championship meet in March. It was the Spartans' best finish in the championship since 1998.

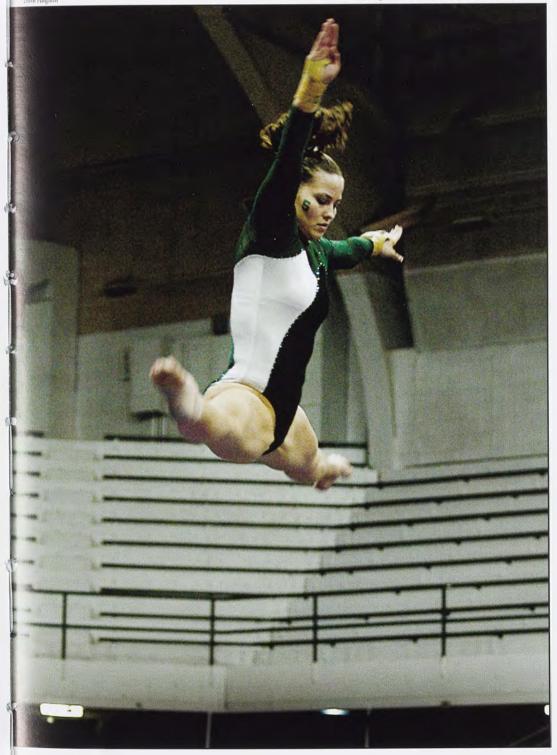
Injuries had limited the team's performance all year, but the Spartans women managed an impressive season, which Coach Kathie Klages attributed to strong motivation.

"They keep fighting through the pain with the attitude, we will keep forging on and meet our goals," she said.

Amy Poszywak



A member of the MSU Gymnastics team jumps during a routine on the beam. "They keep fighting through the pain with attitude, we will keep forging on and meet our goals," Coach Kathy Klages said.



Men's Golf

Making the transition from player to assistant coach, Casey Lubahn joined head Coach Mark Hankins in instructing the MSU men's golf team, as they led it through busy fall and spring seasons.

"Being a coach is a way for me to give back to the university after playing for the team," Lubahn said. "Im just here to help the guys."

The team travels frequently, playing against other colleges in the NCAA. Five players go on the trips, but only the four best scores are counted. When they are not on the road, the men practice on courses in the area.

"We go to Rhode Island, Texas, North Carolina, Alabama, Indiana — we're all over the place," Hankins said. "It allows us to play many different types of courses, which is beneficial for the guys who want to further their golfing careers."

Nine of the 10 golfers on the team are from Michigan, which is a rare occurrence in the selective field. About half of the players are freshmen, but rather than being discouraged by the team's youthfulness, the coaches were relieved to find that some of the first year players were just as good as the seniors.

"Golf has become so popular that all players are accomplished by the time that they get to play in college," Lubahn said. "Some of the best players in the country are only in their first year."

After two fall tournament wins, the Spartans began the spring season as the top ranked Midwest District team, No. 13 in the nation.

"We have a lot of fun but know when its time to go to work, and we really work well," sophomore Matthew Harmon said of the team.

Alison Costello



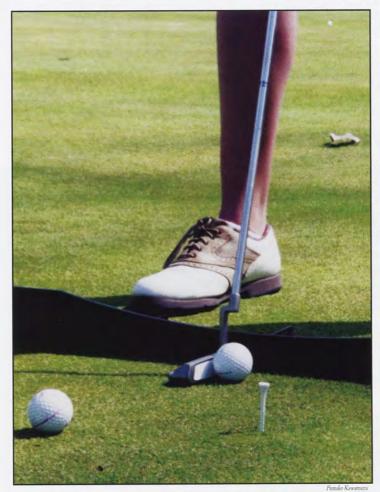




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Women's Golf

The women's golf team this year was a young team, with four sophomores and three freshmen comprising more than half of the 12-person team. The women started off the year with strong performances and continually fought to keep both their high ranking and for a spot in the NCAA Regionals.

Coach Stacy Slobodnik-Stoll said the freshman competitors brought about progress for team because it was a year of rebuilding.

"We lost three seniors last year to graduation, which is more than half the travel team, considering we compete with five or six players dependent on the tournament," Slobodnik-Stoll said. "Our current roster is filled with young, talented players who have been waiting to step in and fill the roles of the players we graduated."

Slobodnik-Stoll added that the team has been through some growing pains this year, which had been expected, but she said she's confident of the team's bright future.

Their future includes sophomore

Rachel Meikle, who led the women to an 8th place finish at the Liz Murphey Invitational in late March and earned a first top-20 finish in her two years as a Spartan golfer. Also a promising player, freshman Sara Brown started her collegiate golfing career with an impressive five-way tie for 9th place at the Lady Paladin Invitational in the fall.

Despite the team's transitions, sophomore Heather Rose said the women have great chemistry and great times together both on and off the course. Team members said they would continue to battle to reach its full potential.

"We are very young and are growing and learning throughout each tournament, and have so much potential and skill, but are struggling at times in putting it all together," Rose said.

Jessica Adams



Women's Crew

Like most other Spartans sports, the women's crew season was a mix of empowering highs, such as the varsity four win against both Princeton and Brown, and devastating lows, such as a sunken boat during a race in Tennessee. The women had just undergone spring break training and were disappointed when they were unable to race properly, but in true Spartans spirit, the women learned how to see the best amongst the worst.

"The best part of being on this team is never knowing what to expect, there are so many ways to become great on the water and it's exciting trying different methods to achieve greatness," freshman Rebekah Coleman said

Coleman, along with other team members, were excited about the Big Ten Championships.

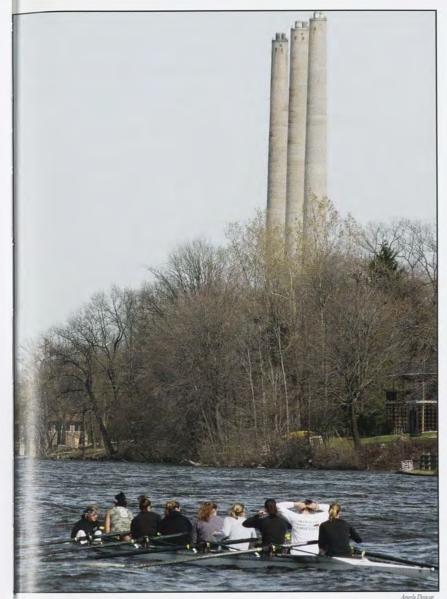
Last year the team suffered a breakdown, which affected their performance, but this year's team was physically and mentally connected and planned to place higher. Sophomore Beth Smith attributed her teammates, coaching and support staff for a meaningful and educational crew experience.

"The camaraderie which comes from dedicating so much of yourself to something with a group of others who you know are doing the same thing," Smith said. "You learn things through crew that you can not learn any other place."

The team also took part in Pink Ribbon Crew, a program that teaches breast cancer survivors how to row. Assistant coach Stacey Rippetoe, who founded the program's Lansing chapter, serves as Pink Ribbon crew head coach and has headed up the event for three consecutive years.

Jacquelyn Halas



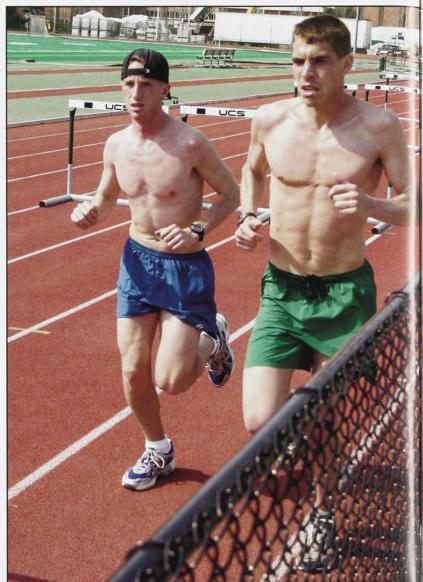






Angela Dui







Men's Track and Field

Before spring brought warm weather and green grass back to East Lansing, the men's track and field team faced tough competition indoors. The team took 9th place at the Big Ten Indoor Championships in late February and freshman sprinter Jeremy Orr shined with a 4th place finish in the 60-meter dash.

After the indoor season, the team geared up to head outdoors for more competition.

"We have a lot of talent for the first time in a long time and plan to score some big points," junior long jumper Juilen Williams said.

Under MSU head Coach Darroll Gatson, who has led the team for 10 years, the Spartans performed impressively at the Notre Dame Invitational in late January, with six 1st place finishes and 14 in the top five.

Williams said he was confident the young talent on the team would help boost its performance as the season progressed.

"We have a few outstanding

Before spring brought warm weather freshmen that will help us place high in the een grass back to East Lansing, Big Ten," he said.

The younger talent on the team included Orr, who, in addition to a stellar performance at the indoor championships, also broke the school's record for the 60-meter dash at a meet in Kentucky later in the season.

Freshman sprinter Kevin Dacres took first place in the 500-meter dash at Notre Dame and freshman sprinter Scott Sweeney took 6th in the same race.

But older team members were not to be overlooked. According to Trackwire, senior Mike Palmer and junior Brad Gebauer were ranked in the nation's top 12 pole vaulters in early February and continued to catapult the team to high scores in the event throughout the season.

Crystal L. Burks







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Women's Track and Field

The MSU women's track and field team raced through a quick spring season, running in 25 regular season meets throughout the year, and competing in the Big Ten championships in mid-May.

The Spartans hosted the MSU
Invitational in early April, welcoming five
teams to East Lansing, including Dayton,
Lansing Community College, Oakland
Community College, Detroit Mercy and
Indiana-Purdue Fort Wayne. On their home turf,
the women placed first in 16 of the events and
preformed some amazing feats.

Sophomore Melinda Buckmaster beat her nearest competitor by nearly 50 feet in the javelin throw. Her throw, with a distance of 15l-4 feet, is the university's third-best throw. Pole vaulter Mickie Rzepka cleared the 12-8 foot mark, breaking the outdoor record she set last year.

Katie Kelly, Michelle Rafferty and Michelle Carson, who ran distance, led the Spartans in 2005.

At the Stanford Invitational in Palo Alto, Calif., Kelly and Rafferty both ran NCAA provisional qualifying times in the 10,000-meter run, breaking their personal bests by almost two minutes. Kelly had a time of 34:17 and Rafferty finished 34:48.

The season got off to a rough start affected by the weather and having to cancel a few meets due to inclement weather. However, it went on to include the Sea Ray Relays, the MSU Twilight Race, the Drake and Hillsdale Relays, the Jesse Owens Classic and the Big Ten and NCAA championships.

Chris Meagher



Softball

Coming off of a 2004 season in which the team's overall batting average ranked first in the Big Ten, the softball team was eager to match the prior season's intensity. But a delayed season opener and many cancelled games due to unplayable conditions were the beginning of a rocky season.

After a poor showing early on in the season during a stretch of 24 road games, losing most by only a few runs, the women knew they had to step it up mid-season to compete in the Big Ten.

They did so against Indiana
University in early April, where MSU had
a 5 run second inning, leading to a shutout
win, 8-0. The next day, the score was closer,
3-2, but the women still held on for the
win. The women hoped to build on the
momentum of the shut out and their wins
at the Florida Atlantic Tournament in late
March for a strong finish in Big Ten play.

During the 3-day tournament, the Spartans beat Tulsa 3-1, Florida International 4-1 and Florida Atlantic 6-2. The women

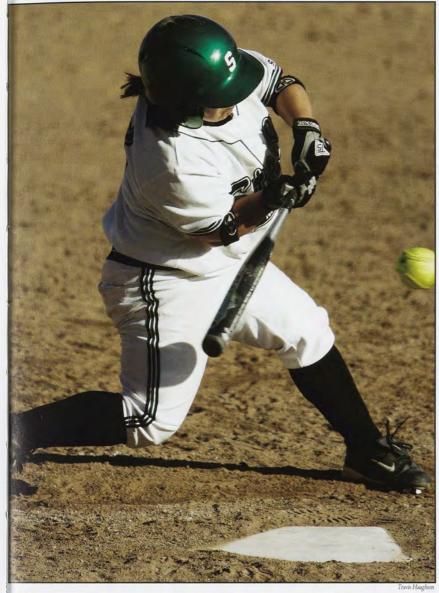
were shut out twice by Texas A& M, 7-0 and 1-0.

Two young leaders emerged this season: sophomore pitcher Rachel Turney on the mound and freshman Traci Nicosia at bat. With these two individuals and a team of strong players, senior Janette Hurtado, who played second base, said she felt no one could defeat the softball team when the team was playing at its best. Sharing the sentiments of other athletes, she wished more fans would come out to support the women.

"The fan turnout is pretty good for the big games, however we would also love for more fans to come and support our hard working team," Hurtado said. "We feel the more fan support we have, the more difficult it is on our opposing team."

Crystal L. Burks





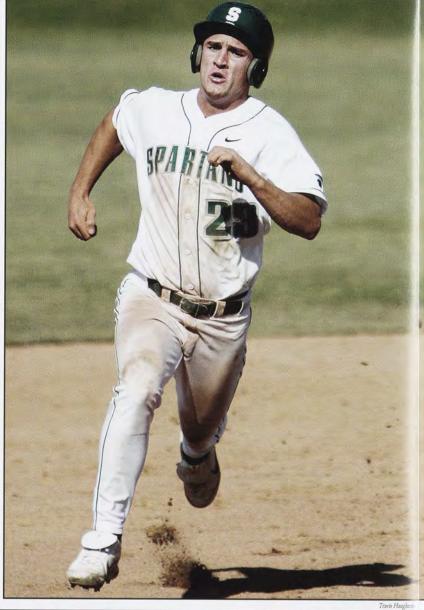






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Travis Haughton



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Baseball

MSU's baseball team had its ups and downs throughout the season, but received consistent play from many players and had a solid year overall.

At the beginning of the season MSU traveled to Louisiana, Florida and Illinois before heading to East Lansing in late March. The road games put up some big scores including a 19-8 win over Brown, and on the other side, 17-1 and 13-2 losses against Florida.

The Spartans started out strong, winning their first two games, but then proceeded to drop eight out of the next 12 games.

The Spartans also had a dominating victory over Saginaw Valley State, outscoring the Cardinals 20-9 on 26 hits. Junior utility player Alan Cattrysse had five hits and five runs for the Spartans.

Sophomore outfielder Ryan Basham lead MSU, batting .382 with six home runs and 21 RBIs. Redshirt junior pitcher Tim Day has a 3-2 record with 22 strikouts in 39 innings.

MSU has also shown some speed on the basepath, stealing 29 bases on 42 attempts. Sophomore Adam Tripp led the team with six steals.

The team was led by its captains, Day and senior Erik Morris, who were chosen by their teammates to represent the team.

MSU opened up its Big Ten season in Iowa City, Iowa, splitting a four game series with Iowa 2-2. The Spartans beat the Hawkeyes 3-1 and 11-5, while losing to Iowa 7-6 and 10-7.

Head coach Ted Mahan is in his 10th season as the coach of the Spartans.

Baseball America projected the Spartans would finish fourth in the Big Ten in the season.

Chris Meagher



Field Hockey Club

Although the MSU Field Hockey Club was the first field hockey club in Michigan when it started in June 2002, it has quickly become a presence on campus, around the country and internationally.

MSU had about 45 members on their coed team for the 2004 season, representing many different states and nine countries, including Pakistan, India, Australia, South Africa, Japan, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom.

The MSU Field Hockey Club usually participates in two major tournaments during the year, the Annual Midwest Classic and the Spartan Summer Classic tournament. In July 2004, they held the Second Spartan Classic Tournament. One of MSU's two teams made it to the finals, but lost to the Chicago club team for the championship.

The Spartans had a lot of competition this year and are looking to expand to playing teams from all over the country in the future. After the fall semester the team had 21 wins, nine losses and four ties. The season lasts from early spring to late fall, avoiding the winter months.

Anybody can be a part of the club team as long as they have a desire to have fun playing field hockey. All skill levels are represented on the team, and coaching sessions are provided for beginners. The team conducts practice games once or twice a week and competes against other club teams once or twice a month.

Chris Meagher



Jen Heals



Photo Courtesy of the Mini Baia Club

The Society of Automotive Engineers Mini Baja team, established in 1995, designs, builds, tests and races a one-person offroad vehicle on a motor-cross track.

Last year, the members of the MSU Mini Baja team competed for the first time in the Mini Baja 100, a 100-mile race with two vehicles held in Arizona. They also competed at a Midwest race in Ohio.

Society members attended the Society of Automotive Engineers international races where they competed against more than 150 teams from around the world. They met twice during the week to work on constructing the vehicle and practiced driving it for competitions. In 1997, they placed second, their best. In 2003, although the members felt they had

a good car, mechanical problems during the race caused them to place 29th out of 138 cars.

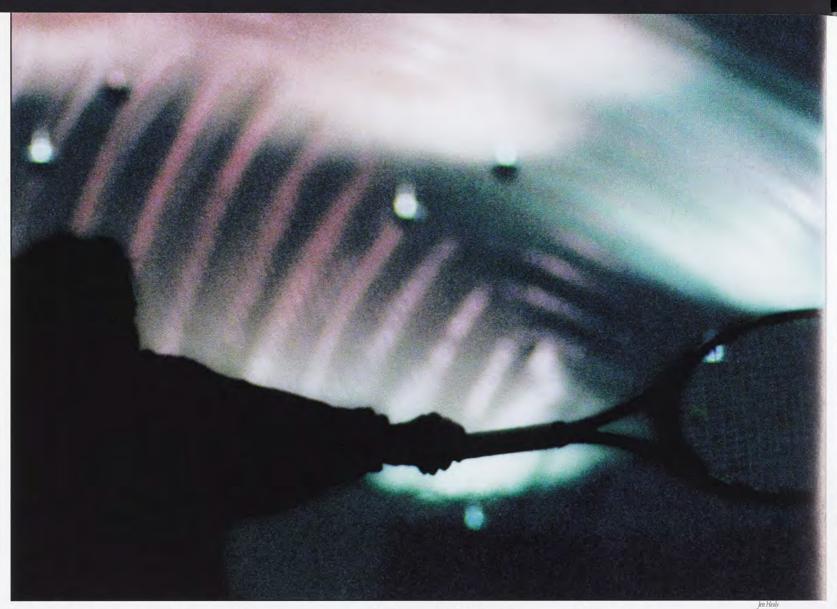
The group encourages anyone interested in building, racing, promoting or managing an off-road vehicle to join.

Members said MSU's sesquicentennial was an opportunity for them to represent MSU by winning a competition during the milestone year.

"Hopefully this year we'll do pretty good," said Tim Locker, project manager and mechanical engineering junior, at the beginning of the year. "We've got a positive outlook on this racing season."

Jessica Adams

Mini Baja



Women's Club Tennis

The women's club tennis team is a competitive squad that competes against schools around the region, including the University of Michigan and Ohio State and Ferris State universities.

In its first year, the team went 5-3. Games were held bi-weekly at the MSU Indoor Tennis Facility near Demonstration Hall. Most members had previously played on competitive tennis teams, many with three or more years of experience. Players tried out for the team.

The players said they work to play as many games as they can and are working to have more respectable coaching. Although a Midwest intercollegiate club exists, the MSU club is not a member because players said they disagreed with its format.

Allison Long, a human biology junior who established the team, said she hopes the club team will be around long after she graduates, because it is one of the only opportunities for women who enjoy tennis to participate in a competitive form.

"Once you make it through the competitive tryouts, it's mostly about having fun," she said. "Competing in matches is a challenge, as well as making a little room in your schedule for practices and matches."

There is a shared common interest in tennis, yet everyone has her own personality, Long said.

Crystal L. Burks

The cheerleaders on the football field aren't the only ones working hard to keep Spartan spirit levels high — members of the MSU Competitive Cheer Club make it their priority to spread love for the green and white throughout the entire East Lansing community.

The first cheer club in MSU's history, the Competitive Cheer Club was established in the fall and meet weekly for three-hour practices to hone its tumbling, stunting and dancing skills for local and national competitions and performances.

The 35-member team competes annually in the Michigan East Open and a Great Lakes cheerleading competition, and also planned to take part in a national competition.

Along with improving cheerleading skills, the club's objective is to promote not only Spartan spirit, but community spirit as well. Members perform community service and participate in charity events throughout the year including Cheer for Charity, a yearly event held in Charlotte, Mich.

With no coach to rely on for discipline, the club members' own dedication and love for the sport drive them to frequently meet outside of practice times to work on their skills. To pass on their enthusiasm to the next generation, club members plan to host a stunt clinic for young cheerleaders in the area.

Competitive Cheer

competition.

Emily Sorger

Cheer

Travis Haughtes

Cycling

The MSU Cycling Club, established in the 1970s, promotes and encourages cycling. Members race mountain bikes in the fall and road bikes in the spring.

Cycling club members represent MSU in the Midwest and meet new people who share a common interest of cycling. They are in the Midwest Collegiate Cycling Conference, which is a part of the National Collegiate Cycling Association. The club's conference consists of about 26 schools, and it competes at other Big Ten schools such as Indiana University, the University of Wisconsin-Madison and Purdue University. The team placed sixth in 2003 and seventh in 2004. Members qualified for nationals in 2003 and last year sent three individuals who placed in competition. The club also hosted two races.

Besides racing,

members work in cooperation with the MSU Bike Project fixing and supplying old bikes for the public to promote cycling as a form of transportation in the community.

Members attended weekly meetings, communicated daily over an online forum, and met for daily rides and weekend races. The MSU Cycling Club encourages anyone to join regardless of experience. Last year 30 students were involved in the club.

"It's fun, and there are so many aspects to the club," said President Brandon Sprouse, a no-preference sophomore. "There's the racing, which is a collegiate competition and well-structured, but it's also a lot of fun because you get to meet a bunch of people."

Jessica Adams

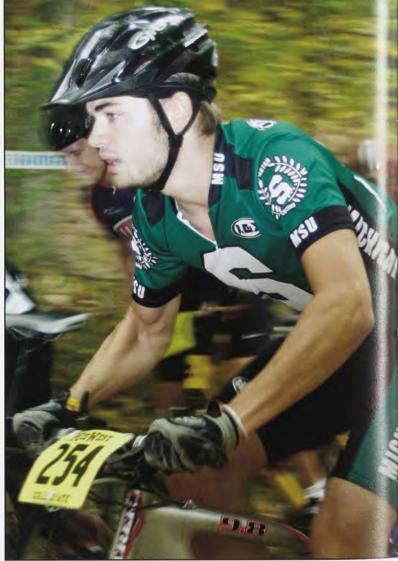


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Joshua Grasso

Women's Lacrosse

The women's lacrosse team took on teams from all over the Midwest for an overall record of 8-4 in 2004 and kicked off its 2005 season in mid-February against Central Michigan, with hopes of securing a division title and winning a spot at the national competition in Minnesota.

After January tryouts, the roster consisted of 24 women, most of who participated in multiple sports in high school including basketball, volleyball, field hockey, lacrosse, and track and field.

During the fall semester, the club met three to four times a week to focus on conditioning and practice. There was also a "play day" where players competed against each other in a lacrosse game.

In the spring, team members practiced three to four times a week and played 13 games.

"We're very excited for this season and a fresh start with our new coach," said mathematics senior Erin Stein, co-captain of the team. The team's new coach, Jamie Robbins, also worked with the varsity field hockey team and women's gymnastics.

The women's lacrosse club was designed to give female students an opportunity to meet people with similar interests and to help young women stay in shape while playing collegiate-level lacrosse.

Crystal L. Burks



Roller Hockey

Since the MSU Roller
Hockey Club was founded, the team
has been known for winning, and
last year was no different. Despite
the retirement of the team's coach,
the club easily regrouped to come
out victorious.

Comprised of A and B teams, both have proven MSU's club to be one of the best. Since 1997, the A team has consistently gone to national competitions, which include winning teams from 10 conferences. Club President Ryan Luscombe has seen the dramatic improvement in the team and the sport since joining as a freshman.

"Every year the incoming freshmen get better and better," the kinesiology junior said. "Not only are our players getting better, but roller hockey has become one of the fastest growing college club sports in the country." This year the roller hockey team was nearly undefeated, and the team's 14-5 win against the University of Michigan increased bragging rights for all Spartans.

"It isn't too exciting since they're pretty bad," said Luscombe. "But who doesn't like bragging about killing the Wolverines?"

The team is also a great way to unite students. For team captain and Coach Mike Mackert the team has served as a community of friends.

"This club has been about the greatest thing in my time at MSU," Mackert said. "The constant in my time at MSU has been the roller hockey team. It has always provided a great group of friends to play hockey with and enjoy the rest of college with."

Amy Poszywak



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Fencing

While MSU celebrated it 150 birthday some students participated in a game centuries older than the school itself.

Fencing, a sport which has existed since about 1190 B.C., is derived from the ancient practice of sword fighting and has been at MSU in the form of a varsity team since at least 1940.

Just like the university has progressed in the many years since its foundation, the MSU Fencing Club, established in 1997, is becoming more successful with every year of competition.

"Mixing athletics with a mental challenge — that's what fencing essentially is," said communications senior Emilie Riester, the club's vice president.

The 50-member team, 25 of which travel, meets for two-hour practices on four evenings every week. The team hosted and participated in tournaments all around the country, sometimes traveling as far as Florida and New Hampshire.

The fencing club competed in about two meets per month between November and March against schools like Notre Dame University, the University of Michigan Ohio State University, Purdue University and many more. Spring is the busiest time, as the team met almost every weekend throughout the semester.

In April, the team's hard work throughout the season culminated on home turf when the club hosted the National Fencing Club Team Championships, one of the largest fencing tournaments in the country. Twenty-six schools from across the country competed in the tournament.

Emily Sorger

Men's Lacrosse

The men's lacrosse club completed its ninth season in 2004 with travels around the Midwest and the country competing in two national championships, including one hosted by the United States Lacrosse Intercollegiate Associates, the largest lacrosse league in the world.

"The coaches have mentioned we're the best they've seen in a long time," advertising junior Ryan Doski said. "This year we have some strong freshman players, so we'll probably only get better."

Besides playing lacrosse together daily, members participated in fund-raising events to lower fees for players, including picking up trash in the stands after athletic events. The men were also active in the community and helped construct the dome on the tennis courts at the Michigan Athletic Club.

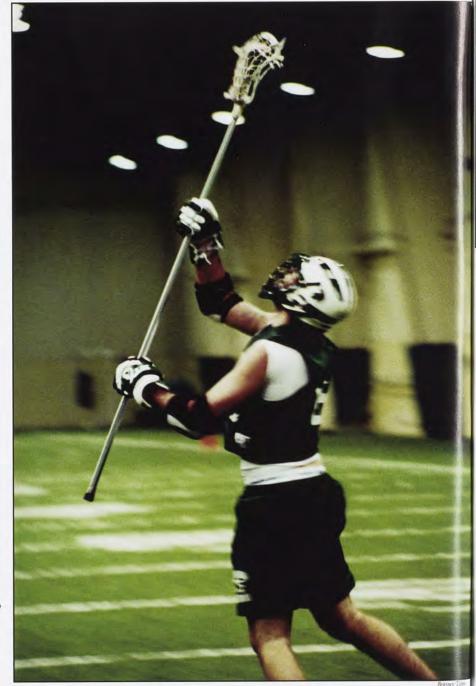
But hospitality business senior Steve Timmreck, one of three team captains, said he wished the lacrosse team was more publicized.

"It's a fast growing sport, and we love fans to come down and watch us play. It's exciting," he said.

Men who have lacrosse experience and are willing to put a lot of time and hard work into the team are encouraged to try out for the team. Team members say there is a good balance between fun and hard work in the sport.

"We're about as serious as you can be about lacrosse;" Doski said.

Alison Costello





When Furuichi Kenzo came to MSU as a visiting student from Waseda University in 1975, he brought along the Japanese martial art of Kendo and formed the MSU Kendo club.

Kendo, literally meaning the way of the sword, is the art of Japanese fencing.

"It not only develops you physically but also develops you mentally and builds strong spirit," said Ron Fox, the club's staff advisor. Fox has been practicing Kendo for more than 30 years.

According to Fox, most of the people who practice Kendo, also know as kenshis in Japan, start their training during their college years or later, unlike in Japan, where training usually starts at the age of 6. That puts the Kendo

club at MSU in a "unique position to introduce a large student community to Kendo," he said.

Besides introducing newcomers to the art of Kendo, the club also provides challenging practices for experienced kenshis. The club also works to foster understanding of the practice of kendo.

Every year, the club sponsors a kendo seminar and routinely participates in regional and national level tournaments.

"Anyone is welcome to participate," Fox said, as long as they have a "strong desire to learn Kendo and have fun."

Cindy Chen

Kendo

Michigan State Crew has been offering students the opportunity to compete in rowing since it was founded in 1956. The club is made up of seven teams: varsity coxswains, varsity men, varsity women, novice coxswains, novice men and novice women. Each team competes in their respective programs every year and practices everyday.

The team competes in the fall, winter and spring seasons attending regattas, where it compete with 15 to 20 other schools in hopes of going on to the championship to compete against more than 100 schools. This fall. crew brought home medals in every event, making it one of the most successful teams of the season.

Accounting senior and team President Thomas Beaver said he enjoys the chance to compete against schools from all over the country and the close friendships he has formed as a result of being involved with crew.

"To be a rower at Michigan State, one is engulfed in the most team-oriented sport there is, with not one person being able to carry the boat," Beaver said. "Everyone learns extremely valuable skills in working with others, respecting others and bringing out the most and best in not only themselves but all around them."

Crew provides MSU students the chance to "transform their college experience into something elite, unique and special," Coach Scott Menoch said.

Amy Poszywak







Photo Courtesy to the Men's Soccer C

In the winter of 2001, three men who shared a love of soccer and a desire to compete decided to start a club soccer team. Since then, the team has evolved to a competitive team that has played against teams across the nation.

Last season, the team of about 26 players ranked second in the Midwest Alliance Soccer Conference, and traveled to the national tournament in Austin, Tex. The MSU team hosted Michigan, Western Michigan, and Indiana on its home turf at the East Lansing Sports Complex, located north of campus on Abbott Road. The team is a member of the Northern Division of the Midwest Alliance Soccer Conference, which includes teams from accredited colleges and universities in Ohio, Indiana, Wisconsin and Michigan.

The club demands a serious commitment from its members. Practice is held 2-3 days per week, and on off days, players are expected to maintain conditioning. Nearly every weekend during the season, which runs for two months during the fall semester, members travel to other schools or host matches in East Lansing.

The goal of the club is to provide students an opportunity to compete at the collegiate club level. Members hope to be recognized as quality athletes, as well as quality students and community members.

Traci Carpenter

Men's Soccer

Badminton Club

No matter if you're a beginner or a seasoned player, anyone is welcome to join the MSU Badminton Club.

The club, which was founded in 1993, aims to improve the social and competitive aspects of the sport, and to "communicate its importance as a sport as well as a popular social activity," said Kwong Chan, co-president of the club.

Commonly thought of a "backyard sport," the badminton racket and shuttlecock game involves hitting the shuttlecock over a net without allowing it to touch the ground. Badminton has gained popularity with professional competitions where the shuttle can reach speeds of 200 mph, making it a fierce competition.

Locally, the MSU badminton club averages more than 100 regular players.

Besides the usual weekly practices, the club also participated in various tournaments with other universities, such as the University of Michigan, and competed in the Great Lakes Regional Badminton Championships at Purdue University in 2003, where it won second place. The club also hosted a championship in 2003.

Occasionally, the club members, many of whom are international students from China, India and the Middle East, organized casual gatherings, such as weekly barbecues.

"We have found that badminton in the U.S. is perceived as a picnic sport," said Chan, a marketing and supply chain management doctoral candidate. "In fact, it is among the top three sports played in the world, with soccer and basketball."

Cindy Chen



Phillip Toucs



Photo Gurtesy of the Wakeboard and Waterski Clu

For Elizabeth Wehner, the highlight of the MSU Wakeboard and Waterski team's 2004 fall season came in late October when she landed her first jump of the season at the club's regional tournament.

"I felt like Miss America afterward," said the journalism freshman and team public relations and event planner. "It was an amazing feeling, and I couldn't have done it without my teammates."

The team is part of the American Water Ski Association and the Lansing Boat Club and is comprised of about 40 members.

The team has been to more nationals than any other school in the region and last year finished 11 out of 32 in the Midwest region. Members attend approximately five tournaments throughout the fall season and compete in three traditional events: slalom, trick, or

wake board, and jump.

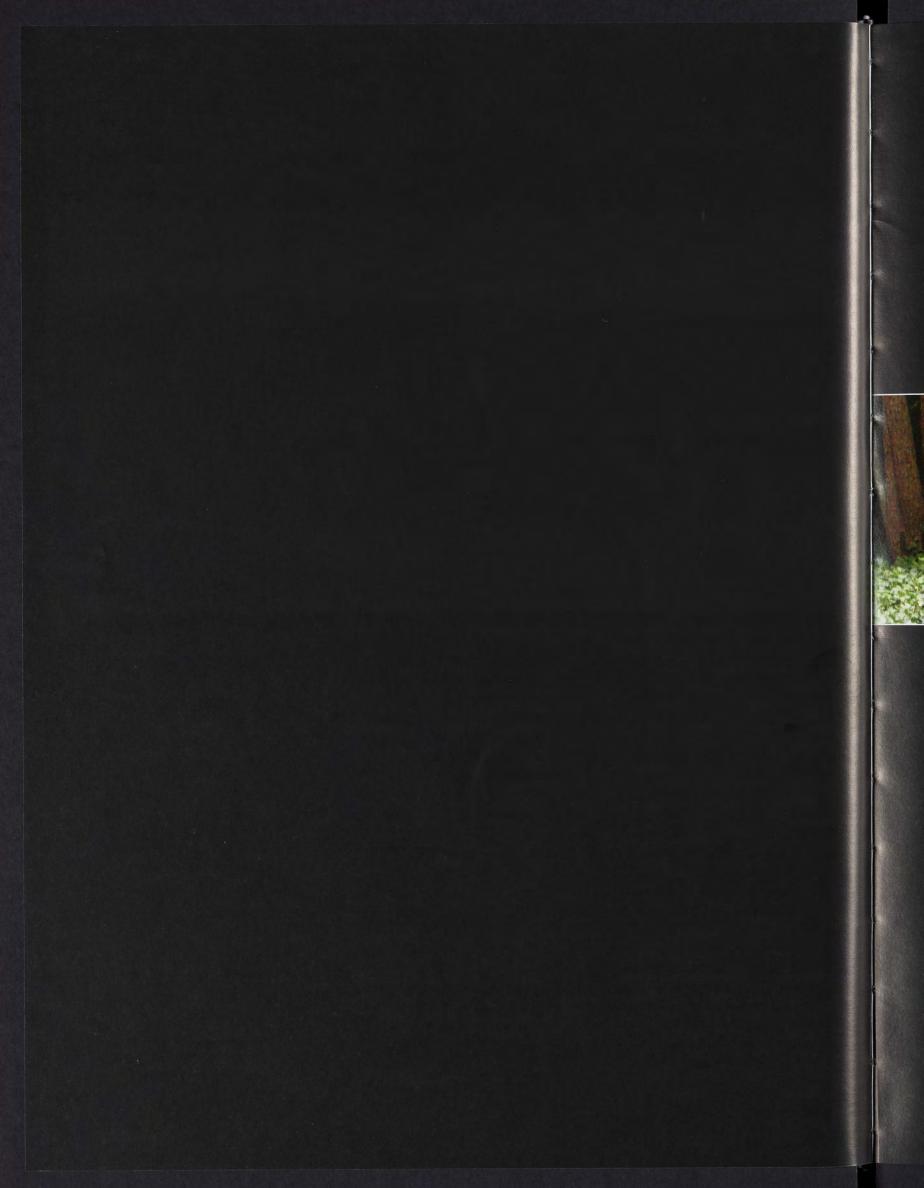
"Being part of this team not only gives me something to do, but it is a great way to meet people and make connections for future life," said food management junior and Vice President Andy Randazzo. "I think all the experiences are definitely the best part of being a team member."

Lyman Briggs sophomore Ryan Kenney, president and treasurer of the team, said the team is a great way to balance schoolwork and other responsibilities.

"How many other kids do you know that can leave class and go to the river where they get to ski behind a brand new Master Craft 197 fully loaded, and act as if school doesn't exist?" he said.

Jacquelyn Halas

Wakeboard and Waterski Club





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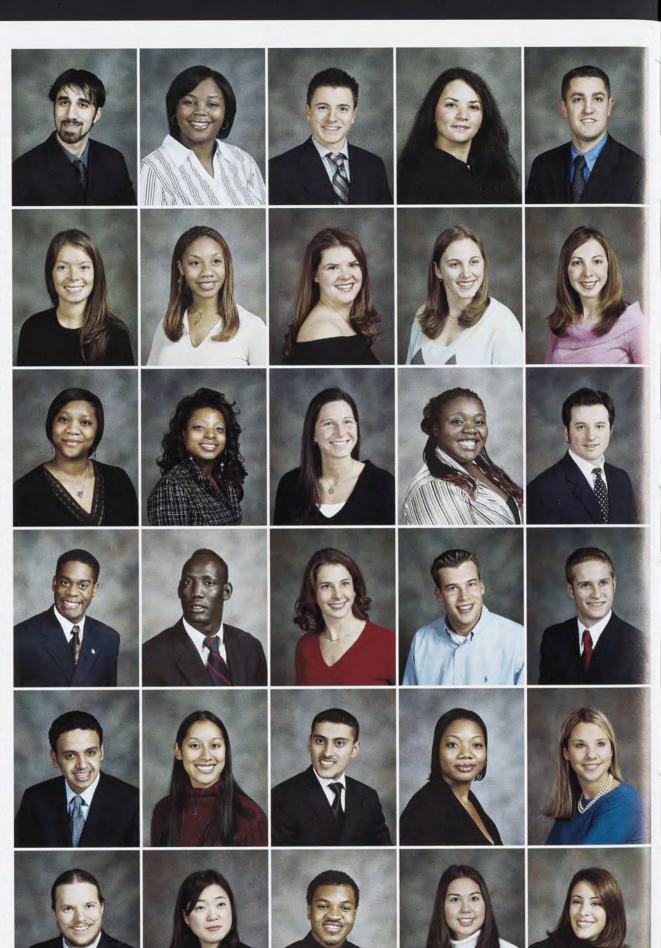
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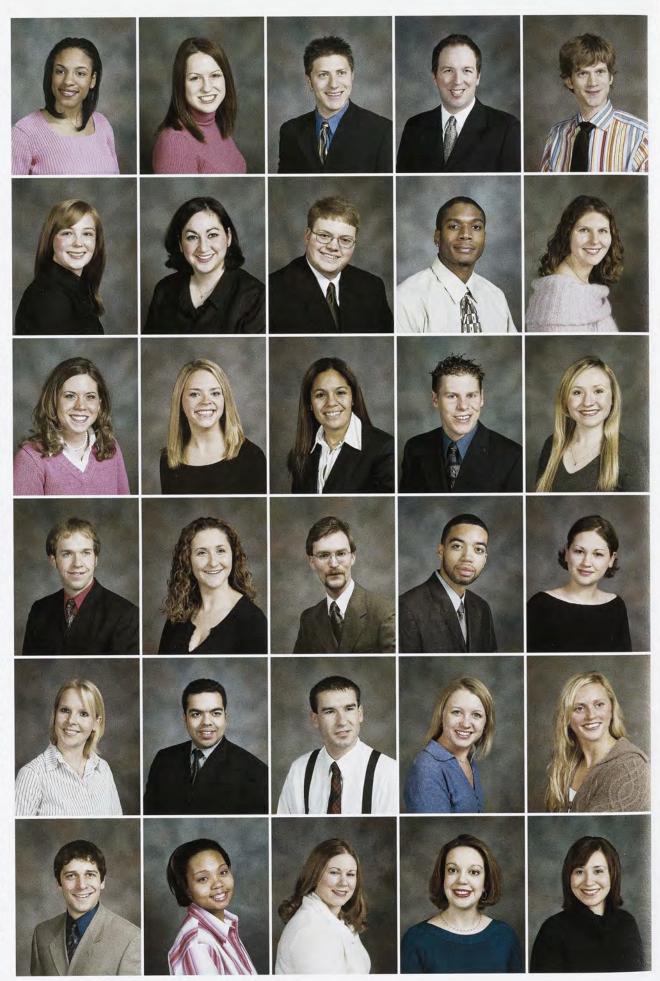
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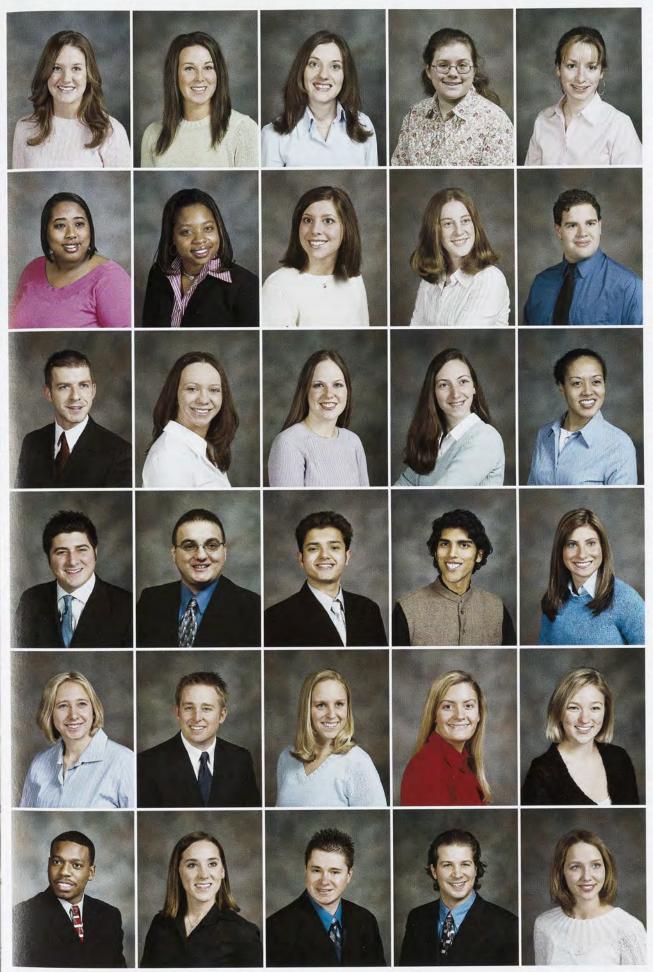
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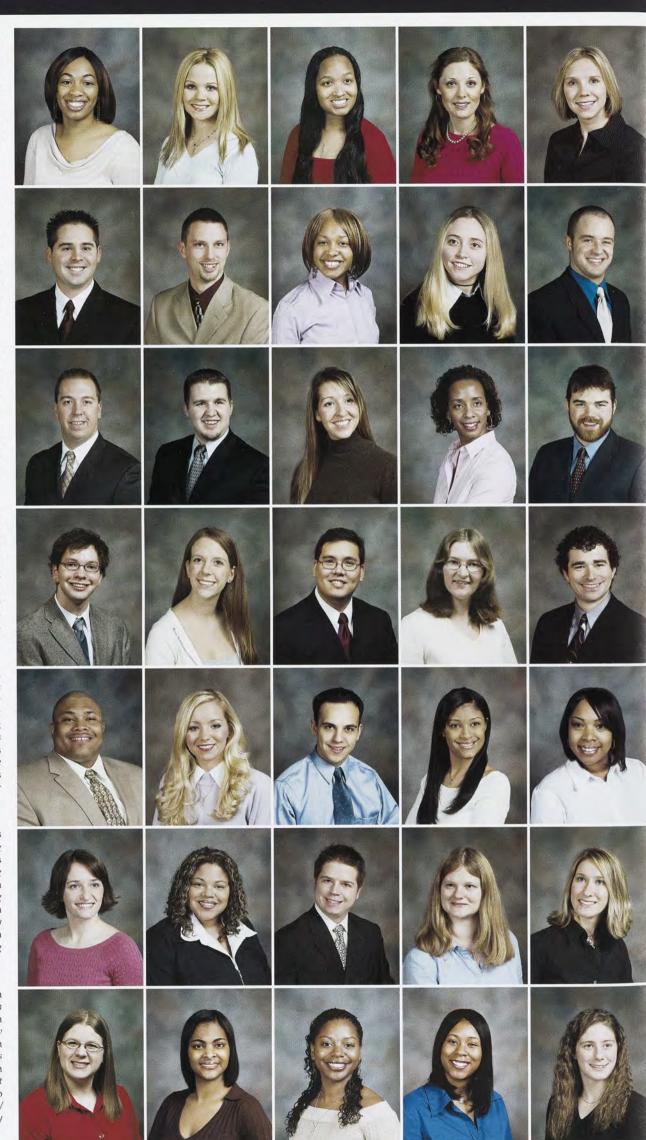
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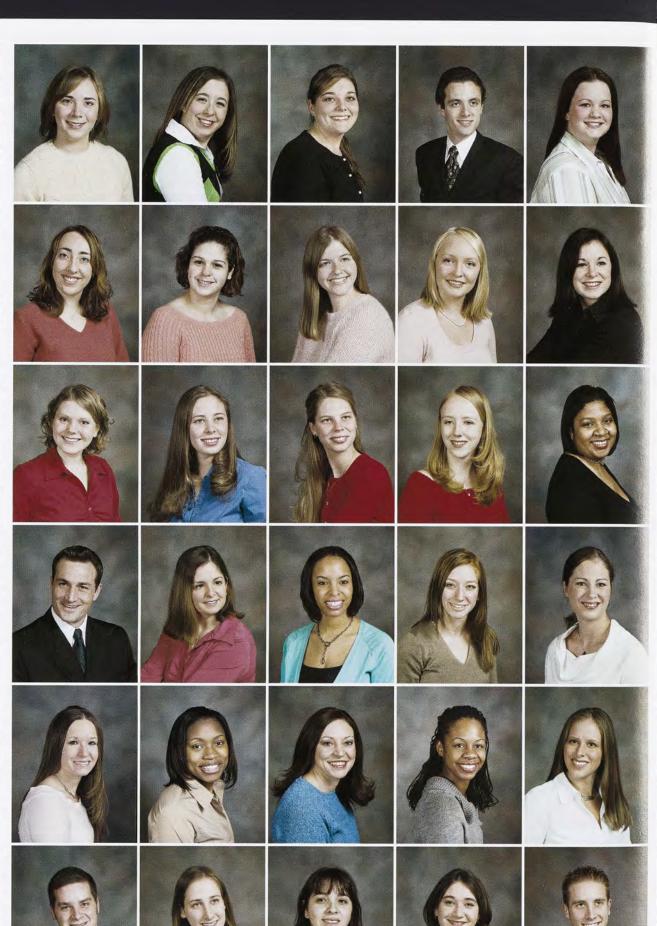
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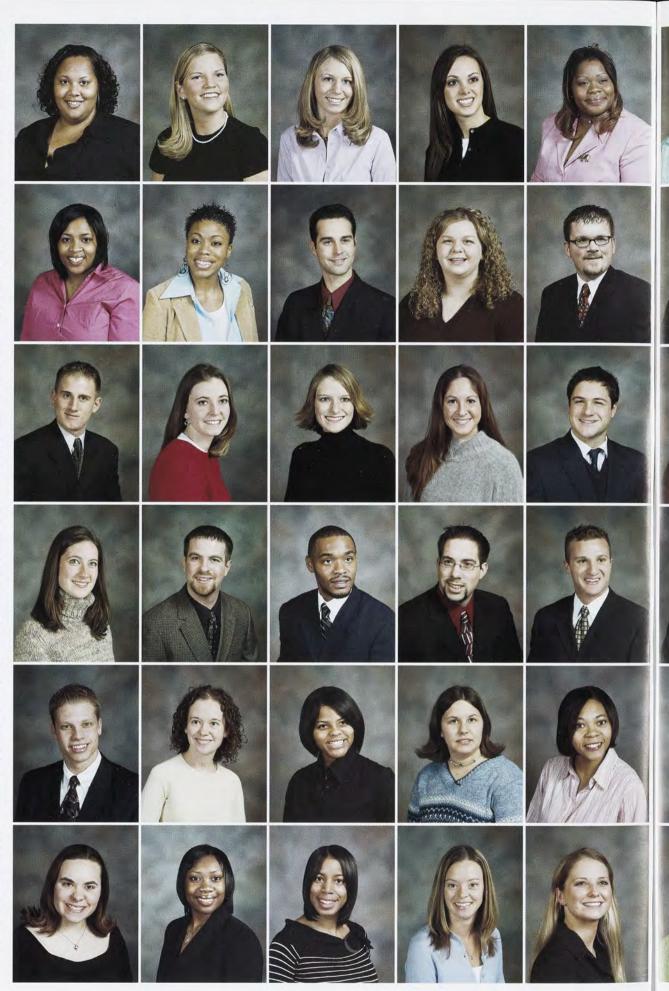
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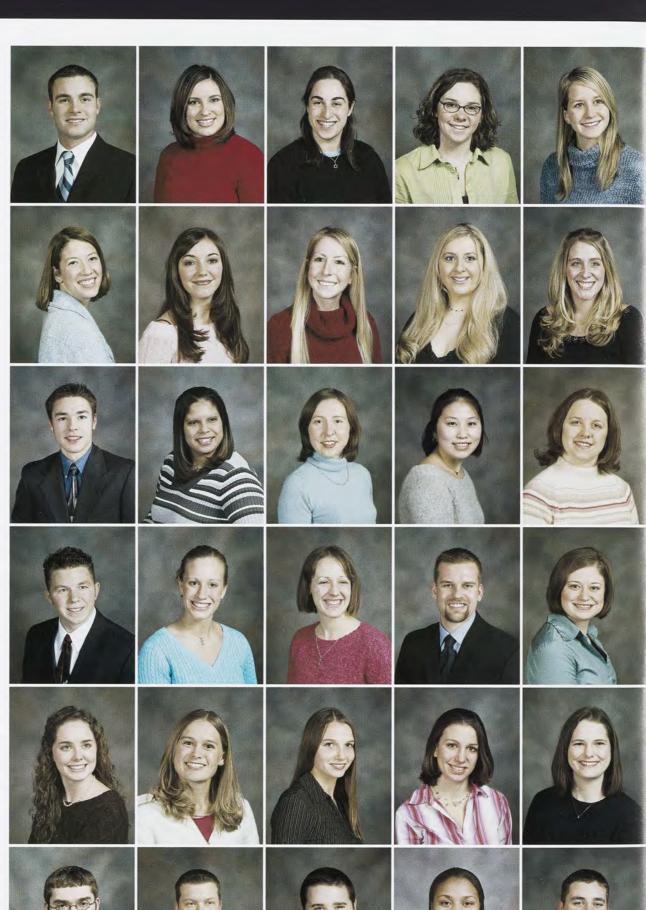


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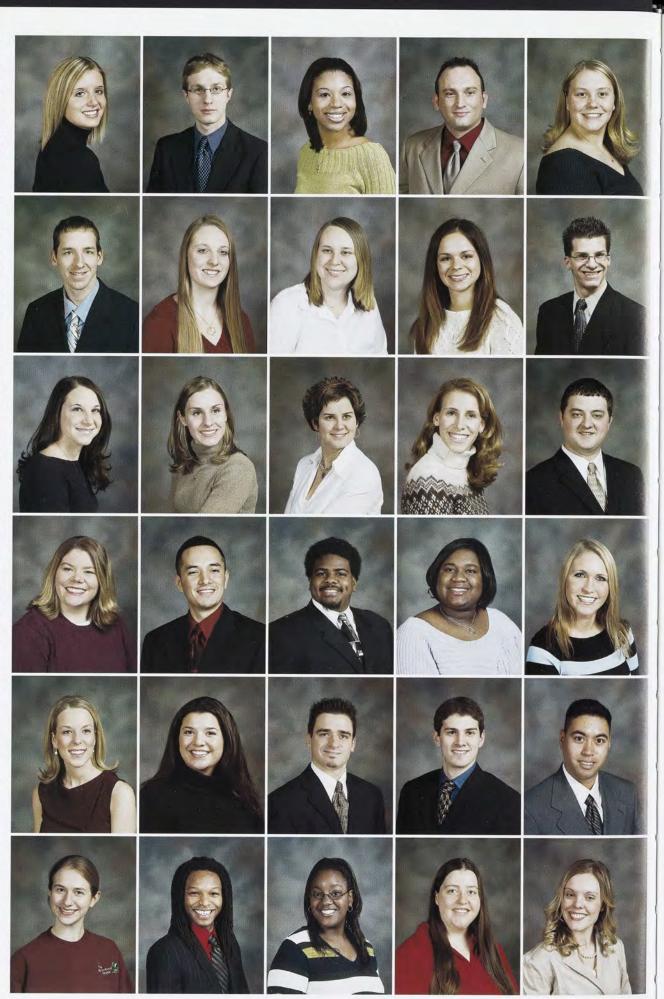
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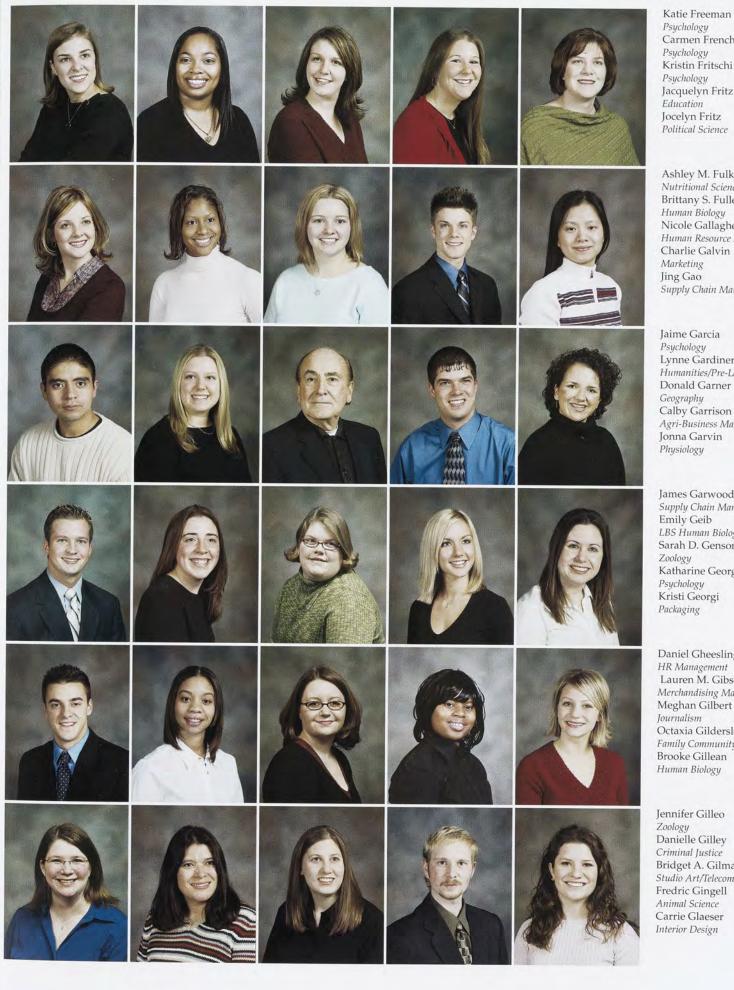
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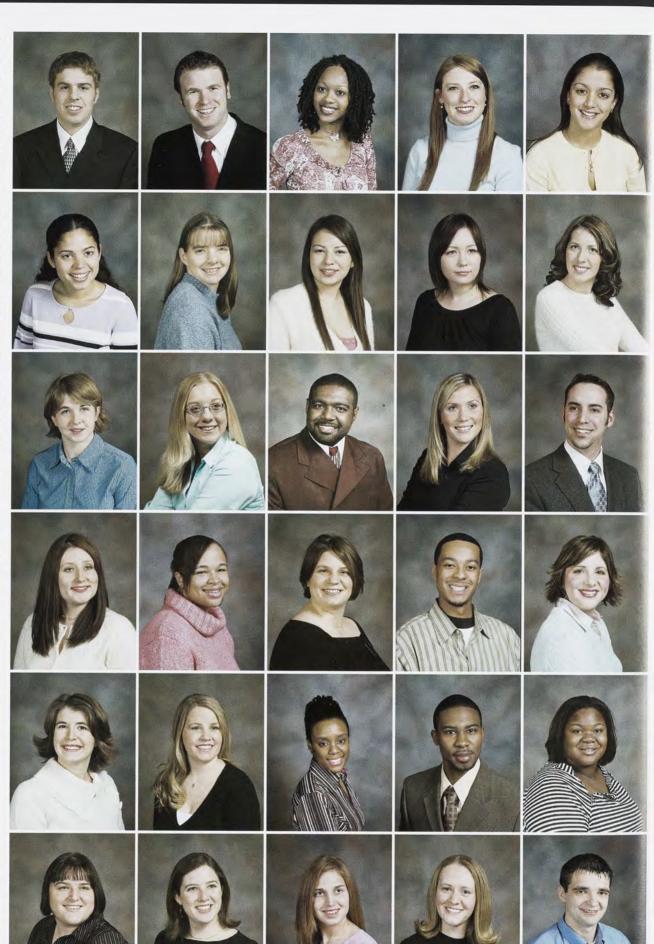
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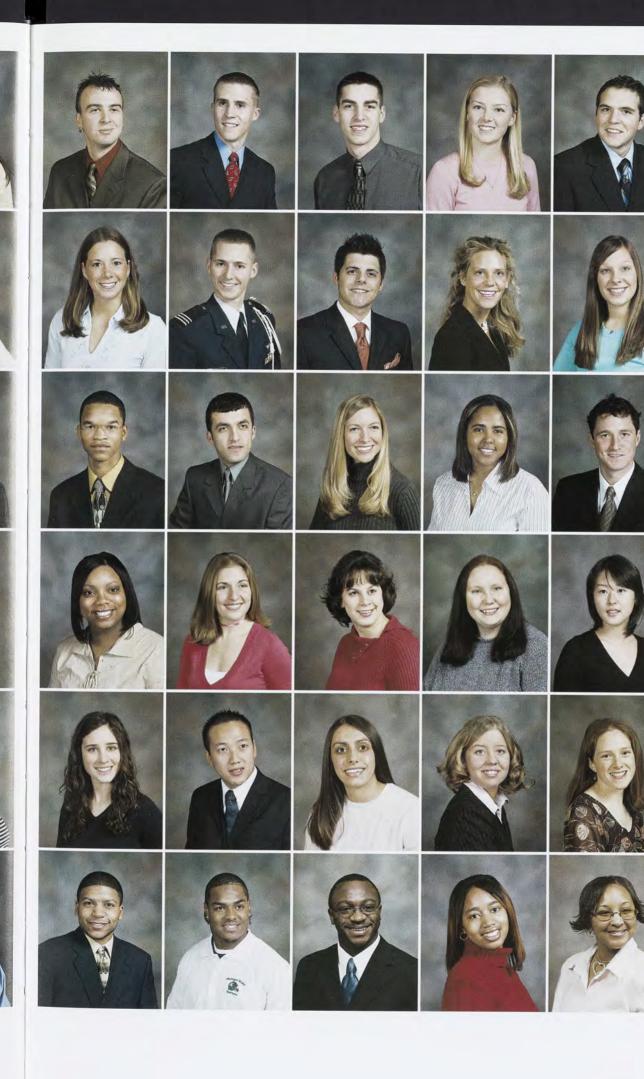
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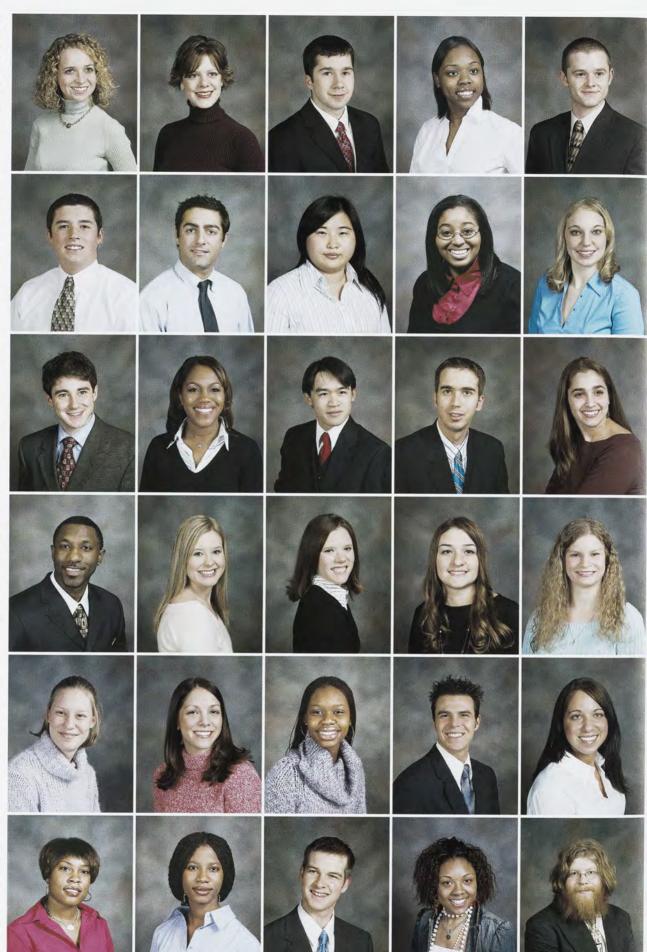


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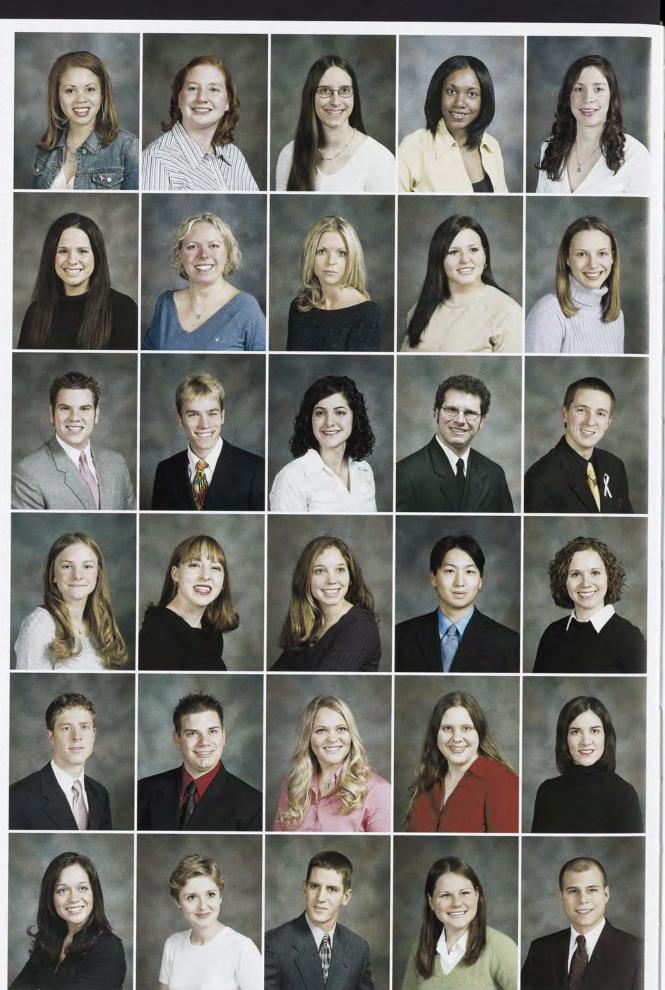
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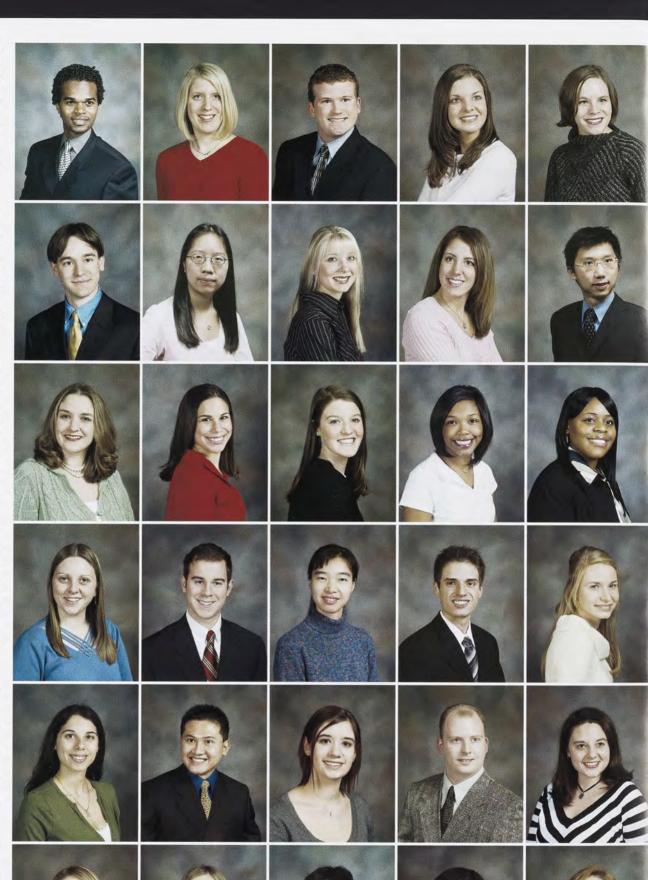
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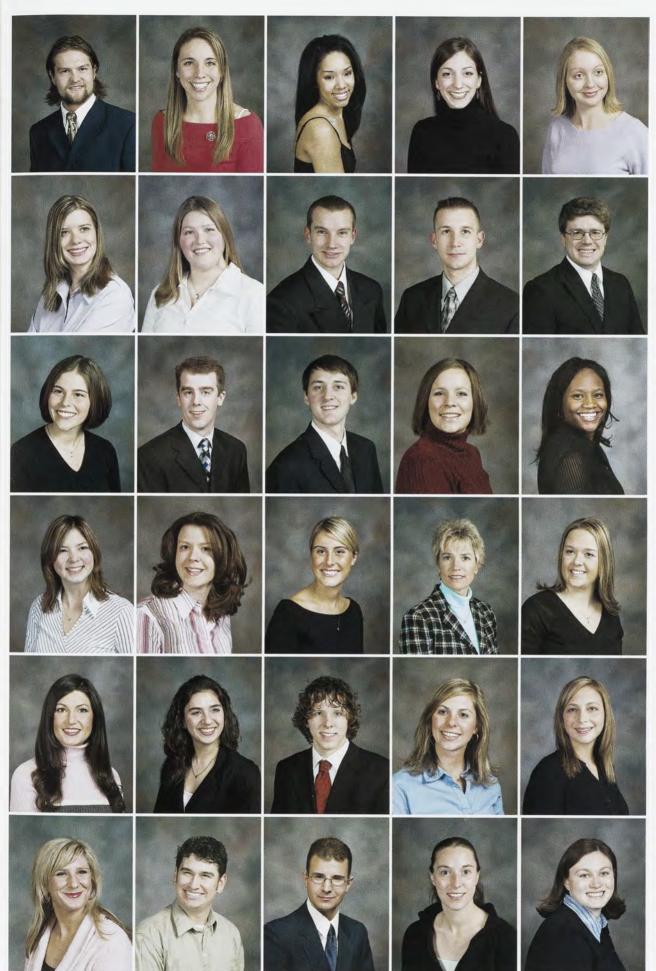












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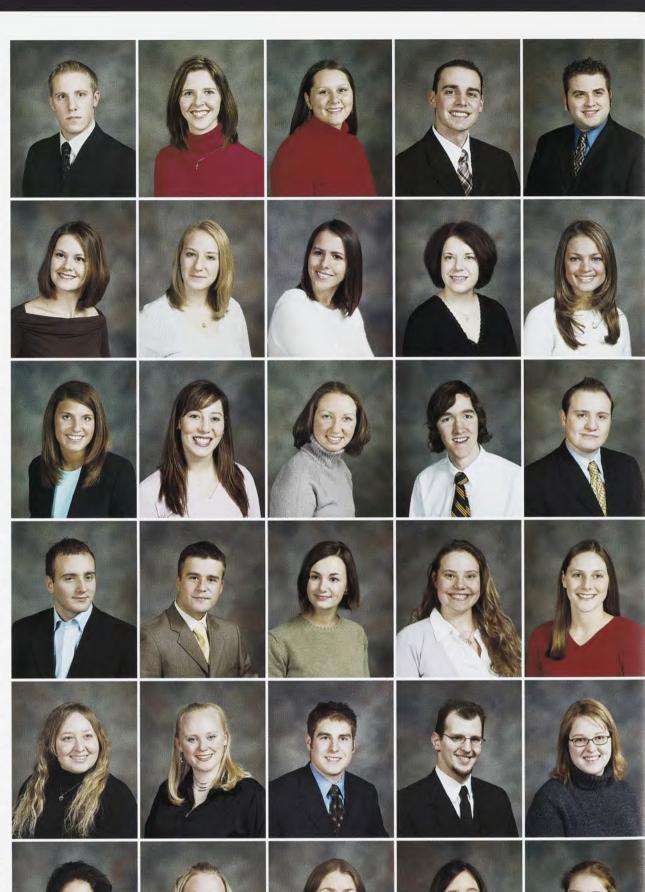
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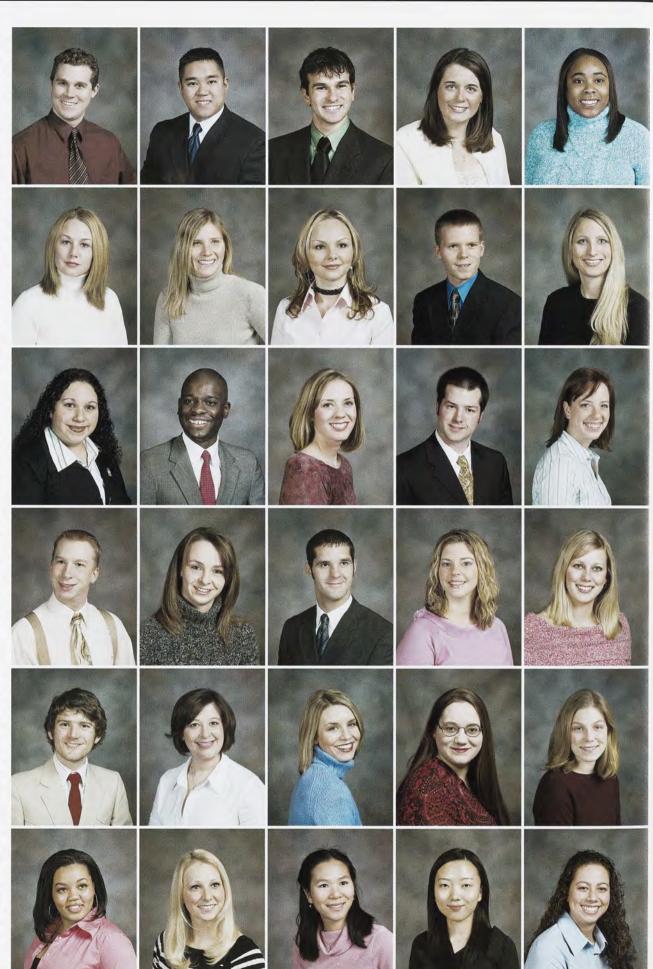
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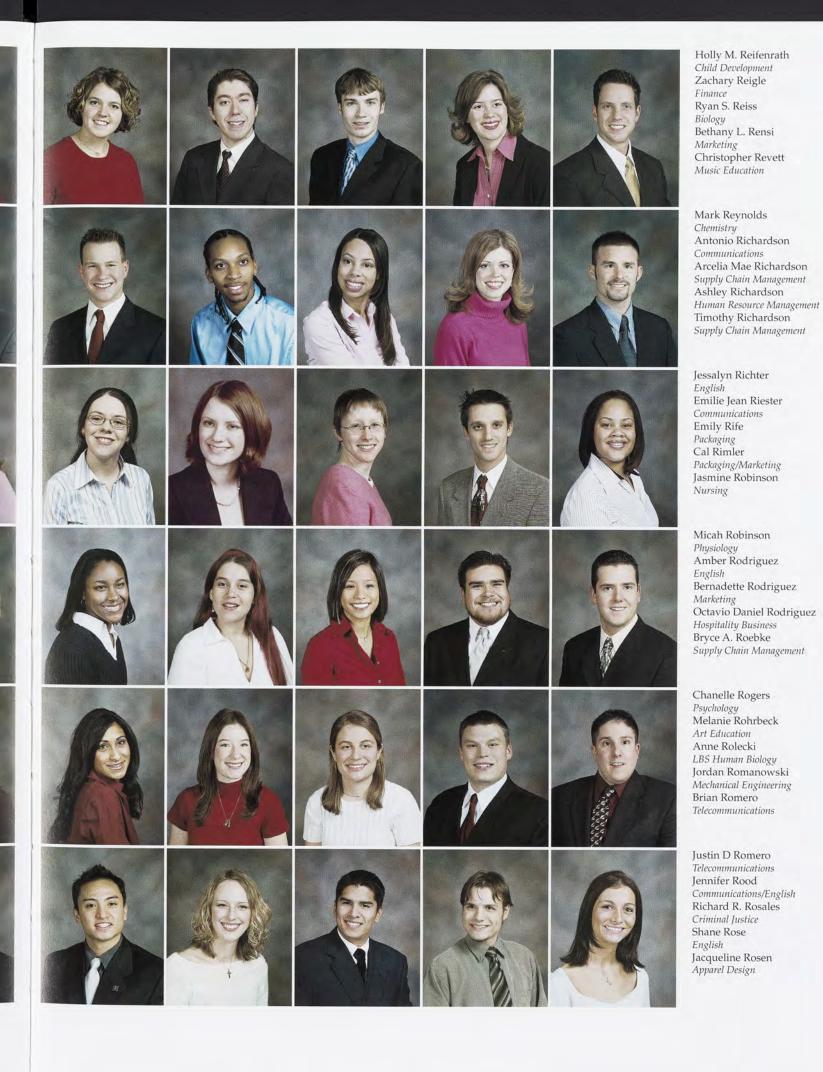
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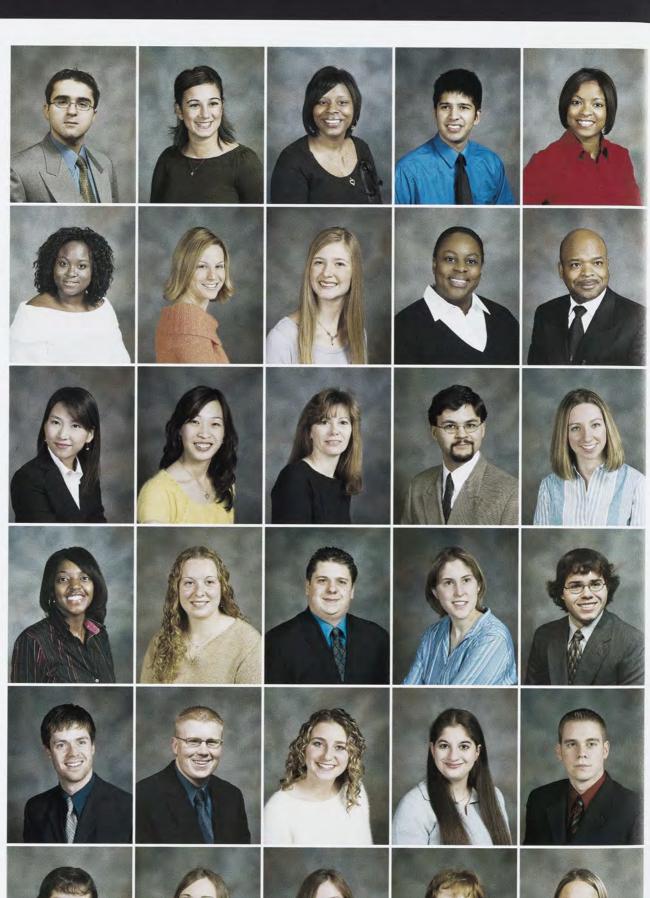




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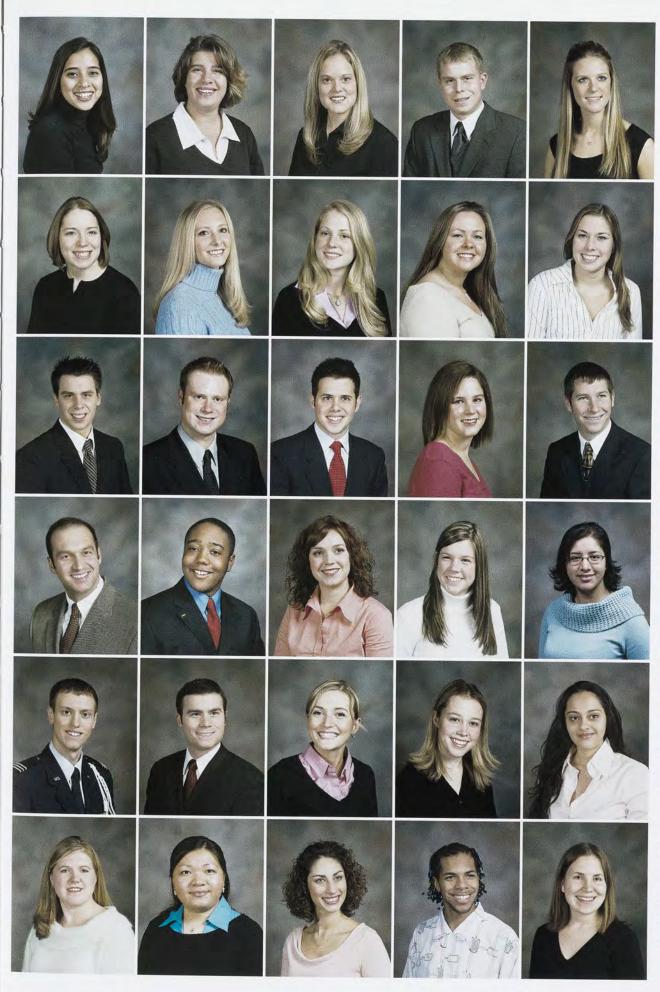












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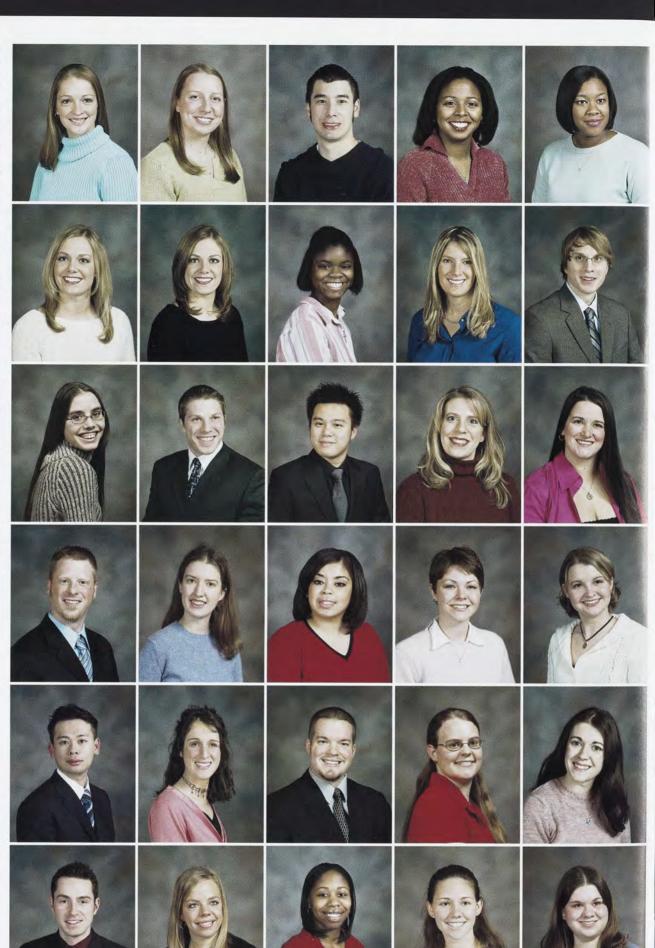
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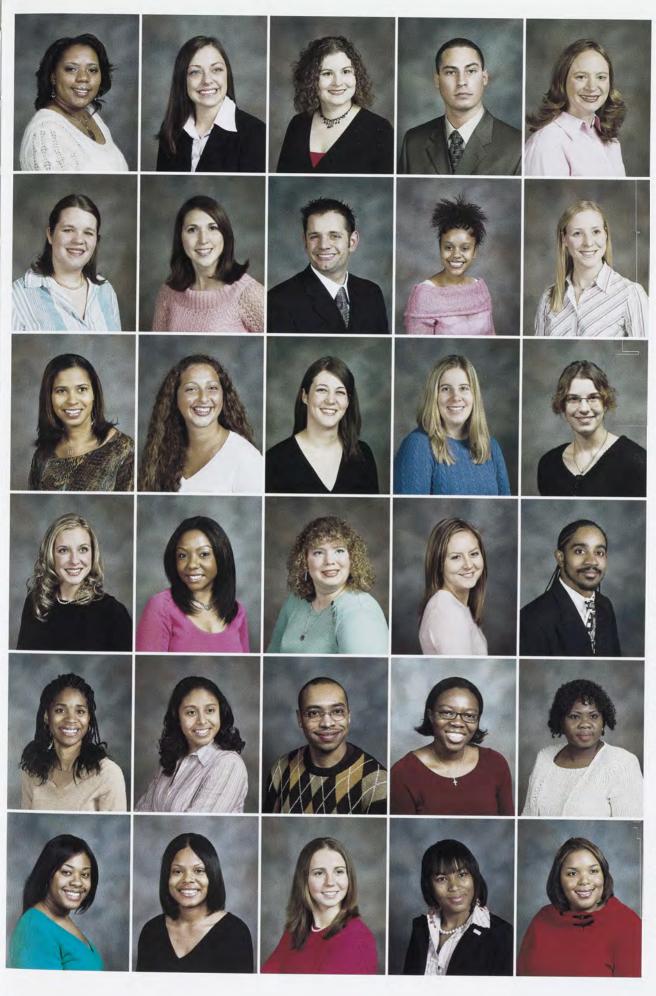
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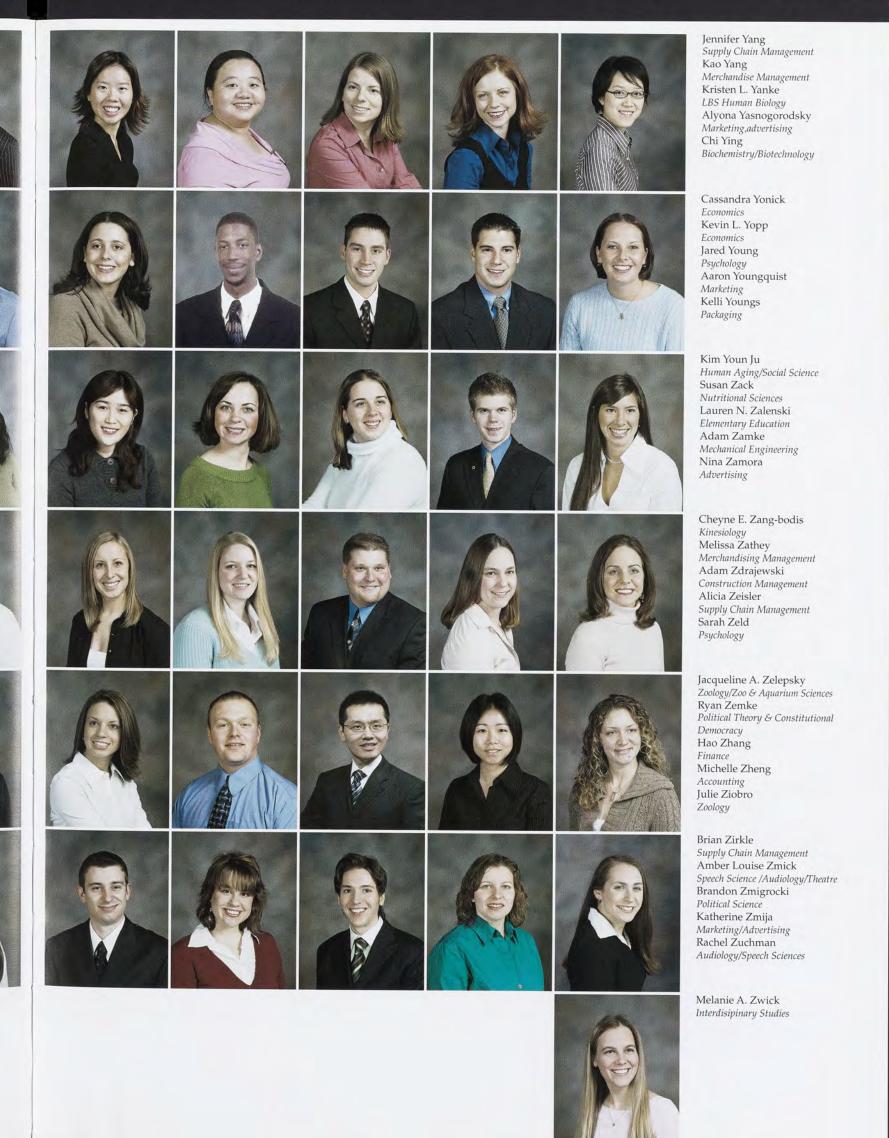
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Red Cedar Log

1887 - The Harrow, the first yearbook published for the Michigan Agricultural College, debuts.

1900 - The yearbook switches its name to Wolverine.

1955 - The Centennial Wolverine, a publication capturing the first 100 years of MSU's existence, is distributed. Through photographs, captions and text, this publication exemplified the university's perseverance and the roots of its principles, values and morals.

1976 - MSU changes the name of the yearbook from the Wolverine to the Red Cedar Log, due to hostile competition with the University of Michigan. Fewer topics were covered, but in greater depth, in attempt to promote creativity and captivate readers by really nailing the spirit and memories collectively shared by Spartans each year.

1996 - Publication of the Red Cedar - Log is halted due to lack of student interest and financial problems. In its place, students are offered paperback inserts and compensation.

1998 - ASMSU, the undergraduate student government, reestablishes the Red Cedar Log on a trial basis.

1999 - After proving its success by distributing copies to over two-thirds of the student body, the Red Cedar Log becomes the largest yearbook in the nation.

2000- A new \$3 tax is included in each student's tuition, which fully funds yearbook production. Now, instead of having to directly purchase a yearbook, students can pick up the Red Cedar Log free of charge at area bookstores and on campus.

2005 - The 2005 edition of the Red Cedar Log, still the largest yearbook in the nation, celebrates MSU's sesquicentennial anniversary.





Copy Editor Rachael, whose first car was a Ford Explorer just like



Design Managing Editor Stashia, who is a pool shark even though she was beat three times in a row by

Copy Editor Traci, who works at another student publication like





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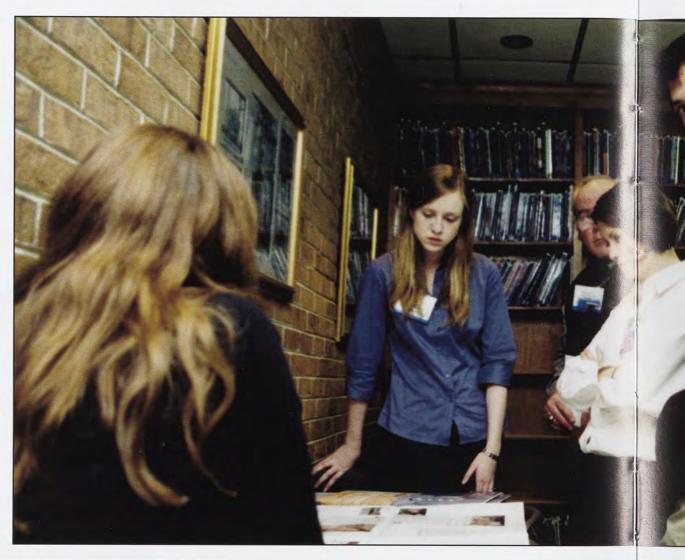
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Assistant Business Manager Tony in her wedding.

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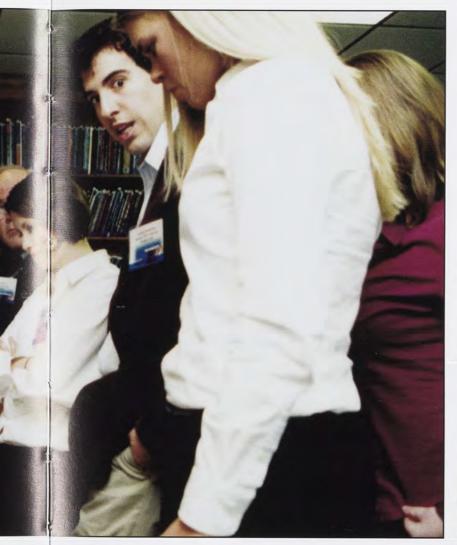




Jessica Greenia, Emily Zorza, Sarah Rutkowski, and Melissa Lewis doze off as Stashia Taylor goes on another rant about designs. If only they had listened the first time, Stashia wonders.



Photographers Travis Haughton, Natalia Kowalezcko and Joshua Grasso await their next assignment from Justin Sailor, also known as Bugsy.



The editorial staff admires page proofs during its trip to the Jostens' printing plant in Clarksville, Tennessee. They later spent the night at the local establishment, fondly known as Kicker's.

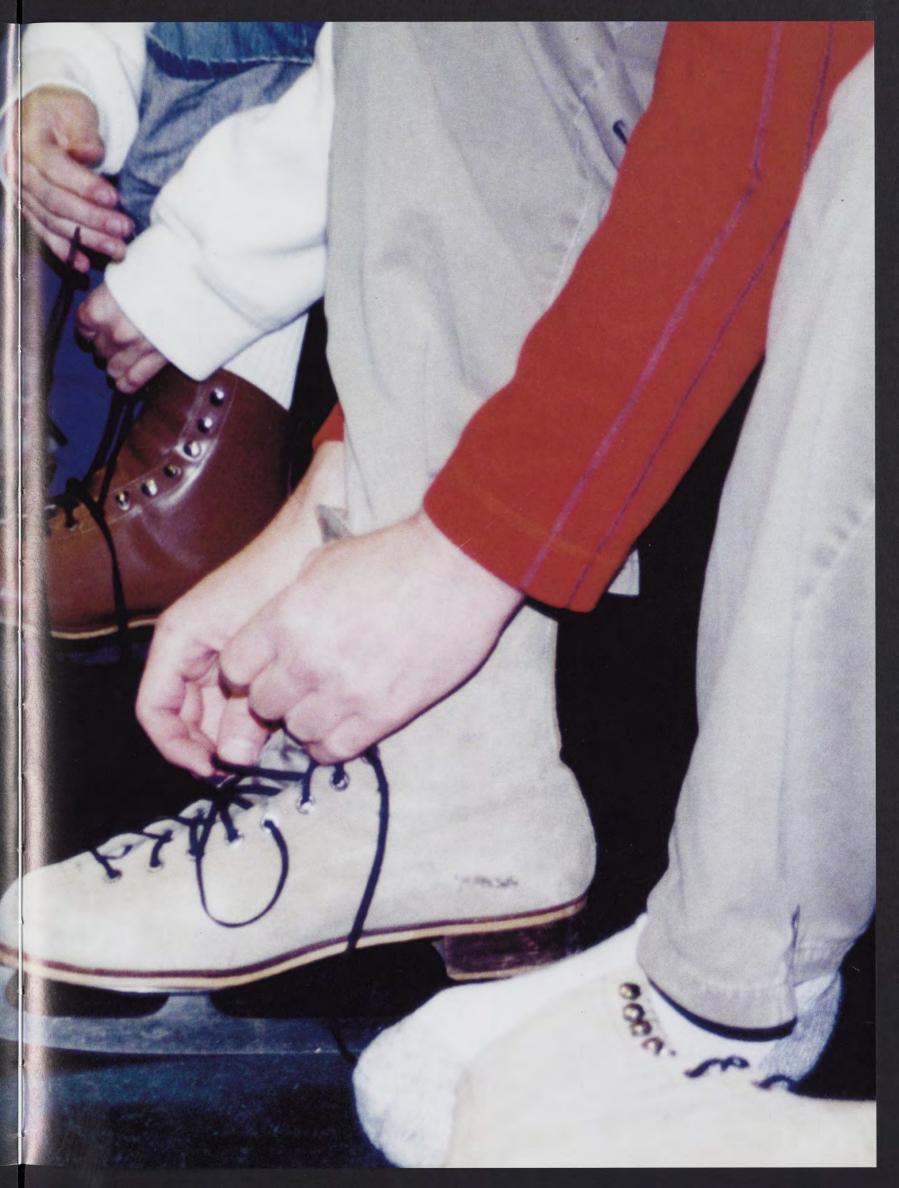
Christie Hendrickson, Emily Malloy, Riester, and Stashia Taylor are stunned into submission as they learn about the three million dollar Super-perfector, the printing beast of the Clarksville plant.

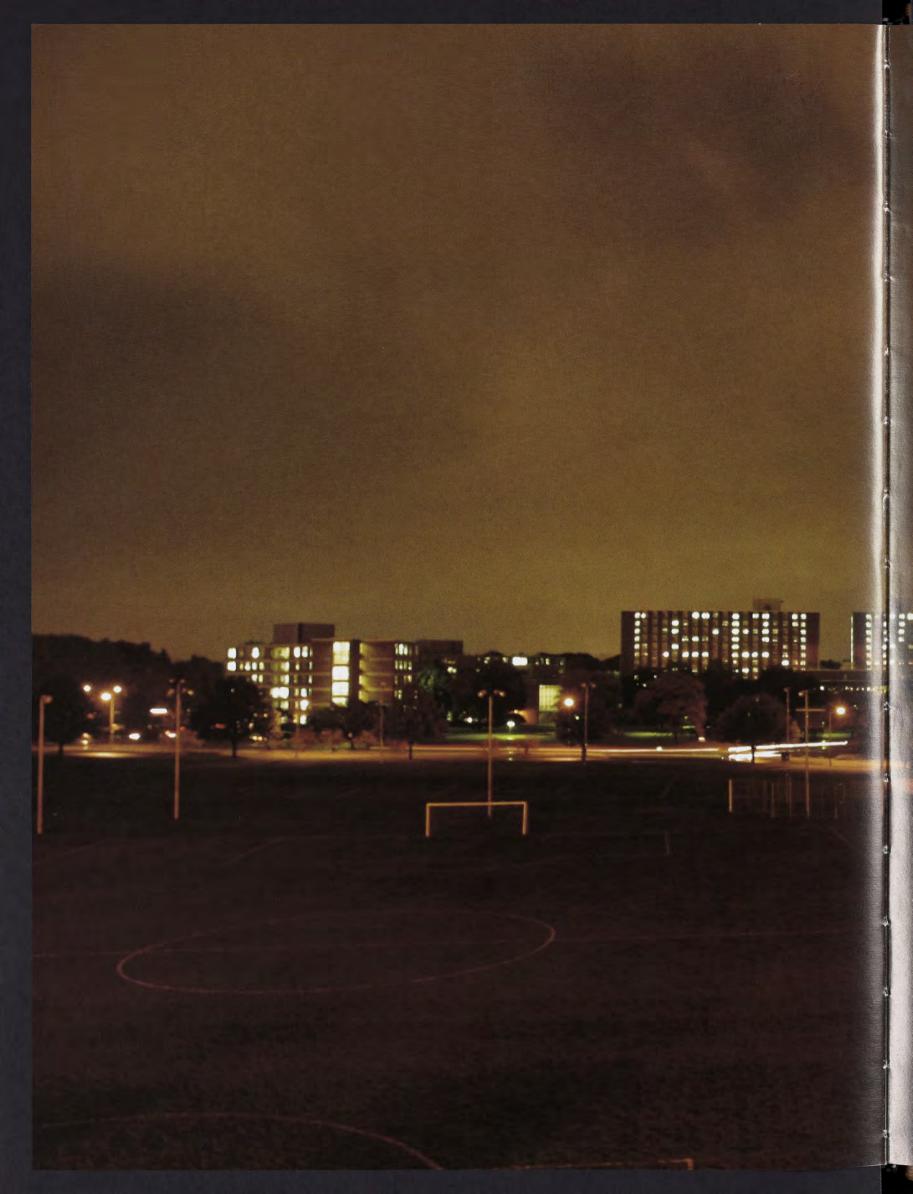


Red Cedar Log makes journalists Alison Costello and Amy Poszywak smile at a Sunday night staff meeting.



Long before ice-skating was simply a weekend activity at Munn Ice Arena, it was one of the best ways to head from one class to the next. Students often traveled the Red Cedar River on their ice skates, and warmer weather made canoes a popular choice to get from one place to another. Today, the river of transportation has become a steady stream of campus busses, roller bladers and bicyclists. Canoeing is still an option for Spartans who don't mind taking the scenic route. Photo by Fumiko Kawamura



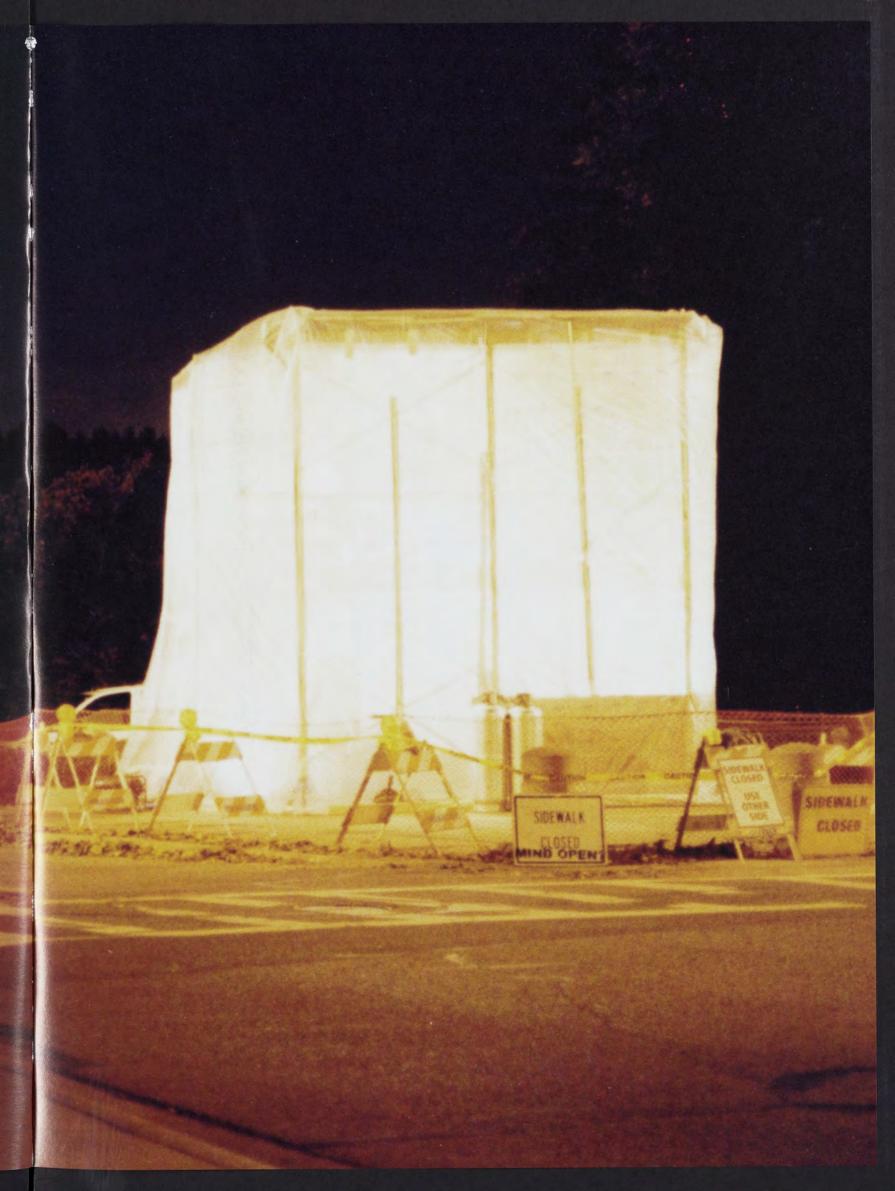


Day or night, there is always a light on and some activity to be found in MSU's residence halls. Today, almost 45,000 students comprise MSU's population, and for many of them, one of 23 residence halls is called home as they start their journey toward graduation. Residence halls have become more than just a place for students to hang their hat. Even the smallest of residence hall rooms seems capable of handling a dozen friends who are sharing a late night pizza. Halls can also double as class meeting areas, with James Madison College and Lyman Briggs School offering courses right in residence halls, close enough for students to shuffle over in their slippers. Plans were also unveiled this year for an additional residential college that would focus on liberal arts and sciences education. Photo by Travis Haughton

Believed to be the tallest freestanding ceramic statue in the world, the Spartan Statue has welcomed MSU students and alumni to campus since its unveiling in 1945, when it greeted those who served in World War II. Over time, the Spartan Statue has not only endured difficult weather conditions but has also been subject to attacks from rival schools. Its ceramic makeup contributes to its world-class status but also leads it to be more vulnerable to the elements. Therefore, the statue was in the process of being moved inside Spartan Stadium, and a bronze replica will be located near the statue's historic location at the intersection of Kalamazoo Street, Red Cedar Road and Chestnut Road.

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Many internal improvements were made to the Red Cedar Log this year, and we are grateful to the following people for their help in making those changes: Deb Gleason, Mark VandeWiele, Andrew Schepers, Patty Smith, Kristen Chase, Roger Ludy, ASMSU, Cathy Neuman and Student Life. Your assistance in establishing the Red Cedar Log as a more professional, more accountable student organization has helped this year become a springboard for better things to come.

Every yearbook is special, but MSU's Sesquicentennial Celebration meant that this year, the Red Cedar Log had to offer the MSU community a book unlike any other. We would not have been able to do this without the support of Val Berryman, who showed eternal patience in our pursuit of the right historical photos and who shared a knowledge and love of MSU that demonstrated exactly what being a Spartan is all about. The Red Cedar Log is grateful to the MSU Museum for its enthusiastic interest in and support of this sesquicentennial edition.

The Red Cedar Log is also grateful to Jostens Publishing for its support as we worked to create a more unique and professional book this year. We won't forget Mike Lafferty's visits and gifts of licorice, gum drops and donuts at deadline time. Valerie Ezell deserves our praise for her ability to answer call after call after call until we got the pages just right. We also appreciate the creative support of Julie Belt, John Doubler and Shannon Williams. We thank the hard-working employees of the Jostens plant in Clarksville, Tenn., who made our visit and our overall experience this year a memorable one.

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We are also grateful to University Housing, MSU Surplus, MSU Bookstore, Ned's Bookstore, The College Store, Gibsons and the Student Bookstore in aiding us in the distribution of the Red Cedar Log.

Thank you, and thanks to everyone else who supported the Red Cedar Log this year. This includes our friends and family, who did everything from moving heavy boxes of books up to the office to running miscellaneous errands for us to listening to our rants about yearbook stress. This book is an accomplishment for all of us, and I hope you will be as proud of it as I am.

Emily A. Malloy Editor-in-Chief

Thank You.



Emily also thanks the piñata, for finally allowing her and the rest of the staff to get out all our yearbook stress and aggression.

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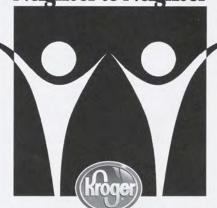


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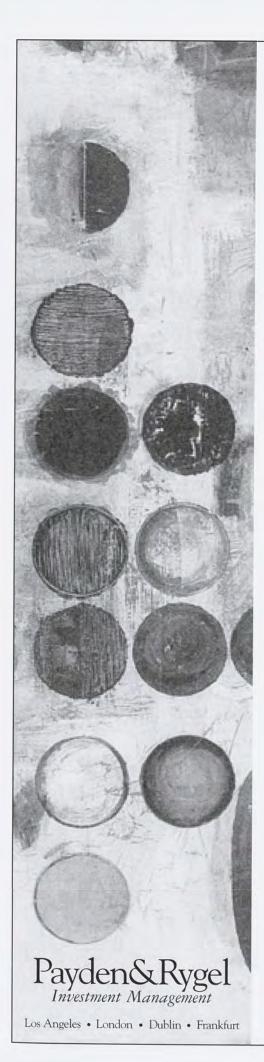
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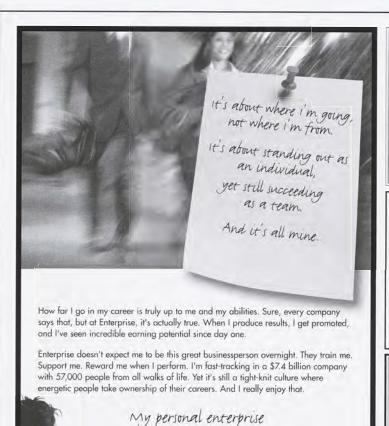


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