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As an incoming freshman at the largest university in the state, Spartans are welcomed into a world of opportunities. Before freshman year, most of us spent a long and possibly last summer in our hometowns with friends from high school we thought we'd stay close with forever as we prepared ourselves for a new chapter of our lives called college. We came to Michigan State University with high hopes, rumors of endless parties, academic goals, and fears. Excited and nervous, we faced move-in day head on as we unpacked our things, said goodbye to our families, and settled in with roommates and suitemates that would become our best friends, or in tragic cases, our worst enemies.



For many of us, freshman year welcome week was one filled with exploring the streets, sidewalks, and tennis courts of a campus bigger than some of our hometowns. This exploration quickly followed us through our first year as we embarked on our academic journey. We bought all our books the week before classes started and carried them around all week in backpacks until a kind professor or upper-classman told us it was unnecessary. All-nighters, midnight delivery from Rice Kitchen, and dorm room shenanigans were all the norm, and by the end of the year, we almost dreaded going home - even for the weekend. Our new experiences blazed a trail for the years to come as we met, lived, and worked with people from all over the world.









By sophomore year, we had learned a few things. Important things like the necessity of visiting our professors during their office hours and attending our 8:00 a.m. classes, in addition the routes of all the campus CATA buses. The once enormous campus we first set our eyes on had become a little smaller, and we had developed a new perspective as a result of our first year of college. Many of us even had the luxury of having our cars on campus leven if they were parked a mile away in F lot). But with this luxury also came more responsibility, including our first - yet definitely not last - parking tickets.









After spending a couple years at State, many of us had discovered our niches through MSU's extensive amount of student organizations and clubs, and had established some of the friendships that would follow us throughout our remaining years. Our classes became harder, and the time came for all of us no preference majors to face the music and pick a major. As we dove into our studies, many of us began to realize our passions for our majors and our gratefulness at being allowed the opportunity to pursue our interests at such a world-class university. Academia has set in, but graduation still seemed light years away as we met friends for lunch at the International Center between classes or did homework lying under our favorite tree on campus.



# happenings Campus Life



An alumnus and young Spartan fan wait patiently for the sesquicentennial parade to proceed down Grand River. The parade attracted MSU students, alumni and community members.

### sesquicentennial

In celebration of MSU's sesquicentennial year, the Alumni Association hosted a weekend of events focusing on the university's history. The Water Carnival kicked off the series of events Friday evening followed by the sesquicentennial parade on Saturday and ending with the Sparty Statue unveiling ceremony Sunday.

"This water carnival is comparable to something like a football game now when it was popular in the sixties," said John Brewster, an MSU alumnus who decided to head back to campus after hearing about the parade coming back to life.

At its peak, the water carnival was focused toward Greek organizations and being named the chairman was a most prestigious honor. It was held in late July during graduation time, and the Red Cedar River was colored green to celebrate. The last water carnival was held in 1969.

This year, 16 floats of student organizations paraded down the Red Cedar, each designed in recognition of decades at MSU. Three awards were given to teams with the best float, decided by a panel of three judges. The Pan-Hellenic Council/Intrafraternity received the runner-up prize, while honorable mention was made to the freshman class.

Interior design senior Sarah Reynolds enjoyed helping her team, the Senior Class Council, winner of both the Grand Award and the People's Choice Award, construct their float.

"I really hope the parade comes back," Reynolds said. "It's a cool tradition to carry."

Back on dry land, a long procession of marching bands, floats, dancers and athletes took to Grand River Avenue on Saturday afternoon for the sesquicentennial parade, titled The Spirit of MSU: A Parade of Memories, in spite of the chilly weather.

The parade started near Frandor Shopping Center and proceeded down Grand River Avenue then through campus, finally commencing at the Sparty statue.

The winning float, created by the residents of Case Hall, featured a time machine and a mad scientist as well as a troop of students dressed in costumes from different decades dancing to "The Time Warp" from "The Rocky Horror Picture Show."

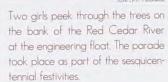
"It was really tiring doing the same dance for two and a half miles." said advertising senior and Case Hall mentor, Alexandra Davenport. "It was a lot of fun though, and everyone was singing along and we were passing out candy to the kids."

Other winners included the MSU Cycling Club for Best Group, MSU Students for Life for Best Banner and Enrollment Services for Best College/Department Spirit. The School of Hospitality Business students, who handed out homemade pies to the judges, won Best Spartan Spirit.

Erica Richards and Alison Costello



The famous Sparty statue is covered in plastic before the unveiling ceremony, which broadcasted the new renovation. The unveiling occurred after a parade in its



This water *carnival* is comparable to something like a football game now when it was popular in the sixties.

- MSU Alumnus John Brewster





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### ZZONE Campout

Under the bright stadium lights of Munn field, 1800 potential Izzone members camped out on September 24 and 25. Those who either had lower or upper bowl seats in the Izzone last year and who successfully completed all three attendance checks were eligible for lower bowl seating this season. Groups of basketball fans were assigned a campsite where they were expected to pitch tents and camp. Eligibility was based on attendance of games last year.

Izzone co-directors Allison Crawford, Aaron King and Shaun Ramsey organized and planned the so-called "Izzone rush" along with students Francis Orlando and Beverly Vandenberg of the MSU Alumni Association.

According to Ramsey, attendance tripled in comparison to last year's campout and was the biggest and best so far.

"The whole thing was quite successful. We've gotten a lot of positive feedback," Ramsey said. "The co-directors ourselves camped out and had a good time. We hope everyone else did too."

Groups of students registered to campout on Friday afternoon or at 7:00 a.m. Saturday. Pre-registered campers arrived at 9:00 a.m., and were to stay until 10 a.m. the next day.

Although they were not required to do so, some of the basketball players, including Maurice Ager and Shannon Brown, made appearances. The stars threw footballs and kicked soccer balls with their peers and posed for photos with fans.

Coach Tom Izzo camped out with his son and gave an enthusiastic pep-talk to campers,

along side his team, making fun of U of M and promising a great season.

The football game against Illinois was shown next door in the Breslin Center while concessions were sold at half price in Munn Ice Arena. A tent held an EA video game tournament, next to a stage where much of the evening activity went on.

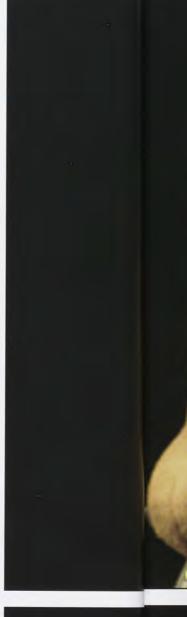
Stationary Set, a local band consisting of public policy and public administration senior Josh Hoisington and LCC senior Andrew Lutes performed, followed by Izzone camper and comedian Tom Keller, winner of the Last Spartan Standing contest.

The mix of enthusiastic and sleep deprived campers made for a wild crowd of sports fans. Sometime around 2 a.m. an anonymous student, who was called "Lance," rode a bicycle around an open field between campsites as people threw footballs, volleyballs, and anything they could find at him. As he dodged flying objects, hundreds of campers gathered around the crazy freshman chanting his name and egging him on. He received much congratulatory praise afterwards.

Education sophomore Colleen Georgen attended every basketball game at home last vegr

"Camping out was a lot of fun, and it's totally worth it to get lower-bowl seats," Georgen said. "You never know what's going to happen when two thousand crazy college students get together, but we all had a good time."

Alison Costello







Trevor Carringto



Men's basketball coach Tom Izzo talks to students during the Izzone campout while Sparty listens. Students waited on September 24th to qualify for Izzone tickets for the upcoming season.

A view from North Case Hall provides a glimpse of half of the campout. Every year, Munn Field attracts hundreds of basketball fans vying for spots in the lower-bawl.

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- education sophomore Colleen Goergen

A speaker explains the psychological effects of Hurricane Katrina. A handful of forums were held at MSU this year to educate the community about the disaster and also provide a place for discussion.

This Santa Clause statue is all that remains of a resident's home in Waveland, Mississippi after Hurricane Katrina stormed through the area. Katrina was the third largest major hurricane in the U.S. and inflicted much damage to Gulf Coast homes such as this one.





### disasterrelief



In late August, ravaging the Gulf Coast was a class four storm we've all come to know as Hurricane Katrina. News of the Hurricane and its tremendous damage reached all over the county and the world, as people united together in efforts to help. Following news of the disaster, MSU President Lou Anna K. Simon issued a letter on the catastrophe stating, "I can't recall a natural disaster in the United States during my lifetime

that caused so much destruction."

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Grassroots efforts were seen immediately on campus, from donations collected before home football games to hall mentors collecting money from residents. Larger scale events like the Rufus Wainwright benefit concert for the victims of Hurricane Katrina also took place on campus to help the operation. The Associated Students of MSU unanimously passed a bill to aid hurricane victims by organizing the fundraiser, "Spartans for Hurricane Relief" and placed special interest in helping college students displaced by the disaster, some of which were transferred to MSU to continue their

While fundraising efforts took place on campus, people from the MSU community also lent their expertise as they traveled down to the effected areas. Valerie Chadwick, assistant professor of small animal clinical sciences, along with a team of MSU veterinarians and students ventured to Louisiana to take place in what Chadwick described as "The largest pet rescue ever in U.S. history."

Professor Lonnie Rosen of the Department of Psychiatry also went to Louisiana after Louisiana State University requested his assistance with acute mental health issues that arose from traumatic events and devastating amounts of loss

Working with the Federal Emergency Management Agency, four East Lansing firefighters, Dawn Carson, Fire Marshal Bob Pratt, Lt. Troy Brya, and Capt. Tim Hull flew to Atlanta on Sept. 7 and were deployed to areas where help was needed.

"It was very heart wrenching," Pratt said. "Everywhere we went we saw tremendous amounts of need." The firefighters brought news from the frontlines directly to campus as they shared their stories as part of a lecture series on Nov. 7, at MSU.

A series of public forums were also held on Hurricane Katrina to inform and answer some of the numerous questions brought forth by such an incident.

"I came (to the forums) because I wanted to bring the news of the disaster close to me personally," social work junior Brittany Fila said.

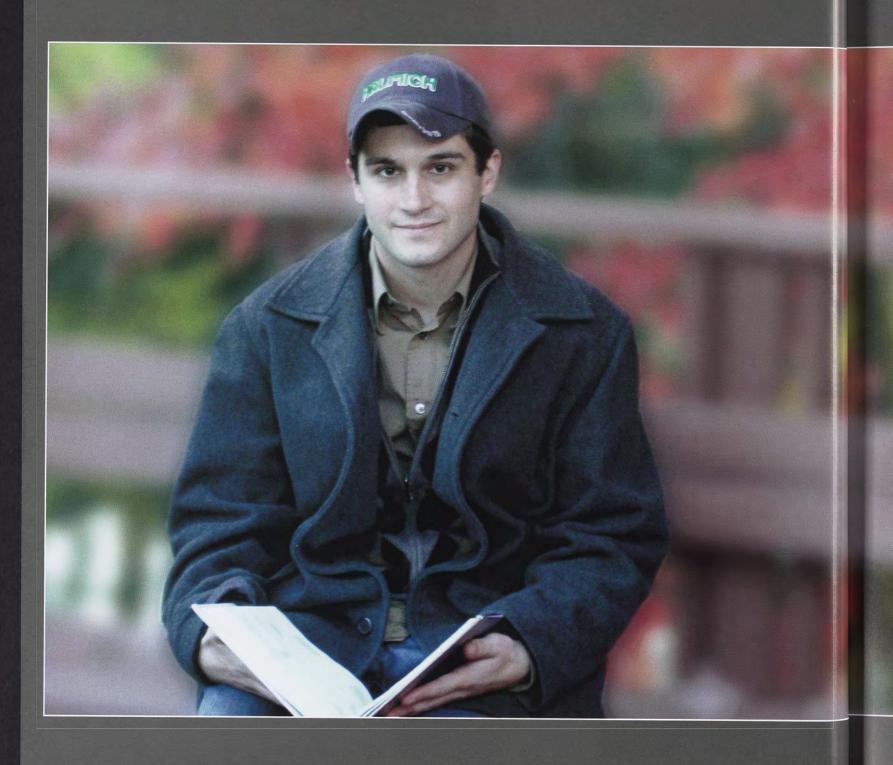
At the final forum, Sherri Solomon, President and CFO of St. Vincent Catholic Charities, explained how the area helped with displaced residents down south.

"117 evacuees came to the Lansing Area," Solomon said. "Many have resilience and hope for a new life

Solomon concluded by saying, "The question was how would citizens respond to relief efforts, and this society has people who chose to step up when they heard the call"

Steven Ovares

This home in Waveland. Mississippi wasn't assisted much by its stilts, as the bottom half of it was blown out by Hurricane Katrina. Because it is a fairly low-income city. Waveland does not have military barricades to help prevent the destruction of homes during natural disasters.



### Beckie Sherwood

### Steven Johnson TULANE TRANSFER

In late August, Hurricane Katrina attacked the southeastern states, leaving a wake of grotesquely demolished towns with homeless, heartbroken survivors. As an attempt to restore normalcy to the lives of thousands of students who fell victim to Hurricane Katrina's wrath, universities across the nation agreed to temporarily "adopt" students who could conveniently attend their schools.

Mechanical engineering junior Steven Johnson is one of these students.

A Lansing native, Johnson has been attending Tulane University of New Orleans, Louisiana, since he was a freshman. He had intentions of finishing up at Tulane when he received warning of the pending danger from the imminent storm and immediately retreated to a friend's home in near-by Texas. His evacuation relocation lasted only momentarily, as he was soon in Michigan, signing up as a late-add-on to MSU's fall-roster. Unlike many unfortunate victims, Johnson's life is still operating smoothly despite its disruption. Not only did he emerge from the disaster alive and with his possessions, but despite joining classes one and a half weeks late, he is still on track in pursuing his degree.

The school transfer Johnson underwent

The school transter Johnson underwent meant more than a new climate and scenery. Back at Tulane, Johnson was involved in a fraternity and a mechanical engineering club, and he lived amidst the familiar faces of friends. He had small classes at a small university; Tulane has less than 7,000 undergrads. Here at MSU, Johnson encountered atmospheric changes in classes, liv-

ing quarters, nightlife, and NCAA sports aura. Instead of waking up as an independent college man, he now wakes to find himself in his parent's home. After commuting to school and sifting his way across a vast university, he sits through classes larger than he's used to.

"The big classrooms were a concern of mine at first, but it's been fine," Johnson said.

Being 21, Johnson said he prefers Tulane's nightlife to MSU's. The leading factor in this, he indicated, is that Tulane is located in New Orleans, the well-known party capital of the south.

While MSU's nightlife isn't quite like that of New Orleans, Johnson has reassured that MSU has Tulane beat with our sports-obsessed atmosphere. Tailgating and football-game experiences at MSU have been an exciting change of pace for Johnson.

Planning to return to Tulane in January 2006, Johnson will not emerge unaffected from this experience. While he survived the storm physically untouched, his mentality has been emotionally altered.

"The thing that the hurricane enforced most for me is that people are more important than things. I don't have any of my personal belongings, but the things I miss the most are the fun times with my friends," Johnson said. "This hurricane is something that I will remember for the rest of my life, and will have an impact on my beliefs about government, people, and society."

Ashley Waldorf

Football is king and this is *the king* game...it's what everyone looks forward to every two years.

- David McCardel, former president of the Downtown Coaches Club for MSU Football

Stunned fans sit in disappointment as the Spartans lose to the Wolverines. This was MSU's first loss of the season and a shock to many.



Jessen Green



### rivalry week

Beyond the explicit t-shirts adorned by Spartan fans and the blatant maize and blue jerseys worn by Wolverine fans, Oct. I bestowed the truth upon everyone. No matter how great a team's rankings are or what fans do before, during and after a game, rivalry brings on a whole different ball game.

The week started with a scare as the new Sparty statue was splattered with blue paint. However, Johnny Spirit, MSU's own mystery-man of Spartan pride, eased fears by guarding Sparty day and night under a canopy of green and white umbrellas, even several days after the game.

Students anticipated the massacre of Wolverines with t-shirts reading "Rivalry Week 2005," "Have you kicked a Wolverine Today?," "Maize and Who?" and other more explicative phrases regarding the furry aggressors to the East. A pep rally at the rock revved Spartans up during the week with green and white pride and featured other MSU Athletes showing support.

When game day rolled around, "Go Green! Go White!" resonated across Spartan Stadium, drowning out the dull roar of "Go Blue." The two teams went head-to-head the entire game, leading up to a nerve racking overtime.

"Football is king and this is the king game...it's what everyone looks

forward to every two years," said David McCardel, former president of the Downtown Coaches Club for MSU Football. McCardel, along with thousands of other Spartan fans, tailgated with his family and friends to get pumped up for the game.

Many students and alumni consider tailgating to be the main event of the entire week, aside from the actual game. Here, waking up early to guzzle down beer, roast turkeys and bang heads with friends from the "other" school is commonplace. Though seemingly one giant tailgate, the aramped tennis courts comprised of many small groups, claiming their tailgating areas with laughter, drinking, and grilling. A friendly argument between MSU alumnus, Ryan Mearini, and U of M senior, Brad Exner, took place at a tennis court tailgate.

"I love how MSU thinks they have a chance," started Exner. "And I love how U of M isn't ranked right now!" refuted Mearini.

U of M battled it out on Spartan turf for a long-held tradition, the Paul Banyan trophy. Unfortunately for the Spartans, this friendly wooden statue did not make its way back to East Lansing after an overconfident student-body and football team lost by one field goal.

Kathleen Polesnak



The MSU band sandwiched the U of M band between themselves and a stadium wall during the halftime show. The rivalry between the schools is rooted deep in the past.





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watch the Spartans play U of M outside of the Breslin Student Events Center during rivalry week. Many students and alumni consider tailgating to be the main event of the entire week, aside from the actual game.

Divided fans diligently

Russell Boue

expression



A studio art student shows off his graffiti skills on the bridge under Farm Lane by Bessey Hall Funding cuts to art programs have affected many students greatly.

Bedie Sherwood



## TWO WOADS,

MSU has a long tradition of extending the presence of its students around the world, and the collaboration between musical talents from opposite sides of the globe in early October was one of the most eloquent examples.

The joint performance of students from the Shenyang Conservatory of Music and the MSU School of Music began in the Spring of 2005 when a friendly conversation between internationally recognized baritone Haijing Fu and locally celebrated mezzo-soprano Richard Fracker turned into plans for music students from the Conservatory and from MSU to learn from each other. Abandoning the idea that this was impossible to do, the two educators worked together to unite music students for an once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. In late September, a group from the Shenyang Conservatory arrived in East Lansing for a week of rehearsal and bonding with MSU vocal students.

In early October, the first of two collaborative performances was held at the MSU Music Building. The awe-inspiring Professor's performance titled "Tea for Two and Two" featured Melanie Helton, Molly Fillmore, Richard Fracker, and Haijing Fu. The event was well attended by students as well as the general public.

"This is a spectacular event," Masters Music student Laura Nanes said. "Our faculty is world-class."

Fourteen expertly executed numbers

in five languages (including traditional Chinese) held the rapt attention of the audience, who delighted in the good-humored antics of respected MSU Faculty members.

Under the guidance of expert faculty, the talented students gave an equally entertaining performance two days after the first. It was clear the ensemble had bonded over the course of many rehearsals as the sixteen aspiring vocalists sang with power and enthusiasm. Haijing Fu and pianist Lan Fang courteously translated witty commentary by various faculty members for Chinese guests in the audience. In both Chinese and English, Fang expressed hope that that audience enjoyed the performance as much as the performers themselves did. The performance included 23 numbers in various languages.

The performances marked a step towards the betterment of an already great department at MSU, as students like music education senior Marta Beigansky realize

"It's amazing that our school is able to reach so far and bring us events like this," Beigansky said.

The weekend following the performances, vocal students from MSU traveled to China to parallel the experience of their counterparts from the Shenyang Conservatory.

Anna Taylor



MSU vocal students belt out a fun of Tea for Two and Two. The event tool place at the MSU Music Building.

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- music education senior Marta Bieganski



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Vocal music students perform at Tea for Two in collaboration between the Shenyang Conservatory of Music and the MSU School of Music. The two conerts featured MSU students and faculty as well as students and masters from the Shenyang Conservatory of Music.

### A Celebration



This message on the rock was painted to display the views of those participating in Indigenous People's Day. The day is a national event held on October 11 of each year.

"Stalin Day...Hitler Day...Columbus Day...Difference?" This is what many sweat-shirts read as the Indigenous people of MSU paraded through the streets of campus on Columbus Day. Students and faculty, along with the Native American Indigenous Student Organization marched with pride from South Complex to the Rock, ending with guest speakers from multiple MSU organizations.

The ceremony started with a small introduction from a NAISO representative followed by a song by group members. Pun Plamondon, Indigenous advocate and author of Lost From the Ottawa: The Story of the Journey Back, was one of the guest speakers at the ceremony. He believes the day was important in order to educate people on the truth about Columbus Day.

"There needs to be a counterbalance to Columbus Day," Plamondon said. "This day gives Native Americans a day to remember. It also builds a sense of pride and justice in young people."

Besides NAISO, other groups like the Alliance (of Les-Bi-Gay Transgender and Straight Ally students), MEXA (Xicano Student Movement of Aztlan) and Apostle were also present to support NAISO in their battle to eliminate Columbus Day or add a national Indigenous Day to celebrate as well. Together, the organizations passed out more than 1.500 flyers around campus to recognize Indigenous People Day.

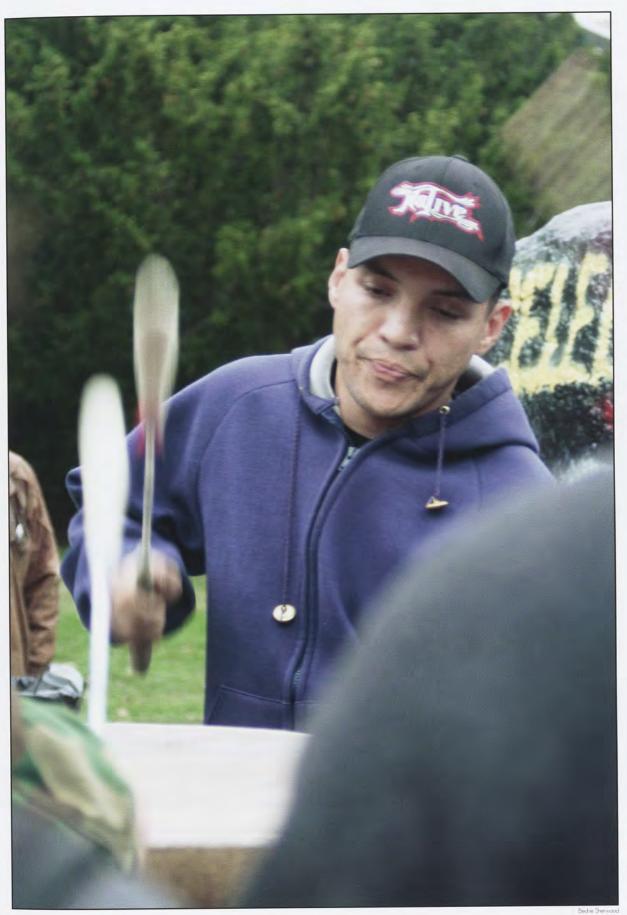
More than 450 tribes of Native Americans were present when Columbus arrived in America and in the years following, it is estimated that more than eight million Native Americans died. The speakers at the ceremony wanted to educate others on what actually happened when Columbus came to America, the facts of which are not commonly known and typically hidden from many Americans.

"Indigenous Peoples Day is a celebration of the simple fact that many of us survived that genocidal period and are here today to remind people of the past," writing, rhetoric and american culture Professor Philip Bellfy said. "Modern western civilization rests on the foundation of our dead."

MSU currently has approximately 330 Native Americans on campus. Of the 330, 50 are incoming freshmen. NAISO and the other supporting organizations want these students to become involved in representing their culture.

After many speakers, the celebration ended with another Native American song. The present organizations expect to continue celebrating Indigenous People Day for years to come and hope to nationally incorporate Indigenous Day into Columbus Day.

Kristy McCown



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A participant in the Anti-Columbus Day event drums away during the rally at the Rock. The event included drums and a song following a march to protest Columbus Day.

Free ice cream, hayrides, crafts and musical performances were some of the celebratory homecoming events that students partook in during the week of October 17.

As the hustle and bustle of the fresh school year began to die down, students suddenly found themselves in the midst of naked trees, mid-terms and the Homecoming football game.

This is the time of year that the Union Activities Board becomes just as dependable as the falling leaves of autumn in bringing the community a week long kick-off of Spartan-themed activities to get their spirit prepped for the big game.

Homecoming week started off with the annual "Hayrides & History" on Monday. As the tractor arrived, students hoisted themselves into the pen-like trailer filled with hay. Students sat back as the tractors pulled participants all around campus in a half hour tour as guides provided entertainment, navigating the scenery and correlating historical trivia. Many students demonstrated a general distaste in our university's first mascot name; the MAC Aggies. They also learned where the much-more appreciated mascot name, the Spartans, came from: a contest in the Lansing State Journal.

Following Hayrides for History on Monday, resident halls took the reins for homecoming week. The resident hall decorating contest commenced and Holden Hall claimed first place. In the past, the winning hall was rewarded with \$500 toward their hall government. This year, Holden Hall received \$500 toward a novelty game, such as a foosball table.

Spartan Spirit craft night gave students the opportunity to wear their pride on their sleeves, literally. UAB members said that the craft of the night was a cinch since they do the same crafts every Homecoming. They say the t-shirts were the most popular, but students could also choose to decorate pendants, bandanas or buttons, and design their own jewelry or key chains.

"There's an overwhelming amount of stuff to chose from," urban and regional planning junior Emily Petz said. "I liked making my own buttons. Fast and easy." Petz not only enjoyed Homecoming week craft night, but the regular Wednesday craft nights as well.

On Thursday, the MSU Union Main Lounge reverberated with the Sounds of Homecoming. The student groups that performed were Capitol Green, Ladies First, the Acafellas, and the Spartan Dischords. A coed Indian dance team, Bhangra, also performed.

"I really like Sounds of Homecoming just because I like to listen to different music," said Hoffman. She also enjoyed the Bhangra dance team because it was a new element that attracted student attention.

On Friday afternoon, UAB members dished out free ice cream to anyone that paid a visit to the Rock. While indulging in their cool treats, students listened to Ladies First, MSU's only female acapella group.

"It's been a lot of fun because it makes us feel a part of the Michigan State community," human resources sophomore Carmen Gillespie said.

Gillespie and the rest of the Ladies First members lent their vocal chords to home-coming week at the Sounds of Homecoming, at the Rock on Friday and at a special half-time performance at Saturday's football game.

Ashley Waldorf and Kate Polesnak

### sparking the sparlan spirit



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(top) Students await the departure of the hayrid, as a part of Homecoming week festivities. Rides lasted about 45 minutes and were followed by treats of popcorn and hot chocolate.

lbottom) An MSU Student designs a custom homecoming shirt. UAB sponsored a Spartan homecoming crafts event at the Union café.



Angela Duncan

Performing "Let's Get It Started," marketing senior John Russell, along with the other members of Capital Green, participate in Homecoming celebrations at the Union. Capital Green is MSU's only co-ed accapella group.

## Aaron Stalling DRUM MAJOR

A football team goes through immense preparation for a game. Drills are run over and over again at practice; coaches shout words laced with motivation and aggravation; tapes are played to highlight successes and failures.

A band's lead entertainer is just as busy when getting ready for a game. The football Saturday of a Spartan Marching Band drum major begins at 5 a.m. and lasts far into the night with post-game parties. The drum major is responsible for leading the band in front of a football crowd of thousands. But English senior Aaron Stallings doesn't do it for the spotlight.

"I like the camaraderie of band and the mental challenge," Stallings said, who used to play trumpet in the band. "There are 300 different personalities. Getting to know everyone in one section is a huge privilege. In my position, light to know everybody."

On October 29 at 12:10 p.m., the Spartans took on the Indiana Hoosiers in Spartan Stadium. The football team was looking to rebound after three straight losses; Stallings was concerned with performing a show learned only a week before.

"The theme of the show is cartoons- The Incredibles, Family Guy, and the last song is a fusion of the Simpsons and the Jetsons," Stallings said. "This show is a taller order for one week, but the Spartan marching band can handle it, no problem."

Stallings awoke in darkness on Saturday and gathered his materials for 8 a.m. rehearsal at West Circle. After sectional practice and in full uniform, the band reconvened at 10:45 a.m. on Adams Field and blared the fight song, Stallings standing rigidly at the front of the group. He and his fellow drum major, history senior Marc Compton, stretched in preparation for the march

to the stadium at 11:15 a.m., and to warm up for the backbend during the pre-game show.

"I did that backbend every day for three or four weeks before my drum major tryout," Stallings said. "I failed until three days before my audition."

Ten minutes before kickoff, Stallings led the band in the pre-game show: a medley of traditional songs, including "the hockey cheer," "Eat "Em Up," and the MSU fight song. In addition to leading the band, Stallings is an example to his first-year counterpart, and teaches customs such as the band turning their backs to the visiting team

"I wait until mid-season to let Marc do his own thing," Stallings said. "He had enough time to watch me and now he can start doing things himself."

Throughout the game, Stallings stood in front of the band section at the stadium while choruses of two crowd favorites "Rubber Band Man" and "Everybody's Everything", played behind him. The moment of truth occurred at 2 p.m.

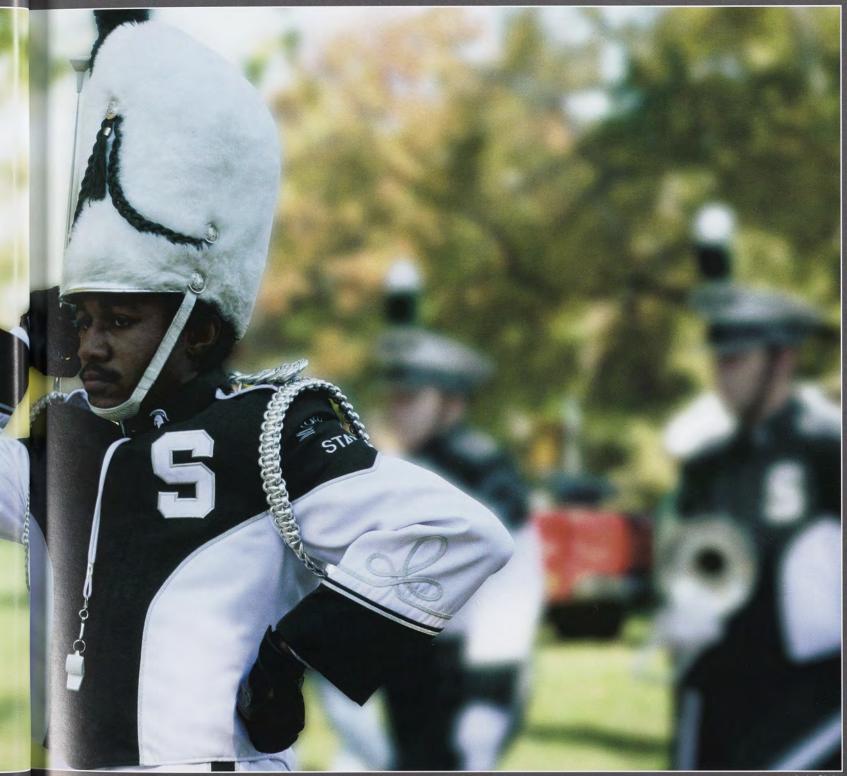
"We won the football game and the show went off pretty well," Stallings said, speaking of the band's halftime performance. "The crowd responded very well."

After the victory, the band stayed behind to play MSU Shadows and the fight song for some die-hard fans, and then marched back to Adams Field at 4 p.m. Aaron's 11-hour day was far from over, as Halloween parties were all the rage that evening.

"I went to three parties, and most of the people were band people," Stallings said. "But no costume-I'm tired of dressing up every year."

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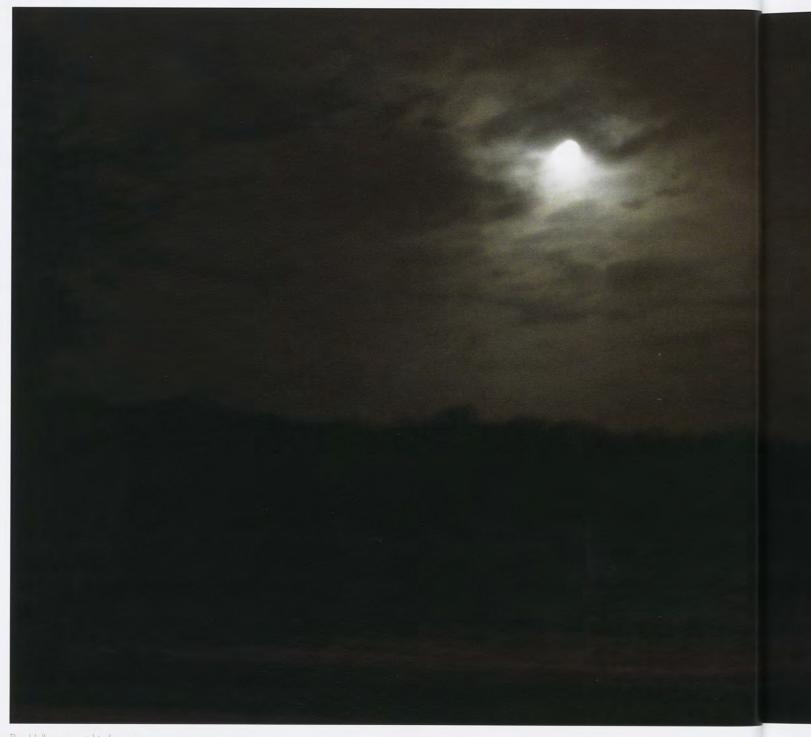




# comic

Competitor Jared Garrison lies on the floor of the stage as a part of his comedy act. The annual event, Last Spartan Standing, was held at the International Center.





The Halloween night sky was almost as scary as the students haunting the streets below it in their costumes and accessories.

# Haunting

This year, Halloween seemed to begin earlier than ever at MSU. The holiday fell on a Monday, giving Spartans across campus a whole week to gear up with the help of a multitude of UAB-sponsored events ranging from pumpkin painting to the Haunted Union. Decorations sprang up in dorm rooms across campus, and many could be heard discussing costume plans for the upcoming weekend. In every building, posters and tablecards were hung in effort to remind students to enjoy Halloween safely by staying with the same group, limiting alcohol consumption and drinking one type of beverage.

"The placards were a good reminder for us to stay safe and think smart during Halloween—and the posters added a bit of humor," journalism freshman Tom Castiglione said. "They really got me in the Halloween spirit."

Young children from the East Lansing area trick-or-treated their way from residence halls Holden and Wonders to Mason/ Abbot. Collecting candy with their parents and friends, children dressed up in costumes from recent films such as Star Wars: Episode III and Napoleon Dynamite swarmed through the student-decorated halls.

Residents of the Red Cedar Zone enjoyed a Halloweenthemed dinner with the Snyder/Phillips complex providing ghoulish skits and scenes of horror for diners to enjoy while they ate foods named in the spirit of the week.

The weekend before Halloween, many Spartans took the to the streets of East Lansing for the traditional and much-anticipated costume parties and bar hopping. Grand River became a gathering-ground for all sorts of characters, ranging from the Wizard of Oz's Dorothy to figures like Quail Man from the animated series Doua. Hundreds of the standard witches, wizards, and underworld-dwellers were present as well.

"The costumes over the weekend were great, and I thought everybody was really into the holiday," journalism sophomore Charlie Roltsch said. "The atmosphere was festive, but not riot-

On Monday, even with the normal classes and routine, Spartans continued the celebration of Halloween by sporting costumes throughout the day.

"One guy in my ISS class came dressed as Jason, complete with blood splatters and a leaf blower -- we had a lot of fun with that," art history freshman Caitlyn Stypa said.

Entertaining costumes could be found in many lecture halls across campus, and some continued on to the last round of costume parties held later that evening before the official end of the Holiday -- Tuesday morning.

Anna Taylor



Special education - learning disabilities sophomore Stacy Patrick dressed as a gangster rapper, family community services senior Jennie Sterkenburg as an 80's prom queen, and marketing senior Anne Marie Donato as Velma from Scooby Doo, walk down Abbott Road to yet another Halloween party. Students across campus dressed up or down to celebrate the holiday.

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John Fournier, a political theory and constitutional democracy senior, distributes signs in an East Lansing neighborhood in October 2005. Fournier ran unsuccessfully for a seat on the East Lansing City Council.

Jeana-Dee Allen/ The State News

Residents of East Lansing elected two of four candidates for positions on the city council and voted on two ballot issues Nov. 8. Polls were open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., in 17 different locations around campus and the city.

Kevin Beard, John Fournier, Victor Loomis, and Bill Sharp ran to be elected and re-elected as city councilmembers. Beard, in his second attempt, and Loomis, who had been on council for one term, won the positions.

Loomis received 29 percent of votes and Beard 28, while Fournier took 22 and Sharp 20.

Beard's aspirations of restoring housing, neighborhoods, and revitalizing the downtown Grand River area are what won him votes. He has served eight years on the Planning Commission Isix as chair), was chair of the East Village Planning Team, of the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board, and of the Comprehensive Plan Team.

Loomis wanted to balance the city budget without tax increases, maintain city services, and improve the relationship of the city and MSU communities. He was the chairperson for eight of nine years on the Downtown Development Authority. a member of the Arts Festival Board, and was chairperson of the WKAR-TV Community Advisory Board.

Both Beard and Loomis will serve four-year terms on council. Duties of council members were to set policy for city government and to allot funds.

The first proposal voted on was to change filing and withdrawal deadlines for running in elections to coincide with the state of Michigan's current election law. The second asked residents' permission to sell excess property at 1800 E. State Rd owned by the Department of Public Works. Both proposals won by majority vote.

CATA bus systems provided free bus rides to those with valid voter registration cards. Despite the encouragement, only 14 percent of residents actually voted.

"I think it's really important for students to vote, especially in East Lansing where students comprise so much of the population," said medical technology sophomore Andrea Horvath, who placed her ballot in Brody complex. "The issues important to the city residents are important to all of us as well."

Samir Singh, who served on the council for ten years, was named mayor of East Lansing on November 15. He succeeded Mark Meadows who stepped down after holding the position since 1997, in order to run for a state House seat next year.

Alison Costello



Katia Passin/The State News

Vic Loomis, who is flanked on the left by his daughter Elaine, seven, holds his daughter Angela's hand, five as he is sworn in for a second term on the East Lansing City Council on November 15. The evening also marked the election of a new mayor, Samir Singh, and the swearing in of a new council member. Kevin Beard.

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## Op In SMORE

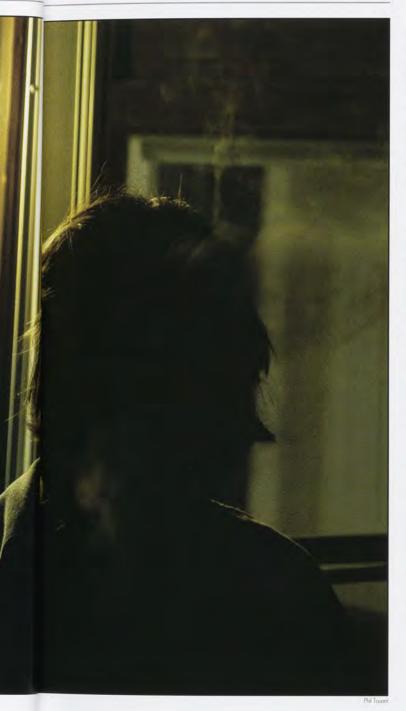


Angela Duncan

Smokers enjoy a puff on their cigarettes outside the Peanut Barel on Grand River Avenue. In East Lansing, there is a proposed amendment to the smoking ordinance that would require bars and restaurants to have a non-smoking section available from open to close.



Ryan Charles Aartar takes a drag on a cigarette. MSU students must respect the smoking ordinances by smoking outside.



In one corner was the campaign to "BREATHE" easier. In the other, business owners worried about their bars and restaurants suffering a burnout. These were the two sides brought forth by the proposal to amend the East Lansing smoking ordinance.

The amendment would have required establishments in the area to have a nonsmoking section available all night, from open to close. The current ordinance allows bars and restaurants to have a designated smoke free area only until they stopped serving food.

The idea of permanent smoke free zones was sparked by the Campaign for Smokefree Air. The coalition consisted of the organization, Bar and Restaurant Employees Advocating Together for a Healthy Environment, along with numerous health organizations.

BREATHE was started in the fall of 2005 as part of a campaign designed to create smoke free workplaces in Michigan. BREATHE's main concern was the bar and restaurant employees who constantly worked in the smoky and potentially hazardous environment.

"Food service workers have a 50 percent greater risk of dying from lung cancer than the general population," Campaign for Smokefree Air manager Judy Stewart said. "We want these people to be able to say 'we are workers and we want to breathe clean air in our work

place."

"Passing the ordinance would be a good idea," education junior Nina Tignanelli said.
"Personally, I hate coming home with my clothes and hair smelling of smoke when it doesn't seem like more than half the people in the bar are smoking. Accommodating everyone would be the best idea in my opinion."

Not everyone was in favor of the proposed ordinance, as it left some business owners feeling uneasy. Vivian Milligan, owner of Crunchy's restaurant, worried that leaving nonsmoking sections open all night would result in a loss of money and customers.

Ultimately, the fate of the proposed ordinance will rest in the arms of the City Council members. The highly debated topic proved to be a key issue in the November elections for City Council candidates.

Prior to the election, all four of the candidates vying for the open spots on the City Council stated that they needed more information before making a decision regarding the designated smoke-free zones.

As a decision on the proposed smoking ordinance is eventually reached, only time will tell if the issue smolders down or ignites into bigger controversy.

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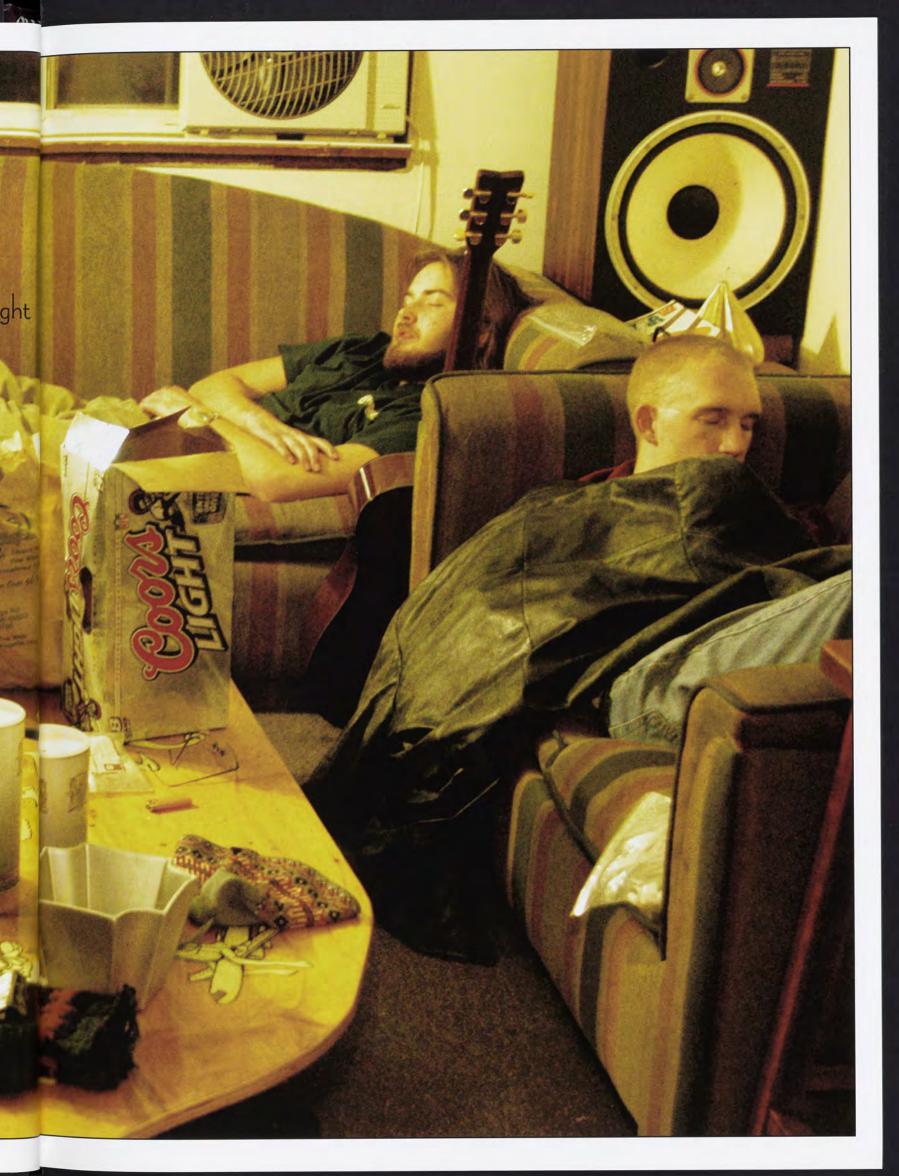
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End of a Fun Night

Chemistry senior Randy Benedict, Ryan Aaror, Bob Rodgers relax after a long night of clubbing at local establishments. The recent revision of the noise ordinance have caused many students residing in East Lansing to spend quite evenings inside.

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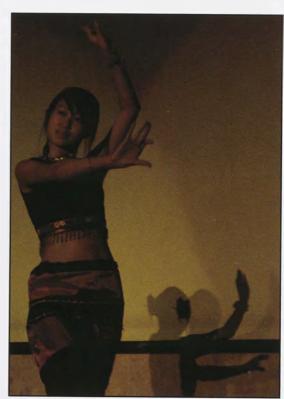


Global Festival participants and Filipino American Student Society members look on as two audience members take part in a traditional Filipino dance. The Global Festival's mission is to foster understanding between MSU's international community and the Greater Lansing area.

Children visit the table displaying Japanese crafts at the Union. Visitors to the table can try on masks as well as traditional kimonos.



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The colorful cultures of the world blended into a peaceful mosaic at the November Global Festival, representing human kind from Asia to South America. Rarely does an opportunity occur where one can experience the uplifting aspects of several societies in one building, such as the MSU Union, where the event was hosted during International Education Week.

"We want the event to benefit the MSU Community by establishing rapport between international students and the community," co-director Ruth Fienup said.

International students and community members from an array of student organizations manned booths that represented their home country cultures. Many booths displayed maps and artifacts, educating their visitors about the ways of their world. Guests of the event were also provided with play passports, which they were filled out at each 'country' they visited.

There were also cultural games for children to play, performances for all audiences, demonstrations, and international cuisine. Traditional dances and music were shared in a theatre-like setting and dance lessons were provided by the Salsa Dancers from Latin America student organization. International cuisine from Europe, Asia, and the Americas was available in the form of hors d'oeuvres, desserts, and full entrees for a minimal price.

"My favorite was origami!" Amanda Ayriss, a young girl attending the event for the first time said.

The annual free event typically attracts 3,000-5,000 guests. Among them are Girl Scout troops, families, and students.

"Some families come every year," Fienup said. "It's like a tradition."

Souvenirs to remember the cultural experience were purchased in the world gift shop. Donated items ranging from jewelry to dishes from around the world were sold to raise funds for the spouses of International students to attend MSU. The previous year, the souvenir store raised \$7,000.

"It's a beautiful thing, and it should be done every year for the children," Jabi Jahsham, a volunteer representing Palestine, of the Global Festival said. "It's good for kids to know about other cultures."

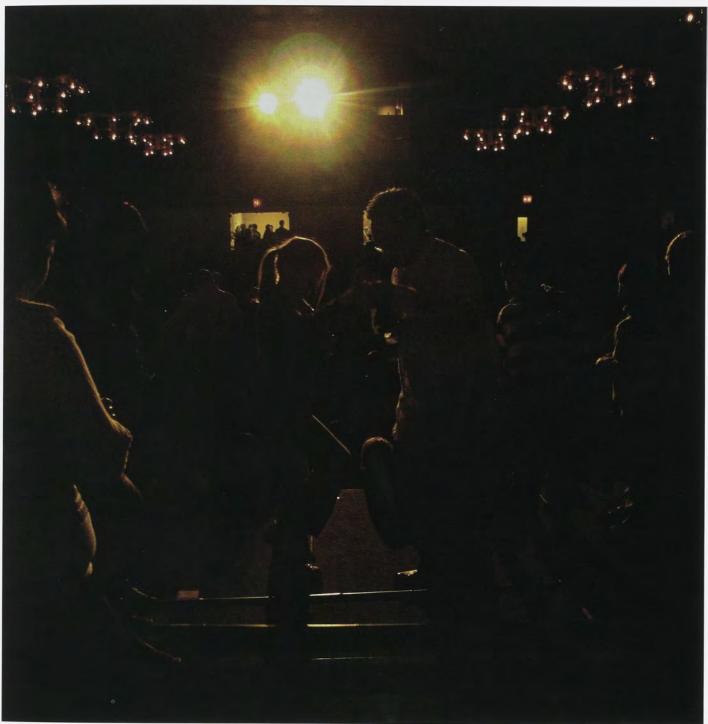
The event was made possible by a multitude of sponsors and volunteers, including Community Volunteers for International Programs and the Department of Student Life.

Ashley Waldorf

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### A Taste of Culture for the community



Nick Dentamara

Festival participants and Philipino American Student Society members look on as two audience members take part in a traditional Filipino dance. The Global Festival's mission is to foster understanding between the international community and the Greater Lansing area.



In cheering sections, students of different ages, majors and interests are able to come together with one passion; rooting for MSU athletics. Student Allumni Foundation (SAF) is responsible for the coordination and ticket sales for the following sections: Izzone (men's basketball), Corner Blitz (football) and Slapshots (hockey).

"The cheering sections add a lot to MSU athletics." SAF president and computer engineering junior Matt Warpinski said. "It is a great way to organize all the die-hard fans. It adds a cohesiveness to the fans that adds another element to the game."

The Izzone takes over the lower bowl, and much of the upper bowl as well, of the Breslin Center with fans clad in matching white t-shirts. Although 3100 tickets

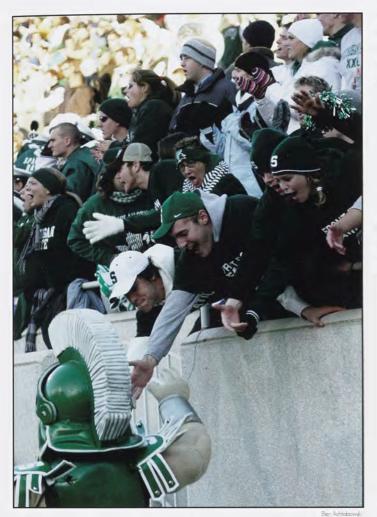
out of 4000 available were sold this season, Izzone co-director and journalism sophomore Allison Crawford said the dedication of fans is at its best.

"Coach Izzo has told us many times that there are games the team couldn't have won without our help," Crawford said. "All the yelling, cheering and jumping up and down we do just adds to the intensity on the court."

Corner Blitz sees the football team through balmy September temperatures into frigid November, cramming students into the southeast corner of Spartan Stadium on football Saturdays. Corner Blitz co-director and criminal justice senior Sean Bryan said the section had more than twice the number of members as last season.



Fans in the SenterCourt cheering section raise their arms in union during a free-throw shot. The lady Spartans beat Detroit Mercy (77–52).



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Spartan football fans get a little love from Sparty before the beginning of the Penn State game. Corner Blitz is just one of the voracious student cheering sections present at MSU.

Members of Slapshots get i red up at a game. Slapshots is one of MSUs fastests growing cheering sections.



Jako Remmo

"Student cheering sections make all MSU venues more intimidating atmospheres for opposing teams to play in." Bryan said. "It's important for athletes to have this support because it can help them on the field, rink, or court when they may not be at their best."

According to Slapshots co-director and history junior George Zedan, the section has no ticket limit, and the section is growing from last year due to the team's success. The existence of Slapshots increases awareness on campus and encourages people to buy individual tickets, Zedan said.

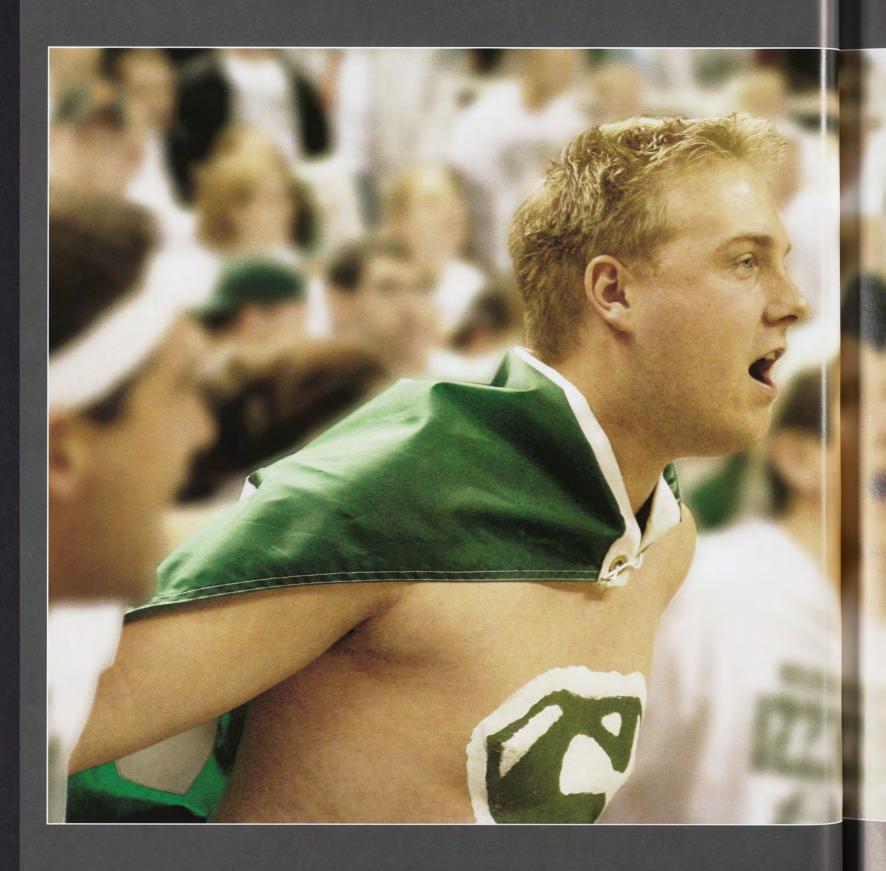
"Having a student section is better so more people can cheer," Zedan said. "If you have a lot of people that are into the game, you [will] have more people getting into it."

SenterCourt, the developing section for women's basketball, is run by the women's basketball office. According to director and kinesiology sophomore Keleigh Knapp, this section is just starting to gain university recognition from the student body.

"Players know that the student body is behind them through thick and thin," Knapp said. "Students get the crowd to cheer loudly for the team and show that they are enjoying the game."

"Like us, the athletes are students," Warpinski said. "There is nothing better than your own peers cheering for you, they are the ones that get...you pumped."

Jessica Sipperley





### Alex Richark SUPER SPARTAN

Alex Richnak is not in charge of saving lives, as his painted green-and-white "S" on his chest mimicking that of Superman may convey. He is simply responsible for cheering on the Spartan athletes to victory, making his voice hoarse one game at a time.

Richnak, a packaging sophomore, belongs to the Izzone, the men's basketball cheering section, and also attends every home football game. His Super Spartan outfit consists of his painted chest, the same pair of Michigan State basketball shorts and an MSU flag tied around his neck as a makeshift cape.

"To me, it's not really work," Richnak said of his ritual. "It's mostly just to show the team that there are people that want to be on the court as much as they do."

The tradition of Super Spartan began when Richnak was a senior in high school and dressed up for a home MSU football game. His family has been going to football games for the past 14 years, Richnak said.

Richnak's student cheering section loyalty lies with the Izzone. For the ACC vs. Big Ten Challenge game on Nov. 30 against Georgia Tech, with a tip-off time of 7 p.m., he started painting his chest in the detailed green-and-white logo at 4:30 p.m.

"I'd travel to any game," Richnak said. "I'd

stand in the freezing cold [for this team]!"

Decked out in his traditional Super Spartan apparel, Richnak arrived in his usual fashion at 5 p.m., two and a half hours early, although the doors did not open until 5:30 p.m. He stood outside with a few other die-hard fans, but nothing close to a crowd arrived at the Breslin Center as early as he did.

"Since I get there early, I get the front row and watch both teams warm up," Richnak said. "I stand in the front row and jump up and down with all of the Izzone cheers; I do whatever I

The Spartans were victorious in a close game, 88-86, and Richnak said the low point was when Georgia Tech started making three-point shots towards the end, but the Spartans were leading through most of the game.

"I've been following MSU sports since I was little," Richnak said. "I couldn't imagine cheering for anyone else."

Richnak said his best sports memory in his two-year stint as Super Spartan was the trip to St. Louis in April 2005 with his causin.

"Even though we lost, it was still one of the best experiences with MSU basketball," Richnak said.

Jessica Sipperley







In observance of World AIDS Day, December 1, 2005, five hundred red ribbons, such as the one pictured were hung around trees throughout campus, each symbolizing six thousand deaths from HIV/AIDS in the U.S.

#### Raising Awareness

To raise consciousness about issues concerning HIV/AIDS, the 18th annual World AIDS Day was observed around the globe December 1, 2005. World AIDS Day increased awareness about the global pandemic, renewed commitment to fight the disease, and honored those who had died of HIV/AIDS.

On campus the occasion was visibly marked by 500 red ribbons tied around trees, each ribbon representing 1,000 deaths from HIV/AIDS in the U.S. The Rock was painted to commemorate the day, and panels of the AIDS Memorial Quit — each made in loving memory of an AIDS victim — were displayed at Kresge Art Museum and the MSU Museum. The Red Ribbon was seen pinned on garments of activists supporting HIV/AIDS awareness.

About 100 people gathered at the Hannah Community Center to recognize World AIDS Day, hosted by the City of East Lansing. Government officials read proclamations, and various speakers addressed the many issues surrounding AIDS at the event. At the end of the gathering, AIDS activists participated in a march down Abbott Road to Grand River Avenue to protest AIDS-related stigma.

Katie Hecksel, an MSU graduate and medical student at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester. Minnesota, was in town to visit her family. She said she attended the event to "pay my respects in some way to the people who have died of AIDS."

2005's World AIDS Day theme "Stop AIDS: Keep the Promise." was a plea to governments to live up to their promises to fight against HIV which is estimated to infect 14,000 people worldwide every day. It argues that efforts must be escalated in order to prevent the further spread of AIDS and treatment needs to be offered to

those suffering from the disease activists said.

"AIDS is a community issue," soid Nancy English, administrative assistant for Michigan Equality – the state's largest LGBT political action committee – who attended the observance. "We need to do whatever we can to prevent it and help the people who have the disease."

But there remain many hurdles to overcome in the battle against AIDS. In addition to poverty, insufficient resources and lack of education, stigma and discrimination are considered to be major factors responsible for the worldwide epidemic of HIV and AIDS, said Lansing Area AIDS Network board president Bill Shipley during his speech at the Hannah Community Center.

"The fear of being astracized, of losing jobs, families, of being denied housing, insurance, and even health care, cause many of those with HIV to be silent." Shipley said. "Eradicating the stigma and hell of having HIV/AIDS requires a massive campaign if we are to be able to stop the further spread of this pandemic. With no cure present, the fate of many will depend less upon science, than on the ability of large numbers of human beings to change their behavior in the face of the danger. ...HIV has not gone away, there are many things still to be done, and it is necessary to renew our commitment in the battle against this epidemic."

More than 40 million people worldwide are currently live with HIV/AIDS, with an estimated one million living in the U.S. It is estimated that five million more people worldwide were newly infected with HIV in 2005. AIDS has claimed the lives of more than 25 million people since 1981.

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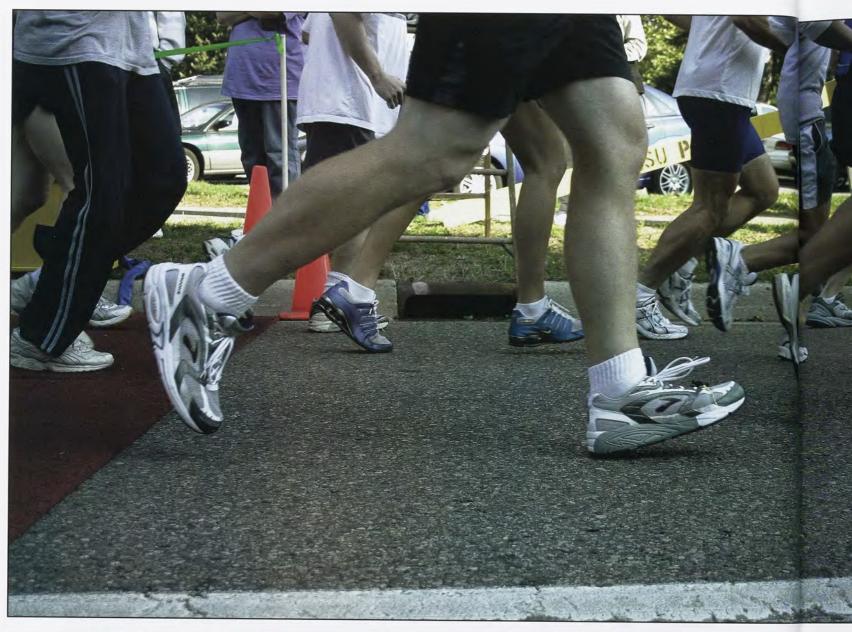


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No preference sophomore Lauren Fedon studies the AIDS memorial quilt displayed at Kresge Art Museum on World AIDS Day. Each panel that makes up the quilt memorializes the life of a person lost to AIDS.



Advertising sophomore David Bailey belts out a song to eventually win the MSU Spartan Idol competition. Spartan Idol was held at the International Center.





Jacob Vink

Racers start off at the Dino Dash start line. The race is a popular annual fundraiser for the MSU Museum.

#### Fall Review

A Timeline of Events from the Fall Semester

#### 10 : 2 : 05 :: Dino Dash ::

On a near-perfect Sunday morning, participants and spectators gathered at the MSU Museum for this year's Dino Dash. The event attracted 1,023 runners and walkers for it's three races: a 5K Run-Walk, the Museum Mile and a Mini-Dash. Even Sparty himself was on hand to signal the start of the 5K race. Participants were a mix of students and local residents including children, for whom the Museum Mile was catered. The Dino Dash started in 1986, and raises money used to fund the MSU Museum's various educational events.

#### 10 : 3 : 05 :: Spartan Idol ::

Spartan Idol, the University Activities Board's version of American Idol took place Oct. 3 in the Union Ballroom. Many nervous and hopeful contestants waited for their chance to perform a 60 second acapella song of their choice, which was videotaped for judging. The 20 best acts were chosen only to be broken down again to the top five who were taken to the Eastwood Town center to pick out a new outfit, under \$100, paid for by UAB. The winner of the competition was given 10 hours of studio time at Lighthouse Recording and 50 demo CDs.

#### 10:6:05:: Canadian Forum::

The Center for Canadian relations hosted the first annual Canadian Forum, named the CN Forum on Canada-U.S. Relations at MSU, the conference was held in the Kellogg Hotel and Conference Center due to a generous donation from the Canadian National Roadways, and hosted a crowd of about 200.

Former Governor, ambassador to Canada, and MSU alumnus James Blanchard gave the keynote address. Standing before four flags (U.S., Canada, Michigan, and MSU), which represented the idea of unity across the border, Blanchard reminisced about being a student and cited differences between the people of Canada and the U.S.

"The relationship between our two countries is powerful, overpowering, and still growing," said Blanchard. "Sadly, it is often taken for granted."

The conference began with a networking lunch, followed by the keynote address, and a panel discussion of representatives from Michigan, the U.S. and Canada, and ended with an open discussion forum.

#### 10:7-14:05:: Coming Out Week

The spirit of acceptance filled MSU during national coming out week starting out with a play called Moral Obligations at Beaumont Tower on Friday and the Sesquicentennial Parade and Fruit Bowl on Saturday. Workshops, informational meetings and a quiz bowl took place around campus throughout the week to reduce ignorance and spread knowledge about lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender identities. The week ended with a Poetry Slam at Espresso Royale and a dance in the International Center sponsored by Ring and UAB.

#### 10:8:05:: Jay Leno

During the October weekend celebration of MSUs 150th anniversary, funny man Jay Leno brought laughs to the Breslin Center. Ticket sales numbered over 2,000 for the all-ages comedy event.

#### 10:15:05:: Midnight Madness

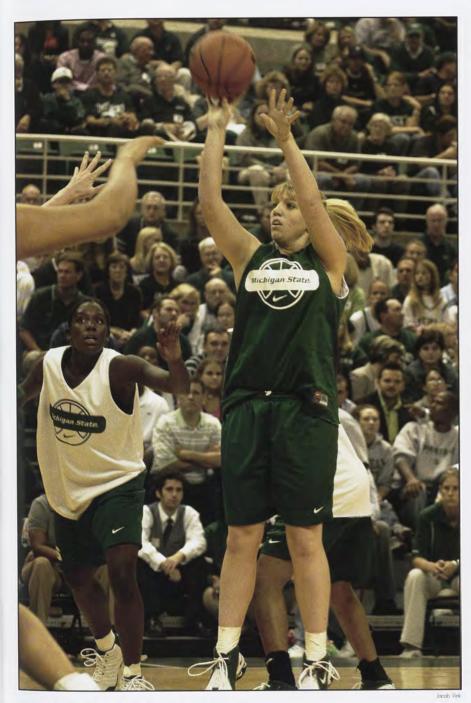
Police on motorcycles, sirens and flashing lights greeted midnite madness guests walking into the Breslin Center for the first basketball practice of the year. The night started out with the national anthem after which fireworks exploded and streamers popped into the air. This year, police officers, military members, firefighters and nurses all joined in on the festivities. Instead of the usual costumes and skits, basketball players coupled up with these lifesaving hero's as they walked down the court during introductions. The night also included promotional giveaways and performances by the Spartan marching band, cheerleading team and Sparty.

#### 10: 18-23: 05: Hairspray

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In October, the Broadway Tony Award-winning musical comedy graced the stage of MSU's Wharton Center. The story brings you back to the early 60's with bigger-than-life wigs matching the bigger-than-life dreams of a young girl, Tracy Turnblad, determined to dance her way to fame through a teenage dance show called "The Corny Collins Show". Issues such as weight, race and social class are raised when Turnbald is finally accepted on the show after learning new moves from a fellow African Amerian classmate during detention. Far from the average guest on the show, Turnbald takes heavy criticism from the other dancers who are much slimmer and higher on the social hierarchy. Despite the serious controversies, the laughs were as big as the hairstyles.



Spartan Guard Tiffanie Shives fires a shot from downtown during the midnight madness Women's green and white game. Midnight Festivities revolve around the first day college basketball teams can start practice.

Senior speech therapy major Anne Eichberger passes out programs for Hairspray's performance at the Wharton Center. The Tony award-winning musical-comedy gave seven performances in October.

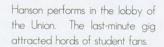


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Jake Renner

Jay Leno performs his stand-up routine at the Breslin Center. Leno brought his comedy act to MSU as part of weekend events celebrating the university's 150th anniversary.





Nick Dentamaro

Members sell Spartan Discord CDs at a concert at the Wharton Center. The concert featured both the Discords and the Men and Women's Glee Clubs.



President Lou Anna K. Simon, and Graham B. Spanier, Penn State University President, attend Autumn Fest activities at the MSU Pavilion for Agriculture and Livestock Education. Autumn Fest 200 celebrated the 150th anniversary of the founding of MSU and PSU, both land-grant universities.

#### 10:20:05:: Black Alliance Study-In::

Students were reminded of the previous strugales blacks endured during the discussion held at the Kelloga Center Oct. 20 between Darius Peyton and six others involved in the 1989 student sit-ins. Current and past students and administrators shared stories as they remembered the event and the changes it inspired. Holden Hall hosted a Soul Food Dinner Sunday, Oct.16 and held a screening of the 1989 Study-In film. The purpose of the events was to highlight issues like the gap in graduation rates for blacks and whites that are still around today.

#### 11:1:05::Glee Club::

On Nov. 1 at 7:00 p.m. the Men and Women's Glee Club, along with the Spartan Dischords, took the stage at the Wharton Center for their fall performance. The concert was free for students and showcased the outstanding talent of three of MSU's club choirs.

#### 11:5:05:: Fake the Funk::

The very last Fake the Funk graced the stage in the Don Johnson Fieldhouse at Eastern High School in Lansing on Nov 5. The event featured lip-synching acts, two fashion shows, a step show, a hip-hop violinist, an audience dance competition and two campus dance groups, Spartan Soul Dance Team and Urban Dreams. After 15 years, Bombsquad Productions decided to make this year the last for the show despite its immense popularity. A group of 12 was awarded the grand-prize of \$1,200.

#### 11:8:05:: Hanson Concert::

Hanson visited MSU to do a morning interview on the campus radio station, the Impact, where they discussed the evils of major labels and discuss their decision to leave Def Jam recording label for an independent label. After the interview, the station set up a last minute gig for the group at the Union later that night. Hanson played a 3-song set in front of a huge audience, jam-packed into the lobby of the Union, despite the last-minute announcement of the show. With help from the UAB, the event was a huge success. The next day, Hanson traveled to Meadowbrook Music Theater for a scheduled concert.

#### 11:13:05:: Autumn Fest::

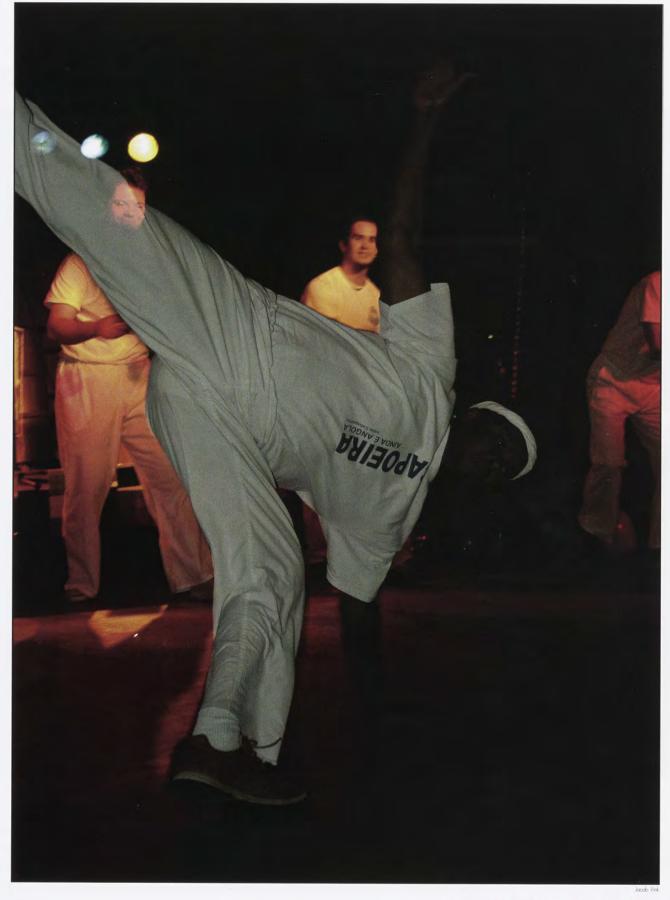
During the weekend of the Penn State and MSU game, Autumnfest was held at the MSU pavilion to celebrate both university's 150th year anniversary. Both Penn State's President Graham Spanier and MSU's own Louanna Simon were on hand to commemorate the event. MSU Penn State memorabilia was auctioned for charity purposes, and many campus groups were on-hand with booths, which were judged in competition. The Fisheries and Wildlife club snagged 1st place for their booth.





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A member of a Brazilian dance group busts a move to a dance called "Capoeira." The performance was a part of World Music Night at the International Center.



Jared Garrison entertains the crowd during his Last Spartan Standing performance. Garrison was one of many performers trying to get a laugh out of the audience.

#### 11:17:05:: Native American Dance::

The American Indian Studies Program and Wordcraft Circle sponsored a Native American Dance Showcase at Erikson Kiva. Activities were ongoing all afternoon and included refreshments and Native American dress and dance. In addition to the dance showcase, the event also featured an Anishnaabemowin Powerpoint Powwow, focused on the Anishnaabemowin language.

#### 11:19:05:: Last Spartan Standing::

The third annual Last Spartan Standing competition was held at the International Center. The competition provided a creative and positive outlet for all the class clowns here at MSU. The contestants graced the stage in hopes of entertaining the hundreds of spectators, family, friends, and judges. This year's winner was journalism senior Tom Keller.

#### 11:19:05:: World Music Night::

In an attempt to bring other cultures and their music here to MSU, World Music Night at the International Center, sponsored by ISP Deans Office showcased music and musicians from around the world. Featuring capoiera, dancers performed a 500- year-old Brazilian practice, created by slaves who disguised fighting as dancing so as to not be punished for practicing. The event also included songs by MSU Bhangra, Cantonese and Mandarin Chinese songs, Native American drums, and steel drums. The crowd was encouraged to participate as they were invited to the front to play limbo, sing along and learn to play the drums. Lessons for the infamous Cha Cha slide were also offered to brave and willing participants.





Children perform a traditional Native American dance at Erikson Kiva. The event was sponsered by the American Indian Studios Program and Wordcraft Circle.

Banners were hung from buildings on Grand River Avenue protesting the recruitment of students on campus.





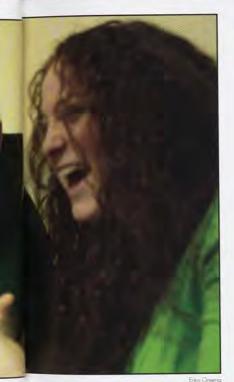




Communication freshman Abigail Thebert and James Madison freshman Rebecca Holloway flip through a magazine at the Pure Romance Party held by their floor mentor. Laughs and looks of amazement filled the girls only party held in Case Hall.



Fireworks sparked at the capital building during the electric light parade which attracted over 80,000 residents and marked the beginning of the holiday season.



#### 11:19:05:: Christmas Décor

Every year, people of East Lansing gather at the Capitol to ring in the holiday season. This year was no different. Festivities started with a parade downtown that passed by the capitol building. Hundreds of friends and families came to enjoy the parade and other attractions that lead up to the lighting of the Capitol Christmas tree. Among the attractions was a CATA bus decked out in Christmas lights and décor and horse-drawn carriage rides.

#### 11: 07: 05 :: Pure Romance Party ::

With help from representatives from the company Pure Romance, Case Hall mentor and advertising senior Alexa Davenport threw a girls-only Pure Romance party in her floor's study lounge on 6 South. The event was for girls 18 and up, and provided them with an opportunity to mingle and also purchase sex toys, lotions, and other fun stuff from Pure Romance.

#### 11:29:05:: Recruitment Protest ::

Police on motorcycles, sirens and flashing lights greeted midnite madness guests walking into the Breslin Center for the first basketball practice of the year. The night started out with the national anthem after which fireworks exploded and streamers popped into the air. This year, police officers, military members, firefighters and nurses all joined in on the festivities. Instead of the usual costumes and skits, basketball players coupled up with these lifesaving hero's as they walked down the court during introductions. The night also included promotional giveaways and performances by the Spartan marching band, cheerleading team and Sparty.



# gettinginvolved Student Organizations

The 150 Years of Struggle group prepare for a grim protest outside the Administration Building. The group represents the years of student activism and struggle that has brought the university to where it is today.



### doittoit 150 years of struggle



Social work and Spanish senior Paul Brown speaks at the poetry slam at Espresso Royal Cafe during Pride Week. It was a packed and lively crowd at the café.

150 Years of Struggle serves as a coalition of student groups to attain goals on a collective, rather than an individual, basis. 150 Years of Struggle was created to represent the years of student activism and struggle in the past, present and future, that has brought the university to where it is today.

According to coordinator of 150 Years of Struggle and English senior Erik Green, it's about, "creating alternate viewpoints and putting the spotlight back on the students and spotlight back on activism."

The organization created seven broad goals that it believes apply to the university as a whole and to organizations in their own specific way. Some of these include providing more education on sexual assault and harassment, constructing a free-standing multicultural center, increasing accessibility for people with disabilities on campus and creating a more environmentally and socially conscious campus.

150 Years of Struggle was established prior to MSU's sesquicentennial to show that it was the students' actions, not solely the administration's or Board of Trustee's, that has generated success, explained Green.

"We were afraid [the administration] was patting itself on the back too much when students have had to fight for these changes," Green said.

150 Years of Struggle has an event in the spring involving around 30 student organizations. During 150 Hours of Struggle, student groups rotate around the clock to stand outside the administration building and voice their concerns. Each day represents one of the seven struggles.

Kate Polesnak

## women's council fightforrights

The ASMSU Women's Council has strived to educate women and the bodies. community about women's issues for more than 25 years.

"Our ultimate goal is to educate the community and campus about the issues that face women today," journalism sophomore Lydia Weiss said. "The fight for women's rights is not over."

The group gets their message out by hosting activities for the community such as the Vagina Monologues, a sexual health fair and the Feast of Feminism.

The Feast of Feminism is the first gathering of the council's members. "Our mission with this event is to bring our members together, talk about what feminism is and also to end 'fat fobia'," Weiss said.

The event is used as a gateway in order for members to open up and realize they do not have to be afraid to eat or be ashamed of their

The Vagina Monologues are put on by students, but the ASMSU Women's Council helps with funding, recruiting and advertising. This brings the ASMSU Women's Council's idea of self-love to the entire community.

The organization put an altar of a woman killed by domestic violence on display to remind everyone that crimes against women are occurring frequently. The Council wants to remind women not to stop fighting for their rights.

"I'm passionate about women's issues," political science freshman Jaclyn Roman said. "I wish they had this kind of group in my high school."

Lakeeya Blue



Women's Council members place red ribbons around a tree on campus in remembrance of those who have died of AIDS. In celebration of Worlds AID's Day, about 500 names and ribbons were placed around campus.

#### dancesisters



The Spartan Soul Dance Team was established in 1997 to provide a cultural representation on campus through dance. The team specializes in hip-hop, but also performs dance styles such as cheer, jazz, Reggae, Latin and African. Members perform at social and cultural functions on and off campus including Party at the Aud. Fake the Funk, Alpha Phi Alpha Hair Show, Homecoming Parade and Black Power Rally.

Members meet two or more times a week for rehearsals and executive board meetings at which they plan and implement goals, discuss dance routines, budget, book shows and vote on amendments to the team constitution. Spartan Soul also participates in at least two community service events each semester.

For many Spartan Soul members, being on the team offers much more than the opportunity to dance and perform, joining the team also means making new friends. Members learn from each other, grow together and have fun together.

"I have a whole lot of new sisters. Our team is really, really close," said finance sophomore and team choreographer La'Keysha Jackson. "We're friends on and off stage."

Diversity of team members and their dance experiences bring strength to their body of work, she added.

"Spartan Soul is more than just a dance team, it is a sisterhood with a common bond lof dance]," said team president and supply chain management junior Latoya Huntington. "I love working with my teammates and I know that Spartan Soul will definitely be something that I carry with me throughout the duration of my life."

Sandra Kao

Spartan Soul members Latoya Huntington, Telisha Thomas, LaTina Lyle, Lakeysha Jackson, Magnami Puryear, Margita Thompson, Jaquita Brown, Brittanie Johnson, Courtney Williams, Florine Wilson, Carmen Aflonso, Melanie Bendick Whitney Harrison, and Jessica Justice.

#### spartan soul dance team



Members of Spartan Soul get fired up at one of their many practices. The Spartan Soul dance team specializes in hip-hop, but also performs other styles such as cheer, jazz, and Latin.

Angela Duncar

Native American/Hispanic Business Students members watch a presentation being shown on business ethics. NAHBS gave students the opportunity to learn important tools to succeed in business.

## studentnetwork



#### native american and hispanic business students

The Native American and Hispanic Business Students have spent this year helping to guide students through a successful career at Michigan State.

"NAHBS teaches topics that are not necessarily taught in school," publicity chairwoman and supply chain management junior Lina Correa said. "We work with students so that they can get the jobs they want."

The group strives to establish a sense of community between Native American and Hispanic business students both academically and professionally.

Members of NAHBS attended the National Hispanic Leadership Conference in Houston, Texas. It provided many opportunities for social and professional networking. The members attended workshops that focused on topics including interviewing skills, applying to graduate school and succeeding in a diverse workplace.

"We got to know each other and other people from around the United States," Correa said.

NAHBS has 28 members, eight of whom are on the E-board, and is looking for new members, said Correa. Students from all majors are welcome.

Lindsey Berkey

#### uttalk mondays at the barrel

In their first year at MSU, Mondays at the Barrel has created a place for students of various backgrounds and disciplines to gather in a relaxed atmosphere with the goal of enlightenment. Each of the group members has participated in one or more of MSU's Study Abroad programs and takes a deep interest in travel and the spread of knowledge. The purpose of the group is to share opinions from various majors and departments of the student community.

"Our meetings provide us with a venue to discuss important international issues," president and political theory and constitutional democracy senior Bradley Wilson said. "It's like a classroom outside the classroom."

Each Monday of the academic year, members gather at the Peanut Barrel on Grand River Ave. at 6:00 p.m. sharp for weekly meetings, which consist of dinner and a guest speaker, poem reading, or a speech by a member, followed by an intense discussion period. Topics for discussion are as diverse as the members of the group -- ranging from the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina to Freudian Theory to British literature.

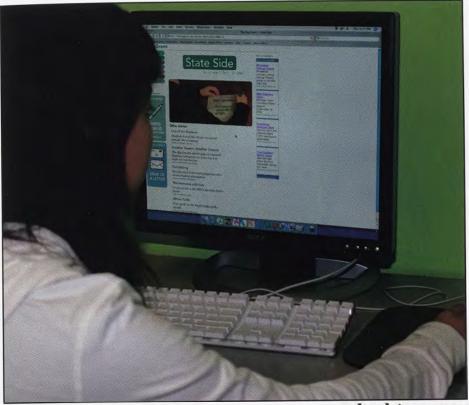
"Monday's at the Barrel are the best part of my week," member and communications junior Ryan McAward said. "I know there will always be good conversation, good friends and good times."

The organization currently has 18 members and is always looking for new people to join and share their experiences and interests with the

Amy Poszywak



Communication Junior Ryan McAward speaks about the importance of college friendships at a meeting as members listen attentively. Mondays at the Barrel unites students of various disciplines into one organization, providing a place to exchange ideas and information.



Journalism junior Allisence Chang writes the popular column "Letter to the President." Chang has authored the column for The Big Green for the past two years.

the big green

The Big Green editorial staff, comprised of four section editors, an editor-in-chief, and an assistant editor, discusses plans at a meeting. The four sections of The Big Green include Global View, Stateside, Arts and Culture, and Sex and Health.

Riding the wave of the most popular form of communication, studentrun online magazine The Big Green seeks to catch the eyes of students through the Internet. In its third year at MSU, The Big Green shifted this year from a weekly to a monthly format.

"I wanted to ensure the future of The Big Green as a magazine," editor-in-chief and journalism and women's studies senior Sarah Hunko said. "Our quality has increased, and we don't have as big of a following as we should."

With a team of about 50 people, the staff of The Big Green is smaller this year, but more experienced. A new issue is released on the first day of every month with the latest compelling articles and photographs. The magazine is divided into four sections: State Side, Global View. Arts and Culture, and Sex and Health, Staff meetings are held every other Sunday, during which articles are developed and brainstorming occurs for upcoming issues.

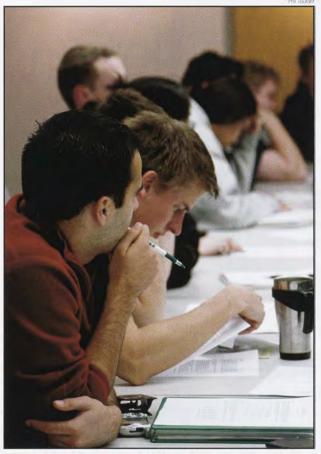
"The Big Green gets better every year, and this year is no exception," assistant editor and journalism junior Ashley Symons said. "Being a monthly [magazine] allows us to have more well rounded, in-depth stories."

Described as "up and coming," The Big Green staff seeks to increase its readership and improve the quality of the website and its contents with every new issue. Hunko said under the monthly system, the number of Web site hits is higher during the first week of release rather than only on the first day, an indicator that The Big Green is establishing itself as a credible source of student information.

Jessica Sipperley



## studentvoices



## studentsrepresent

The modern Academic Assembly, created in 1992, is responsible for all academic, curricular and tuition-related issues that come up within ASMSU. Their purpose is to represent undergraduates to the administration university governance system that creates and approves all changes on the academic side of MSU.

Academic Assembly meetings are held on Tuesday nights. Meetings typically consist of reports and presentations that need to be addressed in ASMSU. This year, the Academic Assembly expects to finalize academic minors at MSU. The organization is also working on adding gender identity to MSU's Anti-Discrimination Policy.

One project implemented in the fall of this year was the creation of a website that listed real-time available research positions for undergraduates. Students and Professors will benefit from this website by creating connections to help them find particular research positions.

"Academic integrity and grading systems are an area in which we continue to do research," political science senior and chairperson of the Academic Assembly of ASMSU Robert Murphy said. "We will continue to look for the ideal system to implement at MSU."

The Academic Assembly recruits students based on the college they represent and whether that student has the dedication, energy and academic Integrity to serve within the Academic Governance.

Kristy McCown

#### academic assembly of asmsu & asmsu student assembly

Distance from authority figures has often led to fragmented relationships between East Lansing officials and students. In contrast, there is the ASMSU Student Assembly. Located right on campus, its members have the same classes and concerns about student life as their peers, with the power to do something about it.

Director of Community Affairs and International Relations senior Melissa Horste said ASMSU works like any local government to address concerns of students.

"This is a body that is representative of all the colleges [within MSU]," Horste said. "This is an apportunity for students to talk to their representatives about any issues they face."

Vice-Chairperson for External Affairs Andrew Bell, a political theory and constitutional democracy and Russian senior, said the student assembly held a legislative round table at the Capitol during the fall semester, and many issues about funding for higher education were discussed.

"Our greatest service is the representation to the city council, to the state government [and] to the university," Bell said. "We're the voice." The ASMSU Student Assembly, comprised of both elected and hired positions, meets Tuesday evenings to address student issues and the spending of student dollars.



Tony Greenia

Members tentatively listen to speakers during a weekly meeting. Meetings typically consist of reports and presentations that need to be addressed in ASMSU.

bridging the gap

Members discuss

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#### studentdollars

The ASMSU Funding Board provides student organizations with funds for individual projects. Weekly meetings are held at the MSU Union to interview registered student organizations that have applied for funding.

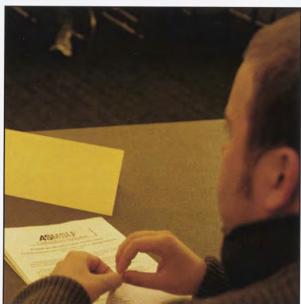
Criteria for funding a registered student organization's project is based on financial need, project originality, benefit to the greatest number of students and accessibility of the group's planned event or program to the entire student body.

"We fund a lot of groups depending on how much need the board feels the group has." funding board chairman and English senior Brandon Hicks said. "We look to fund as many groups as possible."

This year, the funding board's budget is about \$90,000. This money, allocated to the board by the ASMSU Student Assembly, is 10 percent of ASMSU's entire budget, which is at least \$90,000 each year, said Hicks.

Student group projects that meet funding criteria may receive a maximum of \$3,000 per year.

"We help student groups do things they wouldn't be able to do without the funding," funding board member and accounting junior Kim Hanley said. "We help organizations, individual students and the university as a whole. I feel we benefit this university in many different ways."



Amanda Brewington

Sandra Kao

#### asmsu funding board



Physics junior Chris Armour listens attentively at an ASMSU Funding Board meeting. The ASMSU Funding Board is responsible for distributing student money for events and organizations.

Members of the ASMSU Funding Board look over papers at a meeting. This year's funding board budget is close to \$90,000.

## livelydance state swing society

Every Tuesday, Gilchrist Hall transitions from a quiet, empty lounge room to a dance floor reverberating with music from every decade since the 1920s. This is the scene of the State Swing Society, a group focused on exposing 20th century culture to the community in the form of swing dancina.

"We're keeping something that Americans can enjoy alive. My Grandpa did this and he thinks it's great that I do it," president and microbiology and Spanish junior Audrey Butcher said. "People aren't as prude as they were in the fifties but it is in the same spirit of dance."

Instructors are brought in to teach more structured classes in one or more genres of swing for a few hours on Saturdays. The society also hires a band at the end of the year for people to swing to. The excitement

and music quality escalates while dancing to a live band rather than a recording, explained political theory senior Kevin Hatman, who has been a member for five semesters.

The State Swing Society also enters the Battle of Swing Cities in Detroit. This event, which is in its fifth year, attracts swing groups from Michigan, Ohio, Pennsylvania and surrounding areas. Team East Lansing is the only group to have won the competition for two consecutive years.

"I'm still not coordinated," said Hatman, who is also the society's treasurer. "This club is a testament to the fact that uncoordinated people can learn to dance. I'm living proof."

Kathleen Polesnak



America Mark

Neat Simmons and Mary Smith take a turn dancing together. The State Swing Society hosted lessons to teach students a few new steps. danceawaystress



The new t-shirt logo frames four ballroom dancers. The dancers perfect steps at Sunday lessons.

msu ballroom

Jenna Scarferi dances with another member in the Argentinean tango during the Ballroom Dancing club's Sunday lesson. The group met weekly to learn new and practice old dance.

The MSU Ballroom Dance Club provides dancers of all skill levels the chance to learn new steps and practice old ones. The group meets every Sunday to practice their moves and invites new dancers to attend at their convenience.

"We can have anywhere from 20-100 people," psychology senior and club secretary Paige Draper said. "It just depends on what dance we're practicing and the season."

The club offers two forms of lessons for dancers. There are sessions which focus on a particular dance for two-weeks and provide a general overview of how to do the dance. There are also six-week progressive lessons, which provide the dancer with a more in-depth understanding of the chosen dance.

The group is composed of people from both MSU and the surrounding community. There are members in their college years as well as members in their 60s and occasionally some high school students.

"A number of things draw people to the club," Draper said. "Some want to simply socialize and meet others, and some want to dance similar to different movies or programs they've seen on television. Even engaged couples come in to learn special dances for upcoming weddings."

Aside from the lessons that are offered on a weekly basis, members participate in any other activities that give members a chance to dance. In the past, they have danced for different campus organizations and this year will be dancing for seniors at a local retirement home. On occasion, the group also travels to workshops and festivals together.



Kelli Foy

# danceawaystress Students practice their techniques in the confines of Demonstration Hall. The Ballroom Dance Club provides dancnew steps and practice old ones.



Senior class council's tloat graces the banks of the Red Cedar River. The float won 1st place in the Water Carnival and was also voted people's choice.



#### senior class council

Jacob Vink

For years, the senior class council has been a staple part of MSU's student body and a voice for each year's graduating class. This year was no different; the exception being that this year's council has gone above and beyond the call of duty in their efforts to creatively represent the graduating class of 2006.

President of the council and journalism and Spanish senior Kristin Cain said one of the goals this year was to exceed everything that last year's senior class council did, and to keep university traditions alive.

"I'm very proud of our council this year," she said. "We've continued to build on the traditions of senior class councils that have come before us."

One of this year's notable accomplishments was the council's float which won 1st place in the Water Carnival held in October. In previous

years, senior class council had been a part of the Homecoming parade, but typically did not have its own float. Education senior and council member Rebecca Parker explained her pride in the council's success with it.

"We spent a huge amount of time on our float," she said. "It ended up being worth it because we took two awards, 1st place for the carnival and also people's choice."

Senior class council is made up of ten committees of two people, each in charge of a different task — from Philanthropy to Commencement to Senior Awards. The senior class council is also responsible for the raising money and choosing the class gift. Each year, the current council members are also in charge of choosing next year's council.

Amy Poszywak



## asenseofhome

msu international students association

From Belize to Belarus, international students who have come to MSU instantly have a place to call home, thanks to the International Students Association, ISA.

"I joined ISA to get a sense of belonging," advertising senior Betty Ching said, who came to MSU from Hong Kong.

"The ISA's main goals are to service, represent and sponsor programs for international students," organization president and journalism graduate student Kai Guo said. "ISA serves as a connection between the international student community and the greater university as a whole."

This goal was accomplished through many ISA sponsored programs. The MSU Global Festival, the International Career Fair and international movie nights name just a few of the year's events.

"Students need someone to represent their collegiate interests as well as to boost their social life." Guo said. "This organization is a major resource for international students when they come to MSU." The ISA has members in ASMSU and the Council of Graduate Students to represent the international student community in university decision-making.

"ISA can be seen as a home away from home," math sophomore Ria Mehta said. "I see the same friendly faces every week, and there is no other organization I would rather belong to."

Steven Ovares



A student writes near the Russian table at the MSU Global Festival. Each student received a "passport" upon entrance to the festival, held in the Union.

## aidingadmajors



Members listen attentively at an MSU Advertising Association meeting. Meetings typically include information on the Advertising field as well as a guest speaker.

Advertising Association members share a drink at the Post Bar nearby campus at a club bar crawl. The MSU Advertising Association helps Advertising students make contacts and network with others With a tag line like "The ad business is our business," it would be hard to find an advertising student that would not like to join the MSU Advertising Association.

The MSUAA strives to provide students with information about the advertising industry and to help students network with advertising companies throughout Michigan.

"We are a student run organization that focuses on familiarizing members with numerous aspects of the advertising profession," president and advertising senior Margaret Harvey said.

Each meeting consists of a guest speaker from the advertising field who gives a presentation on their experiences in the advertising field and tips on partaking in an internship within their company.

MSUAA also plans trips to visit advertising agencies in Detroit and Chicago each year. In addition, the club also offers creative workshops for its members to get a sense of what to expect in the advertising field.

In November, the MSUAA traveled to the Detroit area to visit advertising agencies. The trip consisted of 25 members and each was given hands-on experience as to what the advertising career entails.

"It's a good way to make contacts and network," advertising junior and MSUAA member Jennifer Callaghan said. "I'm also able to meet people in the field and gain experience and knowledge on advertising."

Kristy McCown

#### msu advertising association



photo courtesy of Karen Car

in their field.

Members of the Philipino American Student Society share a laugh at a meeting. The society strives to stregthen the bond between Philipino students on campus.

## culture&fun



Angela Duncan

In its 14 years of existence, the Philipino American Student Society has strived to create a structure of family and culture within the Philipino society in the community.

"We are here to unite the Philipino Americans to help cultural awareness and help gain knowledge and experience," said food industry management senior Lemuel Goopio.

With this goal in mind, PASS holds many events to remind the Philipino community where they come from During Philipino American History Month, which is in October, events are held every week. The celebration begins at the Rock with a cultural dance and ends with a speaker. This year the speaker was student Raymund Narag, a criminal justice major pursuing his master's cleared.

"Raymund Narag wrote a book on criminal justice in the Philippines and states how there are no justice schools in the Philippines," said chemical engi-

#### philipino american student society

neering sophomore Samantha Reyes. "Once he gets his master's, he wants to change that."

Along with this knowledge, PASS wants their members to have fun while being educated. They hold an event called Halo Halo, which means "mix, mix." Here, members put on a mock Saturday Night Live show expressing things that pertain to their personal life and cultural experiences, which is meant to show the community what life is like for Philipino Americans and teach the community about their heritage.

"Most of all, we just want our members to have fun. We have discussions, presentations, performances," food industry management senior Lemuel Goopio said. "We are social, political and fun."

Lakeeya Blue

# networking for the future society of women engineers

The Society of Women Engineers provides engineering students with opportunities to meet professional contacts, make new friends, and learn more about the field of engineering.

Each year, SWE plans the Great Lakes State Conference, a one-day event focusing on general engineering held, at the Union. Last years featured speaker was a local professor who discussed environmental concerns and engineering.

The Great Lakes State Conference is not the only opportunity members of SWE have to make professional contacts. In November, eight members of SWE attended a huge three-day career fair and conference in Anaheim, California with 3,500 attendees.

"Many sessions were run, covering a broad range of topics," mechanical engineering senior Shannon Hunt said. "They have technical discussions, and they have discussions about work-life balance and maintaining

SWE's meetings, held bi-weekly, usually consist of a presentation given by a corporate sponsor. This year companies such as Texas Instruments, Union Pacific and Chrysler have visited SWE.

The biggest event that the group puts on each year is the banquet, held early in spring semester. An invitation is sent out to all females in the college of engineering, and scholarships are distributed to the top girl in

"The banquet is the big, must-come event of the year," Hunt said. "Most girls will come even if they are not a member of SWE."

Kristyn Peterson



Members of the MSU chapter of the Society of Women Engineers listen at a meeting. Members are able to network with other women student engineers and participate in social activities.

## worshiponcampus

Elder Sean Holland, an ordained minister, speaks every Tuesday night not in front of a church congregation, but instead at the MSU Union in front of a student group called Vision.

"The purpose of Vision is to bring together the student body and to learn about the word of God," president of Vision and social science junior Bridgette Murphy said. "We want to encourage biblical standards."

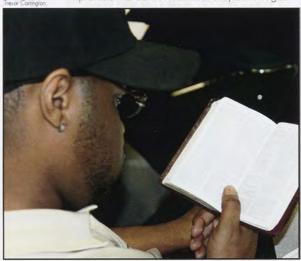
Aside from weekly Bible study and prayer, the organization participates in annual events to promote the biblical standards they encourage. In the past, Vision has hosted "Images of Heaven" – a formal dinner and fashion show — "Waiting for True Love Parts 1 and 2", and youth revivals.

Vision has around 250 members, ranging from freshman to graduate students who are pursuing many different degrees. The club attracts members for all different reasons.

"People are drawn by the love and the fellowship they receive," secretary and social science sophomore Rashad Jackson said. "It is always encouraging to hear from other students who are experiencing similar difficulties but have the support of the ministry behind them to help them through hard times."

Vision is open to all students and tries to bring people from all races together to worship God.

Vision member and telecommunications junior Gabriel Bridgman follows along in his bible during a prayer. Aside from weekly Bible study and prayer, the organization participates in annual events to promote the biblical standards they encourage.



vision

Kelli Foy



Vision, clap and pray to praise God in December. The group met in the Northwestern room of the Union.

Members of the group.

### linktolearn

Applied engineering scelence senior Naomi Thomas, president of the Student Engineering Council opens a meeting. SEC meetings were held every other week.



#### student engineering council

The Student Engineering Council is the link between students and faculty in the College of Engineering. The Student Engineering Council is a body of students that governs all other students and engineering organizations.

The group works hard to give students an opportunity to express their opinions about the College of Engineering and discusses ways to improve their education in engineering.

The Student Engineering Council also prides itself on its diversity. With students from many different backgrounds, a multitude of ideas are brought

"The diversity in perspective is valuable for us, because we are here to help every engineering student and student organization so that they are comfortable within the college of engineering," said vice president and civil

engineering senior Ana Almonte.

This year the group participated in the sesquicentennial Water Carnival, in which their float was a replica of the engineering building to represent the future of engineering at MSU. It also featured artifacts, such as a R2D2 robot with a flashing green light, designed by former MSU students, to symbolize the past.

"The Student Engineering Council is a good way to become involved in different activities that are organized for engineering students," said Almonte. "They can become leaders, and it does not matter if they are on the e-board or not."

Jenny Linn

This year, new challenges await the Mini Baja team as they attempt to accomplish what no other MSU team has in years. Mini Baja is an organization that designs, builds, tests and races an off-road vehicle, designed to hold one person and survive through the most rugged terrain. The car is manufactured entirely by students, and in the past, the team has focused their attention on the creation of just one vehicle.

This year they have their work cut out for them as they attend not two but three Society of Automotive Engineer sanctioned competitions in the spring and must have two cars ready and able to sustain the severe punishment these competitions will deliver.

"Building two cars this year is a big challenge," said Baja Project Manager and mechanical engineering senior Timothy Locker. "This is the first time in a while that we have gone to the East competition, and we want to make sure that our cars are ready."

Another new challenge the team faces is the new demands of the Mini Baja East competition. This year's competition requires that the vehicle make water contact.

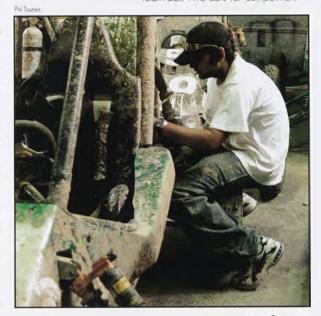
"East requires your car to float and propel itself in the water," Locker said. "It is a big design challenge to be able to make the car float. This is the first time in almost a decade that we have had to do that."

The team is excited about the new challenges ahead and feels that participating in the East competition will help to promote MSU's engineering programs.

"We feel that it is necessary to have MSU on the forefront of engineering design and innovation," Locker said.

Kristyn Peterson

A member works intently on one of the team's vehicles. This school year the team built two cars for competition.



mini baja



Mini Baja team members stop for a photo-op before traveling to Arizona for a race. The group, composed entirely of students, build and race off-road vehicles.

## onyourmark



Marksmanship Club instructor Scott Goss helps pre-law and finance junior Jason Albosta with shooting techniques. The Marksmanship Club members are able to learn many techniques used for shooting.

The Marksmanship Club provides a fun and safe environment for shooting flrearms not only for students who had prior experience with the sport, but also for beginners.

Vice president of the club and accounting senior Christa Landowski said the group is still relatively new and unknown, but this year members participated in Party at the Aud and created fliers and T-shirts to generate more interest, adding that anyone was welcome to join.

"Some people have never done it before," Landowski said. "Everyone is welcome. No experience is necessary."

Every few weeks the club holds a meeting to discuss upcoming events or occasionally to hear a guest speaker on a topic such as firearm legislation. They also gather for different firearm activities, including a "pistol night" at an indoor range, or to shoot moving targets like clay discs on Sunday afternoons. To keep members out of harm's way, the club held pistol safety classes with a certified instructor.

The group also set up a separate competitive air rifle team, which earned club sport status and competed with other schools from around the area. To compete, they shoot at targets that are then sent to a scoring office to be evaluated and compared to those from other schools to determine the winners. The team is expected to achieve varsity status within the next few years.

Erica Richards

#### marksmanship club



Pre-dental and clinical laboratry science junior Tasha Carpenter takes aim at a Marksmanship Club practice. The club practices at Demonstration Hall

Jacob Vi

## thegreatoutdoors

Members of the Outing Club love getting fresh air and exercise, whether they are hiking through a forest, navigating rapids, or hitting the

This year the group visited a variety of locales on weekend trips to participate in different outdoor sports, such as rock climbing, skiing, and mountain biking. Members also tried more unusual activities like ice climbing, skydiving and spelunking, or cave exploration.

Outing club has about 60 active members, and students with little or no experience are always welcomed and encouraged to participate. Members with more knowledge are always on hand to teach beginners, and the group also holds training sessions, demonstrations, and equipment fittings to prepare for trips.

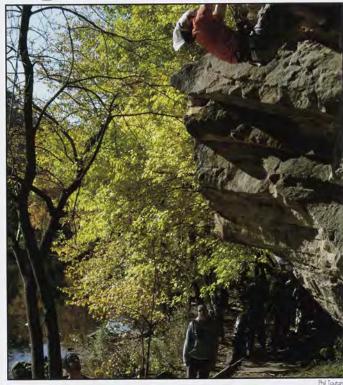
Member and physiology senior Brad Priebe said this year, the group tried to expand their trip options and grow to a size that would help them be more productive and comfortable on outings and in meetings.

"I think the club attracts a unique crowd that all appreciate the same thing together," Priebe said.

He also added that members join the group for different reasons, whether they want to get out of town for a while, love extreme sports, or are simply curious.

"Everyone's different," he said. "I think some of us are there to encourage others to get into the outdoors. We saw the value of it in our lives and we wanted to help other people enjoy it."

Erica Richards



#### outing club

Malkowski and Kristin Lashay watch in amazement at climber LBS biochemistry senior Ryan Sartor's uncanny rock climbing abilities on "Doug's Roof". Outing Club members enjoy trips to an area called 'the ledges', in

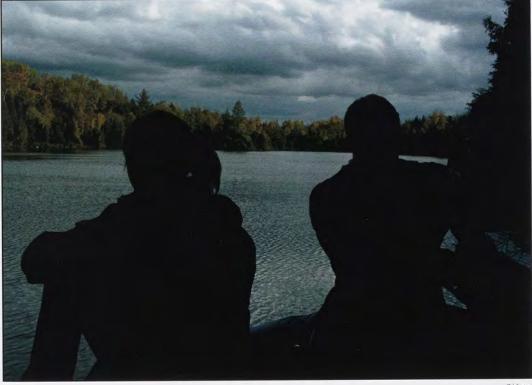
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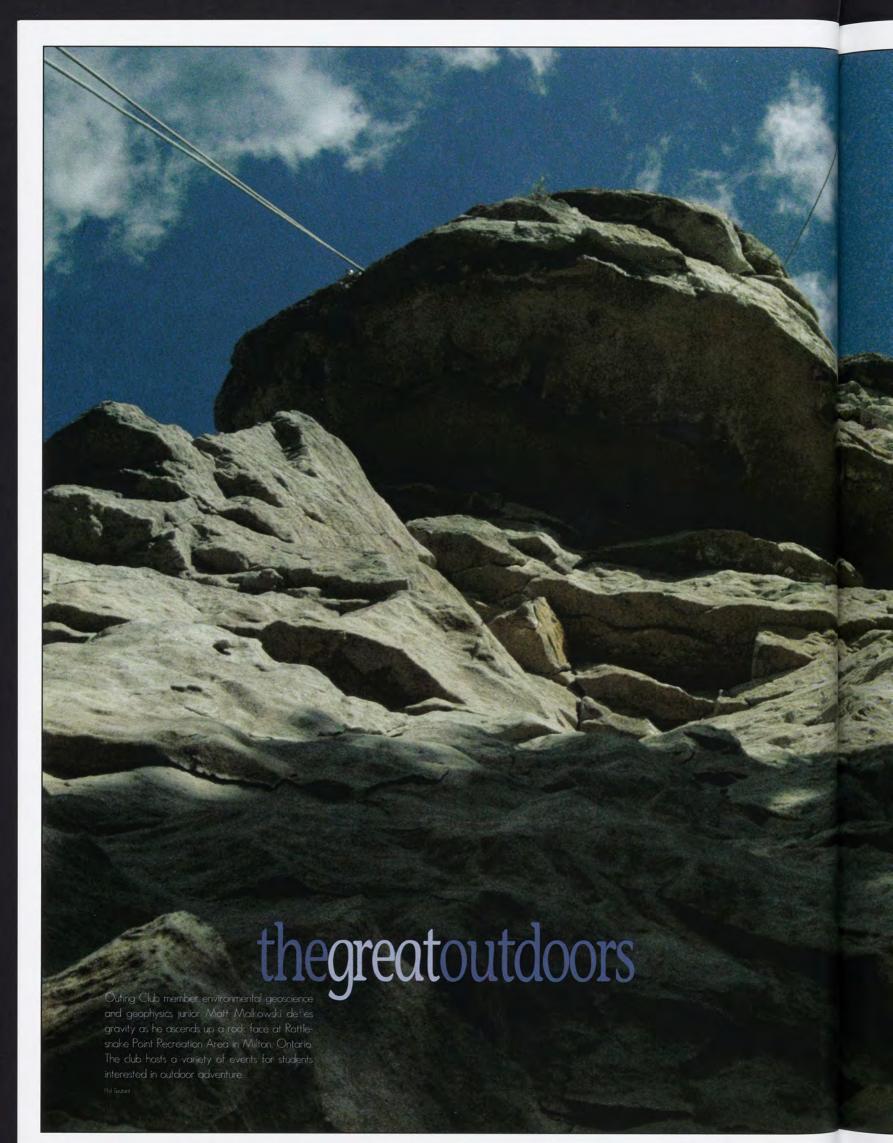
and geophysics junior Matt



and exercise, whether they are hiking through a forest, navigating rapids, or hitting

the slopes.







#### studentmarvels

Doctoral student Sean Law's razzmatazz mesmorizes magician and electrical engineering freshman Rafael Ocampo during a card trick. The club meets twice per month in the East Shaw Conference Hall to discuss magic



Courtesy of the Magician's Club

#### msu magicians club

In the spring of 2004, political theory and constitutional democracy and journalism senior John Sturk and English senior Isaiah Sonjeow met in class and together formed the Magicians Club, an organization that has, since its start, grown to eight members.

The club meets twice per month in the East Shaw Conference Hall to discuss magic. Members teach one another tricks or learn measures from guest lecturers. They also participate in events around campus, such as the Party at the Aud and Safe Halloween. The magicians also perform as individuals about once a month at restaurants and parties around the Greater Lansing area, with about half being paid appearances.

"Sometimes its big, sometimes its small, but we always try to get as

many jobs as we can to keep ourselves in good shape." said president and chemical engineering sophomore Chris Haas

Those in the club insist on new members being able to perform one trick for the group well and comfortably. They encourage students interested and respectful of magic to join.

"Especially those with little magic experience should join, their growth will be vastly escalated," Sturk said. "We're just here to support and improve our magic."

Alison Costello

#### lock&load

In 2004, the American Criminal Justice Association (ACJA) was reborn at MSU, with the goal of rebuilding fies within the criminal justice community.

"The adviser left, and everybody just stopped doing it," Kristina Leonardi, treasurer and criminal justice and Spanish senior said. "After the group shut down, we had to revamp everything and get people excited about it again."

The excitement was contagious, as the team participated in the ACJA National Conference in March, held in Illinois. Club president and criminal justice senior Sean Vergowven said the conference is a mix of seminars and competitions, all with a sprinkling of professional participation.

"There are competitions in writing and shooting, and there is a crime team investigation," Vergowven said. "Basically, you get to meet some people who are influential in the criminal justice field and apply the knowledge learned [in college]."

The relationship with the MSU Police Department allowed the planning of a trip to the shooting range, a club activity that "keeps people interested," Vergowven said.

ACJA also participated in the sesquicentennial Water Carnival, and FBI profiler Robert Reffler visited campus in October and attracted an attendance of about 250 people, both students and professionals.

American Criminal Justice Association members watch attentively as police shooting range instructor J. Geile loads a pistol magazine. Members of the ACJA are taught how to correctly use firearms for the criminal justice field.



Jessica Sipperley

#### american criminal justice association



Political science pre-law and criminal justice senior Kerri Ackerson takes aim at a target during a shooting target practice. Ackerson was a member of the Criminal Justice Association.

## oncampusfun

UAB President and communication junior Cheryl Brodowski asks group members a question to determine which table will eat first at the UAB end of semester buffet. UAB was responsible for many student activities across campus.



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#### university activities board

From Bob Barker and The Price is Right to Simon Cowell from American Idol, the Union Activities Board seeks inspiration from the latest trends to attract student interest. UAB is focused on providing social, recreational and educational events planned for students by students in the community.

This year, UAB has planned several new events, including the speaker series "Faces of Courage." A variety of personalities spoke, including holocaust survivor Inge Auerbacher; East Lansing Fire Marshall Bob Pratt; fire fighter Dawn Carson who helped with Hurricane Katrina relief efforts; and Mark Zupan from the movie Murderball.

Some events that attract a large number of students include Spartan Idol, held during the fall semester, and The Price is Right, which occurs in the spring. Spartan Idol is a spoof off of FOX Network's American Idol for aspiring student singers. The Price is Right runs exactly like the game show hosted by Bob

Barker, complete with a host dressed like Barker and several "Barker Beauties" to present the prizes.

"We try to follow trends in what students like to do." said advertising and business senior Cheryl Brodowski, who is a UAB chairperson. Members take pride in being able to plan and implement events that students enjoy.

"We can take something we envision and see it happen," communications sophomore and UAB business director Joshua Preister, said. In order to make their ideas come to life, UAB members must contact sponsors, delegate tasks to volunteers and promote the events to students.

Kathleen Polesnak

## familyoffriends

The African Student Union may very well be the largest and the oldest international club at MSU. Having a membership of 200 to 300 students, the organization enjoyed its 20th anniversary in 2005.

ASU is "comprised of not only Africans but people from all nations that are interested in knowing more about Africa and want to help its development." Akua Nkrumah, ASU general secretary and mechanical engineering sophomore said. "We participate in volunteer work and other fun activities."

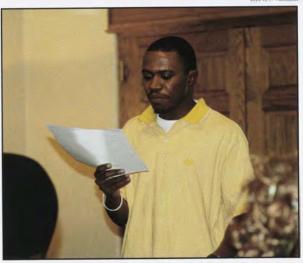
The union plans or takes part in annual activities such as African Culture Week, a soccer tournament, Spring Formal, Global Fest and Gala Night. Biweekly meetings consist of food, guest speakers, general business meetings, and social activities.

ASU brings together people of African countries and friends of Africa for a variety of activities aimed at increasing awareness on campus and in Greater Lansing about social, economic and cultural issues in Africa through annual programs and forums, Nkrumah said.

One of ASU's major functions is to provide support to its members. "There's a sense of family away from family," said Anette Hernandez-Mendez, organizing secretary and nutritional sciences senior. "It's a support group for students from African countries and friends of Africa so they always have something to remind them of home or a way to leave behind some of the homesickness."

Sandra Kao

Premedical sophomore Oko Amarteifio speaks to the group of club members. The African Student Union celebrated their 20th anniversary in 2005.



african student union



Members of the African Student Union focus their attention on a speaker at a meeting. The African Student Union aims to increase awareness on campus and the Greater Lansing area about social. economic, and cultural issues in

## servingthecommunity

Members of Circle K sign up for volunteering opportunities within the community. Circle K holds meetings in the lowg room of the Union.

Members of Circle K discuss volunteering opportunities after another successful meeting in the Union. Circle K is a student volunteer organization that promotes fellowship, leadership, and service.



of the K-Family, the East Lansing Kiwanis. Circle K and Kiwanis put on an auction to raise money for Circle K's community service fund, Okemos Boy Scout Troops and the East Lansing High School Band.

"Circle K completed 1,300 hours of service last year with 45 members," human biology senior Danielle Fabbri said. Circle K not only does a few service projects a year, but participates in events going on everyday like Kids 4 Hunger where Circle K packs meals for children, or making trauma dolls for the children at Sparrow Hospital.

Since 1975, Circle K has been dedicated to service in the East Lansing

area. They are a part of a larger family called the K-Family that is 14,000

strong internationally.

"Circle K truly has some of the most fundamental values of life that are so important in the world," music therapy sophomore Sara Bucilli said. "The best part of Circle K is knowing that you are counted on to make a difference in the world."

This idea was continued as Circle K joined with one of the affliates

Continuing their tradition of working with others, Circle K also participates in an event called 24 Hours of Service with schools like Grand Valley State University and Adrian College. This year Circle K participated in gift-wrapping for Red Cross, Christmas caroling at Burcham Hills and serving dinner at the Women and Family Center.

The Circle K family is described as "a compassionate and determined group of people," Bucilli said.

Lakeeya Blue

## caringfolks



Club member cuts our circles for Christmas cards at a meeting in November. The Family Child and Ecology Club's mission statement is to "Encourage community service, provide professional development opportunities, and gain experience working with families, children, and the community."

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family child ecology club

The Family Child Ecology Club (FCE) community service projects benefit children, parents and members alike. In addition to helping the community, treasurer and community services senior Alisha Bennett said her membership allowed her to meet many people with the same major.

"It is nice to be in a group whose members have so much in common with you," Bennett said. "We can discuss classes and different aspects of the majors that we are in."

A major club endeavor was the Adopt-A-Family Christmas Project during the holiday season. According to club secretary and family community services junior Melanie Debenham, club members support student mothers from Haslett by purchasing educational toys for their children and gifts for the mothers.

"It was nice to be able to participate in something that benefits others, especially around Christmas time," Bennett said.

The FCE club mixes community service with professional apportunities to gain experience working with families in the East Lansing area. Debenham enjoys these chances to become involved.

"It is a great way to get to know students, faculty and professionals involved in FCE." Debenham said. "I also enjoy going out into the community to volunteer."

Jessica Sipperley



Bill Tolder

Members of the Family Child Ecology Club make non-denominational Christmas cards for children. The organization also participated in an Adopta-Family program during Christmas.

#### orthefuture women in business association

The Women in Business Students' Association is an organization that allows men and women to work towards career development in their chosen flelds.

This past year, WBSA held meetings every other Wednesday night, which included a free meal and guest speakers who discussed everything from resume building and networking to obstacles that women face in the

"We've had some great speakers," WBSA president and pre-law junior Kate Cook said. "You don't have to be a member to come and bringing friends is encouraged!"

Each year, WBSA participates in a variety of activities including self-

defense classes, Walk for Animals, Chicago at the Wharton, and fundrais-

"Our group is putting a large emphasis on fundraising to be able to attend a site visit in New York next year," Cook said.

Although WBSA is a lot of work, Cook feels that it is also a lot of fun and worth the experience.

"Our organization is valuable to students enrolled in any major and is a great way to get involved both in and off campus," Cook said.

Kristyn Peterson



Supply chain management sophomore Christie Hwang and associate professor and executive board member Alison Barber chat at the Women in Business end of semester dinner. The Association holds a variety of events each year.

## harmonywithakick



Advanced members of the Aikido Club practice their maneuvers. Aikido club meets twice a week with both male and female members.

aikido club

Aikido, which means, "The way of harmony," carries the aim to unify body and mind so that one's movements become spontaneous.

"Aikido is more than just martial arts," Dean of Osteopathic Medicine Craig Reed said. "To me it's a way of life." Reed is a member of the club, which meets three times a week to practice techniques that grew from the combat disciplines of the Japanese Samurai.

"Aikido is not a 'fighting' martial art, but rather a form for personal growth," the group's website explains. "However it is an effective form of self defense as well as a way to improve physical fitness and relations with others."

Though the Aikido Club meets at the Judo room in IM West here at MSU their headquarter dojo is in Ann Arbor. On April 23, the group participated in the annual organization wide Aikido Demonstration on U-M's campus. The event exhibited all types of Aikido students, from youths to black belts.

Since 1975 when the organization was founded at MSU, the Aikido club has been open to students and alumni.

"We have men and women from several different countries," MSU alumni and group member Steve Sobota said. "Anyone who has an open mind towards learning self-discipline, balance and control of their own body and mind are welcome to join and participate in this non-competitive Japanese Art."

their practice. The club follows rituals by taking shoes off at the door and bowing as members enter.

Members stretch in position before



Steven Ovares





harmonywithakick

#### natureatmsu fisheries and wildlife

The Fisheries and Wildlife Club provides activities and events for members in effort to promote professional development among them. It functions to "bring hands-on experience in natural resources related areas to members of the club and the community," club president and fisheries and wildlife senior Kile Kucher said.

Some of the club's annual activities include hosting the Red Cedar River Cleanup in the fall and spring semesters, participating in the College of Agriculture and Natural Resource's AutumnFest, ANR Olympics and the Michigan United Conservation Club's Outdoorama.

Initially established as the Wildlife Conservation Club in 1939, the Fisheries and Wildlife Club continues on, sharing the University's land-grant heritage with the community.

Weekly meetings consist of workshops, speaker presentations and general business meetings. Upcoming events and other ongoing activities are

discussed at general meetings.

In September 2005, eight club members attended the Wildlife Society 2005 Annual Conference in Madison, Wisconsin. Four members formed a team and received first place in the student chapter of the Wildlife Society Quiz Bowl.

Members gain much through the club both professionally and socially.

"I like being in the club because I like the combination of people and activities" club vice president and fisheries and wildlife senior Michelle Rosen said. "The people are fun and the variety of activities are interesting."

Sandra Kao



Mail Charanas

Members of the fisheries and wildlife club tent to their display of land showing environment issues and their affects.

Advertising senior Carmen Axle and public relations director and communications sophomore Jennifer Ecclestone listen with interest at a meeting. The society usually meets every other Tuesday in room 154 of the Communication Arts and Sciences building.

## p.r.affairs



Argela Durcon

The Public Relations Student Society of America is an organization started in order to promote, educate and encourage students to pursue experiences in public relations. This year, PRSSA brought in speakers such as Kevin Fraizer, media desk manager for Daimler Chrysler, and the Mid-Michigan Red Cross, who spoke about hurricane relief efforts.

"It was nice to have Mid-Michigan Red Cross come in and talk about hurricane relief," PRSSA president and communications senior Chelsea Church said. "Not only was it an interesting presentation, it was also timely, since they came in shortly after Hurricanes Katrina and Rita."

Each year, PRSSA competes in the Bateman Competition, which is a nationally organized event with participating universities across the country. Each PRSSA chapter is given a client and is expected to build and execute a public relations campaign. This past year, PRSSA's client

#### public relations student society

was the Lansing Chapter of Habitat for Humanity.

"The campaign for the Bateman competition takes a lot of work, and we spend the entire year working on the campaign." Church said. "It's worth it though, because it really helps you to apply the skills that you spend so much time learning."

With more than 100 members, PRSSA is open to all majors, and is not just limited to students interested in public relations.

"We are open to all majors: marketing, business, retailing, journalism, basically anyone who wants to learn more about public relations," Church said. "You learn more than what you would in a class. You learn more about the real world."

Kristyn Peterson

## liftingandclimbing

Members of the National Association of Black Accountants meet for their end of the semester party. General meetings are held each week in the Business College Complex.



Beckin Sherwooi

#### national association of black accountants

The National Association of Black Accountants is a group that tries to increase diversity in the accounting and finance fields.

"You benefit the most from this group because you learn so much about yourself from helping others," president and accounting senior Jamie Roberts said. "This is why the greatest benefit from being a member of NABA is being able to live your life practicing our motto 'Lifting as we alimb'."

Although members are mainly accounting and finance majors, all business majors are invited to join the group to promote diversity and achieve success in both their educational and professional careers. Members of the National Association of Black Accountants gain opportunities to network with professionals in the industry and corporate recruiters.

Members encourage and assist minority students in entering the job

market, provide networking opportunities, and keep incoming and current students informed of business trends.

"Students should be interested in becoming a member of NABA because the benefits are endless," Roberts said. "By being a member, not only will you have the support and resources of our student chapter, you also receive support and resources from the national and local chapters of NABA as well."

Each year the National Association of Black Accountants also travels to the Central Regional Student Conference, where students can network and interview with over 30 companies.

Jenny Linn

# adifferent path student parents on a mission

For physics and linguistics senior Melissa Alsobrooks, college life is different from that of many of her peers. Her three-year-old son brings a whole new element to her life at Michigan State. Alsobrooks and her son Chase are two of the many students and children who regularly participate in activities hosted by Student Parents on a Mission. Alsobrooks and Chase have been part of the group since he was born during Alsobrooks' freshman year.

"When you have kids, you're not a typical student anymore," Alsobrooks, who is the co-chair of SPOM's E-board, said. "You feel isolated."

Some of the ways that SPOM remedies this separation is by providing social events for student families. These include holiday parties, picnics, ice-skating, sports events and other age-appropriate activities for young children.

SPOM advocates for more student parent rights on campus. The Chil-

dren's Nook in the Main Library and scholarships for student parents are results of SPOM's efforts to better incorporate student parents into MSU life. The group is working on acquiring a seat on ASMSU and COGS in addition to changing the preamble of the student constitution to eliminate any discrimination toward students because of family status.

"Because I have a child and I'm young, I must have done something irresponsible," Alsobrooks said. Discrimination can take place in the classroom, as Alsobrooks has personally experienced.

"We are a very different group," Alsobrooks said. "How do you relate to your professors and do you tell them you have a child?"

Through their meetings and fellowship, SPOM also advises students on how to approach professors when taking on research projects and arduous assignments.

Kate Polesnak



Amanda Brewington

A student writes near the Russian table at the MSU Global Festival. Each student received a "passport" upon entrance to the festival, held in the Union.

# uppingawareness hapa asian pacific alliance

Bubble Island held much more than a refreshing drink this year for Hapa Asian Pacific Alliance council member and studio art junior Sheena Kalemkiewicz

"Our most exciting event this year was our "Hapa Nation" meeting held at Bubble Island," Kalemkiewicz, said. "During the meeting, we created our own island, flag, laws and ideals. The idea behind having our own nation was to create a place where mixed Asian students could feel like they belong."

Hapa also hosts the 2006 Mixed Race Conference with the Multiracial Identity Experience in April, the only conference of its kind in the area.

"Hapa" is a slang term for of mixed racial heritage with Asian and/or

Pacific Islander roots. The alliance serves to "maintain a supportive community for Asian Pacific Americans of mixed racial descent," council member and international relations senior Jaime Chao said.

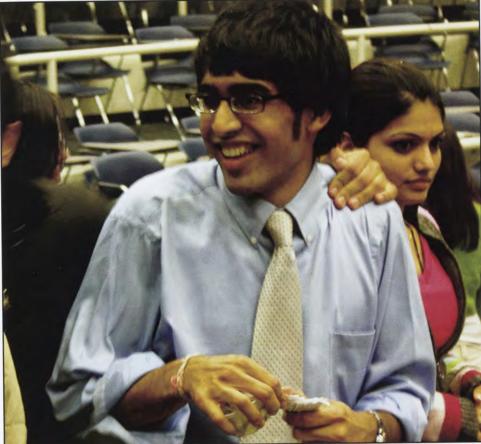
"The size of our group is around 30 people and our membership has grown slightly since last year." Chao said. "We are looking forward this year to redefining our group politically: we want to look at the effect of war on hapas and ways to combat the unique stereotypes of hapas."

Voted Student Life's Best Emerging Registered Student Organization in 2002, Hapa also helps plan the Midwest Asian American Student Union's Leadership Retreat.

Jessica Sipperley



Mari Gorzenski and senior Jaime Chao carve pumpkins at an event hosted by the Hapa Asian Pacific Alliance. HAPA serves to "maintain a supportive community for Asian Pacific Americans of mixed racial descent" on campus and within the community.



CIUS member and finance junior Jay Shah takes an ice cream break after a meeting. Many members stayed after the meeting to socialize with one another.

#### coalition of indian undergraduate students

Every other Thursday throughout the school year, students of the Coalition of Indian Undergraduate Students (CIUS) meet to have fun and plan out future events for the organization.

Since 1989, the CIUS has been operated based on a foundation of six core goals for the MSU community. According to the CIUS constitution, they aim to provide and secure representation for Asian Indian students, voice national and campus-wide needs with respect to the university, and achieve unity and comfort among the entire Asian Indian community. They also hope to be a program for Asian Indians in social, cultural, academic and political areas, while sharing their culture with the non-Indian community.

According to the group's website, their main goal is "to educate the

MSU community about Indian culture and provide a social atmosphere for Indian students to meet and enjoy each others company."

The group hosts several events throughout the year, including Gandhi Day, Diwali Mela, Holi, Satrang and Globalfest.

In addition to preparing for their main events, Chauhan said CIUS also has many game nights, sports tournaments, community service events and rehearsals for Satrang, their annual cultural show.

Chris Jackett

# ntationoncampus

# devotingtime



"There is always enough time to help a person in need." This mantra motivated President Jenna Delaney to lead a group of people in selflessly devoting time to helping those in need. Delaney, also an elementary education senior, said the activities provide many chances to aid the community.

"There is direct interaction with people you're trying to help," Delaney said. "It's definitely worthwhile."

The Spartan Campus Civitan belongs to the Civitan International Organization, comprised of volunteer groups from across the country. Service projects included soup kitchens, the Special Olympics, and the Relay for Life, in which the Civitans helped raise money for cancer research. Vice-President and Lyman Briggs physiology senior Allison Stone said the relay was one of the most popular events, and the group made a campsite for members to stay overnight. She also enjoyed the soup kitchens, which were held every month.

"You get to meet members of the Lansing community that you wouldn't meet otherwise." Stone said.

The Civitan met every two weeks to discuss previous events and plan for upcoming activities. Delaney said the group calls for those "who believe that even the smallest amount of community service can make a difference."

Jessica Sipperley

A member of Spartan Campus Civitan assists the rest of the volunteers in making dinner for people at the Ronald McDonald house. Spartan Campus Civitan makes dinner for the house frequently throughout the year.

#### spartan campus civitan



Education senior Jenna Delany chaps tomatoes, helping the rest of the members in making a taco dinner for people staying at the Ronald McDonald House in Lansing. The group participates in many various community service projects each year.

Buckin Sherwood

Human Resource Management Junior Rachel Gonzales speaks at a MIX meeting. MIX strives to provide a community among members.

# formingabond



#### multiracial identity experience

The Multiracial Identity Experience, also known as the MIX, is a new organization, started in August 2005. The founding principle is to bring together multiracial students and build community and awareness.

"This is a great organization to have here at MSU," marketing junior Rachel Gonzalez said. "We [multiracial students] are a minority within a minority. Finally there is an organization dedicated not only towards multiracial student backgrounds, but towards the individuals and their concerns as well."

The fifty-member group was responsible for the second Mixed Race Conference in East Lansing, which took place April 15 at the Abbot Community Center. Gonzalez said the event gave multiracial students from the community and other schools the chance to unite.

"It was a great opportunity for students to meet other people like

them and also a source of education and motivation." Gonzalez said.

The days surrounding National Take Back Affirmative Action Day of Oct. 30 also marked busy times for the MIX. The group set up tables and passed out flyers on campus on Oct. 27 in observance of the holiday. The organization also sponsored a Rosa Parks Memoriam at the Rock and a poetry slam to conclude the day's events.

"There has never been anything quite like this group on campus before," finance junior Emma Mahnken said. "The MIX prides itself on having members who are happy with themselves as they are, and looks forward to building an even stronger community in the future."

Steven Ovares

#### interfraternity council

The Interfraternity Council represents some of the oldest and largest student organizations here on campus — the twenty-six fraternities at MSU.

Supply chain management senior Michael Herula said he became involved wit the council to improve fraternity's image to MSU and its community.

"I decided to join this organization because I wanted to help lead initiatives across the Greek Community to educate our members concerning risk management and social policy," Herula said.

The Interfraternity Council does this by hosting many events on the MSU campus including Greek Week and Safe Halloween.

To give back to the community, fraternities and sororities participate in Relay for Life and the Special Olympics. All proceeds go to the charities

such as the American Cancer Society, Special Olympics and Make-A-Wish Foundation. Last year events raised over \$150,000.

The Interfraternity Council also strives to make the MSU Greek community successful in its endeavors to provide non-alcoholic alternatives campus. They are big on making a difference in other peoples lives and building strong bonds of brotherhood.

"Getting involved in the Interfraternity Council was an excellent opportunity for me to make a difference in the Greek community." political theory and general business administration and pre-law senior Mahfouz Ackall said.

Lakeeya Blue



Members of the Interfraternity Council pose for a picture before heading out to haunted hayride inthe fall. The Interfraternity Council hosts various events including Greek Week and Safe Halloween.

bigendevours

# creatingleaders

Corporate America is not an abstract idea to Multicultural Business Students. At each of their biweekly meetings, members are given the opportunity to learn new information about different areas of business.

"At each of our meetings there are corporate presentations on business professionalism, networking opportunities, and finding out more about opportunities available within a company," MBS external vice president and finance junior Marilyn Ortiz said.

"Our goal is to instill leadership, professionalism, networking and diversity awareness into our members to prepare them for corporate America," MBS president and supply chain management senior Shawn Shackleford said.

To promote these goals, the group creates a bond between members of the working world and members of the group. Events scheduled to help foster the relationship include leadership retreats, holiday receptions and small career fairs — each held annually.

With 200 members of many different backgrounds, MBS considers themselves one of the most diverse groups on campus, and considers this characteristic to be one of the most important parts of their identity.

A member of the Multicultural Business Students club speaks at a meeting. The organization aims to create bonds between business students here at MSU and the working world.



Beckie Sherwood

multicultural business students



Kelli Foy

A member of MBS sits at the table during a club event to greet and inform guests.

# educationandtheatre

every five minutes

Though a nation-wide troupe dedicated to fighting sexual violence, Every 5 minutes established itself at MSU in 2005. E5m is an interactive theater group that promotes education against sexual violence.

After last year's startling numbers of sexual assaults on campus, cochair Staci Gunner, masters student, decided she wanted to do something to make a difference. She had been part of an e5m troupe during her undergraduate studies at Syracuse University, and decided it was time for Michigan State to have it's own.

The goal of e5m is to empower people to make changes in their actions to maintain a safe environment in addition to leading a community that will not tolerate sexual violence.

"When I leave my meetings, I feel empowered and prepared to stomp all over sexual violence," said Gunner.

The troupe performs to audiences within the MSU community, in residence halls and other places on campus, in an effort to help educate the public on sexual violence. Its motto is "Eradicate rape with ACTion." The troupe prides itself on the importance of trust and sharing a family-like band

E5m is not an exclusive group and welcomes anyone interested. Members receive training for those who want to learn more about sexual violence and want to perform in social action theater. The group says that anyone who is interested in being a social change agent and is willing to challenge the actions of others in a positive and progressive manner, would make an ideal member.

Jenny Linn



English senior Ashley MacCallum recites the poem "With No Immediate Cause," by Ntozake Shange, during Every Five Minutes, a program recognizing sexual assault. The MSU Sexual Assault program celebrated its 25th anniversary.

courtesy of Every Five Minute

### intransition

The Thai Student Association's main goal is to support Thai students who are making the transition from Thailand to MSU.

"[The] Thai Student Association also serves as a representative of Thai and promoting Thai culture and Thai life," graduate student Krerk Piromsopa said.

During meetings, the organization gets together to discusses issues and events while enjoying authentic Thai food.

Not only does the Thai Student Association help Thai people within the MSU community, but they also extend their help to others all over Michigan. When the Dhammasala Forest Monastery had their opening event, members from Thai Student Association helped with the Monastery's opening because religion is so important to them.

To keep this tradition of extending friendships outside of the MSU community, the Thai Student Association gets together with four other Michigan schools annually for the 5M Festival. At this event, Thai students get together to play soccer, volleyball and basketball. This serves as an icebreaker so participants can become acquainted and begin to build friendships.

Yet, members don't want to forget those they left back in Thailand. "We hope to create a sense of responsibility to contribute back to Thailand," geopgrapy graduate student Pariwate Varnakovida said.



Students of the Thai Association picnic at

Lakeeya Blue

#### thai students association



new and old members were informed of expectations for the year.

their welcome party in September. Here,

New members are introduced to the old at the welcome party. Students took the opportunity to build friendships and plan performances and presentations.

# drivingintothefuture

Competition driver Darin Coveart is piloting the 2005 MSU racecar: #24 and breaking in a new set of tires in preparation for the annual Sponsor Drive in October. The event was held in the Commuter Parking Lot.



Angela Durcan

#### society of auto engineers formula racing

Each year the Society of Automotive Engineers Formula Racing Team designs, builds, and races their own student built car. This year was no different.

In the past, the Formula team has competed in one annual competition. This year however, the team attended two, upping the intensity of their work throughout the year.

"This year, we want to build the fastest, most reliable racecar in order to win every competition we attempt," engineering grad student and Project Manager Adam Zemke said. Last year, their car weighed just 464 pounds, had 76 hp, and went zero to 60 mph in almost 3 seconds.

The team, made up of approximately 22 members, spends Wednesday nights and most of the day on Saturday and Sunday at their shop manufacturing their car, preparing for the competitions, and testing racecars from previous years.

"We put in about thirty hours a week working at the shop, but not because we are required to," junior physics major and Suspension Team leader Rich Reichenbach said. "We put in so many hours because we want to win."

Other members of the team echo Reichenbach's statement.

"For the people on MSU Formula Racing the greatest feeling ever is showing up at competition, knowing that the car you've built can beat the best of the best in the world," Zemke said.

The team isn't all serious work, however. They also participate many of MSU's activities, such as the Homecoming Parade, National Engineers Week, Recruitment Nights, and Party at the Aud.

Kristyn Peterson

Members listen attentively as Nancy A. Bates from Eve, Inc. visits Into the Streets with information about outreaching to mothers and children. Into the Streets is a program through the MSU Service Learning Center that exposed students to community service projects.

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into the streets

"It's time to roll up our sleeves. It's time to get our hands dirty! It's time for a new generation to get Into the Streets!"

This anonymous quote explains Into the Streets' mission in a nutshell: To introduce students to thoughtful community service. Through hosting their two annual events, Streets acquainted students with the numerous volunteer opportunities in our community, and familiarized them with the sense of accomplishment only felt through selfless deeds.

Holding one event in October and the other on Martin Luther King, Jr. day, Streets made their meetings memorable and meaningful by starting the day out with breakfast for volunteers and a keynote speaker. It was from there that students branched off and headed toward various sites where they donated their time to a worthy cause in a personal atmo-

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"The best part is being thanked by the organization that you have helped, that's when you know that all your hard work was worthwhile and you've made an impact in your community," Into the Streets treasurer and general management junior Jeff Parmerlee said.

While volunteers gathered twice a year for the fun and festivities, the executive board members met weekly to prepare for the events.

"I think we've made a good impact on the community," chairperson and horticulture junior Sarah Baker said. "We've gotten to know different groups -- both people and agencies -- and had fun volunteering."

Ashley Waldorf

# funvolunteering



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Alyssa Diflippo helps a customer as she sells "luv cans" for Valentine's Day in front of the MSU Dairy Store. The Food Science Club sold the cans as a fundraiser.

Food Science Club meetings not only help members gain a better understanding of their industry and its workers, but include a homemade meal as well.

At each monthly meeting, members of the club cook a meal for the rest of the group, creating a theme for the food around holidays or special events.

However, the group does much more than cooking. They also participate in several fundraising activities, including the sale of "Luv Cans" in February, which is a tin of candy that can be bought and delivered to another person for Valentine's Day, along with a personalized message.

Food science senior and president of the club Mallory Kelly, said that one of the group's priorities was to help people become more involved and familiar with food science careers. This was accomplished partly through visits to middle schools and high schools where members spoke to younger students about the field.

"It's not really a well-known major," Kelly said. "We've been trying to expand and go to high schools to get more older kids involved, since they will be coming to college soon."

This year, during the Summer Sausage Sale that ran from October until Thanksgiving, the club members learned how to make their own summer sausage, and put the finished products on sale to the public. The group is also involved in community service activities, including a blood drive.

Erica Richards

#### msu food science



Megan Parsons shows a customer what cards she can choose from in a Valentine's Day fundraiser hosted by the Food Science Club. They sold "luv cans" for \$3 a can.

Trevor Carrington

# underthemicroscope

Members of the MSU Microbiology Club are committed to supporting each other as they advanced their knowledge of scientific research, but every once in a while they also committed to having fun.

The group, which consisted of about 15 active members, meets every other week to listen to a guest speaker present research in the field of microbiology or another related topic. Occasionally, they also had speakers who discussed graduate school and careers in microbiology.

"We like to see the methods and different types of problem solving that people come up with, and we see a wide range," president and medical technology and microbiology senior and Tiffany Dickerson

Each year, the group also attends the American Society for Microbiology General Meeting, which consists of several days of discussions. workshops, exhibits and lectures related to the field. The conference also includes a time when students can showcase their research for others to peruse. This year members of the group spent time displaying presentations they created, covering the variety of topics they had been studying.

In addition to all the hard work, the club also takes time out for an annual bowling competition against MSU's biochemistry students.

"It's actually very competitive," Dickerson said, laughing. "Microbiology has consistently been losing, and they like to rub it in our faces."

Erica Richards



#### microbiology

Microbiology junior Carolyn Biesecker and LBS microbiology senior Berk Tanal discuss issues at a meeting. The group meets every other week to listen to a guest speaker present research in the field of microbiology.



Medical technology senior Tiffany Dickerson adds to the conversation during a Microbiology Club meeting. Meetings were held on campus in the Bio-Med building.

## studentnetwork

#### student apparel design association

Apparel and textile design majors and those interested in fashion make up the Student Apparel Design Association. This year, members discovered and shared talents with one another, broadening and strengthening skills to give way for future professional success.

During meetings in the fall semester, the group focused on professional development in resume and portfolio workshops and internship panels by visiting local companies and hearing from speakers in the field.

In the second semester, members looked forward to their biggest event, the annual fashion show, held every year in the spring. In the fashion show, designs created by group members were shown to the community in a runway styled broadcast, set to music and modeled by other students.

The group was instrumental in the second annual Project Prom, where custom-designed formal dresses were made for foster high school students

who could not otherwise afford to attend prom.

Annual trips to New York City in the spring and Chicago in the fall were also made to visit fashion design companies on site and make contacts

Goals of the year included increasing attendance at meetings and events, increasing awareness of the organization and developing the professional skills of the group's members.

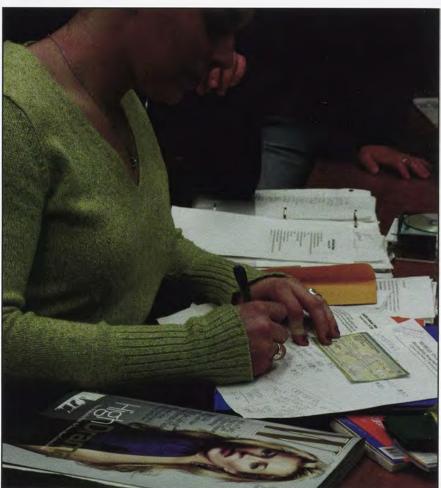
Students who enjoy event planning, advertising and promoting, and who are interested in fashion design are encouraged to join the association to strengthen their skills and knowledge of the field and meet people who share their interests.

Alison Costello



Beckie Sherwood

Two members of the Student Apparel and Textile Design Assocation discuss ideas at a meeting. The group is centered around students majoring in apparel and textile design.



Beokie Sherwood

A member carefully goes over finanaces for the group. The group takes trips to Chiacga and New York each year to visit design companies and make contacts in the business world.

### club managers association business hub

Hospitality Business majors at MSU are given the opportunity to network with professionals in order to obtain internships and jobs through the Club Managers Association of America. Established at MSU 26 years ago, the club's focus is not only to help students network with professionals, but also provide students with knowledge about the club industry.

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"From being in CMAA you learn how to be all around a more professional person and you also can gain help and experience with interviews and resumes," said vice president of CMAA and hospitality business junior Jeffrey Chen said.

Each year, the CMAA sends 10 to 15 students to CMAA's Annual World Conference where students can network with managers and gain knowledge on the club industry. This year, the CMAA also sent 20 students to the World

Conference and helped these students fund the trip.

Each year, around 120 club managers come to MSU to attend sessions about the CMAA. The MSU chapter has hopes of being nominated Student Chapter of the Year.

"Because of Michigan State's outstanding and well-known reputation, our students are sought out by employers and can be proud of their education," president of CMAA and hospitality business senior Malorie Haslett said. "Managers nationwide know they have hired the right person when that person has a degree from Michigan State."

Kristy McCown



courtes) of Malone Haslett

Students from the Club Managers Association of America pose at a flag football tournament for community service. The CMAA gives hospitality business majors an opportunity to network with professionals.

## loveofdance orchesis

Orchesis, a group dedicated to promoting the teaching and performance of dance, has been around for a quarter of MSU's lifetime, and does not plan on going anywhere.

"I love being able to stay in touch with my passion for dance and share the art form with the members of the MSU community," Orchesis president Sarah Wilson said. "We are a group of students from all different backgrounds joined together by the art of dance, sharing our talent and creativity."

Orchesis classes are offered in each semester, with jazz and modern classes held during the fall semester. The group also prepared for the 2006 MSU Repertory Dance Company Concert. Assistant treasurer Tim

Pare said that the classes were extremely popular among students.

"Our Orchesis classes have quite a following," Pare, a theater junior, said. "This year alone, we had over 40 dancers in our jazz class and around 20 in our modern [class]."

"We were able to provide funding for bringing in professional guest choreographers for the 2006 MSU Repertory Dance Concert," Wilson said. "We have also had excellent turnout at our classes and lots of new dancers!"

Jessica Sipperley



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A group of dancers pose during a practice. Orchesis's mission is "to spread the knowledge and interest of dance into the MSU community."

helpinghands



Cass Hausserman positions her feet and hands carefully as she navigates the high ropes course at the ASB site leader retreat. This event was designed to prepare site leaders for their trips through a series of team-building activities.

alternative spring break

A group plants a tree while on spring break. The spring break trips had students involved in activities from building houses to serving food at soup kitchens.

Students involved with MSU's Alternative Spring Break program didn't spend their week of vacation from school drinking or lying on the beach—they spent it serving food to the homeless, teaching children, visiting the elderly, and participating in other activities that created positive affects on people and communities around the world.

Groups of students from MSU took trips to various locations in the United States, Canada and Latin America to participate in community service activities. Before spring break, students met occasionally throughout the school year to make arrangements for trips, talk about the culture of the place they would be visiting, and get to know the group of people they would be traveling and working with.

Before leaving, many groups also collected supplies, including clothing and toiletries to hand out to people in need, or paint and other materials to clean and repair buildings.

"It's definitely very fulfilling and can even be life-changing," English and elementary education senior Kristen McGlynn said, who went on her third ASB trip this year.

Clarrissa Chavez, an MSU alumna who was involved with ASB for two years, said her group held a session each day of the trip to reflect on their work.

"It's kind of overwhelming, because you don't go into it expecting to feel as accomplished and fortunate as you do," she said. "Every time I went I came home thinking, I have to do this again."



Erica Richards

# shaping futures student council for exceptional children

The MSU Council for Exceptional Children has been a part of our university since the early 1970s with members who are general or special education majors combined with other majors aspiring to be teachers, with an interest in the special needs of children and adults.

The group's number one goal is to help exceptional children and to improve their educational outcomes. They are a subunit of two larger organizations, state and international.

The student group's primary purpose is to present students with opportunities to improve their educational standards and increase awareness of exceptional youth. They participate in state and international Councils for Exceptional Children events, the Special Olympics, and events at the Beekman Center in Lansing, where they work with special needs students

from pre-kindergarten to 12th grade.

The group also tries to develop preventative programs and services for children deemed at risk and give them the chance to maintain a lifelong education. They believe that full participation of these individuals improves community and that their education is a shared effort among learners, educators, families, communities and governments.

Currently MSU's chapter has been working to increase membership and member involvement while strengthening awareness in the commu-

Stephanie Defever



Becky Parpart and Elena Strom work with students at Everett High School. Student Council for Exceptional Children visited the high school for a Valentine's Day and American Idol party held that day.



The four members of the Croquet and Bocce Association pose for a picture. The association meets every two weeks and plays at a variety of locations.

#### croquet & bocce association

Brian Cook, a supply chain management senior and president and founder of the Croquet and Bocce Association, wants to get students enthused for sports other than the traditional football and basketball.

"We are dedicated to the enrichment of the student body by teaching the fine sports of croquet and bocce," Cook said. "We play in local parks and people will stop by and play."

With only four members, Cook said he looked forward to promoting croquet and bocce in the warmer weather by playing on campus. The club also strays from campus to play, with a popular hot spot being Belle Isle.

Civil engineering junior Kristopher Pruner also lives for the warm weather that allows association meetings to take place every two weeks. Pruner

said the variety of locations in which the group has played croquet and bocce has introduced many new people to these sports.

"We are a young organization, so the fact that we got together and formed is a large accomplishment," Pruner said. "We always welcome new members and hope people will see what we do and like to join, [but] increasing group size is not the primary objective of the group. To focus solely on increasing membership would put to shame the very reason we exist: to enjoy croquet and bocce."

Jessica Sipperley



# full circlestudents bombsquad productions

This year, Bombsquad Productions helped to enrich the MSU community not only through service projects, but also by fostering leadership skills in its members and providing information and entertainment to fellow students.

"We kind of touch on all aspects of college life, or what you should get out of college life," president and criminal justice senior Meagan Mason said.

As a group, Bombsquad members do more than 200 hours of community service a semester. During the holidays, the group raises money for less fortunate families and takes them to local stores to purchase needed items.

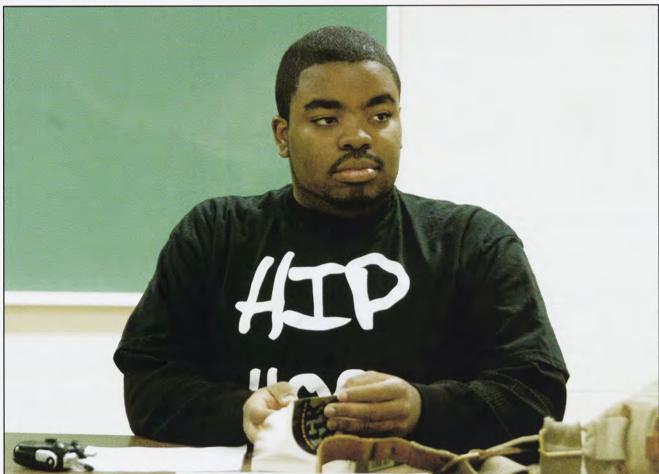
Bombsquad also hosted a Freshman Seminar Series this year to help incoming students prepare for college life. The seminars included an oppor-

tunity to ask a panel of upperclassmen about life at MSU, a sexual education program, and a lecture on how to avoid getting into credit card debt

Members of the group meet every Monday night to discuss programs and participate in a "toastmaster," where each member speaks for a full minute on a random topic in order to improve public speaking skills. On occasion, the group does community service in place of a meeting.

Mason said the group started out under a few different names, but finally chose Bombsquad Productions after someone heard about the groups many programs and commented that it was "the bomb."

Erica Richards



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Dominick Quinney listens attentively at a Bombsquad Productions meeting. Members of the group meet every Monday night.

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Fellowship of Christians International members cance down the Onondaga River. The organization takes many trips throughout the year.

courtesy of Fellowship for Christians International

#### fellowship for christians international

Michigan State University international students are given an apportunity to practice Christianity through an organization established at MSU in 1998 c alled The Fellowship of Christian Internationals. The group is a Christian organization that focuses on fellowshipping with other Christian International students. FOCI also helps to provide international students with any assistance they may need throughout their time at MSU.

FOCI meets each week to talk about programs and issues within the organization, fellowship with one another, discuss new ideas, and plan activities. The organization also participates in the MSU orientation program along with providing airport pick-ups for new international students.

"Our organization is made up of people from different countries

around the globe," FOCI president and geography graduate student Victorino Bato said. "FOCI gives one an opportunity to know, learn, and be a friend to people from other countries. Though we are from different nations, the members are amazingly bonded together by friendship."

FOCI holds many activities throughout the year, including potlucks, canoeing, apple picking, skiing, and participates in an annual International Friendship Festival. The Fellowship of Christian Internationals organization encourages any student, whether International or American, to join if they are interested in making new friends and having fun with the organization.

Kristy McCown



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#### Delta Gamma

Delta Gamma was founded nationally in 1873, making it one of the seven original women's sororities that created the Pan-Hellenic Council. The Beta Xi chapter of MSU is proud to celebrate 60 years on campus.

Their symbol, the anchor, is one of hope. The sorority's colors are bronze, pink and blue, and their motto is "do good." Delta Gamma attempts to adhere to this motto in part through their philanthropy, Service for Sight, an organization that aids the visually impaired.

The chapter also hosts Anchor Splash, an annual event that benefits their philanthropy every fall. Fraternity houses participate in various fun-spirited events that range from lip sync to synchronized swimming. The fraternity members compete for the title of "Mr. Anchorman" and the overall Anchor splash champions.

Delta Gamma's philosophy is to "foster high ideals of friendship among college women, to promote their educa-

tional and cultural interests, to create in them a true sense of social responsibility and to develop in them the best qualities of character." President Ali Glowacki, an advertising junior, has found this to hold true.

"Becoming a member of Delta Gamma was the best decision I have made during my college experience. Not only have I met a lot of amazing women that have helped me become the person I am now, but I have been given the opportunity to help the community, expand leadership skills continue to develop meaningful relationships every day," Glowacki said.

Some famous Delta Gammas include actresses Julia Louis-Dreyfus and Patricia Heaton as well as Joan Lunden from Good Morning America.

Caroline Coleman

Delta Gamma freshman Erika Johnson stuffs a goodie bag. Delta Gamma was trying to raise awareness about sun safety



# gettinginvolved Alpha Phi Gamma



cartesy of Delta Phi Gamma

Many sororities and fraternities at Michigan State University are aimed at specific students. Whether it is race, major, or interest there is a sorority or fraternity for almost anyone interested. Alpha Phi Gamma is a sorority that is geared towards Asian American women.

Alpha Phi Gamma, established in 2003, aims to unite Asian American women on campus through the bonds of friendship and sisterhood. The sorority participates regularly in events such as Domestic Violence Awareness Month and Asian Pacific American Heritage Month.

"The reason I chose to rush Alpha Phi Gamma was because I wanted to be more involved in my community." finance sophomore Kassie Girado said. "Also, the girls of Alpha Phi Gamma are very humble, strong, and hard working ladies and I wanted to be a part of an organization like that."

During their weekly meetings, the women of Alpha Phi

Gamma typically plan educational programs and events that pertain to their national philanthropy, domestic violence awareness. They also discuss Asian American culture and issues that face Asian American women.

Members of Alpha Phi Gamma have participated in an event called Midwest Sisterhood, and also volunteered at the Ronald McDonald house. The Midwest Sisterhood was held in Kansas and allowed the women to meet other sisters from Alpha Phi Gamma chapters in the Midwest.

"The sorority has been a positive influence in my life because it has helped me grow as a person," Girado said. "It made me more open minded and more confident in life."

Kristy McCown

A member of Alpha Phi Gamma reaches for a drink from the pop dispenser. This year, the sisters of Alpha Phi Gamma attended a fundraiser held at the Silverdome.



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Pi Kappa Phi

After the re-establishment of the Pi Kappa Phi fraternity on April 16, 2005, the location of the fraternity house moved from Bogue Street to 626 Cowley Ave. The motto of the fraternity is "Leaders by Choice, Leaders by Service," and the president lauds his group's commitment to the ideals of leadership and service.

"Our fraternity was founded... by a group of men who didn't like what fraternities were traditionally like, and wanted to do something different," political theory senior Kevin Hrit said. "We're working to build a chapter that reflects that."

Founded at MSU in 1925, the 35-member fraternity is part of the national Alpha Theta chapter. The fraternity colors are gold, blue and white, and the symbol is the star shield. Annual philanthropy events include a bocce ball tournament and empathy dinners, such as the one held in February. Secretary and interdisciplinary international studies junior Chris Nelson said during the dinner, led by keynote speaker Dr. Susan Peters from the education department, that each fraternity member had to eat with a different disability.

"The dinners demonstrate the meaning of the word empathy as opposed to the word sympathy," Hrit said.

The bocce ball tournament during the fall semester raised over \$5,000 to be donated to Push America, Pi Kappa Phi's specific charitable cause. Nelson said.

"We're the only fraternity in the nation with our own charitable body," Nelson said.

Jessica Sipperley



Members of Pi Kappa Phi take a break from a game of football to take a picture. The fraternity was involved with Push America.

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Sigma Kappa



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The strong support system based on ideals of friendship and sisterhood is what ties Sigma Kappa sorority members so closely together.

"The girls are there for each other," Katelyn Farrell, sorority philanthropy chair and education sophomore said.

And although the members have diverse backgrounds, "we somehow find a connection with each other and everyone truly gets along," Farrell said. "We spend hours downstairs just talking to each other."

The sorority provides not only a strong social network that can make the MSU campus feel much smaller, but members also have lots of opportunities to be engaged in fun and meaningful philanthropic, civic and social projects.

This year Sigma Kappa organized a blood drive for the American Red Cross in which they collected 60 pints of blood, surpassing their goal of 45. They also had T- shirts made for the blood drive, sold them, and donated proceeds to the Red Cross. Members are involved in many activities and projects such as Greek Week, Relay for Life and the Memory Walk for the Alzheimer's Association.

Memorable social events include Bid Day at the Baseball Academy of Mid-Michigan, prom at Walnut Hills Country Club, date party and going to see "Screech" from Saved by the Bell at Connxtions Comedy Club.

"The girls are really down to earth," said Farrell. "They feel really lucky for what they have -- to be in the house and to have each other."

Famous alumnae of the chapter includes Lou Anna K. Simon, MSU's president.

Sandra Kao

Senior Rachel Hill gives blood donation forms to sophomore Jessica Haddad at a Sigma Kappa run blood drive. The blood drive was one of the many community service events Sigma Kappa participated in.



### closesisters

Here the ladies of Alpha Omicron Pi gather for a group shot during Greek Week tall semester Their motio is "to become best."





courtesy of Alpha Omniaran

Many sororities on campus boast about having a close sisterhood and friendship within their houses. However only Alpha Omicron Pi can truly say that they are the best sisterhood, after having been awarded the 2005 Greek Gala Best Sisterhood award.

Alpha Omicron Pi has also received awards such as 2005 Greek Gala Best Philanthropy, 2005 Greek Gala Best Risk Management, 2005 Greek Rookie Woman of the Year to Vice President of Education Anastasia DeRonne, and the 2005 Cami Walker Award to Shannon Klaft

Alpha Omicron Pi was founded nationally on January 2, 1897. The Michigan State University chapter was founded 37 years later in 1934. The MSU chapter color is cardinal red; the symbols are the Jacque Minot Rose and a sheaf of wheat; and the motto is "To Become The Best."

AOII is responsible for donating the most amount of money to the Arthritis Foundation each year out of all donating organizations.

AOII participates in many activities throughout the year. These include but are not limited to AOII Strike Out Arthritis, reading at Bingham Elementary in Lansing, volunteering at soup kitchens, and walks for arthritis. They also take part in Greek House Philanthropy events such as Safe Halloween and Greek Week.

"Being a sister of Alpha Omicron Pi has had such a positive influence in my life because I have made some really great friends and I've been able to impact my community," German sophomore Lindsay Leinweber said. "The sisters in the house have developed such a close bond and everything we do is always a lot of fun."

Kristy McCown

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The members of Chi Omega reside at 229 Burcham. The scrority was established at Michigan State in 1926.





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Chi Omega

Founded on the values of leadership, friendship and scholarship in 1895, members of Chi Omega continue to carry and make valuable contributions to the community.

For the past five years the MSU chapter has organized the annual Karen King Kick Off, an all-day soccer tournament, in which the funds raised are donated to the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

They also raise money for other worthy causes through participation in competitive, fun events such as Greek Week and Pi Kappa Alpha's Pike Spike volleyball tournament.

A variety of social events and casual talk while sitting around in the house in their pajamas forge deeper connections and create fond memories.

"I've met many great girls and participated in lots of great events," human resources management sophomore and chapter vice president Julie Gegich said. "I'll look back on my college experience and remember these days forever."

In the tradition of personal growth that the sorority nurtures, Laurel Conrad, speech pathology junior, says she has learned about many aspects of life and gained many professional and interpersonal skills in her two years as a member.

"1" ll have the sisterhood for the rest of my life," she said.

Chi Omega is the largest sorority in the U.S., and distinguished alumni include author Harper Lee and actresses Joanne Woodward and Sela Ward.

Sandra Kao

#### fusingfriendship Delta Xi Phi

Delta Xi Phi is one of the newer sororities on campus, founded on January 15, 2005. Nationally, it came into existence in 1994. The fact that the sorority is just over a year old at MSU, however, doesn't stop the women from already impacting the lives of those on and off campus.

The main idea Delta Xi Phi wants to get out is diversity. The organization is primarily concerned with raising awareness and promoting women of all different cultures to come together to form a lifelong sisterhood.

The sorority is purposely small in order to help build and maintain strong connections. They take what they've learned from one another and use it in society, hoping to help people appreciate the unique and amazing differences in everyone.

With this goal in mind, Delta Xi Phi developed their five pillars: multiculturalism, advancement of women through higher education, community service, friendship and sisterhood. They use these pillars to help build the characteristics of the women within their organization.

The philanthropy for the organization is with the American Cancer Society. The women also participate in events like the Breast Cancer Walk and volunteer with the American Cancer Society. Despite all they've accomplished this year, the sorority still hopes to do more for the community at large.

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Women of Delta Xi Pi dicuss philanthropy plans at a meeting. The chapter's philanthropy is working with the American Cancer Society

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Farmhouse



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Originally created as an agricultural club at the University of Missouri, the three founding fathers of the Farmhouse fraternity, D. Howard Dane, H.P. Rusk and Earl Rusk rented a house for the organization in 1905, which later became known as the Farmhouse. Listed as a club for the next decade, the Farmhouse was later listed as a professional fraternity in 1916, and as a social fraternity in 1924.

Although they may now be best known for the "Save Farmhouse" lawn signs scattered about Grand River Avenue, the Farmhouse fraternity has proven to be unique and has earned much credibility to their name since their foundation at MSU on April 25, 1936.

This year, the fraternity has participated in philanthropy events such as the Anchor Splash, Cardiac Arrest, Greek Week, Relay for Life, Adopt-a-Highway, the Crescent Ball and many more.

Chapter Vice President Tyler Hake, a junior agribusiness management major, claims that Farmhouse has several differences from the usual fraternity. One of the most noticeable is their letters, FH, which are quite different from most others in the Greek system.

"We don't have a housemother or a cook," Hake said.
"We do everything ourselves including most of the house upkeep. Oh yeah, and we're a dry house."

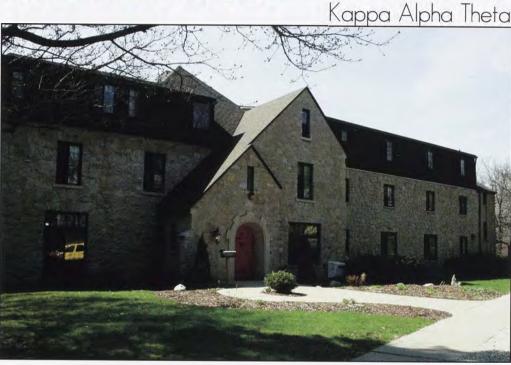
The fraternity has earned several awards within the last year, living up to their motto, "builder of men." Some of the most established awards are the 2006 IFC Chapter of the Year, the Grant Davidson Award and the New Member Programming Award. Such prestige has made the likes of former MSU President Peter McPherson, among countless others, successful after graduation.

Chris Jackett

"Save Farmhouse" signs were posted around campus this year to encourage students to learn more about the Farmhouse fraternity. The fraternity, which started out nationally as a club, was given social fraternity status in 1924.

### firstwomen

The Kappa Alpha Theta house stands porudly on a spring day. The sorority was founded nationally in 1870 and has been at MSU since 1926.



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First lady Laura Bush, singer/songwriter Sheryl Crow, actress Amy Grant, and Lynne Cheney, wife of Vice President Dick Cheney, all share a common background. All of these individuals are alumni of Kappa Alpha Theta, the first sorority ever founded:

The sorority was established nationally in 1870 at Indiana Asbury University Inow called DePaul University), and has been a member of the Greek life at MSU since 1926. It started with a woman named Bette Locke who was asked to wear the badge of a men's fraternity, but was denied initiation. Motivated by this, she decided to create her own fraternity, now known as Kappa Alpha Theta.

"Kappa Alpha Theta's Philanthropy resides in Court Appointed Special Advocates, or CASA," international relations senior and sorority president Ellen Mize said. "CASA is an advocacy program which provides mentors for children in the court and foster system."

Representatives of CASA help children find the best living conditions possible. Kappa Alpha Theta raised money for their philanthropy this year by holding a "Mr. CASAnova" male pageant.

There are many other impressive facts about the members of Kappa Alpha Theta, each proving the sorority worthy of recognition.

"Our chapter had the highest GPA for the fall '04 and spring '05 semesters," Mize said. "We also won Greek Gala Awards for financial management and arant division."

This year, Kappa Alpha Theta education senior Christine Sherwood was awarded Greek Academic Woman of the Year and Mize was honored with the title Greek Woman of the year.

Steven Ovares



# thriving brotherhood



Nick Dentamar

The men of Lambda Chi Alpha, Gamma Omicron Chapter, stand by their promise of learning, friendship, patriotism and morality.

The fraternity consists of 65 men, 37 of whom lived in the fraternity's lavish house at 128 Collingwood, where the chapter has resided since 1927 — the longest of any fraternity at MSU.

It is the oldest chartered national fraternity at the university, establishing itself in 1922, after Greek Life was allowed again.

The chapter thrives on bratherhood and expects new members to jump into the politics and social dynamics of the house.

"The mix of fraternity and brotherhood helps balance out life here at State and makes us well-rounded," political theory senior and house treasurer John Claya said.

Lambda Chi Alpha is unique in that its international policy prohibits hazing and labeling "pledges". Potential brothers are invited to rush each semester at the fraternity where "you're never a pledge," Claya said. "Every member whether an associate or an active is worthy of respect and should be treated like a man."

The chapter won the Academic Achievement Award and the Membership Recruitment Award in the Lambda Chi Alpha International Fraternity Awards, and took home several Inter-Fraternity Council Awards including Greek Community Relations and Financial Management. The group, along with Gamma Phi Beta, placed second of thirteen in MSU's Greek Week.

The chapter's philanthropy is assisting the North American Food Drive. This fall alone, they raised 11,995 pounds of food for St. John's Student Parish on M.A.C.

Alison Costello

Home to many of the fraternity's members, the Lamba Chi Alpha house holds many memories. The house at 128 Collingwood has been the chapter's home since 1927.





The Kappa Sigma house stands proudly at 715 Grove Street. The president for the year was mechanical engineering junior Evan DiMaggio.

Founded nationally in 1869 and locally in 1937, Kappa Sigma is the fourth largest fraternity in the nation. The organization recognizes the importance of things like academics and social activities, but most of all the importance of brotherhood.

Matthew Bryce Phillips, linguistics sophomore and historian of Kappa Sigma, Delta-Psi chapter, said he joined the fraternity because the brothers are "very tightly knit."

"We're very small, and, from what I've seen, a lot more diverse from a lot of other fraternities," Phillips said. "Our differences tend to bring us together, though."

Kappa Sigma is an extremely active member of the Greek community, and for Greek Week, they teamed up with Kappa Delta and Pi Kappa Alpha to organize events such as Battle of the Bands, Songfest and MTV Bar Night.

The fraternity also helped to raise money for a cancer fundraiser, Relay for Life and participated in Safe Halloween, and an adopt-a-highway project where they picked up trash on the side of Interstate 96. In addition, the fraternity holds a charity pool tournament every March to generate proceeds for the Haven House, an East Lansing shelter for homeless.

For Phillips, the fraternity is more than just community service it's a family.

"Kappa Sigma gave me a home away from home, a family, when I didn't have one," Phillips said. "Every one of these guys is someone that I can turn to for help in a time of need. That's important to me."

Kristyn Peterson



embracing differences Kappa Sigma

## communityinvolvement

Zeta Phi Beta



courtesy of Andreia McKinney

Founded Jan. 16, 1920, on the campus of Howard University, the Zeta Phi Beta Sorority is dedicated to promoting the cause of education by community service, scholarship, sisterly love and finer womanhood.

Andrea Mckinney chose Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Inc., Phi Gamma chapter, because the sorority takes an active role in the improvement of their community. One of the major programs the girls of Zeta Phi Beta participate in is Zetas Helping Other People Excel (ZHOPE). ZHOPE is a community service based project, in which the participants teach others about the importance of self-image.

"We teach everyone, from the children up to the elderly, about mind, body, spirit and soul," food industry management senior Mckinney said. "It's really just about being more comfortable with yourself, and that's what we

are trying to do."

The girls also participate in the cancer fundraiser Relay for Life, the Finer Womanhood Workshop, and community service projects with the National Pan Hellenic Council.

"Sisterly love does not stop with the sisters, it stops with mankind." Mckinney said. "We understand the importance of grassroots community involvement."

Mckinney said that her favorite part of being a member was the sisterhood it provided.

"There are no two people that are the same," Mckinney said. "It's so important to have a well rounded group, and we are fortunate to have that."

Kristyn Peterson

The sisters of Zeta Phi Beta gather for a picture while volunteering at the Breslin Center. Zeta Phi Beta was the first greek organization to establish a chapter in west Africa in 1948.

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## betteringmen

The Alpha Sigma Phi house is home to many members of the fraternity whose purpose is to "better the man." The organization was founded nationally on Dec & 1845, at Yale



courtesy of Alpha Sigma Pri

Alpha Sigma Phi

The purpose of the Alpha Sigma Phi fraternity is to "better the man." They do this by providing opportunities for their members to help better themselves through events like etiquette classes, mentoring, study nights and resume workshops.

"Our philosophy is that to be an Alpha Sig is first and foremost to be a gentleman," food industry management senior Paul Keifer said. "That philosophy pervades everything we do."

Alpha Sigma Phi puts on an Ultimate Frisbee tournament every year as one of their ways of raising money for charity. They also take time out of their schedule to participate in other events for charity put on by other organizations. Each year, Alpha Sigma Phi participates in a Broomball game put on by Pi Beta Phi.

"We participate in Broomball because it's a great

way to raise money for a good cause and it's a lot of fun," Keifer said. "Our fraternity has always had a great relationship with Pi Beta Phi, so naturally [we] support their philanthropy event."

Along with other fraternities and sororities, Alpha Sigma Phi also participates in Safe Halloween, in which they sponsor fun events like bean bag tosses, a moonwalk and a haunted house.

Nationally, the organization was founded on Dec. 6, 1845, at Yale University. It was founded on Oct. 18, 1997 at MSU. Since then, the organization has and continues to make its mark on campus through its different members and their volunteer work.

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Kappa Kappa Gamma, the Delta Gamma chapter, is one of 131 nationwide chapters making the sorority one of the strongest around.

"Kappa Kappa Gamma's motto is 'tradition of leadership' and I think we display that through top ranking GPAs and noteworthy philanthropy events," said Megan Glisky, interior design junior and chapter president. "Our women are sophisticated and have worked hard to keep our house strong."

The sorority was founded Oct. 13. 1870, and the Delta Gamma chapter in 1930. Kappa Kappa Gamma was the first women's sorority to publish a magazine. Rose McGill Magazine. The sorority also donates books to elementary schools and hospitals.

In recent years, Kappa Kappa Gamma has boasted one of the highest grade point averages on campus, holding the top spot from fall 2003 through fall 2004. They have earned 2004 Greek Gala awards for scholarship and philanthropy, and a 2004 Province Convention award for scholarship.

"I thought I would join and maybe make a few friends. I have gained so much independence and self-confidence that I never thought I would have," Glinsky said. "Not only have I met dozens of wonderful people, but I have also learned valuable leadership and people skills that I will take with me after my years at Michigan State."

Well-known Kappa Kappa Gamma sisters include actress Ashley Judd journalist Jane Pauley and fashion designer Kate Spade.

Chris Jackett

The Kappa Kappa Gamma house stands tall and proud, as it has for many years. The sorority was founded on Oct. 13th, 1870.

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Kappa Kappa Gamma

# futureeducators Kappa Delta Pi

Kappa Delta Pi is committed to excellence in education through community service in their community. This year they supported Hurricane Katrina victims.

They held a book fair in which they raised nearly \$1500. They sent 900 books down south to the victims along with the money. This was in addition to the annual book fair they put on. The profits from the traditional fair were used to buy more books that were sent with a study abroad group in Africa.

Some of their other community service involved food and clothing drives, "Into the Streets" on MLK Day and participation in College of Education events.

Along with their community service activities, Kappa Delta Pi has meetings once a month with speakers. The speakers included Dr. Randi Stanuli's teacher retention, Elizabeth Larwa's "Going Above and Beyond the Call of Teaching" and Kristen Pfendtner's "Dressing for Success".

With all of their success, Kappa Delta Pi said that its members are the most important part of their organiza-

"I'd say the most notable detail about our organization is that it is growing, which is wonderful and I am thrilled and comfortable to 'pass on the torch' next year." said Rebecca Parker, elementary education and language arts senior and president.

With the things they are doing for the community's education here and around the world, Kappa Delta Pi will continue to have an impact on MSU.

Lakeeva Blue



Special education senior Amanda Schmitz and education senior Callie Clausnitzer hug Sparty at the MSU College of Education alumni tailgate.

exceptionalwomen Zeta Tau Alpha



courtesy of Zeta Tau Alpha

The Zeta Tau Alpha fraternity house stands stoically at 639 MAC Ave., with a marked series of black shuttered windows accenting a white exterior. With 115 members, the MSU chapter was founded in 1931.

The major philanthropic event of Zeta Tau Alpha was the Cheer Classic, held on Feb. 12. President Heather Shafer said the event, held in IM West, included a cheerleading and dance competition for teams all over the state, as well as a 50/50 raffle and silent auction.

The event raised \$16,000 for Breast Cancer Education and Awareness, Zeta Tau Alpha's national philanthropy. Shafer said the event will be moved to a larger venue, such as Jenison Field House, next year in order to

accommodate the attendees.

"The main focus is not who wins the awards," Shafer, a psychology senior, said. "It is about raising money for Breast Cancer Education and Awareness."

Zeta Tau Alpha members also received the 2005 Chapter of the Year Award. Philanthropy co-chair and communications junior Lucie Richards said this honor was due largely to the success of the Cheer Classic event.

"Our chapter is very proud to have won this award," Richards said. "We hope to continue to be an exceptional chapter in the Greek community."

Jessica Sipperley

The members of Zeta Tau Alpha show some sisterly love on the front steps of their house. The house is located on M.A.C. Street and can house up to lifty sisters at a time.

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## residential living

Dorms

### homes away from home

east complex

The east zone dormitories, Hubbard, Akers, Holmes, McDonel, Owen, and Van Hoosen Halls, all hold stories made up of memories from thousands of students past and present who have lived there. For at least a year, these structures serve as more than just a place for students to rest their heads at night. Instead they are the grounds where lifelong friends are formed and everlasting memories are made.

"I will always have some good memories from my year spent living in Hubbard." biology and zoology sophomore Amanda Lafferty said. "For starters, you could see the capital building from the top floor." Lafferty is referring to her time spent in campus's tallest housing quarters, the Hubbard dorms. The structure entails both a north and a south tower, which are twelve stories tall.

Lafferty kept an upbeat attitude when asked if she liked the idea of living near the top of such a tall building. This was exemplified as she revealed one of her favorite memories from her dorm life.

"My friends and I would have a TV night once a week and we would get dinner and ice cream at the Hubbard cafeteria as a group before hand," Lafferty said. "We would all joke as we took the stairs instead of the elevator back to my room that we were burning off our meal. My friends came to my dorm for dinner because it was rumored to have the best undergraduate food on campus."

Hubbard is one of six buildings making up the east zone dormitories. While five out the six dorms in this zone are typical in fashion, Van Hoosen stands apart from the rest.

Van Hoosen has some obvious differences from the standard dorm. For one, the hall is for female residents only and consists of university owned apartments instead of dorm rooms.

"Van Hoosen had all the benefits of dorm living and all the perks of living in an apartment," social relations sophomore Megan Anderson said. "I chose to live there because I still wanted to be close to campus, yet to get away from the normal dorm experience and standard cafeteria food."

Anderson said living in Van Hoosen was not all that different from living in a regular apartment.

"I liked my time in Van Hoosen because it provided me with a quiet environment to relax." Anderson said. "My best memory from my time there was simply relaxing with all of my friends with the door open in the warm months letting the sound from my neighbors guitar next door drift into my room." Anderson also enjoyed barbequing in Van Hoosen's own private courtyard.

"You should always try to enjoy your living arrangements on campus," Anderson said. "For the time being, it is your home away from home."

Steven Ovares



Students enter the Forest H. Akers Hall throught the west side doors. Akers is one of the six halls located in the east zone orea.

At night, lights from Holmes Hall illuminate the corner of Shaw and Wilson Road. Holmes is home to the Lyman Briggs School, one of the residential colleges on campus.



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# diverse qualities south complex

If personal bathrooms and co-ed living sounds appealing, then the South Zone residence halls are a definite option for living. The South Zone, made up of Holden, Case, Wilson, and Wonders Halls, is situated across from the Intramural fields and near Munn Ice Arena, Sportan Stadium, the Breslin Center and IM West.

Each hall located in South Zone offers something unique. Holden, for example, is home to MSU's radio station: Impact 89 FM. Holden also houses the students of the Academic Scholars Program, which helps high-achieving students take advantage of all MSU has to offer.

"I really like Holden because they have a great staff, fun mentors, and there are so many things going on," no preference sophomore and Holden resident Brooke Becksford said. "I also think that South Complex is a great location on campus; it's close to the stadium-tailgating, Breslin, Munn, IM buildings, etc."

Holden Hall is also known for its' great cafeteria food, extensive salad bar selection, and "Omelet Specialist" Charles. Charles has been working in the cafeteria for two years serving his specialty omelets and says he enjoys talking and interacting with students and likes it when other students come from across campus to eat.

Many student athletes live in Case Hall, which hosts the training tables for Spartan Football and Basketball. Barista Cafe is also located in Case Hall, where students can use their meal plans or Sparty cash to order coffee and specialty drinks. Case Hall is also home to the James Madison and Honors Colleges.

"Half of my classes are in the same building as I live and all the people I have class with live in the same building, you couldn't ask for much more," James Madison no preference freshman and Case Hall resident John Bremer said.

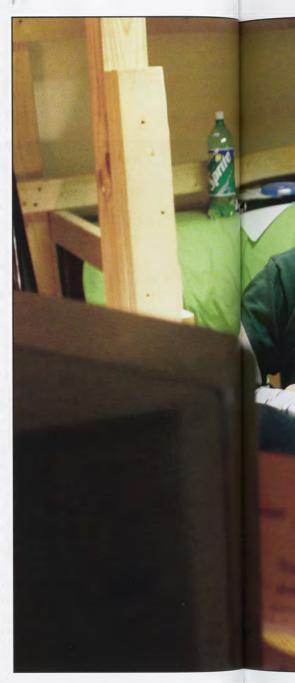
Wonders Hall is located on the south side of campus and includes two male and female quiet floors and two coed-by-suite floors. The cafeteria features made-to-order sandwiches and has the biggest variety of soups on campus.

Students can find Totally Takeout in Wilson Hall, along with the Department of Residence Life. Wilson, as well as Wonders Hall, provides barrier-free living accommodations. All of West Wilson is smoke-free with three quiet floors for both males and females.

South Zone houses students of all ages and not only has a prime location, but contains halls that offer certain qualities that encourage students to stay for more than one year.

"I plan on living in Case Hall again because of its' prime location to all the sports and intramural activities." Bremer said.

Kristy McCown



James Madison freshman Megan O'Brien sits confortably in front of her loft lacing her computer in her Case Hall dorn room. Lofts are a popular excessory in dorn rooms across campus

Students play cards in the Case Hall game room during game night. Other luxeries in south zone halls include pool tables, study lounges and Sparty covenient stores.



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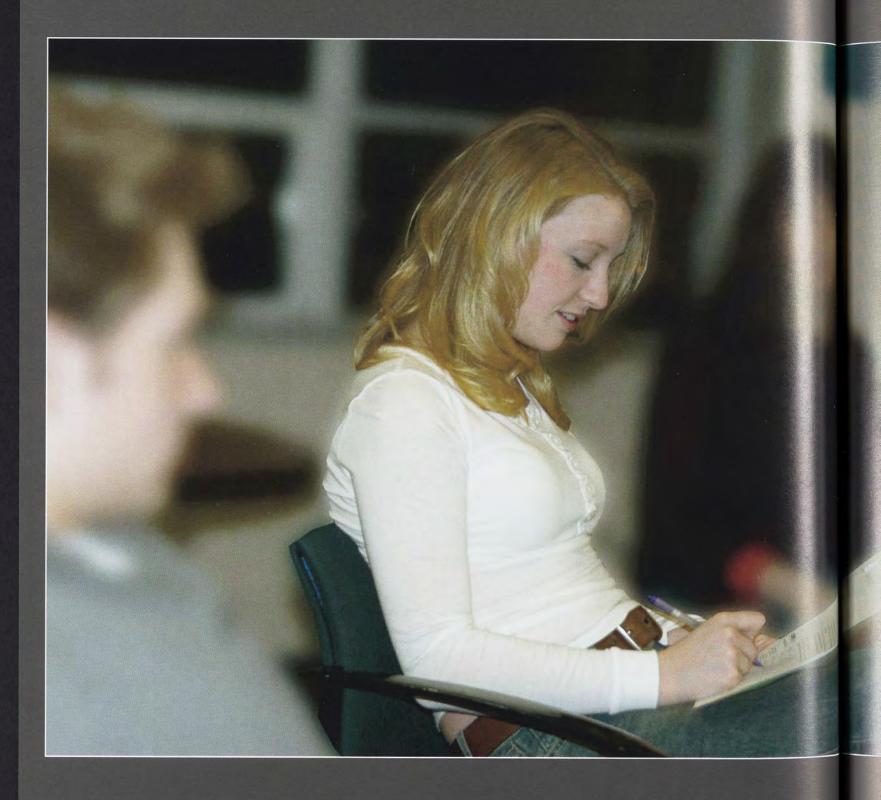


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During the day, sunlight brightens the Wonders lounge enough for students to read and study without artificial lighting. The hall lounges are used as living rooms for students.



### Nicole Selby

### RESIDENT MENTOR

Animal science senior Nicole Selby lived in a single dorm room last year, and didn't pay one cent for it. She also ate an unlimited number of meals in the campus cafeterias, which were also complimentary.

Free room and board is one of the many benefits resident mentors enjoy. Resident mentors are student residents who live on a hall floor and work for the Reslife department of MSU to provide any assistance a resident might need. Each floor of every dorm has at least two mentors, one for each side. At their basic level, mentors are there for safety and information but they also foster community, help develop multicultural awareness, and enhance the academic experience by running hall programs. According to the mentor description on the Reslife website, "Mentors must make significant connections with their residents, help residents know each other, and connect residents to the resources and opportunities of the larger university."

As the mentor on the fourth floor of West McDonel, Selby was responsible for facilitating floor discussions, enforcing basic rules and making sure that everyone was comfortable.

"I enjoy making the transition easier," Selby said. "Sometimes it's difficult for students to live on their own. Being a mentor allows me to help others when they need it."

Selby usually began her day by waking up at 7:15 a.m. to run five miles or more. After a shower she headed to class where she usually ate lunch because as soon as class is over, Selby rushed straight to work.

After work, Selby often wandered to Shaw, where she ate an early dinner before her statistics class at 5:30 p.m. By 7:15 p.m., Selby was back at work, this time in the Junior Surgery De-

partment of the Vet-Med Building. Here, Selby cleaned surgical equipment and animal cages, and kept track of inventory and prepared surgery packs. By 9:15 p.m., she was ready to go home.

"Around 9:30, I finally got time to relax." Selby said, using her hands to put quote marks around the word relax. "I do my homework and take care of my mentor responsibilities after I aet home from work."

Selby said that she often thought her residents, especially new students, feared her until they got to know her.

"Sometimes I think that new students are afraid of mentors; that they think that mentors are out to get them," Selby said. "That's not the case though. I'm a student, trying to get through the day and the semester, just like any other resident on my floor."

As evidence, she offered the following story: "Last year, there were some boys who lived on my floor that went out to the bar. I wake up at about 3:30 a.m. because I heard some noises. When I went out in the hallway, there the boys were, in their underwear, boas, sunglasses and straw hats. As soon as they saw me, they screamed 'human football!' They picked me up and started running down the hallway. I don't even think I yelled at them because I was laughing so hard."

Selby feels that it is important that her residents also know that she is a student first and a mentor second. She knows what it is like to be in the situation of many of her students, and just wants to help. "As long as everyone is comfortable, I'm doing my job," she said.

Kristyn Peterson

Contemplating his next move, Cameron Louis, 1 North Abbot mentor, plays chess with a resident. Mentors and residents developed strong friendships by living in the dorms.



Nick Dentamaro



In real estate, they say location is everything. For education junior and Shaw Hall resident Miranda Stevenson, the same can be said for residence halls. Situated at the center of campus, close to all the major buildings, Shaw is the right place to live when all your classes are close by. Stevenson cited location as the best thing about living at Shaw, with her classes so close that she always walks instead of taking the bus. Another feature she enjoys about Shaw are the "loftable" beds.

Snyder, Phillips, Mason and Abbot Halls lie to the northeast of Shaw just beyond the Red Cedar River. Built in the late 1930s the red brick exterior, ivy-covered walls and slate roofs exude an old-fashioned aura about these dorms that their residents appreciate.

"I like the architecture of the dorms" child development sophomore and Snyder Hall resident Katie Milan said. "I think it's really beautiful compared to the standard huge buildings you often see."

There are additional reasons residents like the dorms in this complex. In fact, many students live in the Red Cedar Zone for more than one year.

"It's nice here because you get to know a lot of people because it's such a small dorm," two-year Abbot Hall resident and biosystems engineering junior Trista Gregorski said. "Especially working as a receptionist, you get to know almost everyone and it's close to a lot of parties too."

Some students who have lived elsewhere before moving to Mason/

Abbot know what they were missing out on. Mason Hall resident and Lyman Briggs microbiology sophomore Francesca lannucci, who lived in Holmes last year, appreciates the convenience of having community bathrooms that are cleaned daily by staff.

The dining experience is also more intimate and enjoyable at the cafeeria in Abbot Hall when compared to Holmes, lannucci said.

"You can always find your friends as opposed to Holmes Hall where you had to search out the entire cafeteria," lannucci said. "Also, being a smaller cafeteria, there are more made-to-order options. And they generally cafer to vegetarians more."

lannucci also mentioned the fact that there is generally more parking near Mason Hall making things easier — especially during the hectic move-in and out days.

Snyder/Phillips will be closed from May 2006 until August 2007 for an \$18 million renovation and the addition of a new residential college in the arts and humanities:

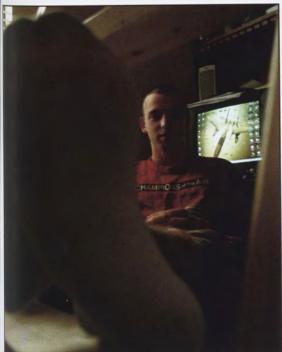
Restroom facilities will be redesigned, and many upgrades to improve accessibility, safety and comfort for its residents will be made. The new residential college will surely enrich the academic experience of its residents.

Sandra Kao

### center of attention

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(Above) North Abbot Hall gives students a scenic view of various types of trees and easy access to Grand River Ave. Abbot is one of the older, but still accessible dorms on campus.

(Left) Freshman Kevin Bishop relaxes in Abbot Hall. Students take pleasure in their off time, being out of the class-

## a walk through history

west circle complex



Student creativity comes through during the winter months on campus. A lonely snowman

stands alone in front of Mary Mayo hall.

and smell the roses." Luckily, West Circle complex's ivy-walls, arched doorways, gorgeous architecture, and amazing gardens has a way of encouraging a relaxing moment to oneself. Here, students can sit next to a historic fountain and ignore the pile of books being lugged in a backpack, if only for a few minutes.

The life of many college students is notoriously

busy, chaotic and crazy, leaving little time to "stop

To some, this blissful narrative actually depicts an ordinary scenario, experienced daily here at MSU. These individuals are the members of the West Circle community, living, learning, and experiencing college at Mayo, Campbell, Landon, Yakeley-Gilchrist, and Williams dormitories.

West Circle can be thought of as the 'paradise of dorms', judging by the perceptions of some community members. The atmosphere is the result of many location-related perks blended with history, gargeous landscaping and scenery, and all available in a bundled package.

"I really like the location, it's in close proximity to Grand River and everything happening there like restaurants, as well as the library and music building," special education senior Jessica Brtva said. "It's just beautiful."

The buildings in West Circle are now ideal living locations for MSU students due to their closeness to a multitude of amenities: IM Circle, IM West, Student Union Building, Music Building, and downtown East Lansing are all literally a hopskip-and-a-jump away from the dorm complex.

"I definitely like the small size—you really ge to know everyone. I still see people around from my freshman year," finance junior Emma Marken said. "I'd say it's the most beautiful place a campus. and there's always musicians playing it the lobby!"

Mahnken lived in West Circle for two and a half years, and has continued her bond by serving as a receptionist there. She explained that with the School of Music being located so close, may musicians utilize the study lounges of the complet to practice their art.

Aside from the practical and aesthetic benefits to residing in West Circle Complex, the building are right in the domain of historic MSU. Each or the buildings has a history, with Mayo hall as a prime example. Created as a women's dormitory in 1931, rumors persist today of the ghost of May Mayo, whom the dormitory was named after Students have allegedly reported seeing her ghost walking the hallways. Such rumors are symbolic of the rich history found in West Circle. In addition all within walking distance are Beaumont Tower Linton Hall and plenty of other monuments remind ing students of the days MSU was known  $\alpha$ MAC- Michigan Agricultural College. The most intriguing memoir may be the memory marker of Saint's Rest, located east of the current Museum representing the location of the very first domitory at MAC, which burned down 1876.

Ashley Waldorf



Two Mary Mayo residents brave the cold walk to class. Students living on-campus enjoy the convenience of classes close by.

### Dawn Trew CAFETERIA WORKER

Many may think the most important job in the cafeteria to be the refilling of bins in the buffet lines. But the first and last person seen in the cafeteria is the person of admittance: the ID-card swiper. In Case Hall, Dawn Trew swipes the identification cards at North side door, her white hair bobbing slightly with each movement of her arm. She makes her interaction with students into something, more than a rite of passage into the cafeteria.

"I try to think of something that might be interesting to talk about," Trew said. "They are my extended family."

Trew cannot quite remember her first day at the Case Hall cafeteria, but she said her previous experience as a teacher allows her to easily communicate with the diners. Instead of simply sliding the card through the scanner machine before every meal, Trew acknowledges each student by name, often with a compliment or easy conversation about the day.

The harsh fluorescent lighting glints off of Trew's round glasses as she casually chats about the weather or a difficult class with a hungry student. Talking with the students every day is the most rewarding part of her job, Trew said.

"Otherwise, it would bore me to tears," Trew said. Trew's legacy in the cafeteria has transcended Internet barriers as well. Even during the most crowded time, Trew initiates a chat with every student, and nobody minds the hold-up. She is the subject of the Facebook group "I Only Let Dawn Swipe my ID Card," with 176 members. The group exists to appreciate Trew's dedication to making the mundane routine of entering the cafeteria into a memorable experience.

"It's a very neat present to me," Trew said.
"It's sort of a pat on the back that I must be doing something right."

Trew works the dinner shift in Case Hall Monday through Friday, from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. She said she has been working in the cafeteria for over eight years. When she is not scanning student cards at the door, Trew straightens up the chairs and tables in the dining area, and refills napkins as necessary.

Trew said her favorite time of year at MSU is autumn, with spring at a close second with the cherry trees in bloom by the MSU Library.

"I like fall the best, with all of the colors," Trew said. "It's one of the prettiest campuses."

Jessica Sipperley



Jacob Vinl



A view of Emmons Hall of the Brody compex. The Brody complex is home to six buildings of dorms with one in the center holding the largest cafeteria on campus.

Beckie Sherwoo

# fresh meet brody complex

Home to a majority of MSU freshman, the Brody Complex is located on Michigan Avenue and Harrison Road. The complex is made up of six residence halls with a central building for the cafeteria, classrooms, a Sparty's convenience store, and other oncamous services.

The Brody Complex houses 2,300 students with each hall holding about 400 students. Rooms in the Brody Complex are the biggest found on campus. Students can skip the bathroom cleaning because all six of the Brody residence halls have community bathrooms. The complex also offers a place for residents to play volleyball and basketball in courtyards spread throughout the complex.

The Brody Complex is also known for its ever-popular Lafayette Square. This special cafeteria provides a wide variety of pastas that residents can choose from in the cafeteria. Many students have claimed this feature, among many others, makes Brody's the best cafeteria on campus.

"Brody has a really good cafeteria, there are a lot of options," biochemistry freshman and Emmons Hall resident David Lyons said. "I like the food in the cafeteria a lot."

Each of the six residence halls has distinctive features that set them apart from

the others. For example, residents are cooled by the air-conditioning found in all the Butterfield Hall rooms. Bailey Hall is home to the Residential Option for Science and Engineering Students (ROSES) and Bryan Hall houses an Honors College floor, with designated quiet hours on each floor. Armstrong and Emmons Halls are completely smoke-free and Rather Hall is alcohol-free.

Although the Brody Complex has collected many aliases among MSU students like "Grody Brody" and the "Brojects," many students enjoy living in Brody because of the atmosphere and choose to live there even after their first year.

"I chose to live in Brody for another year because the rooms are big and there is air-conditioning in Butterfield," construction management sophomore and Butterfield resident Eric Baughman said. "Plus it is a lot of fun because a lot of the people that live here are freshman."

The Brody Complex is conveniently located near the Breslin Center – a bonus for students with Izzone tickets – and is also just minutes from Grand River Ave. Overall, students find it hard to complain about all that Brody has to offer.

Kristy McCown



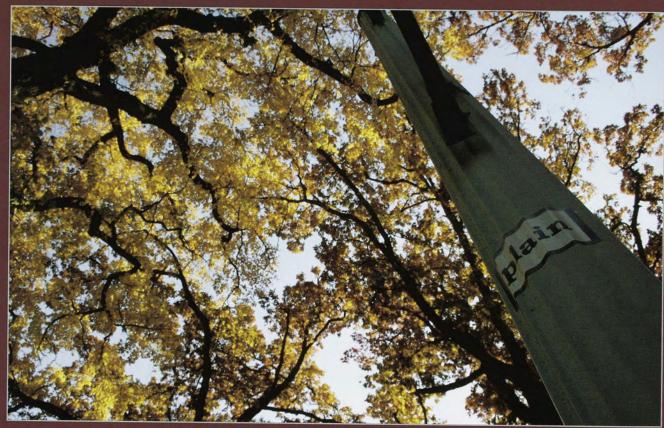
Trevor Carringto

Concentrating on making the perfect wrap, spanish freshman Alex Capozzi uses the sandwich-making skills she has developed working in the Brody Cafeteria. Many students chose to work in the cafeterias for their flexible hours and convenient locations.

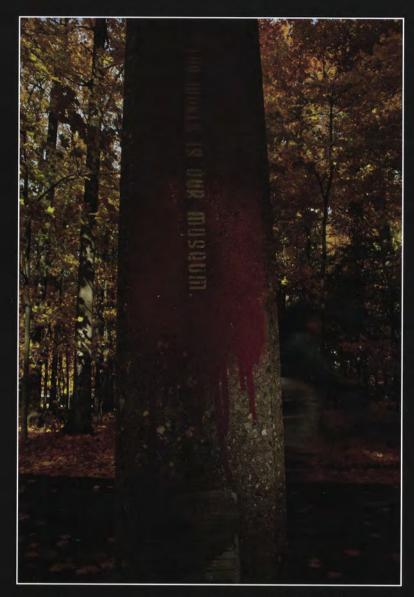


Rather Hall freshmen Bryant Smith, Eric Reitzlöff, Edwin Hughes and John Moss get into an intense 16-player game of Halo. The residents hooked their Xbox up to the T.V. in the Rather common room and connected to 12 other players in the building.

Beckie Sherwo

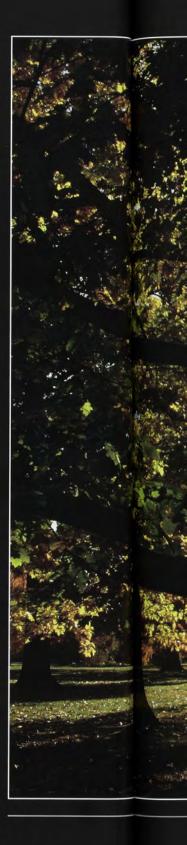


# awalk through campus Photography



Michigan State is full of students' little touches here and there. When I'm out shooting I love to incorporate these touches into some photos. I thought a long exposure would be interesting and make the biker in the middle ground look like an exhibit in a museum.

Nick Dentamaro





I choose to silhouette this tree to emphasize it's intricate shape as well as the colorful fall leaves in the background. The trees shadow causes nice gradient into the background and the sun up just adds a nice touch. MSU is filled with these amazing trees.

Nick Dentamaro



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It was one of those days when you're out shooting and something is not right. Either you can find cool subjects but just can't get a good perspective, or just not being able to find anything to shoot. Well, I walked by the Beaumont and saw a bunch of ladybugs and thought to my self, I need something simple today. So I shot for something simple, the ladybugs, and it worked out well 1'd say.

Nick Dentamaro

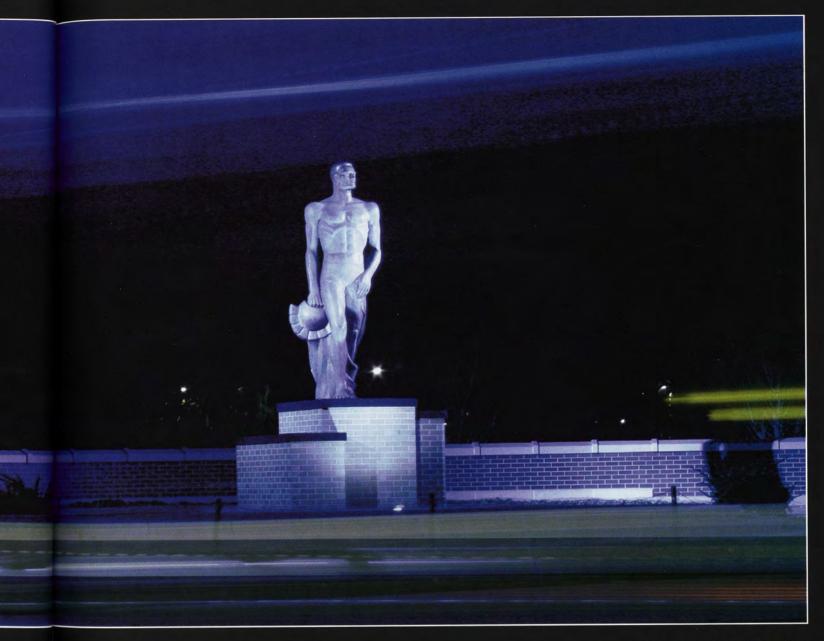
I was out shooting at Williams Hall a few days after a big snow. It was pretty warm that day and I heard the snow melting and dripping. The broken gutter really caught my eye and I figured I'd play around and shoot it for a while. Stepping back and looking around usually yields great things.



The reason I took it like this instead of a straight on, full body shot was because most every picture I have ever seen of the statue was straight on. I thought a close-up side view of his face looked cool. It also showed all of the detail that the artists put in constructing the statue.

Trevor Carrington



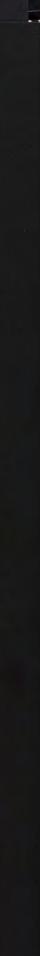


I wanted to capture the motion of cars going in front of what I consider to be the emblem of MSU. I set the camera up on a tripod and used a remote shutter release.

Jacob Vink









Pictured is Sophomore Jumper Chaquerra Allen jumping during the 2006 Spartan Invitational. Allen beat out 17 other jumpers to win the long jump event during the invitational. I like this photo because you can really see both the focus and excitment of the jump in her face.

Jacob Vink



I took this picture at the men's basketball game vs. Georgia Tech. I thought it was pretty cool how the fans held their hands up as a form of supersitition when an MSU player was shooting free throws, and it is pretty cool seeing thousands of fans do the exact same thing at the exact same time.

Trevor Carrington



This is one of those pictures that you take because you're in a creative mood. I always think it is interesting to look at things from different perspectives. This particular photo was taken looking through a hole in a wall looking toward a statue of a little girl.

Erika Greenia



When I saw this statue I couldn't help but take a picture. The statue's dark color really stood out to me because the sky was so bright and blue. The contrast was perfect. I took the picture looking up at the statue, so that angle really emphasised the girl's outstretched arms. The clouds and shadows played in nicely to help emphasise the arms and the contrast

Erika Greenia

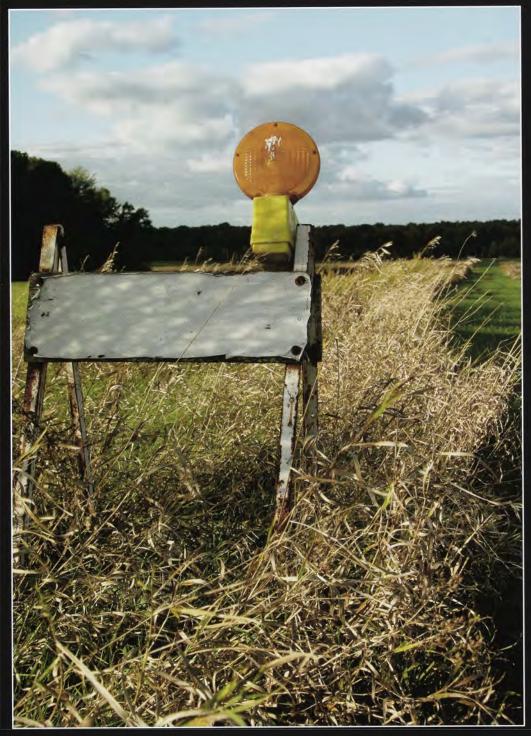


photo contest winner.

I took this photo one weekend this past fall on the south end of campus, beyond Mt. Hope road. There are a lot of interesting sights down there that usually get forgotten about because it is so far away and so different from the rest of campus. The late day sun was perfect for the setting and made for a great shot.

Spencer Olinek



photo contest winner -

I was out taking night shots around campus, and the reflection of the Erickson hall lights helped illuminate the graffiti. "Lo and though thine passage is dark, I shall emerge unscathed."

Seth Connors



# fighting for spartan VICTORY Varsity Sports

## a tale of two **SFA**



Defenders Domata Peko (96) and Greg Cooper (29) tackle a Penn State player at Spartan Stadium. Peko's career high included 4 tackles during a game against Illinois earlier in the season.

### Spartans have year of ups and downs after surprise loss to Michigan and end the season 5-6

Devastating losses in the second half of the season marred an impressive start to Spartan football this year. The downfall started with a surprising loss to the Michigan Wolverines in the middle of the season. Overall the Spartans were 5-6 on the year and 2-6 in Big Ten play.

The team was riding high coming into their first conference home game undefeated with impressive wins against Kent State, 49-14 and Hawaii, 42-14. MSU survived a nail biter at Notre Dame, 44-41, pulling through and planting their flag on the home team's 50-yard line. The team started conference play by trouncing Illinois, 61-14. In their first four games the Spartans outscored their opponents 196-83.

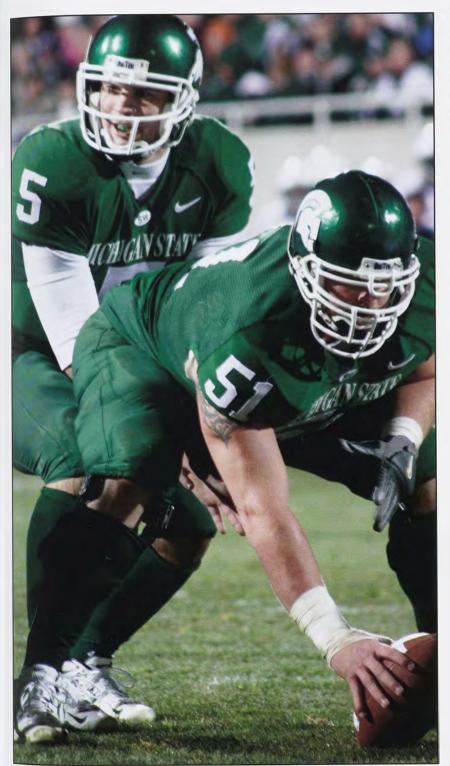
The team's 31-34 overtime loss to Michigan was the first of six total losses in the season, with only one more win against Indiana, 46-15. Defensive troubles and kicking blunders haunted

the team the rest of the season. Spartan kickers combined to go 5-of-16 on field goal attempts in the year.

The team gave fans something to cheer about with powerful offense and much improvement shown by junior quarterback Drew Stanton, a Heisman Trophy watch early in the season. However, the moment that may live in many Spartan minds was senior defensive tackle Domata Peko recovering a fumble, and running 74 yards into the end zone to tie the score at 31 late in the game against Michigan.

"Looking back it was a year of ups and downs." Spanish senior and Corner Blitz member Stacey Smith said. "The football team gave MSU some great memories and I can't wait for next year's football season to begin."

Steven Ovares



Ben Achtabowski

Quarterback Drew Stanton awaits a snap from center Chris Morris during the game against Penn State. Stanton was ranked as the number one passer in MSU history completing 64.1 percent of his passes.

Opponent	Score	Win/Loss
Kent State	49-14	Win
Hawaii	42-14	Win
Notre Dame	44-41	Win
Illinois	61-14	Win
Michigan	34-31	Loss
Ohio State	35-24	Loss
Northwestern	49-14	Loss
Indiana	46-15	Win
Purdue	28-21	Loss
Minnesota	41-18	Loss
Penn State	31-22	loss

5-6



Ben Achtabowski

Wide receiver Kerry Reed bows his head in disappointment at the end of the game against Penn State University. The Spartans lost their last game with a score of 22-31.

# regional FLOURISH

Name	Class
Aaron Bachman	Freshman
Matt Bartlebaugh	Junior
David Bills	Sophomore
lan Boyle	Freshman
Nathan Egger	Senior
Max Goldak	Freshman
Joshua Hofbauer	Freshman
Amol Huprikar	Freshman
Nick Katsefaras	Freshman
Jake Kloss	Sophomore
Daniel Lewis	Freshman
Nick Oertel	Junior
Jim Pancoast	Junior
Dana Pitcock	Freshman
Stephen Shay	Sophomore
Bobby Sherman	Junior
Adam Sprangler	Sophomore
Dustin Voss	Sophomore
Justin Zanotti	Junior

Head Coach Walt Drenth





MSU men's cross country coach Walt Drenth delivers a pre-race address to his team. This season marked Drenth's second year as head coach.

Members of the Men's Cross Country team run through the snow and wind. The group practiced year-round despite harsh weather



Race	Place
Roy Griak Invitational	13th
Pre-NCAA Meet	15th
Big Ten Championships	7th
Great Lakes NCAA Regional	7th



toward the thish line during a meet MSU cross country Inished 7th in the Big Ten Tournament this season.

Five miles is a distance many people only dream about completing, and even fewer actually do it on a regular basis. The MSU men's cross country team, led by second-year coach Walt Drenth, competes in several eight-kilometer races around the country.

The end of the 2005 season was capped off with an appearance in the Great Lakes NCAA Regional meet in Bloomington, Ind. The Spartans finished seventh out of 30 teams, led by geography junior James Pancoast, who garnered 23rd place with a time of 31:55.

Drenth cited the regional meet as the greatest team accomplishment and said it was the "best team race."

"At that point, we decided to believe we were decently competitive," Drenth said. "At the race we ran like a group that could make it to [the national meet.]"

Criminal justice senior Justin Zanotti agreed and said the regional meet showcased the team's ability to come together.

"Regionals was probably one of our best races as a team," Zanotti said. "Beating Michigan -- it was cool."

The Spartans bounced back from a 15th place finish out of 34 teams at the Pre-NCAA Meet in Terre Haute, Ind., in October and with only one runner on the path to graduation, the team looks to have a solid roster for next fall. According to Drenth, the entire freshman class was red-shirted, giving them a chance to gain experience to be competitive next

Jessica Sipperley

A few of the cross country team's women pose for a picture before a meet. The women ended 5th palce in the Big Ten tournament.

# crossing the **FINISH LINE**

Race	Place
Notre Dame	6th
Invitational	
Pre-NCAA meet	8th
Big Ten	5th
Great Lakes	5th
NCAA Regional	
NCAA	30th
Championship	



### Women's Cross Country

Name	Class
Emily Adama	Sophomore
Katie Anderson	Senior
Brittany Ballard	Senior
Nancy Boyd	Sophomore
Nicole Bush	Sophomore
Jena Donlin	Freshman
Katie Forsyth	Junior
Rachel Griffen	Freshman
Diane Hamilton	Freshman
Jennifer Hamilton	Freshman
Kelly Higgins	Sophomore
Elizabeth Huber	Freshman
Brittany Jensen	Freshman
Aimee Keenan	Senior
Katie Kelly	Junior
Laura Malnor	Freshman
Sarah McCormack	Junior
Michelle Mercer	Freshman
Alise Nilsson	Freshman
Sarah Price	Freshman
Michelle Rafferty	Junior
Lisa Senakiewich	Sophomore
Sarah Stornant	Junior
Rachel Ward	Junior





courtesy of Emily Adams



Two of the Lady Spartans run against two Central Michigan women and one Ferris State competitor. The women's cross country team strived for their best all season both on and off course.



Emily Adama races to the finsih line in hot pursuit of a Spartan victory. The Women's cross country team finished their 2005 season 30th at the NCAA championship.

The Michigan State women's cross country team has had continued success being part of the NCAA championships for five straight seasons. Much of their success is credited to the teams disciplined training and motivation for excellence.

"I'm of the opinion that if one wants to really discover his/her potential in college, he/she needs to be willing to live a disciplined existence," head coach Rita Ardnt-Molis said. "That means being your best in academics, athletics, and in personal relationships."

Her opinion of "being your best" is reflected in the team's overall GPA for 2005, a 3.61.

The team was unable to duplicate their top-fifteen place last year coming in 30th at the NCAA championships this year. Top runner and English senior Michelle Rafferty placed 92nd with an overall time of 21:20.

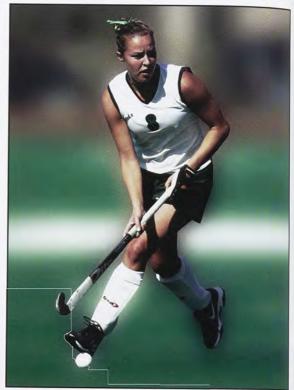
"The top three or four runners] work hard every day and are competitive, which hopefully sets the standard for the rest of the team," Rafferty said.

The cross-country team is also involved in community service activities outside of their training and racing.

"We try to participate in as much community service as time allows," Ardnt-Molis said. "Many of the women on the team volunteer their time in local schools through a pen pals program, or raise funds for toys for tots — it's a really well-rounded group."

"I am motivated by other girls on my team, they continually work hard and push me," Rafferty said. "I also am motivated by the fact that I simply want to be better and I know that everyday I need to work extremely hard to do this."

Kristy McCown

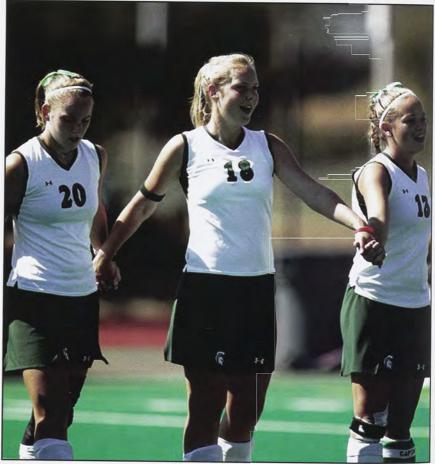


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Retail junior Ashley Pernicano takes control of the ball during a field hockey game. This year's season was a valiant one, despite many closescoring games.

### Field Hockey

Name	Number
Christina Kirkaldy	00
Geraldine Raynor	2
Gwen Riley	3
Ashley Smeltzer	5
Becky Manning	6
Breanna Harpstead	7
Ashley Pernicano	8
Kathryn Elenz-Martin	9
Michelle Huynh-Ba	10
Inge Kaars Sijpestijn	11
Amy Schneider	12
Jessica Miller	13
Michelle Ciliberti	15
Megan Nimke	16
Charlotte van der Laag	18
Becky Bolen	20
Kristin Dunn	21
Stephanie Yuhasz	22
Maggie Giddens	40



Veterinary medicine and zoology senior Becky Bolen, sophomore Charlotte van der Laag and psychology senior Jessica Miller hold hands in a line-up before a game. The team finished 12-7 in regular season competition.

courtesy of MSU Sports Information

## striving



Hospitality business senior Michelle Huynh-Ba tries to steal the ball away from a player, during a field hockey game against CMU. This year Huynh-Ba made the Academic All-Big Ten Team for the first time.

courtesy of MSU Sports Information

## Lady Spartans strive to continue field hockey legacy in 2006 season -- the last for head coach Madison

Following an amazing five-year run, this year, the pressure was on for the women's field hockey team to follow in the footsteps of previous years.

"Over the past five years the team had accomplished so much success that you sometimes think it just happens," coach Michele Madison said. "I had to find ways to keep them from feeling like they were failing the legacy of the past."

The tactics she employed seemed to work, as the team's first win was an incredible one, as they came from behind twice to win a game against Boston University. They continued this amazing streak as they beat one of the nation's best teams,

Two of their most memorable games were ones they lost, which shows the true spirit of the team. They lost to Penn State and Indiana, both in double overtime. The team struggled with close games like these all year, yet managed to adapt to the

challenges. This achievement was seen in both the team and individual players' accomplishments.

for success

As individuals, team members were recognized for their hard work. Two seniors, Christina Kirkaldy and Michelle Huynh-Ba were named All-American, and senior Breanna Harpstead was named Academic All-American for the fourth time in a

Next year, the MSU Field Hockey team will take on a new challenge: having a new head coach. After thirteen years as a Spartan head coach, Michele Madison finished her last season at MSU this year.

"I want to congratulate this team on their will and perseverance." Coach Madison said. "What turned out to be my last season at MSU will be one of the most memorable."

Lakeeya Blue

No preference sophomore Lauren Asty maneuvers the ball away from the opponents and prepareto pass to her teammates. The Spartans fluished the season with an overall record of 12-6-5

### making HISTORY

### Women's Soccer

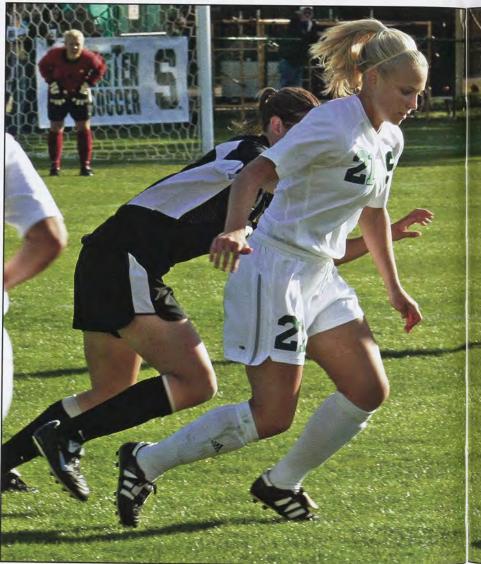
Name	Number
Demi Bruck	00
Lindsay Wrege	0
Taryn Lee	1
Callie McCarthy	2
Katherine Peters	3
Nina Mastracci	4
Katie Boyd	5
Erin Doan	6
Emma Harris	7
Erin Konheim	2 3 4 5 6 7 8
Dana Voorheis	9
Emily Wiegand	10
Kristi Timar	11
Lauren Carter	12
Heather Riley	13
Linsey Laskowski	14
Anna Hagel	15
Kelly Hannon	17
Kelley Amormino	18
Michelle Telebar	19
Lauren Astry	20
Breana Ballard	21
Jenee Witherspoon	22
Maureen Pawlak	24
Lauren Gallinger	25
Ashley Crandall	27
Shannon Collar	28
Nicole Galas	29
Julia Rice	30
Danielle Petri	31

Head Coach Tom Saxton





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12-6-5

Opponent	Score	Win/Loss
Akron	1-0	W
Western	0-1	L
Detroit	2-2	T
Ohio State	1-0	W
Purdue	1-5	1
Indiana	1-0	W
Wisconsin	3-2	W
Northwestern	2-1	W
lowa	4-1	W
Illinois	0-0	T
Minnesota	1-0	W
Penn State	0-3	L
Michigan	0-0	T



Kinesialogy sophomore forward Breana Ballard dribbles past the defense to set up a shot. At the conclusion of the regular season, the Spartans started Big Ten Tournament play with a 3-0 win over Indiana.



Defense players, human biology and psychology senior Nina Mastracci and pre-med sophomore Erin Doan celebrate a one goal win over Minnesota. This year's seniors were the only ones on the last roster that earned a bid to the NCAA

tournament.

The MSU Women's Soccer team defeated Bowling Green 4-0 in the first round of the NCAA tournament on Nov. 11, the only tournament win for the program in school history. The team bowed out after a 3-0 loss to the No. 1 seed Notre Dame. The Spartans finished the season with an overall record of 12-6-5.

This year's seniors were the only ones on the last roster that earned a bid to the NCAA tournament. Defender and human biology senior Nina Mastracci praised her teammates' characters, and said the team was able to come back from deficits and pull out wins in overtime, two things last year's squad had difficulty doing.

"This team is very resilient," Mastracci said. "Sticking with it is this team's biggest accomplishment."

Head coach Tom Saxton said the big challenge every season is getting off to a good start and boosting team confidence. The Spartans finished with a conference record of 6-2-2. Saxton has been the head coach for 15 seasons.

At the conclusion of the regular season, the Spartans started Big Ten Tournament play with a 3-0 win over Indiana on Nov. 3. The team lost 2-1 the following day to Wisconsin, the eventual tournament champions. The Spartans received an NCAA tournament bid on Nov. 7.

With a majority of underclassmen starters this season, Saxton has high hopes for next year, but does not discount the success of this season.

"We have a good, young nucleus," Saxton said. "Third place in the Big Ten: we're very proud of that."

Jessica Sipperley

## COMPETITION

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The MSU Men's Soccer team took several losses at the end of this season: four graduating players and a 2-0 defeat by Penn State in the semifinals of the Big 10 Tournament. But next season holds much promise, with a roster of many returning players that head coach Joe Baum dubbed "hardworking, focused and determined."

"We think the future is pretty bright for us," Baum, in his 29th season with the Spartans, said. "I think next year we could be a possible NCAA [Tournament] candidate."

The Spartans finished with an overall record of 8-6-5, with a 2-3-1 record in the Big Ten. MSU finished in fourth place in the Big Ten, behind Penn State, Ohio State and Indiana.

"Looking back on our Big Ten season, we beat U-M twice, that's always a highlight," red-shirt general management freshman forward Doug DeMartin said. DeMartin scored seven goals and doled out three assists for the Spartans this season.

Competition in the Big Ten was tight this year, and Baum said the 2-0 win over Ohio State at Old College Field was "outstanding." The Spartans also took Penn State, eventual division champions, to double overtime in the regular season, but came up short with a 1-0 loss.

"Almost every one of these losses was by one goal," Baum said.

Junior goalkeeper and supply-chain management junior Jason Tillman was the recipient of the Big Ten Defensive Player of the Week award, twice. Tillman started in 18 games and allowed 14 goals all season.

"I think [the award] is just a reflection of our overall defense," Tillman said. "We were a great, young group of guys."

"We lost a couple key players from this season, [but] we definitely hope to compete for a Big Ten title," DeMartin said, speaking of next season.

Jessica Sipperley



Opponent	Score	Win/Loss
Indiana	0-0	Ţ
Bowling Green	3-1	W
Northwestern	2-0	1
Oakland	1-0	L
Ohio State	2-0	W
Notre Dame	0-0	T
Michigan	2-0	W
Penn State	1-0	L
Western Michigan	2-0	W
Wisconsin	3-2	1
Valparaiso	2-0	W

Zac Scaffid ettempts to inteal ball from a Michigan player headed toward the goal. The Spartars were victorious during their game against the Walverines.





### Men's Society

Name	Number
Todd Henderson	0
Chris Austin	1
Joe Fourre	2 3
John Folino	3
Ryan Gochneaur	4
Ryan McMahen	5
Josh Rogers	6
Zac Scaffidi	7
John Pizanis	8
Matt Kreikemeier	9
Doug DeMartin	10
Kenzo Webster	11
Ben Pirmann	12
Karl Trost	13
John Kaczmarek	14
David Hertel	15
Ryan Dick	16
Rauwshan McKenzie	17
Greg Janicki	18
Louis Stephens III	19
David Brogan	20
Greg Doster	21
Steve Doster	22
Mike Thomson	23
Chris Dahlin	24
Jason Tillman	30



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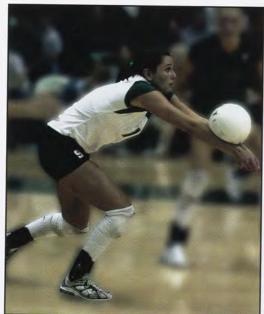
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MSU players hold up the bear trophy after deteating the Michigan Wolverines. The Spartans ended the season at 5-4 The crowd watches in suspense as pre-nursing sophomore Ashley Schatzle defends a shot at the net. In this match, the women's volleyball team played against Wisconsin.

### Volleyball

Name	Number
Jessica Hohl	2
Melany Rarey	3
Caroline Belich	4
Heather McDaniel	6
Brooke Langston	7
Erin Ri ce	8
Ashley Schatzle	10
Katie Johnson	11
Mickey Davis	12
Megan Wallin	13
Miken Trogdon	16
Marley Bellwood	17
Nicole Colaluca	18
Tracy Bellwood	19

Head Coach Cathy George Assistant Coach Russ Carney Assistant Coach Ron Arenz



Janah Vink

Redshirt senior Marley Bellwood receives the ball during a match against Wisconsin. Nicole Colaluca, #18, standing ready and alert with a smile, watches her teammate.



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## Strong start



Volleyball players crowd around head coach Cathy George for hardhitting advice during a match. The team was in the heat of Big Ten competition against Illinois.

Featuring a handful of nationally ranked players, the women of MSU's volleyball team exuded excellence this season from start to finish

The women's volleyball team started out strong this year, displaying indications of tough competitors from the very beginning. The team exuded excellence by winning a Spartan Invitational title, and their stamina kept up until the end of the season. The team concluded with a 12-18 overall record and a 5-15 record within the Big Ten.

This was a great start because the team had to deal with some off-season complications, including a coaching transition. With this, players were switched around and played positions unfamiliar to them. As observed in their first invitational, they took these changes in stride, worked hard and laid a foundation for the season and years to come.

At the end of the season, the team once again showed their strength against Wisconsin, which was ranked seventh nationally. Although they did not win the game they held their own, keeping the score down to a 2-3 loss.

"We played five tough games and proved to ourselves

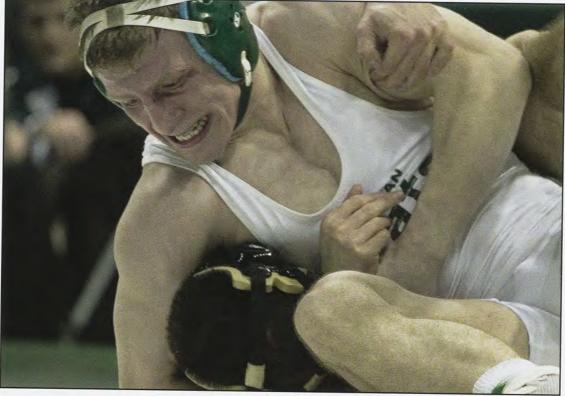
that we can contend with big-time teams," head coach Cathy George said. "That match showed our team what we're capable of and gave us the confidence to play quality volleyball against any opponent."

Individually, four players stood out this year. Sophomore Katie Johnson ranked nationally and had 554 kills for the year. Sophomore Nicole Colaluca broke a school record with 628 digs. Senior Megan Wallin had 378 kills and averaged a .250 hitting percentage, and senior Mickey Davis ranked nationally and averaged 13.02 assists per game.

"Although we had a tough year, the ladies played their hearts out and never gave up," George said. "We look to improve for next season and continue to work hard and have fun each day."

Lakeeya Blue

## fighting tough



Accounting senior Darren McKnight wrestles his opponent to the ground. McKnight and fellow teammate sociology senior R.J. Boudro were named as Academic All=Americans.

### Spartans make history and high honors in the Big Ten despite their tough schedule and finish strong

History was made as Spartan brothers Andy and Nick Simmons both won Big. Ten Championships for the varsity wrestling team. This was the first fime that two brothers won titles together at MSU since Pat and Tom Milkovich in 1972.

Junior Nick Simmons went 31-0 in route to winning his second consecutive Big Ten title in the 125-pound weight class. Junior Andy Simmons went 31-4 in claiming the title in the 141-pound weight class. Seniors Richard John Boudro (174-class) and Darren McKnight (149-class) also finished strong in the Big Ten tournament. All four earned a trip to Oklahoma City for the National Tournament, and both Simmons' earned All-American honors there.

Nick Simmons finished fourth in the nation, while Andy Simmons improved upon last season and took fifth in his weight class. Michigan State finished 18th in the NCAA after finishing eighth at the Big Ten tournament.

"Our schedule was so tough this year. We wrestled the top five teams in the country and just learned to take one match at a time and keep the confidence up," Boudro, a sociology major, said. "We met most of our expectations. We're a young team, and we did pretty well."

Despite having only seven upperclassmen, seven MSU

wrestlers finished eighth or higher in their respective weight classes at the Big Ten Championships. The Simmons brothers also marked the first time since 1996 that the Spartans have had two individual Big Ten champions.

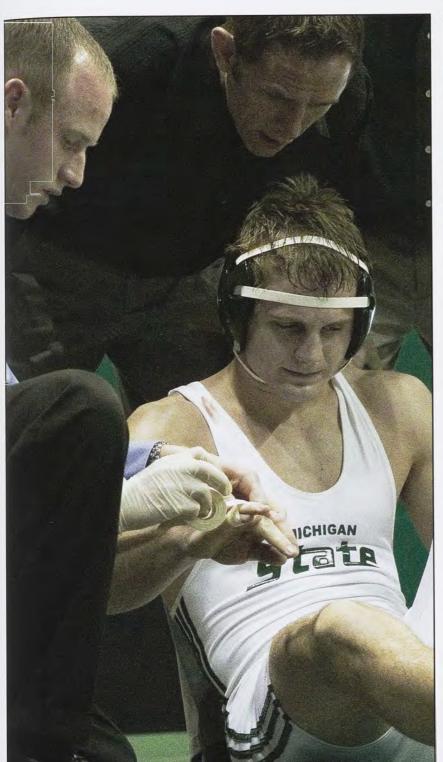
Along with Boudro and McKnight, seniors Jeff Clemens (197-class) and Max Lossen (Heavyweight-class) have also taken to the mats for the last time as a Spartan, and will be graduating in the spring. Both Clemens and Lossen finished the season eighth in one of the toughest Big Ten Championships over the last few years.

"We wrestled hard. It was the toughest Big Ten tournament I ever saw because the level of competition was so high." Boudro said. "I've done everything I wanted here. I reached the top five in the country and I'm going to Nationals. For me, it was great because last year we had injuries all over the place and we stayed away from that this year."

Earlier in the season, the Spartans were highlighted as they finished third out of 60 teams at the Midlands Championships, hosted by Northwestern University.

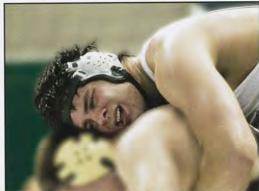
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Interdisciplinary studies sophomore Joe Williams takes the upper hand in a match. Despite injuries during the season, Williams ended with a 10-14 record in the 184 weight class.



Jacob Vinl

Darren McKnight sits back to have his fingers taped during a match. McKnights personal record was 22-19. The team ended with a record of 4-10 and 2-6 in the Big Ten.



Jacob Vir

### Wrestling

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Name	Class	
Jeremy Bloom	Freshman	
R.J. Boudro	Senior	
Jeff Clemens	Senior	
Rocky Cozart	Freshman	
Abe Cross	Freshman	
Josh Cross	Freshman	
Freddie DeRamus	Freshman	
Dash Dudley	Freshman	
Nick Fallico	Freshman	
Ryan Froese	Sophomore	
Clint Frutiger	Freshman	
Greg Goldosik	Sophomore	
Franklin Gomez	Freshman	
Tony Greathouse	Junior	
Tim Hammer	Freshman	
Bryan Harney	Sophomore	
Dan Hughes	Freshman	
Rex Kendie	Freshman	
Max Lossen	Sophomore	
Darren McKnight	Sophomore	
Justin Mora	Shophomore	
John Murphey	Freshman	
Alan O'Donnell	Freshman	
Nick Palmieri	Freshman	
Jordan Rozeboom	Freshman	
Andy Simmons	Junior	
Nick Simmons	Junior	
Eddie Skowneski	Freshman	
Kyle Slocum	Freshman	
Joe Williams	Sophomore	
Jeff Wimberley	Freshman	

# hanging Senior R.J. Boudro wrestles Purdue's Barry Jackson at a wrestling match. The Spartans prevailed over Purdue.



Jennie Rose Gibbs sparks up the crowd at a football game. This year's cheerleaders made it to the UCA finals for the third time in history.





MSU Cheerleaders get the crowd fired up at a basketball game. The cheerleaders cheer for men's basketball, football and women's volleyball games.

### Cheerleading

Name	Class
Andrea Brancheau	Freshman
Susan Brennan	Junior
Megan Casey	Junior
Jesica Elrod	Sophomore
Alicia Faustyn	Sophomore
Caitlin Fehlinger	Freshman
Lauren Fuller	Sophomore
Jennie Rose Gibbs	Senior
Margo Kirchen	Senior
Crystal Moyles	Sophomore
Allie Osmar	Junior
Caryn Pytleski	Senior
Amanda Sanchez	Freshman
Michelle Van Wingen	Freshman
Katie Zawaki	Freshman
David Blandford	Senior
Patrick Deja	Junior
Blair Dunckel	Junior
Mike Elder	Freshman
Mandee Garcia	Senior
Taylor Larson	Senior
Matt McNabb	Junior
Jon Murphy	Junior
Garic Salmonowicz	Freshman
Chris Sterns	Senior
Brett Runyan	Freshman
Nick VanOosten	Freshman

Head Coach Alisha Marquette Coach Nate Pontance Coach Eli Reybuck

# Sparking spartan spirit



A new coach brings the cheer team to the UCA finals for the third time ever

Sparty joins the MSU cheerleading squad at halftime of a basketball game. The cheerleaders are responsible for keeping Spartan pride vibrant all year long.

This year was busy as usual for the MSU Cheerleaders, as they worked crowds into the highest level of Spartan spirit possible at nearly every MSU sporting event.

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"One of the biggest highlights of our season was being invited to compete at Universal Cheerleading Association's College National Championship," Coach Alisha Marquette said. "They had not competed there for three years."

The team made it to the UCA Finals, something the MSU cheerleaders had done only twice before. The team is now ranked 16th in the nation.

The road to success was full of bumps along the way. The team ended up getting a new coach at the beginning of the football season, one of the biggest seasons on the MSU campus. Even with this major change, the team set and met a lot of goals — one being the UCA Finals.

The cheerleaders make appearances at men's basketball, football and women's volleyball games. They were there for every game to cheer the teams on and made separate appearances for the public. They also traveled around to help spark the Spartan pride at charity events and Alumni Association events.

Next year, the team will lose four of its competitors — seniors Margo Kirchen, Jennie Rose Gibbs, Caryn Pytleski and Chris Stearns. All were major assets to the team. Finance senior Chris Stearns was nationally ranked by USA Partner Stunt Nationals for two years. The three girls were each a part of the cheer team since their freshman years.

Lakeeya Blue

### Ice Hockey

Name	Number
Jeff Lerg	1
Corey Potter	2
Chris Snavely	3
Ethan Graham	4
Brandon Gentile	6
Colton Fretter	7
Brandon Warner	8
Tim Kennedy	10
Bryan Lerg	11
David Booth	12
Zak McClellan	14
Jeff Dunne	15
Tyler Howells	16
Matt Shouneyla	17
Justin Abdelkader	18
Chris Mueller	19
Christ Lawrence	20
Nick Sucharski	22
Daniel Sturges	23
Jared Nightingale	24
Jim McKenzie	25
Chad Hontvet	26
Drew Miller	27
Daniel Vukovic	28
Kurt Kivisto	29
Steve Mnich	30
Dominick Vicari	35
Tim Crowder	40

# EXCITING season



Jake Renner



Jeff Lerg guards the net during a game against the U.S. under-18 team. The Spartans won with a score of 5-2.

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Surrounded by Nebraska players, forward Justin Abdelkader chases the puck towards the goal. The Spartans lost the game in overtime with an ending score of 3-2.



Opponent	Score	Win/Loss
Opponent	3-3 (OT)	7 V II I/ LOSS
Michigan		1.047
Cornell	4-2/4-3	L/W
Nothern Michigan	5-4 (OT)/5-0	W/W
Ferris State	2-2 (OT)	T
Nebraska-Omaha	7-4/3-2 (OT)	L/L
Ohio State	3-2	L
Western Michigan	3-3 (OT)/5-3	T/L
Wisconsin	3-1	L
Minnesota	2-2 (OT)	T
Bowling Green	3-0/4-2	W/L
Alaska Fairbanks	4-4 (OT)/3-0	T/W
Michigan Tech	3-2 (OT)	W
Colorado College	6-3	L
Wayne State	3-1/5-1	W/W
Alaska Fairbanks	4-0/2-1	W/W
Michigan	2-0	W
Nebraska-Omaha	4-3 (OT)/3-2	W/L
Ferris State	2-1	L
Michigan	1-1 (OT)/5-5 (O	T) T/T
Notre Dame	3-2/2-1	W/W
Ohio State	4-3	W
Miami	3-2/3-1	W/W

3-2/2-2

Lake Superior State

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Sophomore forward Bryan Lerg stands strong and sturdy on the ice against the under-18 feam players. The game was held in October at the MSU Munn Ice Arena.

The Spartan hockey team tore up the ice of Munn Arena and everywhere from Nebraska to Alaska during their season this year, which lasted from October to February.

Head coach Rick Comley completed his third year coaching, while assistant coaches Brian Renfrew and Tom Newton finished their second and 15th, respectively.

Construction management freshman and defender Brandon Gentile appreciated the coaching staff after looking at other schools in the area.

"The relationship with players and coaches is great," Gentile said. "It's all easy-going and down-to-earth, so much more than other teams had to offer."

The team especially enjoyed playing, and beating U-M twice. The Wolverines have not beaten the Spartans in hockey since 2004.

Avid fan and accounting sophomore Jacob Sutter attended as many games as he could afford.

"I love the excitement of hockey games. Munn is filled with wild fans and an even more excited team of guys who really give it their all," Sutter said. "I think the coaches did a great job this season with recruits and improvements."

Classes and practice for about eleven hours a day made for a hectic and trying schedule, but regardless, the players found time to devote to the community. Along with the basketball team, the group participated in a trick-or-treat event for underprivileged children held at a local Toys "R" Us. They also spent time with young patients at Sparrow Hospital in Lansing and wrote to youths at the vicinity as pen pals.

Alison Costello





## record setting season



Senior guard Lindsay Bowen dribbles the ball up court during Midnight Madness. Bowen led the lady Spartans in a successful season.

Shimeck goes pro in NBA draft after another inspiring season for the lady Spartans.

The women's basketball team had a successful 24-10 season, setting a number of records along the way with the only two seniors on the team delegated as top all-time leading scorers in MSU history.

The Spartans faced off against 12 ranked teams, three of which made it to the Final Four in the NCAA Tournament. Of the Spartans' 10 losses, eight were against teams ranked in the top 10 of the country. Despite these trials, MSU was able to finish a third consecutive 20-win season.

"It was a little rocky but as the season went on we came together as a team," finance junior guard and captain Victoria Lucas-Perry said. "Making it to the Sweet Sixteen was a goal of ours."

The team had a successful run into the Sweet Sixteen before losing to eventual NCAA runner-up, Duke University, 86-61.

General management senior Liz Shimek and kinesiology senior Lindsey Bowen set many school records in their final season with the Spartans. The duo has played and started in 131 games together for MSU, the most in school history.

Shimek, a forward, claimed various school titles, including scoring (1780 points), rebounds (1,130) and field goals (719). She also set single-season school records for points (597) and field goals (249) this season. Shimek was selected 18th overall second round in the WNBA draft by the Phoenix Mercury, and was then traded to the Houston Comets as part of a three-player deal.

Bowen, a guard, is second in school history with 1,739 points. She is also the all-time leader in three-pointers (294), three-point field goal percentage (.401), and free throw percentage (.878).

"People like Liz and Lindsay are going to be missed, but we're definitely going to be a team to look out for." Lucas-Perry said of next season.

Chris Jackett

Senior forward Liz Shimek motions for the ball against two opponents during the Detroit game. The women's basketball team was seeded fourth in the NCAA Tournament in March.



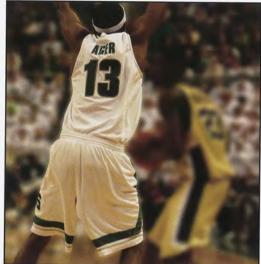
### Women's Basketball

Name	Number
Mia Johnson	00
Lauren Altch	5
Courtney Davidson	13
Jenny Poff	14
Lindsay Bowen	20
Aisha Jefferson	22
Rene Hayes	24
Maggie Dwyer	25
Victoria Lucas-Perry	31
Alisa Wulff	33
Katrina Grantham	44
Myisha Bannister	45
Liz Shimek	52
Laura Hall	54



Sophomore guard Courtney Davidson shows off her skills during Midnight Madness. Bright lights and sirens along with the Spartan basketball teams filled the Breslin Center during Midnight Madness this year.

Senior guard Maurice Ager calls for a pass during a regular season game. The Spartans had a rocky season, which ended in an opening round tournament loss to George Mason.



Jacob Vink

### Men's Basketball

Name	Number
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Brandon Darnton	1
Bryan Tibaldi	2
Shannon Brown	3
Travis Walton	5
Jason Aerts	10
Drew Neitzel	11
Maurice Ager	13
Goran Suton	14
DeMarcus Ducre	15
Matt Trannon	20
Anthony Hamo	22
Maurice Joseph	23
Drew Naymick	34
Paul Davis	40
Marquise Gray	41
Jacob Hannon	43
Delco Rowley	50



Senior Paul Davis takes the tip off against Wisconsin badger Jason Chappell. The Spartans finished the season with two wins and one loss against Wisconsin.

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# hoopin' for victory



The men's basketball team and coaches crowd around junior Shannon Brown after a knee injury during the Wisconsin game. MSU lost the game 74-65.

Seniors Ager and Davis led Spartans through a season of up and downs, ending sixth in Big Ten

After another season full of ups and downs, the MSU men's basketball team fell to Cinderella team George Mason in the first round of the NCAA tournament, which left head coach Tom Izzo re-evaluating the team.

The Spartans entered the Big Ten tournament with an 8-8 record and endured a 53-48 loss to lowa in the semifinals, a mere 14 hours after beating Illinois, 61-56.

Led by seniors Maurice Ager and Paul Davis, and junior Shannon Brown, the Spartans found themselves at sixth seed in the NCAA tournament.

Davis was voted team MVP by the media and shared MVP honors with Ager and Brown, voted by the team.

The Spartans started the season off fairly strong, winning 11 straight non-conference games before losing to Illinois at the beginning of Big Ten play.

With an overall record of 22-12, MSU went into the NCAA tournament looking for a win. Instead, George Mason outer bounded MSU 40-24 and brought a fight unexpected and unmatched by the Spartans.

The Patriots upset the Spartans 75-65 with an unwavering defense and advanced in the tournament, exiting at the Elite Eight.

Ager led the conference in scoring with an average of 19.3 points per game and reached new personal highs with an average of 4.1 rebounds and 2.5 assists per game.

Promising to come out next season with a tougher team, young Spartans to look for include Neitzel, sophomore Marquise Gray, and sophomore Idongesit Ibok.

Kim Bale

# hard working women

Ashley Johnson, Daragh Gibson, Kate Williamson, and Emily Topping row their way to victory for the MSU Crew Club. The club was founded in 1956.



courtesy of MSU Sports Information

## Exceptional facilities and coaching lead the MSU Women's Crew Club towards a successful season

Transfer student and communications junior Megan Piwowar had not been a Spartan for very long before a women's rowing flyer caught her eye.

"I was unfamiliar with the sport but took a chance and explored something new," Piwowar said. "What resulted was an incredible experience,"

The MSU Crew Club was founded in 1956 with no official coach or steady financial support. For years, senior members of the team took up coaching responsibilities and racing shells were donated from other schools or bought with help from the MSU Alumni Association. Now, members are pushed to perfection by head coach Scott Menoch and enjoy their professional practice facilities.

"Whether we were outside on the Red Cedar River or indoors at Jenison Fieldhouse, our facilities were exceptional," Piwowar said. "Our coaches were also phenomenal; they

make up the best training staff out of any sport I have ever played on."

For training in the winter months, some of the equipment Piwowar mentioned the team using included a tank room, where a boat is suspended above the floor by cables to simulate the conditions of being in water. The paddles are rowed into a tank of actual water on the floor so that the team members are constantly used to the resistance feel.

Looking back, Piwowar was very glad she decided to try something new.

"This has definitely been enjoyable," Piwowar said. "Finishing those 2,000 meters was the best feeling in the world. No matter how hard the winter training was, crossing the finish line made it all worthwhile."

Steven Ovares

### Women's Rowing

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Name	Class
Roz Bialczak	Junior
Katie Bitz	Sophomore
Renee Bloome	Senior
Sarah Brady	Senior
Liz Brennan	Senior
Christen Brown	Senior
Joanna Brown	Sophomore
Kate Burdick	Sophomore
Suzanne Buzzell	Senior
Nicolette Clifford	Junior
Rebekah Coleman	Junior
Anne Cowan	Sophomore
Julia Craig	Senior
Bridget Curry	Junior
Christie Daiss	Senior
Allison Duffy	Sophomore
Daragh Gibson	Senior
Ashley Johnson	Senior
Elena Montgomery	Sophomore
Jenna Peters	Junior
Kirsten Rasanen	Senior
Sarah Schmidt	Freshman
Ashley Short Sophomo	
Beth Smith	Senior
Jenny Stanton	Sophomore
Kathy Syrowik	Senior
Paula Thoms	Junior
Emily Topping	Sophomore
Catie Tyzo	Sophomore
Ashley Wenneman	Freshman
Abby Wieber	Senior
Kate Williamson	Freshman
Tamara Yantovsky	Sophomore
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Senior coxswain Beth Smith prepares for competition. The team practices on the Red Cedar River during the warm months of the summer.

Kinesiology junior Ashley Short feverishly gives it her all during practice. The team is coached by Scott Menoch and recieves financial support from the MSU Alumni Association.



### ROUGH water

One of the members of Men's Swim Team glides through the rough waves in hopes of a victory. The team finished in 10th place in the Big Ten.

### Men's Swimming

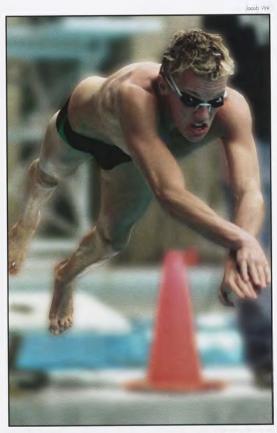
Name	Class
Matt Akerley	Junior
John Henry Berg	Sophomore
lan Clutten	Senior
Tylor Fick	Sophomore
Tony Grace	Sophomore
David Habel	Senior
Nick Harley	Senior
David Lessard	Junior
Jonathan Lessard	Freshman
Matt McNichols	Sophomore
Benjamin Nimphie	Freshman
Jesse Noble	Sophomore
Krzysztof Olszewski	Freshman
Marcus Poteete	Freshman
Mark Rogers	Freshman
Daniel Schemmel	Freshman
Adam Schmitt	Sophomore
Bryant Steele	Senior
Johan Sunryd	Senior
Matt Torres	Sophomore
Jason Vadney	Junior
Michael VanBeek	Freshman
Rudolf Wagenaar	Senior
Matt Wisniewski	Senior



Opponent	Score	Win/Loss
Grand Valley State	152-82	W
Purdue/Northy	vestern	Ĺ
The state of the s	122.5-120.5	L
Michigan	152-83	L
Ball State		L
Oakland		W
St. Bonaventur	re e	W



A member of the team races for the finish line. The end of this year's season brought the loss of seven seniors.



Senior Ian Clutter flies off the starting black during the men's open 200 Breaststroke final. Clutten won the event with a time of 2.03:76.

The goal for the men's swim team in the 2005-2006 season was improvement.

"The seniors and the team were zealously dedicated for improvement in our team, something that has lacked in previous years," criminal justice junior Dave Lessard said. "We made an impression felt around the conference."

Despite a 4-3 dual meet record, the team was unable to improve their standing in the Big Ten Conference, finishing in tenth place.

"The Big Ten Conference is one of the most adept in the NCAA," Lessard said. "Unfortunate disqualifications in crucial relays prevented us from improving our standing, even though we out-swam a number of our opponents."

This year, the team lost seven seniors to graduation, including possible South African Olympian Ian Clutten, who placed fifth in the 100-meter breaststroke and fourth in the 200-meter breaststroke events at the Big Ten Conference meet and qualified for the NCAA meet, Lessard said

"Next year it will be the responsibility of only two seniors on the men's team to help the freshman get their feet wet and compete at such a high level," Lessard said. "The incoming class has been put into the precarious position to fill the void of many of these teammates, including an NCAA qualifier and possible Olympian for South Africa."

Kristyn Peterson

### **DIVE**in

A inember of the Women's Swim Team rights for the final at a regular season meet. This year's team included 15 seriors.



This fall the women's swimming and diving team had a lot to prove to themselves and others as they competed in a difficult conference, going up against the top schools in the nation.

Last year, the women's diving team barely made their presence known as they only scored one point in the Big Ten Championship. This year, they scored 35 points. To add to the glory, coach Eric Best was named Big Ten Diving Coach of the year.

But as Head Coach Matt Gianiodis points out, the best game of the season was against Notre Dame at home.

"At the time, the Irish were 19th in the country," Gianiodis said. "The women lost by six points and that meet really started what was to be a great year by the divers." Both the swimmers and divers found confidence in this meet.

For the women divers, all five of them were NCAA Regional Qualifiers. Kinesiology sophomore Danielle Williams and kinesiology freshman Alycia Mokedanz both made the finals at the NCAA Regional and the Big Ten Championships. Junior Katie Edwards was the team's top finisher in the NCAA Regionals, while dietetics junior Amy Schmidt was a finalist at the Big Ten Championship.

For both the swimmers and divers, the only sad part of the season was their departing seniors.

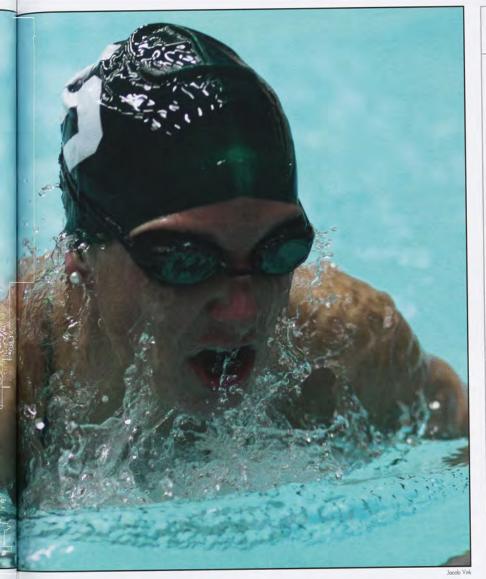
"It was great because we had 15 great seniors and they really did all the right things." Coach Matt Gianiodis said. "It is more than performance also they'll be missed at so many levels.

Lakeeya Blue



Opponent	Score	Win/Loss
Grand Valley State	145-71	W
Michigan	158-128	1
Purdue		.[
Ball State		W
Nebraska	107-98	L
Oakland		W
Notre Dame	153-147	L
St. Bonaventure		W

A member of the team takes a breath during her butterfly stake This year the team earned 35 points in the Big Ten Championship.





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A Lady Spartan swimmer gives her all in the water at a meet. This year's Women's Swim Team improved significantly in competition from last season.

#### Women's Swimming

Name	Class
Kendall Barry	Freshman
Lindsay Bockstiegel	Junior
Eve Bruise	Junior
Danielle Burke	Freshman
Elizabeth DeJonge	Freshman
Katie Edwards	Junior
Courtney Ellabarger	Senior
Whitney Field	Senior
Marlys Fugus	Freshman
Rachael Hagerman	Senior
Allison Haring	Freshman
Liz Herrington	Junior
Tesla Hughes	Senior
Alison Johnson	Freshman
Julianna Kahn	Freshman
Heather Kiluk	Freshman
Katrina Kniff	Senior
Alycia Mokedanz	Freshman
Basak Oguz	Junior
Megan Reponen	Junior
Amber Rodin	Junior
Lindsay Rodin	Senior
Dani Sawyer	Junior
Allison Sayers	Junior
Amy Schmidt	Junior
Amber Schroeder	Junior
Erika Templeton	Senior
Kate VanHouten	Junior
Marsena Vranesic	Senior
Danielle Williams	Sophomore

Amanda Wyman

Carly Zenk

Sophomore

Junior

Women's Swimming 213

Victoria lakounina launches off the vault during a meet at Jenison Field House. Making a Big Ten all-conference team rewarded lakounina's success this season.



In a season filled with team and individual accolades, the MSU Women's gymnastics team captured second place at the Big Ten league championships, marking the highest league finish since the 1996 season.

With the advantage of the home turf at the Jenison Field House, the Spartans had a team score of 194.975, finishing just behind champion Minnesota with 195.150. At the meet, head coach Kathie Klages was named co-head coach of the year, along with Penn State coach Steve Shephard.

The Spartans finished the season with a dual meet record of 5-4, including a league victory over Ohio State. The team also captured second place at the State of Michigan Classic meet in February, held in Mount Pleasant,

Kinesiology junior Kristen Coleman and physiology senior Victoria lakounina were named to Big Ten all-conference teams. Coleman received first-team honors, while lakounina earned a spot on the second team. Kinesiology senior Sarah Alexander received the team sportsmanship award.

The team was awarded a 5th-seeded berth in the Central Regional at the NCAA Tournament on April 7, which was hosted by Louisiana State University. This berth marked the fourth time in the past five seasons that the Spartans advanced to the tournament.

Coleman, a kinesiology major, said she is not concentrating on the outcome of the regional meet, but the abilities of each of the members.

"I expect our team to compete with all of our heart and to be the team we know we're capable of being when it counts," Coleman said.

Jessica Sipperley

#### Gymnastics

Name	Class
Sarah Alexander	Senior
Rhiannon Banda-Scott	Sophomore
Kristen Coleman	Junior
Briana Dicus	Freshman
Dani Fanning	Freshman
Chayla Hill	Junior
Victoria lakounina	Junior
Bethany Little	Sophomore
Megan McNally	Sophomore
Katlyn Roggensack	Freshman
Jenna Russell	Freshman



A member of the team focuses during her bar routine. The Gymnastics team recieved second place at the Big Ten league championships this year.



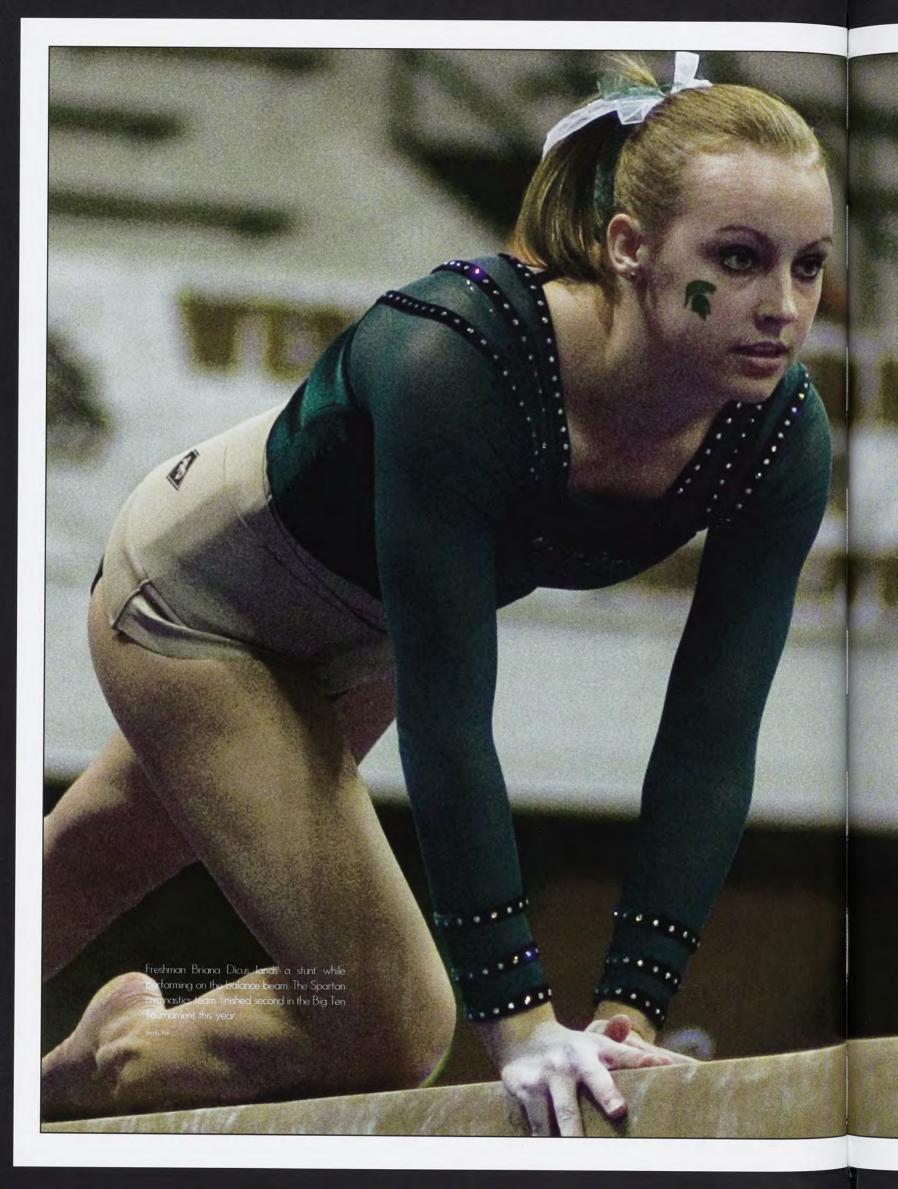
# springboarding to **VICTORY**

The overjoyed team celebrates a job well done after an exciting meet. Finishing second in the Big Ten league championships this year, the team recieved the higest ranking since 1996.



Opponent	Score	Win/Loss
Kentucky	189.225	L
Pittsburg, Western Michigan	193.550	W
Ohio State	193.075	W
Denver	192.550	3rd
State of Michigan Classic	193.525	2nd
Ball State, Bowling	191.025	lst
Green	10 4 102	W
New Hampshire	194-192	
Alaska-Anchorage	193-190	W
North Carolina State	195-193	L
Northern Illinois	196-195	W
Illinois	194-193	L
Michigan	197-195	L
Big Ten Tournament	194.975	2nd
NCAA Regionals	193.575	5th
NCAA Championshi	ips	23rd

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#### Men's Tennis

Name Class John Allare Freshman Mike Brown Senior Michael Flowers Junior Alex Forger Freshman Joseph McWilliams Junior Adam Monich Sophomore Scott Rasmussen Freshman Nick Rinks Sophomore

Head Coach Gene Orlando

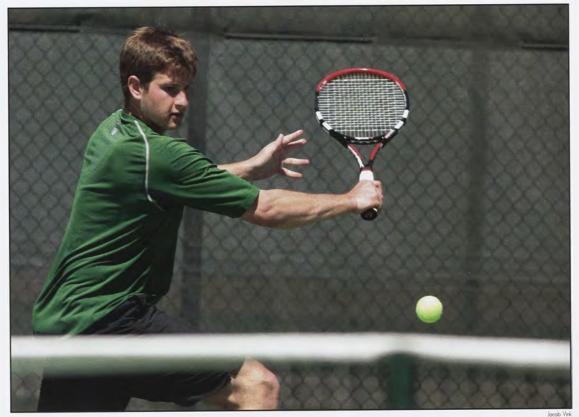


Business finance sophomore Adam Monich prepares to strike the ball during a match against Ohio State. Monich and Nick Rinks, as a doubles team, were ranked 41st in the country.



Freshman John Allare tracks his shot as it travels over the net during a match with Ohio State. The Spartans suffered a 6-1 loss to the team.

# **IOVG** of the game



Finance junior Michael Flowers returns a serve during the Ohio State match. This team practices six days a week.

## Tough practices and solid skills bring the Men's Tennis team to a new level of play

The 2005-2006 men's tennis team returned five upperclassmen and added three freshmen to the mix. This season, the team's focus is on rebuilding and establishing solid skills for next season.

"Our attitude was to go in and work hard to set up for next season. We only have six guys playing right now; we just hope to finish strong and see where we can go with it," criminal justice junior Joe McWilliams said.

The teams schedule is year round. They play eight weeks of tournaments in the fall and finish sixteen weeks of dual matches. The men practice six days a week and play hard on the weekends. Spending so much time with such a small team, the men feel that they have established a sort of brotherhood between themselves.

"We all get along well and have been able to mesh as a team. We spend time together on and off the court and  ${\sf I}$ 

would say we are the closest team on campus," finance junior Mike Flowers said.

Their first Big Ten victory came April 1, against the lowa Hawkeyes with a final score of 5-2. The Spartans won two of the three doubles match-ups and three single matches.

"The season is always tough, you lose more than you win. We play a very challenging schedule and all our losses have been to National ranked teams, but the experience will be big for us next season," Head Coach Gene Orlando said.

Although the team has not seen too many big wins individually, some players have ranked at the national level. Sophomore Nick Rinks was ranked as high as No. 77 in the country and No. 1 Doubles team, Rinks and sophomore Adam Monich, were ranked as high as No. 41 in the country.

Stephanie Defever

### for improvement



The Women's Tennis team practices hard at their indoor facilities. The team finished the season with a 4-7 record in the Big

### 2006 season brings women of the tennis team closer as they improve their game for next year

Head coach Tim Bauer, who led with the motto, "the sky is the limit," resigned in the spring of his sixth year with the Spartan team. Former assistant coach Brett Page took the position, while Heather Mactaggart gave a hand in assisting.

General Management sophomore Christine Bader said the change was beneficial to the team.

"With the transition, we got two different perspectives throughout the year. Tim was best for the job; he's a positive guy, very encouraging," Bader said. "Heather was also great - she's energetic and emotional and really just gets us into the

Bader was nominated to the 2006 All-Big Ten First Team at the conference championship banquet on April 27. She has been one of the team's all-stars throughout season, playing out of the No. 1 singles and doubles positions for the Green and

"The team is more connected this year than others. Everyone has the same goals and everyone is willing to put each other in their place to get what they want," Bader said.

The fall season lasted for about the month of October, consisting of tournaments at U of M, Northwestern, and a favor-

The spring season on the other hand took the girls everywhere from Miami to Minnesota, from January through the Bia Ten Tournament in April.

While the season boasted five returning starters, it lost two and held no seniors. Bader was optimistic despite the lack of experienced senior players.

"Without seniors there isn't as much pressure. We think, 'next year we can do better, go further." It's a building year, and next year will be better," Bader said. "If we don't accomplish our goals now, we will then."

The team ended their regular season with a 5-2 victory over Penn State but fell short in the Big Ten Championship, leaving them with a 14-10 mark and a Big Ten record of 4-7.

Alison Costello

Member os the Women's Tennis team prepares to serve the ball during practice. The women on the team, due to the amount of time spent together on the court, are also close friends off the court.



#### Women's Tennis

Name	Class
Sarah Andrews	Junior
Christine Bader	Sophomore
Jessica Baron	Junior
Shelley Brady	Senior
Marianne Eelens	Freshman
Stephanie Kebler	Freshman
Aglaya Kokurina	Freshman
Ana Milosavljevic	Freshman
Pascale Schnitzer	Junior



Erika Greenia

A member of the Women's Tennis team prepares for battle during a meet. With the help of two great coaches this year, the women excelled at improving their game.

Members of the softball team get pumped during a huddle on the mound. This year's team had a lot to be excited about, as they excelled past last year's records early in the season.

Freshman catcher Kara Weigle waits for the ball in a game against Northwestern. The team played Northwestern twice in the regular season, and tragically lost both games.



Jacob Vink

#### Softball

Name	Number
Amy Szawara	1
Megan Hair	3
Abby Lincoln	4
Lesley Noel	6
Jenny Poff	7
Meghan Darhower	8
Traci Nicosia	10
Jessica LeFevre	11
Nicole Mercado	12
Jackie Noble	15
Gina Mondo	21
Erin Harvey	22
Nikki Nicosia	24
Dayna Feenstra	25
Rachel Turney	26
Dana Rosenblatt	27
Caitlin Mahoney	32
Kara Weigle	34



Joseph

# results grow as players do



Freshman shortstop Jenny Poff whips the ball towards home at a game. The team ended their season with a 34-25 record.

# Spartan softball improves upon last year's scores early in the season with young team

The Spartan softball team made a strong showing this season, winning nearly two-thirds of their games and improving upon the 2005 season.

After coming out of a tough schedule that resulted in 25-28-1 record last season, the Spartans had already matched the 25 wins by April 8.

"I think that last season we learned a lot about what it takes to win ball games and I think that this season we're applying all the things we learned," interdisciplinary studies junior and outfielder Nicole Mercado said. "We had a very young team last year, but we've done a great job in learning from our mistakes and moving forward."

After getting off to a great start this season, the women have remained humble with the future in mind. The team has had strong performances this season in all areas. Freshman Megan Hair, sophomore Lesley Noel, and junior Rachel Turney

have all stepped up on the pitching mound and have managed to keep the team's earned run average above two runs per game.

"I think our team camaraderie has been excellent," chemistry major Turney said. "We trust each other and, with that, our pitching and fielding has been superb."

The team has also gotten a powerful boost in the batter's box with half the lineup averaging .275 or better and nearly four runs per game. The team is lead by sophomore Nikki Nicosia, Mercado, freshman Kara Weigle, sophomore Traci Nicosia and junior Dayna Feenstra.

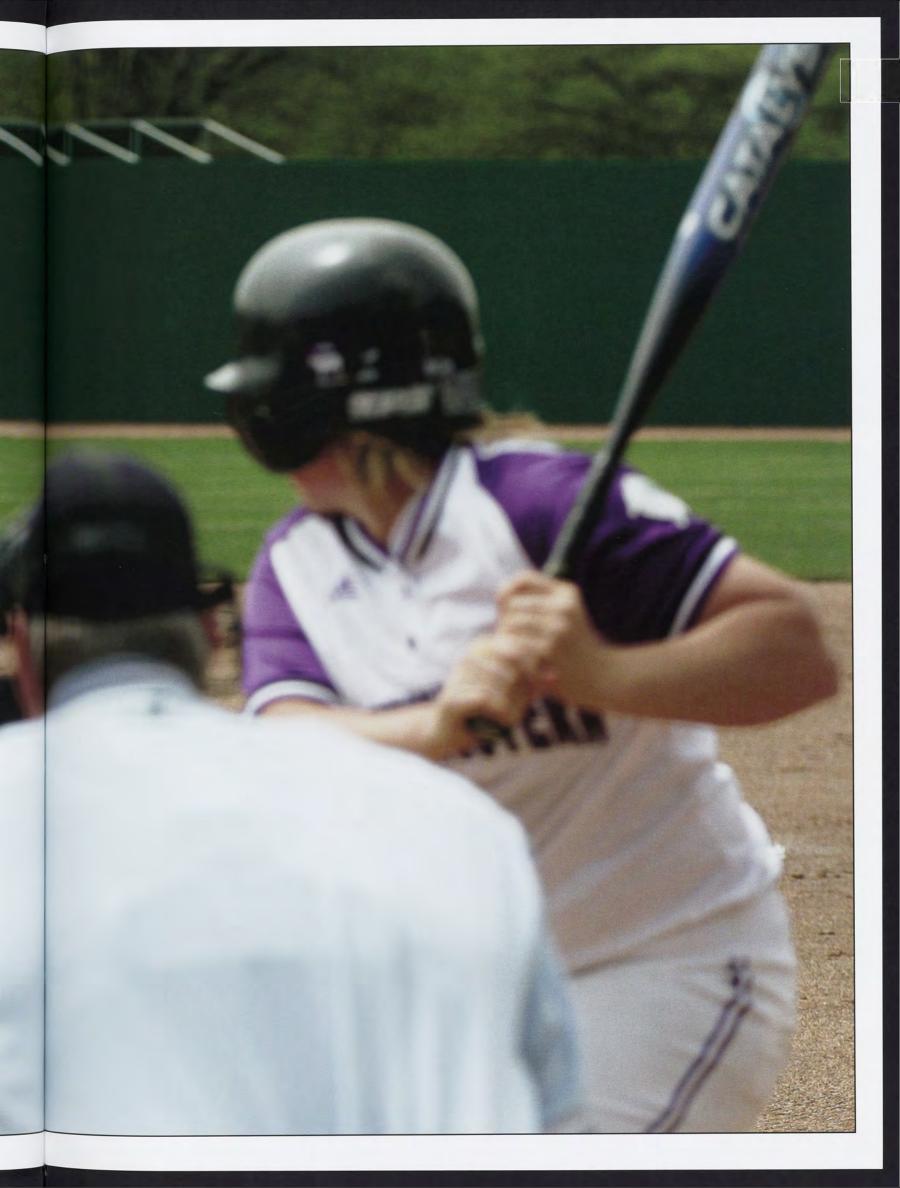
"This is the hardest working team I've been on," Szawara said. "These girls have a lot of heart."

Chris Jackett



# results grow as players do

itcher Lesley Noel throws a fast one at Northwestern during one of the two gular season games against the team. Despite valiant efforts and an otherwise eat season, MSU lost to Northwestern both games.



# SUGGETS improve with change



Junior Sean Walker runs to first base after putting the ball into play. Walker finished the 2005 season with a .286 batting overage, third best on the

### Spartan baseball reaches new heights this season due to new, highly effective coaches

When Ted Mahan retired after 10 seasons as the Spartan baseball coach, David Grewe stepped in, and has since led the MSU team on winning path.

After suffering a 22-31 finish last season, Grewe knew that things needed to be changed as he took over the program and became coach. Moving from his position as an assistant coach at Notre Dame, Grewe brought in Tony Baldwin and Mike Steele to be his assistants. Baldwin was an assistant at Dartmouth University and Steele is an ex-Central Michigan University pitcher who went on to play for the Class A Lakeland Tigers, the Detroit Tigers farm team.

"Coach Grewe brings a tremendous amount of enthusiasm and knowledge to the team," volunteer assistant coach Danny Lopaze said. "He brings the best out of all of the players!" The Spartans' .526 winning percentage is an improvement over the .415 mark left by last seasons squad.

"Our goals are to go out and play every game to the best of our ability and have no regrets," Lopaze said.

The team is averaged nearly the same runs as their opponents, which accounted for their close to .500 record. However, the team has seen success on the offensive side of the

"The team has been doing a great job of producing runs offensively, taking a solid approach to the plate and executina." Lopaze said.

Seniors Alan Cattrysse and Jamey Embree, juniors Ryan Basham and Adam Tripp, and sophomore Steven Gerstenberger have been leading the team in most batters categories throughout the season.

Chris Jackett

Member of the MSU Baseball team prepares for a great hit during a regular season game. The team's winning percentage this year was 526, a significant improvement from last year.



Spartan baseball team member offers a valiant throw during a game. The team's vast improvements this year are partially credited to their new and highly influential coaches.



Name	Number
Alan Cattrysse	2
Tony Clausen	4
John Lee	5
Troy Krider	6
Oliver Wolcott	7
James Keyton	8
Max Miller	9
Steve Gerstenberger	10
John Dwan	11
Ryan Basham	14
Quinn Ewert	15
Mike Takashima	16
Anthony Dunn	17
Kyle Hurtt	18
Peter Wolff	19
Mark Sorensen	20
Jeff Gerbe	21
Matt Trausch	22
Adam Tripp	23
Nolan Moody	24
Chris Malec	26
Jamey Embree	27
Chris Toepper	29
Mike Monterey	31
Dan Noble	32
Spencer Hahn	33
Kyle Day	34
Sean Walker	35
Kyle Kunkel	40
Chris Cullen	41
E.J. Daws	42
Bobby Walmsley	43
Craig Brookes	47

# allseasons, all the

Telecommunication and informational sciences senior Jason Brown prepares to launch the discus during a meet. This year, the Spartans hosted the Big Ten Championships in May.



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While the snow is falling, and while the spring grass peeks out from underneath piles of white flakes, the MSU men's track and field team is running. The team practices and competes during a season that stretches from January to June. With a competitive push on home turf, the Spartans earned 12 first-place finishes at the Spartan Invitational on April 15, led by geography junior James Pancoast in the 1,500-meter race and kinesiology freshman Ryan Libiran, who earned second place in the high jump.

"The guys come together as a team and really compete: not just for themselves, but each other," family and community services sophomore Jeremy Orr said. "You compete against some of the best athletes in the world, and that is truly a great experience."

Led by second-year interim head coach Walt Drenth, the Spartans earned victories over the Central Michigan and Eastern Michigan track and field teams at the CMU Invitational. Kinesiology senior Brad Gebauer earned All-American honors during the season for his success in the pole vault competition.

Darroll Gatson stepped down from the head coaching position in January, and Drenth described the team's recovery as "tremendous."

"It has also been great seeing young guys mature into Big Ten caliber competitors," Drenth said.

The team also served as the host of the Big Ten Championship meet over the weekend of May 12, with the competition located at the Ralph Young Track.

Jessica Sipperly



Meet	Score	Place
Akron	68	3rd
Big Ten Indoor Championships	24	3rd
Big Ten Indoor Championships	43	9th
Central Michigan	102	W
Eastern Michigan	99	W
Big Ten Outdoor Championships	2	10th
Big Ten Outdoor Championships	49	9th
NCAA Regional Championships	10.75	8th
NCAA Regional Championships	15.75	17th

Criminal justice senior John Childress launches ahead in the 100 meter hurdles. Earlier in the year, Childress placed 7th in the hurdles at the Big Ten Indoor Track and Field Championships.



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Journalism junior Phillip Marlatt takes the lead during one of the many Track and Field events. This year's team accomplishments grew and matured immensely over the course of the season.

#### Men's Track & Field

Name	Class
Jonathan Allen	Freshman
Christian Althaus	Freshman
Matt Bartlebaugh	Junior
David Bills	Sophomore
Carter Bishop	Freshman
lan Boyle	Freshman
Jason Brown	Junior
John Childress	Junior
Kevin Dacres	Sophomore
Nathan Egger	Senior
Brad Gebauer	Senior
Nicholas Katsefaras	Freshman
Mark Langlois	Senior
Dewayne Lewis	Junior
Ryan Libiran	Freshman
Phil Marlatt	Junior
Ryan McMillian	Senior
Nick Oertel	Senior
Jeremey Orr	Sophomore
Jim Pancoast	Junior
Dana Pitcock	Freshman
Chris Selent	Freshman
Stephan Shay	Sophomore
Robert Sherman	Junior
Michael Smoot	Freshman
Adam Sprangel	Sophomore
Tommy Stornant	Sophomore
Derek Strittmatter	Senior
Kyle Strotbaum	Sophomore
Kyle Sweeney	Junior
Dustin Voss	Sophomore
Sean Wahlfeldt	Sophomore
Terrell Washington	Sophomore
Julien Williams	Senior
Jon Wojcik	Senior
Justin Zanotti	Senior

Interim Head Coach Walt Drenth

Location	Score	Place
Illinois Invitational	54	5th
Michigan	45	5th
Intercollegiates		
Big Ten Indoor	11	8th
Championships		
Big Ten Indoor	16	10th
Championships		
Big Ten Outdoor	19	6th
Championships		
Big Ten Outdoor	41	10th
Championships		
NCAA Regionals	8	25th



Sophomore pole vaulter Stephanie Miller clears the bar during the Spartan Invitational. Miller cleared a height of 3.40m, placing her in a tie for eight place.



Lady Spartan jumps over a hurdle in stride for a winning score. In February, the team placed 10th in the Big Ten Championship meet, held in Wisconsin.

# fast flying females



Senior jumper Taren James competing in triple jump at Spartan invitational James won the event with a distance of 12.82m.

# Close team attempts to improve on group and individual strengths throughout 2006 season

The MSU women's track and field team was led by a small core of upperclassmen, including NCAA regional meet qualifier Aimee Keenan. Keenan, a family and community service senior, earned a spot in the meet on May 26 in the 800-meter race after her performance at the Eastern Michigan University Twilight Relays on April 22.

The underclassmen-the majority of the team-have much experience and many years of competition left. Sophomore Nicole Bush also qualified for the NCAA Regionals, with a spot-clinching time of 4:24.84 in the 1,500-meter race at the EMU meet.

"The best part of the season is the opportunity to travel to competitions and compete and to spend time and workout with my teammates," Bush, an interdisciplinary studies in humanities major, said. "We are all there for each other whether it's in running or life in general."

Led by eighth-year head coach Angela Goodman, the Spartans hosted the Big Ten Championship meet over the weekend of May 12. In February, the team finished in 10th place at the Big Ten Indoor Championships, held in Wisconsin.

"We expect that we'll have some young women that will do well," Goodman said. "We're really trying to improve on our indoor mark. We've had a lot of athletes who have made tremendous improvements."

The NCAA Championship meet followed the regional competition. Track and field team members can enter the meet by earning qualifying times and performances at some point during the regular season. In addition to Bush and Keenan, journalism senior Taren James qualified for the NCAA Regionals in the triple jump and long jump events.

Jessica Sipperley

a great season



Member of the women's golf The team meets the days a week for practice workouts.

### Mid-term grade of A- by Golf Week sets season's stage for the Women's Golf Team

The ladies of the Women's Golf Team work hard for their accomplishments, and are recognized for doing so. Golf Week gave them a "mid-term" grade of A- in their mid season, which reflects assistant coach Lorne Don's thoughts on the team's stance as of mid season.

"We had a win at our home tournament, the Mary Fossum Invitational and three other top six finishes," Don said. "We were also invited to the Hooters Match Play Championship which involved 16 of the top teams in the country."

Head coach Stacy Slobodnik agreed that the season was a successful one.

"We felt our fall [season] had some good moments," Slobodnik said.

In the fall season, the team had four ladies who attended every tournament: sophomore Sarah Brown, senior Dayna Burleigh, junior Amanda McConnell, and junior Heather Rose.

Three others competed for the team, as well: junior Jordyn Wells, senior Rachel Meikle, and freshman Holly Niederkohr.

"The best individual finish that we had was third place, which happened three times," Don said. "Dayna Burleigh and Heather Rose tied for third at the Mary Fossum Invitational and Sarah Brown finished in third at the Lady Paladin which is hosted by Furman University."

In the Big Ten, the team's toughest competitor is traditionally Ohio State. This year, Purdue also gave them competition, as they've earned a top spot in the conference.

The ladies meet five times a week to practice, workout, or both. Their practice facilities include Forest Akers East and West, the Rearick Center, the Duffy Daugherty indoor football field, the Golf Dome and the Dewitt Family Golf Center.

Ashley Waldorf

Dietetics senior Dayna Brown lines up her shot during a game. Brown tied for third at the Mary Fossum Invitational.

#### Women's Golf

Name	Number
Sara Brown	Sophomore
Dayna Burleigh	Senior
Ashley Dewling	Freshman
Jen Domagalski	Freshman
Carly Hunt	Freshman
Mandi McConnell	Junior
Rachel Meikle	Junior
Holly Niederkohr	Freshman
Kristen Polanski	Sophomore
Heather Rose	Junior
Jordyn Wells	Sophmore
Amanda Wilson	Junior

Head Coach Stacy Slobodnik-Stoll Assistant Coach Lorne Don



Communications junior Mandi McConnell follows her ball through the air after a key game drive. McCannell is one of two players on the team who was named Miss Golf out of high school.

Junior Matt Harmon follows through on the course during one of the team's spring tournaments. Harmon won his first career individual title at Georgia Southern's EZ-GO Schenkel Invitational this year.



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#### Men's Golf

Name	Class
Ryan Brehm	Sophomore
Brandon Cigna	Sophomore
Steve Cuzzort	Freshman
Nathan Gunthrope	Sophomore
Matt Harmon	Junior
Randy Hutchinson	Freshman
Tristan Lester	Sophomore
Mitch Pierce	Junior
Grant Tungate	Freshman
Zac Zedrick	Junior

Head Coach Mark Hankins Head Coach Casey Lubahn



Sophomore Ryan Brehm intently watches his ball as it flies down the course after a great swing. The team participates in flve fall tournaments and eight spring, including the Big Ten Championship.





Spartan men golfers proudly pase for the camera. This year's team held a record of 12-15 in team tournaments and are ranked 60th in the country.

### Young team gives it their all after last year's Ten Championship, making great strides

Coming off a Big Ten Championship last year has caused men's varsity golf to make this year one for adjustment and learning with a young new team. The men, who hold a record of 12-15 in team tournaments and are ranked 60th in the country, had a good season, according to Assistant Coach Casey

"We have played a great schedule this season, especially starting the season in Japan. We have taken this season and used it to gain experience and develop the game of golf," Lubahn said.

The men were the third team in the Big Ten to be invited to play for the Topy Cup held in Fukushima, Japan. The men took a third-place finish at the 23rd annual tournament. The 11-team field was composed of four American schools - Georgia State, South Carolina, Pepperdine, and Michigan State - and seven Japanese schools.

"It was an honor to be invited and do well at such a prestigious tournament. The opportunity of the tournament helped us throughout the season to improve," Lubahn said.

The men participate in five fall tournaments and eight springs, including the Big Ten Championship, where they placed fourth. The 87th Big Ten Championship was held at Conway Farms Golf Club in Lake Forest, III. The 72-hole event began with 36 holes on Friday, followed by 18 holes on Saturday and Sunday. They practice regularly at Forest Akers West golf course

In individual success, Junior Matt Harmon won his first career individual title at Georgia Southern's EZ-GO Schenkel Invitational, posting a career-best 54-hole score of 9-under-par 207 (68-69-70) to win by two strokes.

Stephanie Defever



Bedie Sherwoo

# KEEPING active Club Sports



Communications Spanish junior Shalane Walker observes tryouts for Nationals. The teams is divided into two groups for the competition.

## competitive cheerleading florida bound



Smiling, general business administration junior Debra Hills stands tall at the top of a pyramid created by the competitive cheering squad. Pyramids were part of their everyday practices.

Founded in fall of 2003, the competitive cheer team brings together a diverse group of women to participate in the sport of cheerleading while making friends and creating memories.

The 40-member team consists of two teams that are divided between different skill levels. It's the only all-girl cheer team at MSU, applied engineering senior and club president Kylie Wasztyl said. The team gives those who've had cheerleading and gymnastics experience in high school opportunities to cheer at the collegiate level and compete with other top teams in the nation.

The competitive cheer team took second place at the U.S. championship in New York City in 2004.

"Our goals are to be the best we can at every

competition and to represent Michigan State as best as we can," said Carrie Palazzolo, human biology senior and team secretary.

Being on the team is a lot of fun, but can get a little expensive, said Wasztyl. Each member pays about \$1,000 out of her own pocket for travel expenses and uniforms.

These energetic, hard-working women meet for practice three times a week to perfect their stunts and routines. Annual events the team participates in include Cheer for Charity, local competitions and the nationals in Daytona, FL. The club also participates in fundraisers and does charity work for breast cancer and leukemia.

Sandra Kao

## fencing club En gards



On guard Freshman Justin Schaudt and junior Mall Piszczek practice Their fencing techniques.

Although it may not be widely known, MSU has had a fencing team since 1939, and until 1997, fencing was a varsity sport. This year, the fencing team has over 35 dedicated members.

The fencing club practices four times a week in IM west. Due to the fact that the club is not university funded, there is a per semester fee of \$50 a person. However, the fencing club participates in multiple tournaments throughout the year.

Many people are unaware of the three different weapons used in fencing: the epee, foil, and sabre, as well as the fact that fencing was one of the original sports when the Olympics first began. Fencing remains a very distinguishable sport, especially at universities.

"My favorite aspect of fencing is the fact that we get

to push ourselves both mentally and physically," psychology junior Alexandra Oh said. "You can't be a good fencer if you're just athletic, but have no brains; and neither can you be, if you are all brains but have no athletic ability."

At a collegiate tournament, each school has three fencers. When two schools compete, each fencer from one school fences every other fencer from the other school, and whoever wins the majority of the bouts wins that competition.

"We're really building up a strong team this year to compete on the college level, and so teaching and learning are high on the list," political theory senior Claire Knittel said. "It's great fun, and really improves the reflexes."

Kristy McCown

#### Concentrating hard, two members of the Karate Club practice together. Classes were held at IM West everyday of the week excluding Saturday.

### karate Kids units



Since 1962. Karate Club has offered students a chance to learn martial arts in the Pukana Tana Soo Do style, also known as the Northern Diamond Chinese Fist Way. This style emphasizes both the kicking and punching aspects of the art. Learning these methods also aim to have the student learn how to react best for any given situation. This year, Karate Club had about 35 members.

"We have anywhere from beginners to black belts," said Bruce Henderson, the senior instructor. "We have three or four black belts who learned other styles and still work out with us."

Such students hail from anywhere between Pennsylvania State University to Connecticut to the

local metro-Lansing area, but all now attend Michigan State University. Through Karate Club, it could take as little as two years to earn a black belt, the highest level of skill achievable in martial arts.

Five instructors, all with black belt credentials, assist Henderson in teaching the classes at IM West, which run every day of the week besides Saturday. The classes usually start with warm-ups and basics training. From that point, classes usually alternate between either forms or two steps, and then finish with practicing their form and technique on bags or each other in fights.

Chris Jackett

Karate Club members show off their high kicks during practice. Kicking and punching were two major techniques the students learned.



## rebuilding year leads to success rugby



Members of the MSU women's Rugby Football Team practice in the campus field off Hagadorn Road. The team finished their season with a 3-3 tie between wins and losses.

Zeke the Wonder Dog is not the only canine to grace the fields of MSU athletic teams. With tufts of golden fur, Zulu was often found at the rugby pitch with an orange plastic toy and a never-ending supply of encouragement for the MSU Women's Rugby Football Club.

Led by second-year coach Todd Strbik, the team finished this season with a record of 3-3. Plagued by many empty roster spots this fall, the team took the task of rebuilding in stride. Strbik cited the team's biggest accomplishment as "developing the rookies." According to team captain and criminal justice senior Erin McGowan, six rookies were starters this season, with 15 players on the field at a time.

"We had a lot of seniors graduate and got a lot of rookies to step up," Strbik said.

With a roster of about 20 women, a cohesive and com-

mitted membership is needed for improvement. Although the team plays and recruits year-round, the primary season is in the fall. Attracted to rugby by the athletic competition and the different personalities of the team members, hospitality business senior Sarah Kuchenreuther enjoys teaching new players.

"When we get new girls, everyone is energetic and outgoing," Kuchenreuther, the other team captain, said.

With so much youth, the team set its sights on improvements

"Next year, we want to beat Bowling Green," Strbik said.
"Grand Valley is our biggest rival, and we'll probably see them in the spring."

Jessica Sipperley



Pre-veterinary med freshman Gail Pallister shows off her skills at club practice. The ultimate Frisbee club practices weekly at IM West.

Beckie Sherwoo

### women's ultimate frisbee two teamed

With growing interest in a relatively new game, the MSU Women's Ultimate Frisbee team divided into two squads as players transitioned from pick-up games on Friday afternoons to serious competition across the nation.

The MSU Women's Ultimate Frisbee team begins practices in September after a period of recruitment in order to prepare for the rigorous spring season. Tournaments across the country draw vans filled with disc-touting females; this fall, the team visited Kalamazoo, MI; Rochester, NY; and Columbus, OH.

"Through all the tournaments we get to know each other really well and we share a lot of jokes and good times," communications and public relations sophomore Alicia Stolsmark said.

The spring season began with an indoor tournament in Ann Arbor, the first one in which MSU sent two separate teams. During the last game of competition, the A-team lost to the University of Michigan A-team 6-5 in a universe point game, a situation in which the last point scored wins the game. Cocaptain and psychology junior Laura Western said this game, and the 8-2 victory of the B-team over its U-M counterpart, were the highlights of the tournament.

"Since we keep improving each year, I have confidence to say that this season will be our best to date," Western said.

Jessica Sipperley

## men's ultimate frisbee stiff competition

A member of the Men's Ultimate Frisbee team reaches to catch a throw. The A-Team is comprised of 21 memers.

With spring destinations of Las Vegas, NV and Texas, it would seem the MSU Men's Ultimate Frisbee team is looking for fun in the sun. However, the message sent at the Classic City Classic ICCCI in Atlanta, GA in October was rather business-like. The Spartan men finished with a 7-1 record, eventually losing 15-14 to Wisconsin in the finals. Mechanical engineering junior Josh Ewing has played for two years, and said the CCC is the biggest college tournament of the fall.

"We can be a dominant team this year, as long as we work hard," Ewing said.

"This tournament had about 85 percent of the nation's best teams," English senior Peter Gallina said. "[Losing] in the finals on sudden death means that we're that far ahead of our competition."

Leading up to the climatic spring season, the

team begins to practice twice a week in September, often with extra track work-outs. The Spartans do not receive the recognition of a varsity sport, but the dedication of the 21-member A-Team is comparable to these athletics. Ewing said the practices aim to prepare the team to win the regional tournament, held at the end of the spring semester, and perform well at the national tournament over Memorial Day weekend.

"The intensity and frequency of practices helps the team a ton," Ewing said. "We have to get in as many good hard practices as we can so that we can be physically ready to go out and play some sick ultimate."

Jessica Sipperley



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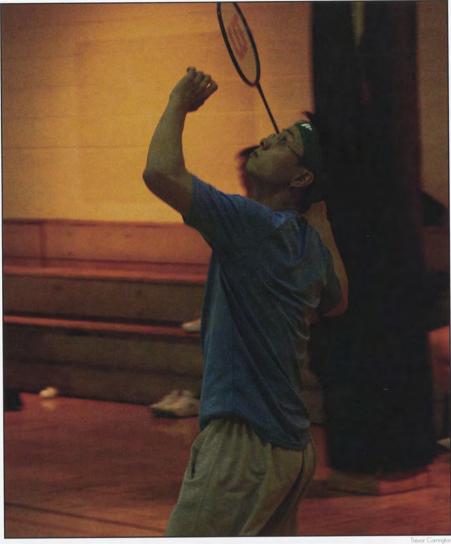


spirit. The men competed in the the biggest college tournamment of the fall, the Classic City Classic

Memebers of the team huddle in for some team

courtesy of Men's Ultimate Frisbe

# badminton levels of skill



Doctoral student Ji Zhang concentrates on his shot during practice. The Badminton club encourages all interested students of all skill levels to

Materials science and engineering junior Warren Knapp describes himself as a badminton player of "intermediate" skill, but he enjoys the competition just the same.

"We're an informal club who play for fun," Knapp said. "There are novice people, intermediate...and insanely ridiculous people."

The club, founded in 1993, meets on Tuesday and Thursday evenings and Sunday afternoons in IM West. With over 100 consistent players, every person who comes to practice is considered a member of the club.

Naturally, the primary rivalry of the club is against the University of Michigan. Mechanical engineering research assistant Chee Lum said the club held a tournament in August with the Ann Arbor Badminton Club.

"In this tournament, we played against a guy who was close to 60 years old but had excellent form and skills," Lum said. "This illustrated that badminton is a game for all ages."

Lum said the club is appealing because of its informal atmosphere, and the club hopes to continue to generate interest in badminton at MSU.

"Everybody at badminton is very nice and welcoming." Knapp said. "The play is noncompetitive and just for fun, and all are encouraged to play, regardless of skill level."

Jessica Sipperley



Members of the cycling team deal with rough terrain on a course. In the fall, weekend races focus on mountain biking.

# cycling racing to victory

The MSU Cycling Club consists of both competitive and non-competitive cycling activities, while striving to create fun and enjoyable experiences for its members.

"Bicycle fans of all kinds share a common ground in the MSU cycling club," computer science senior Alan Antonuk said. "Our members interests include road biking, mountain biking and even some alternative types such as BMX or free-riding."

Antonuk served as the Cycling Club's president where he was in charge of setting up races the group attended on the weekends, and also collaborated efforts for the university's bike project, in which Antonuk's organization is the main participant. This project specializes in repairing old bikes and distributing them to those in need.

A member since his freshman year, Antonuk has many irreplaceable memories from the Cycling Club.

"My favorites are the race weekends during the fall when we focus on mountain biking." Antonuk said. "During this time the group travels just about every weekend to different venues around the mid-west to race."

The Cycling Club is open to anyone interested in the sport, and is always looking for new members.

"Most of the 30 member group is heavy into competitive racing, "Antonuk said. "Yet some members are just into getting some exercise and meeting some fun people along the way."

Steven Ovares



Jacob Virl

The MSU Cycling team takes time out to pose for a group photo. The team is always looking for new members ready to get rough.

Members of the Judo club practice their moves. Judo offers a shift from the mainstream for Spartans interested in athletic pursuits.



## judo full-force action

Electrical engineering sophomore Ben Guild became interested in judo after seeing club members working out in a room as he passed by in the hallway at IM West. He watched them work out for a while, then went into the practice room, spoke with the sensei and club president, and sat in on

Guild has been a club member since the beginning of fall semester 2005, and said he would encourage those interested to do the same.

"For one thing, it's the best workout I've ever had," Guild said. I've played football in high school and many sports and this is by far the best workout of any of them."

Guild also said the club provides a stirring atmo-

sphere, in which members learn a lot about themselves and their capabilities in addition to learning about the people around them.

It's a sport that psychology sophomore and club member Steven Baum said is characterized by throws, sweeps, chokes and arm bars. Compared to some of the other forms of martial arts where a lot of striking—such as punches and kicks—are involved, Baum finds judo to be "much more full-

"I've made some really good friends from being in the club, and it's just a lot of fun," Baum said, "It gets my aggression out."

Sandra Kao

Members of the Judo club swiftly move positions. The club meets once a week to practice and build their skills.



# kendo japanese fencing



Members of the Kendo club face each other in battle. Kendo is japanese for "way of the sword."

Kendo is the art of Japanese fencing, literally meaning the "way of the sword."

For zoology senior and two-year club member William Berkowski, the club is a way of getting involved with what he considers "a very philosophical art." Berkowski said he enjoys the philosophical dimension the most.

"Sometimes people think it's a dorky thing or they think it's just like they were fighting in Star Wars," Berkowski said. "It's really not about that."

Not only is Kendo considered lot of fun and an excellent form of exercise, it is also "a good way to get a good attitude about yourself and about every other aspect of your life." according to Berkowski.

Also notable is the physical discipline of Kendo where instruments such as the shinai, a bamboo sword, or a bokken, solid wooden sword, are used.

Berkowski pointing out the unique dexterity involved with these items, explaining that they "require more skill beyond the intuitive level because you're not just kicking and hitting somebody," he said.

Training involves traditional etiquette and protocol that underscores respect for one another.

"Everyone that I know through the Kendo Club are all really outstanding, really good people," Berkowsi said. "They're people that you look at and you say they can contribute to the betterment of society. It's all through learning to honor and respect people, treat your fellow man as an equal, that kind of thing."

Sandra Kao

# triathlon triathletes in training

Founded in 1999, the MSU Triathlon Team has established itself as not only an athletic team for individuals of all skill levels, but also as a social club.

"We have a great training program that allows individuals of all levels to join our team. We train athletes that complete in Ironman's and are very competitive at other events. But we also have beginners who enjoy our program," said team President and Lyman Briggs microbiology senior Joshua McCallum. "We are also a big fun social group who like to hang out, go on trips, and have a good time."

While they welcome novices, there are also some well-seasoned athletes on the accomplished team. This year, they won the Boilermaker Triathlon for the second year in a row, have placed at Nationals for the past three years, and have five

individuals who've completed an Ironman. At 60 members with about 25 active participants, the Tri-team met for practice six days a week, all year long. At practices, depending on the athlete's level, members typically, fill a week with 40-60 miles on a bike, 20-10 miles of running, and 6,000-12,000 yards of swimming.

So how do they get through the long, grueling miles of an endurance event?

"Never give up. Think about things fast-random items to get your mind off the pain, and Ifocus onl how good it's going to feel to complete the race," said McCallum.

Ashley Waldorf

Two men of the triathlon team prepare at the state line of a race. This year's team was composed of 60 members with 25 active participants.



Nick Dentamara



A member of the SCUBA club takes a picture of a sea turtle below the surface. The SCUBA club went on dives throughout Michigan and also traveled abroad during winter and spring breaks.

ourtesy of SCUBA club

#### scuba below the surface

The MSU Scuba Club prides itself on introducing students to the underwater world. Diving, underwater hockey and other water-oriented activities keep the club members busy throughout the year.

"From diving exotic locations to experiencing history by exploring shipwrecks in the Great Lakes, we really had some really unique opportunities," zoology junior Brian Cripe said. "That is what made being in the Scuba Club so great."

Cripe is president of the campus organization open to divers and non-divers alike. For those just getting into diving, the group offers scuba certification classes.

"Most of our 70 members got their scuba certification through us," Cripe said. "There are also nondivers in the club who participated in other events such as underwater hockey." This new twist on an old game was played three nights a week at IM Circle. The group also held monthly meetings throughout the year.

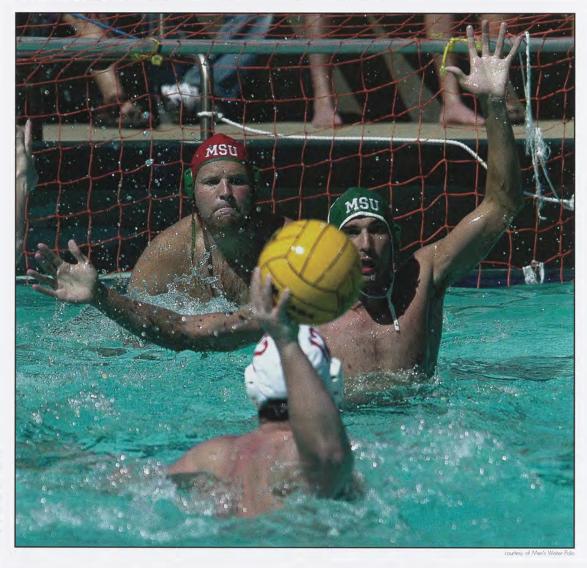
Spring break also marked a busy time for the organization.

"Last year, roughly half of the members went to Palm Beach, FL for a great week of diving," Cripe said. "That was my favorite memory of being in the sauba club."

When asked why students should join the organization Cripe said, "We have a unique opportunity here because the Great Lakes have some of the best shipwreck diving in the world. The oceans we also travel to offer incredible experiences."

Steven Ovares

#### men's water polo Swim to win



Two members of the Men's Club Water Polo team try vigoriously to defend their goal. The team finished their season this year with a 26-5 record.

Hospitality business junior Greg Jenkins is a member of the Men's Club Water Polo team. This past year, Jenkins became a Big Ten Champion.

The Men's Water Polo team finished the season with a 26-5 record. Chemistry was one of the most important factors in determining the team's success. The team was made up of few seniors, but those on the team really made a difference.

"The seniors provided leadership, talent and valuable experience, and the underclassmen added a great attitude and terrific athletic ability" Jenkins said. "This mix allowed for great team chemistry."

There were several events that defined the season. Early on, the team suffered a loss to Notre Dame that helped the Spartans to reevaluate the direction of their season. Another defining moment came in the Big Ten Tournament, which was

hosted by MSU. The Spartans defeated the University of Michigan to claim the Big Ten title, winning the game 10-7.

"The Big Ten Championship was like nothing I had ever done before. It was the single proudest moment of my life." Jenkins said. "I can't think about the experience without smiling. Winning in our own pool, in front of our families and friends, made it especially memorable."

The final defining event came in the tournament for the National Championship in Williamsville, M.A. Although the Spartans were defeated by Grand Valley State for the title, they were still happy with their season.

"We were able to accomplish all of our goals, and then some." Jenkins said. "It was a very satisfying season."

Kristyn Peterson



Women's Water Polo player Sara Lutz prepares to pass the ball during practice. The team's roster was about ten short this year from usual numbers ranging in the 30s.

#### women's water polo making waves

The women's water polo team was short about ten players this year, compared to groups of thirty in previous seasons. It was diverse in ages and skill levels, but the women still formed bonds and worked as a team toward completion of another successful season.

Scott Voltz, in his fourth year as Head Coach, and Patrick Clarin, in his first year as Assistant Coach, enjoyed the practices - four days per week and games nearly every weekend - as much as the students did.

"Our coaches were like our friends," said accounting senior Amy Selvig, who completed her fifth year on the team.

The team traveled around the area and into Canada during its season, which ran from January through mid-April with Big Ten and National Col-

legiate Club Championships at Northwestern University in late April and early May.

"We traveled in vans, so there were lots of bonding sessions going on, talking and chatting," Selvig said. "We all knew each other really well, enough that it was quite the ride."

The group raised funds to travel by selling t-shirts, working at the MAC and hosting can drives. They also made money by hosting the MSU Tournament in March. charging admission and selling ads to local businesses.

Zoology senior Katie Barott and advertising senior Katie Clarin were chosen by vote to be team captains and were labeled role models for team members

Alison Costello



Jacob Vol.

Fifth-year coach Scott Voltz addresses the women's water polo team during a practice at IM West. The team won Big Ten and National Collegiate Club Championships at Northwestern University.

#### women's ice hockey hopes for champions



A member of the women's club ice hockey team attempts to steal the puck from the opposing team. The team struggled hard this season for success despite injuries.

After winning the National Championship in 2003 and taking second place in the National Championship in 2005, then women's club ice hockey team had had a lot to live up to

The team had some minor setbacks with injuries and illnesses throughout the season, but stayed determined to excel.

"Everyone on our team is a great hockey player," human biology senior Kristen Wilbur said. "Every one of our players is capable of scoring at important times and all of the girls have a great ability to skate and play."

This season, the team also had four new coaches, forcing them to adjust to new coaching styles and expectations. Also, new teams have entered the league, increasing the team's level

of competition. Robert Morris College in Chicago, ranked number one, and Lindenwood University in St. Louis, ranked number two, are the team's biggest challenges this season.

"We held the expectation to win a national championship. and to play solid hockey against the top teams in the country." psychology junior Sarah Bienkowski said.

The club entered the 2006 ACHA Women's Division National Championship ranked 3rd, and finished in 4th place after losing to Lindenwood 4-1 in the Semifinals and then to Rhode Island 4-3 in the consolation competition for 3rd place.

Kristy McCown

## men's ice hockey making the grade

MSU men's club ice hockey team struggled this year to maintain their legacy.

The team had 26 players this year, 10 of them incoming freshmen. With all of the new additions to the team, the players had to practice extra hard to work together as a team.

"After everyone is dressed in the locker room, we go around the room and each player contributes something that we as a team need to do to be successful," finance sophomore defenseman Brian Hergt said. "One challenge that the team was faced with was coming together at the beginning of the year because we had so many new players."

The team made it to regionals where they won two games sending them on to nationals in Rochester, NY. There, they won one game but lost two. leaving them ranked 9th overall in the competition.

Accounting junior forward Nicholas Magina

With a 2005 National Championship title, the acknowledged the challenge the team faced this season, but said it didn't defer the team from remaining optimistic.

> "It is a challenge because every team we play knows that they have to play their best against us, so in turn, we must play to our potential every game," Magina said.

> Overall, the team stayed hopeful and maintained a good attitude all year, said criminal justice freshman Jim Martin.

> "Last year we won the entire championship so everyone wanted to do it again, but even without doing that everyone had a great attitude throughout the year," Martin said. "All the guys on the team stayed excited and really just love playing - that's why they're there."

> > Kristy McCown

Members of the men's ice hockey club pose for a group shot. The team had a total of 26 players this year, 11 of whom were freshmen.





A men's ice hockey club member takes the puck behind the net as he sets up for a play. With 11 new members this year, learning to work together was one of the team's biggest accomplishments.

#### spike it up women's volleyball



Members of the Women's Club Vollevball team fight for the ball in a meet. The two teams play year round and compete in both division I and II brackets.

The Women's Club Volleyball team has faced more challenges this year than they have in the past.

The club volleyball team, which plays year round, is actually made up of two teams: the 'A' team and the 'B' team. The A team competes in Division I brackets while the B team competes in Division II brackets. The A team is considered the better of the two teams, but Jessica Coulter, club president and social relations senior said that was not the case this season.

"The A team is supposedly the better team, however unlike many of the other programs, our two teams are very similar in talent." Coulter said.

The A team faced particularly tough challenges this year. At the beginning of the year, the team started out with a new coach who, for various reasons, did not return in the spring.

"This part of the season was very tricky," Coulter said. "We had to push and coach ourselves. Our team is deep though and we have versatile players."

Last year, the B team finished as national runner up in the Division II brackets, and Coulter is optimistic about this

"Last year the B team got 2nd in the nation for Division II and I predict first place for them this year," Coulter said.

To Coulter, club volleyball has been the most memorable aspect of her college

"I decided to play club volleyball because it's competitive, but still fun," Coulter said. "It has been the most memorable thing that I will take from college."

Kristyn Peterson

#### men's volleyball proving better

This year, the Men's Volleyball Club is out to prove what they can do as a team. They want to show that their talents are better than their numbers last year.

So far, they have won the Big Ten Championship against the University of Illinois.

"The championship was held at U of I, in front of their fans." education graduate student Jason Reed said. "We were unranked at the time, and beat them in straight sets for the crown of the Big Ten."

With this win, they were given the title of the Big Ten Regular Season Champions. They went 9-0 to finish off their regu-

From the beginning of their season, the Men's Volleyball Club Club was ranked 9th in the nation at preseason. Within their season. the team managed to bring their rank up to 4th in the nation. Last year, the team finished 21st in the

country but this was not good enough for two particular seniors. Jason Reed and Travis Wilson, who stayed on an extra year to help their team finish on top. Both great players in their own right, Travis Wilson was the Big Ten Most Valuable Player and Jason Reed was the Big Ten Defensive Player of the Year.

Besides being on an amazing volleyball team and being passionate about the sport, these auys play because of the friendship they have with one another.

"Aside from the volleyball part of the club, I've built relationships that will last the rest of my life," Reed said.

These guys play hard and have a good time with one another. These are two things that have helped them achieve their great success in volleyball.

Lakeeya Blue



Mechanical engineering junior Bryan Grinnell spikes the ball during a scrimmage. The Men's Volleyball Club competes in various tournaments across the nation.

#### Agure skating continued success

In its ninth year as a club sport, the women of the MSU Figure Skating Club competed from November through January, and traveled to the National Championships in San Jose, California. Coaches Cheryl Karlon and Brandon Forsyth led the team to another successful season.

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The group participated in synchronized skating and freestyle competitions, a compulsory program, short program, long program, team maneuvers and solo dance. The freestyle team had qualified for the Intercollegiate National Figure Skating Championship for the past three years.

The team practiced three times per week year round, training for contests and performances. The respected group put on a show during four of the MSU Varsity Hockey team's games and took part in the Summit Holiday Ice Show in December.

The team was made up of about thirty students, each of whom attended at least two intercollegiate competitions.

"There are 30 girls on the team this year and we all have different backgrounds and personalities. Some of the girls, like myself, have been skating synchro for several years and some did not start until they came to MSU." zoology senior Danielle Salvatore said. "We are like a pile of puzzle pieces that our

coach has to put together to create a beautiful picture. Normally most of us probably wouldn't have been friends but I think we go together really well."

Recruitment was held in the spring, encouraging future freshmen to meet the team and stay in a dorm during their visit.

Alison Costello



group photo at an intercollegiate competition at Western Michigan University. The club took third place at this event.

The MSU Figure Skating Club strikes a pose at the end of their performance. The theme of the program was a compilation of songs that use the word

black

The women of the Figure

Skating Club pose for a





courtesy of Figure Skating CLb



# THAPPENINGS

Campus Life

#### reflecting on



Student affairs and services vice president Denise Maybank gives a speech to students on MLK Day. Her goal was to motivate students to get involved in community service.

In 1999, ASMSU asked the administration to observe Martin Luther King Day by canceling classes and hosting extra events in commemoration. Administrators approved, and seven years later, MLK is remembered on campus through a long weekend of conferences, dinners and shows

The 26th annual feat was entitled, "The Struggle for Freedom: Our Right to Vote," celebrating the 40th anniversary of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, which outlawed discriminatory voting practices. Celebratory activities were overseen by the Office of Affirmative Action, Compliance and Monitoring.

"Showtyme at MSU", a student talent contest held in the International Center Food Court, kicked the stream of events off Saturday. A panel of student judges awarded first, second and third place cash prizes to winners.

"Jazz: Spirituals, Prayer and Protest—A special tribute to Rosa Parks," was the third annual show performed by MSU jazz professors Sunday afternoon and evening at the Wharton Center.

Advertising sophomore Erin Miller enjoyed the presentation.

"It is truly beautiful to see everyone in the community come together like this and celebrate diversity... We've come a long way."

On Monday, a Student leadership conference titled "40 Years Later: From Voting to Activism: What are YOUR

Rights?" was held at the Union. Dr. Bill E. Lawson, a distinguished philosophy professor at the University of Memphis and former MSU faculty, was the keynote speaker.

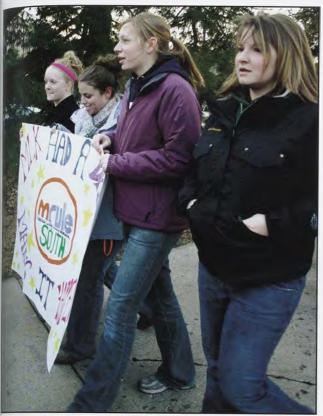
The conference was followed by a celebratory march to the Rock where marchers enjoyed hot chocolate while listening to the song "We Shall Overcome" played by MSU assistant carillonneur Sally Harwood. The parade concluded when Dr. Lee June, Vice President of Student Affairs and Services and Assistant Provost for Academic Student Services and Multicultural Issues, recited parts of the Dr. King's "I Have a Dream" speech.

Monday evening, a community dinner, "The Vote: A Right, Privilege or Obligation?", was held in Akers cafeteria. The meal was free for community members and included a silent auction featuring original artwork by studio art senior Jane French, entitled "A Tribute to Rosa Parks". Proceeds from the auction went to the Martin Luther King, Jr. scholarship fund.

Residence halls around campus also participated by hosting special dinners Monday. Finance freshman Jim Breese enjoyed the day off of classes and attended the Brody Cafeteria dinner.

"King was such an influential leader in civil rights and with today's fast-paced world, it's good to stop and pay respect to people that helped shape this country."

Alison Costello



Criminal justice junior Eve Ann Hoover, marketing sophomore Randi Schaefer, international relations freshman Lean Kralovetz and social relations freshman Megan O'Brien of MRULE carry their sign during the annual MLK Day march. Their sign displayed the words "MLK had a dream: make it happen."

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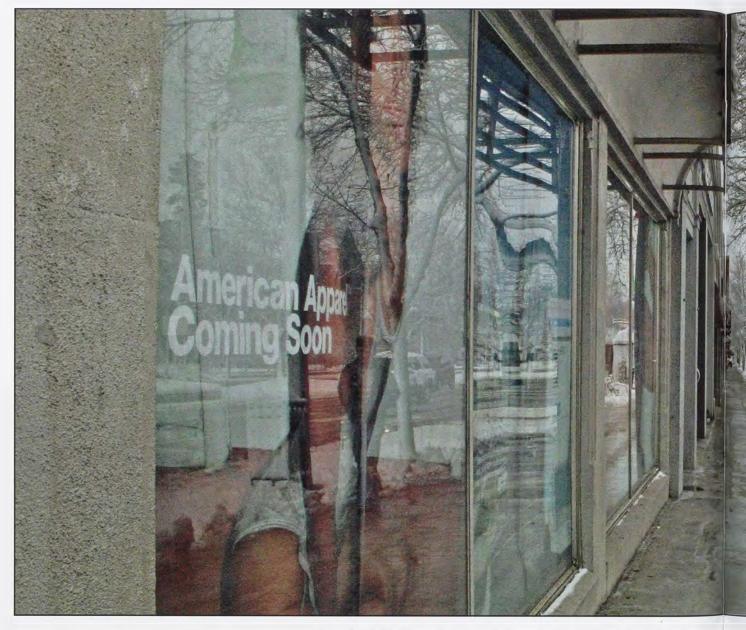
We've come a long way.

- advertising sophomore Erin Miller



An Into the Streets volunteer sits with a young member of the East Lansing community. Into the Streets holds a service project annually on MLK Day.

American Apparel is one of the newest stores to occupy the shifting storefront line on Grand River. Avenue. The store added more shopping to the popular student walking path.





Noodles & Co., a new restaurant on Grand River Ave., offers various pasta-based cuisine to students, and nearby businesses. The eatery serves a macaroni and cheese dish that makes Kraft ashamed.

Most of East Lansing's most popular businesses targeting college students are located on Grand River Avenue. The opening of several new stores and restaurants helped to change the face of the well-known strip this year. American Apparel and Big Ten Burito were two of the many new attractions.

American Apparel, opened in the spring of 2006, is a different from any other clothing store that has ever opened on Grand River. Operating out of downtown los Angeles, American Apparel owns the largest garment factory in the U.S., and has stores in 11 countries. The company is different because employees at the factory work under some of the most humane conditions in the world. Sewers earn between \$13 and \$15 and hour, as opposed to sweatshop rates (nine cents an hour) that other many companies offer. American Apparel also offers dental insurance for less than \$1 a week to each employee In addition, free English classes are offered to non-English speakers.

According to the company's web site, "While creating innovative clothing, American Apparel is striving to pioneer a movement in human rights and environmental responsibility through groundbreaking methods and policies."

# the changing face of grandriver



Nick Dentamara

Freshman Spencer Corbett takes a bite out of a burnito from Big Ten Burnito. BTB is the only burnito place that delivers, and was voted the best restaurant of 2005 by The State News.

One student, general management sophomore Terence Ng, seems unconcerned with American Apparel's policies, however.

"I disagree with sweatshops," Ng said. "But I don't think that it will affect my choice in the clothes that I buy. I don't care who makes my clothes. It's the quality that's important."

Quality is something that students are looking for in their food as well, and Big Ten Burrito was just the place they were able to find it this year. The only burrito place that delivers, Big Ten Burrito was voted the best restaurant of 2005 by the State News. The simple architecture in Big Ten helped to create the atmosphere that a restaurant needs to present to be successful in a college town.

"Big Ten Burrito has that college atmosphere," environmental studies and applications sophomore Tian Peterman said. "The food was cheap, and it tasted good. On a scale of 1-10, it seems about an eight."

Another unique thing about the restaurant is that all of the entrees are priced so that the total comes out to an even dollar amount after taxes. No coins are necessary when

ordering food from Big Ten Burrito.

"It was definitely a plus that I didn't have to use any change," general management junior Neil Alpert said. "I'm not a big fan of change. It's nice to just get bills back."

American Apparel and Big Ten Burrito were not the only changes to take place on Grand River this year. One other major change this year was the State News' move out of the Student Services Building and onto Grand River Ave., taking the place of the Gap. The much more professional-looking offices at the State News was a big change from the small space they occupied on the 3rd floor of student services.

Other changes included the opening of Noodles & Company, a pasta restaurant, and the closing of Aroma, one of the only establishments near campus that allowed indoor smoking other than the bars, making it a popular coffee joint for student smokers.

Kristyn Peterson

A student reads aloud a poem she wrote to the crowd at Open Mic Night. This event gave students a chance to express their artistic abilities and talents in front of an enthusiastic audience.



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A single mic stood on a dimmed stage while the audience sat silently. Soon enough emotional sincerity was pouring out of the mouth of a reader and was the start of the Red Cedar Review's Open Mic Night at Archives Bookstore on Grand River Ave.

The audience, which consisted of MSU students and staff, and many Lansing-area residents, was an incredible turnout according to English junior and Managing Editor of Red Cedar Review Teal Amthor-Shaffer. Their open mic nights are held twice a semester and draw big crowds.

"Open Mic Nights are low key and everyone that gathers has a love for literature and language," said Lindsay Tigue, English senior and assistant editor. "It is a lot of fun and the sense of community come together to celebrate a love.

During Open Mic Nights, fiction, non-fiction and poetry are read, which are included in the publication along with black and white photography. Some readers are local writers who want to share their work. Red Cedar Review also has guest speakers who come to campus as informational resources to share their editing and publishing skills.

Red Cedar Review has been MSU's premier literary journal for more

than forty years. It is the oldest undergraduate publication in the United States. Submissions for the publication come from people around the nation of all ages. According to the staff, the journal's aim is to provide a pre-professional experience in the world of editing and publishing to the entire staff, increase literary awareness and foster a literary community on campus and in the East Lansing area, and to produce an annual publication that contains the highest-possible quality of literature.

"The most enjoyable part of this publication is starting with nothing, sorting through thousands of manuscripts, seeing the stages in order to put together a literary magazine and then, finally, see all of it published as a book," Tigue said.

This year's issue of Red Cedar Review was released in April and is available in local bookstores and through the Red Cedar Review's website.

"We hope to foster more awareness in the East Lansing and MSU community so that interested people can subscribe to this premier literary journal," said Amthor-Shaffer.

Stephanie Defever

Open Mic Nights are low key and everyone that gathers has a love for literature and language.

- English senior and Red Cedar Review's assistant editor Lindsay Tigue



A student sings a song he wrote for the audience at Open-Mic night. Open-Mic night featured around 20 writers and or musicians at the Archives Book Store on Grand River Ave.

## honky tonkin'

The MSU Rodeo Club hosted its annual Spartan Stampede rodeo, featuring bareback riding, saddle bronc, bull riding, steer wrestling, calf roping, team roping, and barrel racing, at the MSU Pavilion over the weekend of Feb. 17-19. Professional athletes came from across the country to take part in the contest, which was put on by Broken Spokes Rodeo.

Picturesque blue-jeaned, plaid-shirted cowgirls and boys of all shapes and sizes leaned toward the dust filled arena of the Pavilion, hollering on their favorite cowboy-hat-clad competitors. The rodeo also featured bucking horses, calves and bulls rallying through the arena; country music pouring though the speakers; and spurred boots, chaps, and southern drawls.

For the audience, watching the dare devil entertainment is exhilarating, but for the brave ones on the floor, it's not as intimidatina.

"It was fun, I had a good horse" said Kyle Jackson of Lake Odessa, MI. about his bareback ride performance.

The audience varied from full-out dedicated rodeo watchers lidentifiable by their obvious knowledge of the sportl to first timers.

"It's not really what I expected," interior design senior and rodeo first-timer Kristy Bernthal said. "But some of the events are really fun."

Bernthal accompanied a friend, who was native to both South Dakota and rodeos and was able to fill her in on détails.

The Rodeo Club, which is comprised of about 50 members, begins planning the event the first week of school. With around 100 sponsors, the event generally raises over \$10,000, but costs \$60,000 to put on. The event is said to be held more for entertainment purposes, and to give members of the club and other Rodeo competitors a chance to showcase their talent right here at MSU.

The rodeo featured over 300 contestants from all over the country. Contestants registered through the International Professional Rodeo Association. To compete, they needed only an official rodeo card and to pay the admission fee.

"We had a great turnout all weekend," club member and animal science senior Rachel Bianchi said. Bianchi mentioned that most of their profit comes from ticket sales, and all shows this year were near sold-out performances.

Ashley Waldorf

Bulls wait patiently for the chance to show their stuff to spectators. The annual Spartan Stampede was held at the MSU Pavilion.

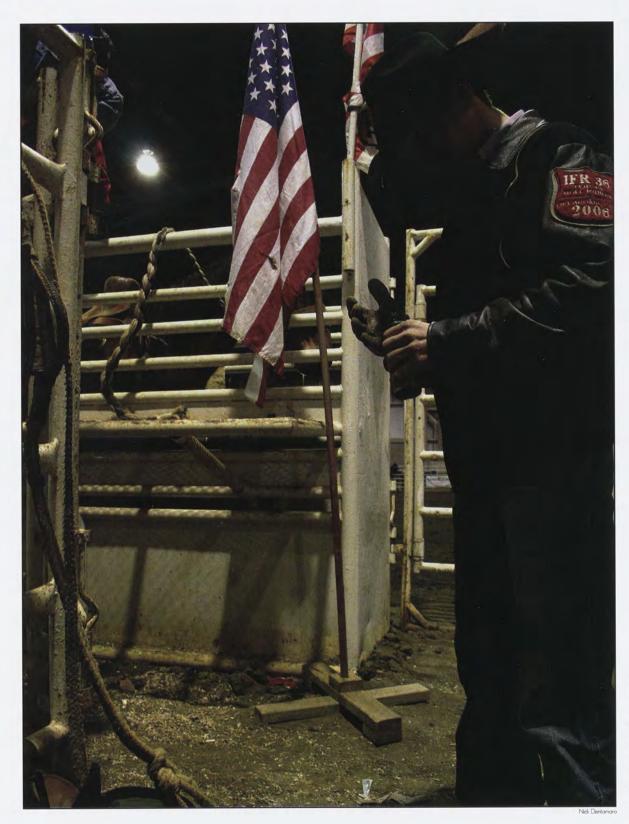


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Four strong rodeo fans from the audience vigorously attempt to push their team's truck over the finish line before the other team in hopes of winning their Spartan Stampede Event. This tough race is just one of the many enticing events which takes place at Spartan Stampede.



Bull rider Josh Reed dabs homemade super glue on his hands, prepping for his event. Reed was the 2005 International Professional Rodeo Association's World Champion Bull rider.

# honky tonkin'

A Spartan Stampede contestant waits patiently for his chance to ride. Spartan Stampede takes place every year at the MSU Pavilion.





Two students voice their opinions at the coca-cola protest on campus. The protest was organized by the Students for Economic Justice during mid-terms.

Beckie Sherwo



Protestors stand on the steps of the Administration Building on campus with banners and bullhorns in hand. The Students for Economic Justice also had an online petition for students who wanted to help the cause.

cocacola campaign

Dealing with typical college woes like difficult midterms and messy mid-week parties is enough for most Spartans. But MSU Students for Economic Justice (SEJ) is stepping up to battle Coca-Cola, an international giant, in opposition of labor and environmental practices of the company.

SEJ has hosted a series of events on campus as part of the Killer Coke campaign, and members have protested in front of the Auditorium, the International Center and the Administration Building. The group also sponsored a taste test on Jan. 23 at the rock on Farm Lane in order to promote Michigan soda varieties and discourage students to drink Coca-Cola products.

"I saw them outside of the International Center wearing Coke cans," environmental biology and botany freshman Stuart Neils- Kraft said: "That's when I got involved."

The war against Coca-Cola products has recently been shoved into the campus spotlight due to several protests at MSU, and U-M's termination of their contract with Coke on Jan. 1. International relations junior Maggie Corser said the most powerful SEJ protest on campus was the rally at the Administration Building on Feb. 21. Luis Cardona, a worker from Colombia, spoke at the event about environmental and labor abuses by the company, Corser said.

"We got a first-hand account from a worker," Corser said. "We were making our voices heard. U-M's victory has affected how administrators are viewing this."

Kraft said a meeting in the Northwestern Room of the MSU Union took place later that night, and the room was filled to capacity.

"There were people standing and sitting on the floor," Kraft said. "The rally and speech session were the most successful."

With the protests spilling onto campus sidewalks, students have been hard-pressed to ignore the issue. Kraft said many people have been supportive and curious about the Coca-Cola boycott.

"Someone may be offended if they are drinking a Coke product, but a great majority of people have been interested."

Corser said the group met with Provost Kim Wilcox and Student Affairs and Services Vice-President Lee June, and the university officials followed the previous receptiveness of many students to the group's standpoint and ideas.

"It would be a huge victory for SEJ," Corser said, speaking of a contract termination. "It would send a clear message to Coca-Cola that MSU does not support their labor practices."

Jessica Sipperley

# winter

Every four years, the United States is unified in aid of a single cause: supporting national athletes at the Winter Olympics.

This year was no different, as the 2006 Winter Olympics were hosted in Turin, Italy. The event drew worldwide attention, and the United States finished second among all countries with 25 medals; nine being gold. Germany finished first with 29 medals; 11 being gold.

The atmosphere was set for surprises as the games delivered exciting performances and difficult failures. Four students from MSU were able to take in the ambience first hand.

"I thought it would be very crowded, a lot of entertaining things to do, athletes everywhere, people from all different countries walking around, and close together like one Olympic Village." psychology senior Tara Cariano said. "My experience was not like I expected. I did enjoy the city, as it was beautiful. The flame was my favorite part, although that part of the city was crowded and not as nice."

Cariano, who attended the women's hockey match between the USA and Germany, is one of four students studying abroad at John Cabot University in Rome, about 430 miles south of Turin. Senior Kathryn Blair Mathews, and juniors Joseph Lambert and Aubrey Ling Hang also ventured north to Turin in order to get a glimpse of Olympic glory in hockey, skiing and women's moauls.

"We took a train eight hours in the middle of the night. We did not get sleepers, just regular seats," Cariano said. "On the way home, many people were unable to reserve seats, so they were left to sit in the hallway."

Several of the students were amazed at how welcoming the

people of Turin were to visitors from other countries.

"The visitors attending the Olympics and the residents were all in high spirits and very friendly," studio art major Hang said. "We walked into a small clothing shop to inquire about a good restaurant and could not understand the gentleman's directions. He realized this after the fifth time trying to explain it to us, put on his coat and walked us two blocks to the front door, speaking to us in Italian the whole way."

Most MSU students got their Olympic fix from within East Lansing, watching the games on television at their own residences. Hockey, skiing and figure skating seemed to gain the most attention from the student audience. Nationally however, television ratings for the Olympic games continued to decline in comparison to previous years.

"They were not as appealing. It seemed like there weren't many familiar athletes. There aren't many big names and stories that people talk about," mathematics junior David Krcatovich said. "Bode Miller winning zero gold medals instead of five [was a letdown]."

Performances by the men's hockey team, who took the silver medal at the 2002 Olympics, figure skaters Michelle Kwan and Sasha Cohen, and others like Miller, were also considered disappointing in the eyes of various critics and analysts. Despite such disappointments, the United States was one of the most successful countries to participate in the 2006 games.

Chris Jackett



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The Olympic torch burned bright during the 2006 games. The fire created light so bright even from far away spectators could catch a glimpse:



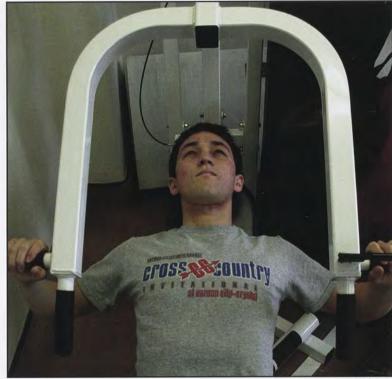
AP Photo/Jasper Junen

courtesy of Tara Cariano

MSU student Tara Cariano poses for a picture near the Olympic games site in Turin, Italy. Thanks to her study abroad program in Rome, Cariano was able to attend the 2006 games.

United States' Joey Cheek, from Greensboro, N.C., holds an American national flag as he makes a victory lap during the Winter Olympics men's 500 meter speedskating sprint race at the Oval Lingotto in Turin, Italy, Monday, Feb. 13, 2006. Cheek won the gold medal in the event.

Chinese and communications freshman Calvin Vaneck does bench presses during a Life: Rx test. John Kermiet was there to assist him.



getting

Advertising junior Jessica Kunnath made an appointment at Olin Health Center without a fever, cough, or sore throat. In fact, she felt like she was in great health. However her appointment would help determine a factor of how healthy she really was. She had made an appointment to check her physical health through the Life: RX program.

The majority of students on campus know to visit the Olin Health Center when they are sick. However, not many students seem to know that there are other health services available for those who aren't ill. One of the services offered is the Life: RX program.

Life: RX is designed to determine an individual's current fitness level as well as offer a personalized fitness program based on the results, according to the program's coordinator, Jonathan Kermiet. The program is available to all MSU students, faculty, and staff for a minimal fee. Students can make an initial appointment in which various aspects of their physical health are measured, including blood pressure, cholesterol, heart rate, percent body fat, lung volume, flexibility, muscular endurance, strength, and aerobic capacity. All results are confidential.

Jessica Kunnath had heard about the program through Olin, and was curious to find out what her current physical levels were, as well as where they should be. She found that the tests were not intimidating.

"There are a series of tests done that test strength, endurance, and flexibility. Examples of the some of the tests included doing as many push-ups in 60 seconds as you can, doing sit-ups in 60 seconds, riding a bike to get your heart rate up. They were very encouraging at Olin, and

worked at whatever pace was comfortable." Kunnath said.

After the testing, the results are discussed with the student in a counseling session. The student is then advised how to change certain behaviors to better their physical health, as well as which positive behaviors they should maintain in their life.

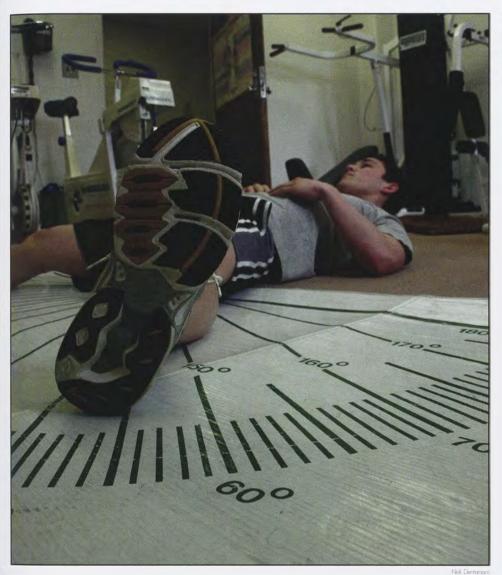
"They were thorough about the results and helped develop a lifestyle change," Kunnath said. "It was more then just a diet and exercise plan. The recommendations were helpful, they gave suggestions on how to achieve the goals I set."

Three months after the initial appointment, the individual returns for a follow-up appointment, in which all of the same tests are administered. This session is used to gauge how effective the lifestyle changes have been, and which areas are still problematic, according to Jonathan Ker-

Kunnath said she would recommend Life: RX to others. Interested students can visit Olin Health Center's website to find contact information to make an appointment.

"Even if you think you are in excellent condition, it's still nice to know where exactly your levels are," Kunnath said. "And if you think you have problem areas, they help develop a realistic plan to achieve those

Caroline Coleman



Stretching his body, Chinese and communications freshman Calvin Vaneck lays flat during a physical test as pat of the Life: Rx program. The program helps students learn their physical health levels ad how to improve them.



Nick Dentama

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- advertising junior Jessica Kunnath

John Kermiet, a member of the Life: Rx, helps Chinese and communications freshman Calvin Vaneck measure his hamstring flexibility. Life: Rx offered students free health and fitness tests.

## **WJALDLY**

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Professor D'ann Desimone explains details about the Study Abroad trip to Austria to a student at the Study Abroad Fair. Held twice a year at the MSU Union, the fair provides information about international study abroad programs.

This was by far the most **VALUABLE** experience that I have had during my four years at **MU**.

- finance senior Elizabeth Lord







and flyers at the Study Abroad Fair. This fair, held at the MSU Union, provides larger opportunities for students to continue their educations.

This small grouping of flags is absent of student attention among the clutter of pamphlets

Nick Dentan

Many have seen the quote, "At MSU, it's not a question of if you'll go, but when," MSU Study Abroad's slogan, all over campus on flyers, in e-mails, and on the back of MSU Study Abroad t-shirts. While not every student at MSU chooses to travel abroad, a significant number opt to take the journey outside the U.S. in hopes of adding a twist to his or her education.

MSU offers several different types of programs, ranging from yearlong to weeklong. There are weeklong spring break trips and even freshman seminar programs aboard for incoming students.

Animal science freshman Stephanie Silm is one MSU student who participated in a freshman seminar located in Dublin, Ireland. Silm was in Dublin for 12 days, and studied the theme "What Makes a Place Cool?" Her group focused on the distinguishing characteristics that encourage a person to want to live in or visit a certain area, and was centered on Michigan's Cool City Initiative.

"This trip was definitely the highlight of my summer," Silm said. "The freshman seminar abroad allowed me to meet other incoming freshman and faculty from the university, become acquainted with a college level class, and experience a new culture."

Silm said she enjoyed the trip and the countless benefits it provided. She was able to take fewer credits her first semester at MSU because of the two elective credits she received while abroad.

Silm, of course, isn't the only one who would recommend a study abroad program to others. Finance senior Elizabeth Lord spent five weeks in Cambridge, England studying in the Summer Business Program. While

in Cambridge, Lord was required to take two classes.

"I really learned a lot, and the program was extremely organized with well planned transportation to and from the airport as well as field trips," Lord said. "This was by far the most valuable experience that I have had during my four years at MSU."

The classroom work wasn't Lord's favorite part of the trip, however. On weekends, Lord also traveled to Scotland, Ireland and France, she said.

"I really just enjoyed getting to know 29 complete strangers really well, and traveling Europe with them," Lord said. "The only thing that got old was England's typical everyday weather of clouds, cold and rain."

MSU is consistently ranked among the top three study abroad programs in the country by the Institute of Institutional Education. MSU Study Abroad offers programs on all seven continents, with more than 200 programs total. Last year, 2,641 MSU students went on a Study Abroad trip, and 256 students came from other universities to participate in an MSU sponsored trip. Programs are offered in each of MSU's 16 colleges, and range from Advertising in Asia, to Internships in Spain, to English literature in Dublin.

MSU offers a wide variety of scholarships and grants created specifically for those students interested in studying abroad. Other financial aid, including loans, both subsidized and unsubsidized, is also available for students participating in abroad programs.

Kristyn Peterson







#### Nick Dentamar

## BIG DADDY TAXI DRIVER

Julie Voeller, a mother, Lansing resident and Big Daddy Taxi driver, begins another night of work as an employee for the company. After six months of working there, The Big Daddy family now calls her "Mama Cita," and she's one of two women who drive from 7 p.m. until 7 a.m. every weekend on "the square," a rough radius from Hagadorn to Harrison and Lake Lansing to Mt. Hope.

She vows she never saw herself as a cab driver until she and her husband cared for international refuges, housing them until they were ready to live on their own

"In the matter of about a year I went from being responsible of two kids to about eight and working at the hospital just didn't cut it," she said.

The extra money was helpful and she found driving to be the most exciting way to spend her Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights.

At 7:00 p.m. a cell phone's disco tune rings over the light rock playing in the 13-person-van labeled "Big Daddy Taxi," with its number plastered over the paint. Voeller grabs it from the Velcro compartment between her seat and the passenger's, practically singing her greeting, "Big Daddy Taxi!"

She keeps one hand on the oversized wheel of the van, driving down Grand River Ave., balancing the phone between her shoulder and head, jotting down the name of a new customer on the clip board, also Velcro-ed to the compartment, beside her

"Okay hunny, give me about 15 minutes and I'll be there," Voeller answered. "And try to get inside, it's cold out here!"

At 9:20 p.m. Voeller is driving down Cedar Road, looking at addresses, trying to read her scribbles from the previous call.

A stream of college-aged men and women tumble into the van, screaming profanities and making conversation with their friendly driver.

Someone yells while taking a seat, "Julie! My favorite!"

At 12:10 a.m. Voeller circles around a block of downtown Lansing, looking for an out-of-town hockey team the Big Daddy dispatcher had asked her to retrieve. They find each other, exchange simple greetings, and the smallest guy vomits. She, without a flinch, keeps one eye on the road and one in the rear-view mirror at him, charging \$175 for deanure.

By 2:00 a.m. the bars let out and the parties break up. Her cell phone is constantly ringing and the dispatcher is begging for help. She stops outside of The Riv and 16 people race to the van.

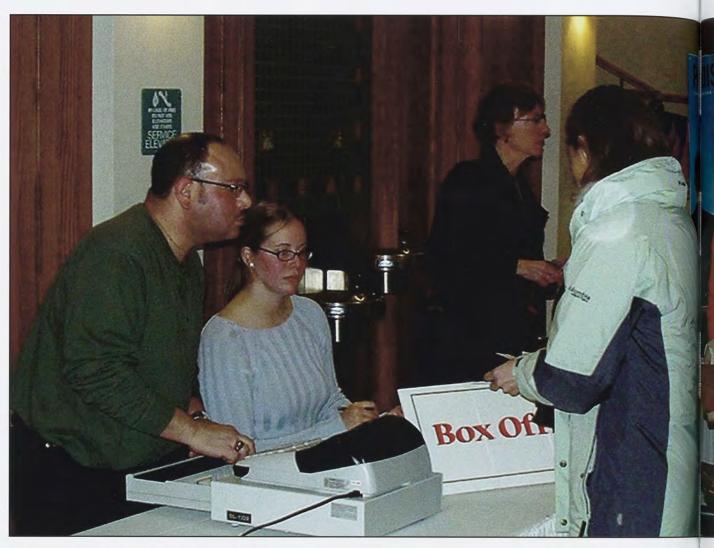
"It"Il be three dollars each," she says with a smile

From 2:00 a.m. onward, it's more of the same. Scurrying around East Lansing, Voeller makes sure hundreds of MSU students a night are driven from bar to party and party to home, or to wherever else the night brings them.

By 6:00 a.m. rolls around, "the kids" as she likes to call them, are home safe as far as she can see and to conclude her shift, she drops off a businessman at the airport.

Another night has passed, more money has been made and some gruesome memories will hopefully be forgotten. Voeller sets out to her home in the country, meeting her husband who is heading out for his busiest day of work. She turns off her phone, finally, and retires the "Mama Cita" position for a few hours.

Alison Costello



Volunteers collect tickets for one of the many featured films at the festival. Screenings of selected films occured over five days.



Darrien Murphy, one of the directors whose film was choose to be featured in the festival, proudly smiles for a picture. Murphy's film, *Pomoge Mne* [Help Me] was a huge success.

# ISE NOW.

courtiesy of Cathy Allen

People of all ages with all different movie tastes were fully satisfied at this year's East Lansing Film Festival. The ninth annual film festival took place from March 22nd through March 26th, and included five days of screenings. It is the largest film festival in Michigan and was created in 1997 by the City of East Lansing and Michigan State University.

Screenings of documentaries and shorts, along with student independent, and foreign films were shown throughout the five days. At the end of the festival, the Lake Michigan Film Competition was held.

According to the East Lansing Film Festival website, "The ELFF-LMFC gives cash awards to the filmmakers whose film was either filmed, produced, or financed in the states that border Lake Michigan - Michigan, Indiana, Illinois and Wisconsin."

This year, the festival hosted its first annual 48/5 Film Contest. Filmmaking teams were given 48 hours to write produce, and film a five-minute short film. Each team had to choose the genre of the film, a prop, a line of dialogue, and a character from a hat. The teams were then responsible for incorporating each of these into their film in order to be eligible for the award. The best of these were shown during the film festival

# film festival



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Participants in the 1/m festival speak to the audience before a screening. This year's festival was the ninth annual.

at the Lake Michigan Film Competition Awards Ceremony on Sunday, March 26. First place in the 48/5 Film Contest was the short film, Exposure. Second place was the film The Practical Joke Adventure and third place was given to the film Patient 96342.

Marketing senior Matthew Strugar-Fritsch went to the East Lansing Film Festival and saw the documentary, Occupation 101.

"The movie was an eye opening documentary that presented the essence of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict," Strugar-Fritsch said. "I liked the fact that the film depicts the root causes of the conflict through Israeli, Jewish, Christian, American, and Palestinian voices that are rarely heard through the mainstream media."

Many of the films shown at the festival were films that could not have been found in a typical theatre. Students were drawn to the films because many were created with students in mind.

"Overall I thought the festival offered a diverse array of films and offered viewers a pleasant escape from today's typical Hollywood creation," said Strugar-Fritsch.

Kristy McCown

Big Styrofoam letters and glow sticks surrounded the auditorium for several nights during Greek Week. Each year. Greek Week gives students in the greek system an opportunity to get to know students from other houses and show off their pride for their letters. Events are planned throughout one week each spring that fraternity and sorority students take place in to raise money for various charities.

Greek Week took place from March 25th - April 9th this year. Fraternities and sorarities were teamed up and had to battle for the Greek Week title given at the end of the week. Kicking off the week was Relay for Life on Sunday, March 25th. Fraternities and sorarities gathered at Demonstration Hall to play games with one another and gain points to become Relay for Life champions. The event took place overnight and raised money for the American Cancer Society.

On Monday was an event called Speaker Night: A greek community alumnus came to the auditorium to talk to current greek members about "confronting the idiot." His speech involved ways to confront a member of an individual's fraternity/sorority about a specific problem. By using humor and truth, the speaker was able to reach out to members of the greek community.

Tuesday was MTV Night. Each team had to create a dance routine and perform it for the rest of the greek community. Following MTV Night was Battle of the Bands where teams were able to form bands and perform popular songs for the greek members. The final event was Songfest. Each team performed a humorous dance routine, typically using songs to tell a story, which entertained the crowd and kept their teams cheering.

"Battle of the Bands was a great experience to be a part of. I really bonded with the other members of my team and had a great time," Pi Kappa Alpha member and finance junior Matt Michayluk said. "It was fun to perform for the rest of the greek community because it's not often that I get a chance to do that."

The team that won the 2006 Greek Week title was made up of Sigma Kappa, Lambda Chi Alpha, and Triangle fraternity. The chapter with the most points for Relay for Life was Alpha Omicron Pi.

"My favorite event from Greek Week was definitely Songfest." Alpha Kappa Psi member and hospitality business freshman Annelise Christensen said. "It was really interesting to see how each team incorporated the theme into their performance. It gave every team a chance to show the talents that different members of the houses have."

Throughout the week, the greek community raised money for the American Cancer Society, the Special Olympics, Ronald McDonald House, Make-A-Wish Foundation, and Ele's Place. Thousands of dollars were raised for all charities during the week, and the greek community plans on continuing the Greek Week tradition for years to come.

Kristy McCown



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Itop) Dancers from Chi Omega, Sigma Nu and Psi Epsilon group perform a choreographed dance during MTV night. For this event, sororities and fraternities were divided into teams that performed a dance routine for the rest of greek community.

Ibottom) Members from Sigma Kappa, Delta Xi, and Alpha Sigma Phi group perform at the Greek Week event. Battle of the Bands. For this event, teams formed bands to perform popular songs for other greek members.

# greekweek

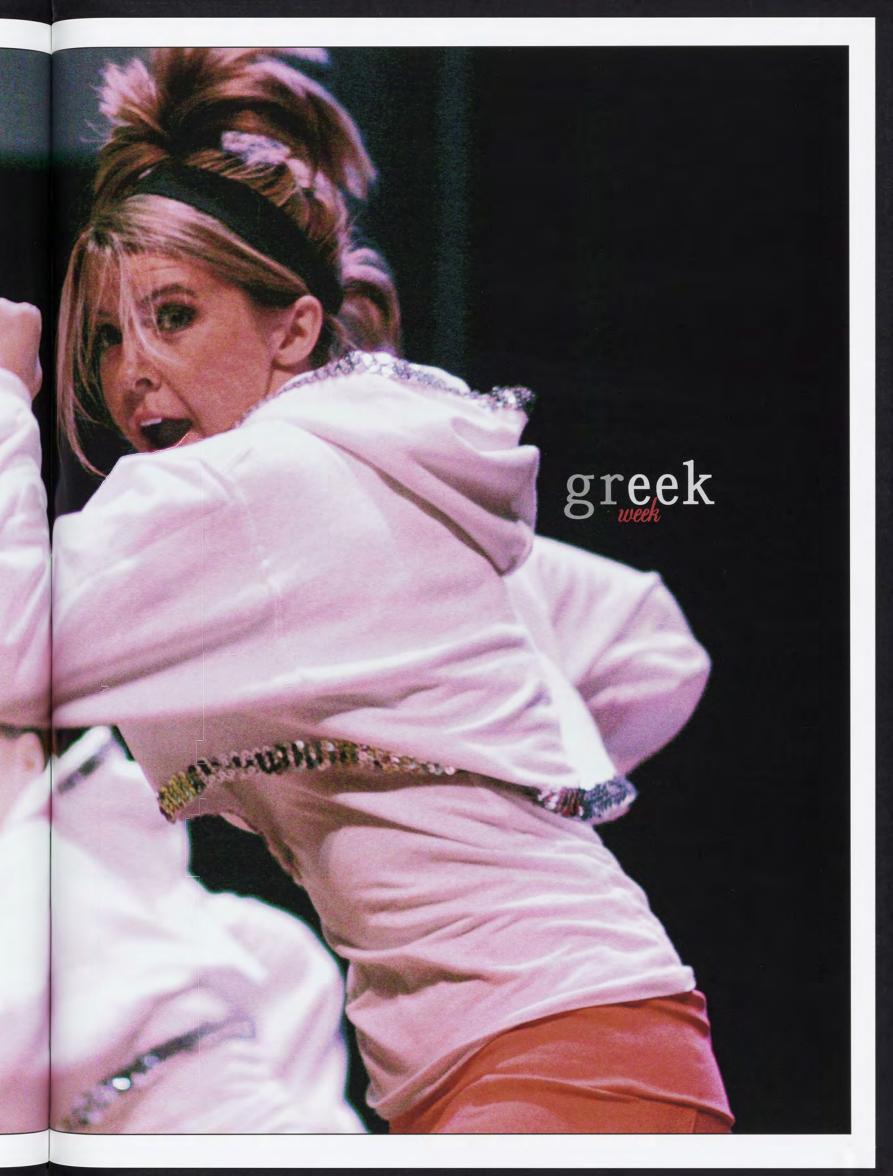
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Two members from the Sigma Kappa/ Tau Kappa Epsilon/ Alpha Sigma Phi team perform their routine at MTV Night. The event took place at the Auditorium on Tuesday of Greek Week.

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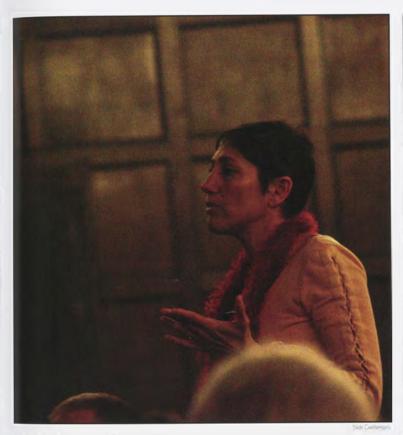
One of the many Fringe Festival speakers gives a lecture about her work. The festival was sponsored by the Wharton Center, City Pulse Magazine, and various departments on campus.

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# and diversity on campus



D'ann DeSimone asks lecturer Alson Sarr a question about her work. Sarr spoke at the Fairchild Theatre as part of the Fringe Festival

Bringing color to the university's campus, the art, philosophy, and theatre departments joined forces with a number of other campus groups to formulate the Fringe Festival, a collection of internationally renowned artists.

Also known as the Colloquium of Visiting Artists and Scholars, the Fringe Festival was created, "in an effort to address issues of diversity in the visual arts, its impact on the arts along with socio-cultural factors," according to Professor James Lawton, program coordinator and studio artist with the Department of Art and Art History.

The first event of the Fringe Festival was Oct. 9, 2005, when Dr. Carol Becker, dean at the School of The Art Institute of Chicago, lectured on the participating artists. Dr. Phylis Floyd, associate professor in the Department of Art and Art History, moderated a panel discussion on "Diversity in the Visual Arts" the following morning.

"The panel discussed and evaluated the significance of art that has addressed diversity and the impact this has had on the arts, the future of the arts as well as society." Lawton said. "For the academic year of 2005-06, a group of individual artists and scholars who address issues of diversity in their work and writings were invited to give performances or presentations at the Pasant Theatre in the Wharton Center for Performing Arts and Fairchild Theatre."

Guillermo Gomez-Pena, an internationally acclaimed artist, performed at the Pasant Theatre Nov. 13, and the next day, conducted a performance workshop for 20 students with assistance from Michele Caballos.

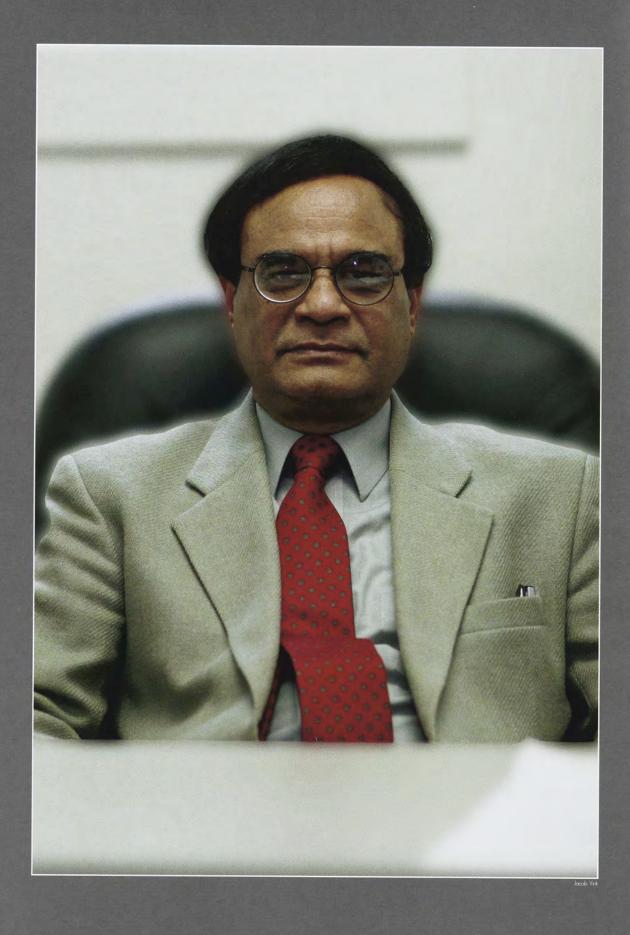
On Feb. 12, James Luna, another esteemed artist, performed and then held a critique session with students on Nov. 14.

Internationally acclaimed artist and sculptor Alison Saar gave a presentation on her work March 19, followed by a student critique session the next day to close out the Fringe Festival.

"The Fringe Festival Committee is working diligently to continue the festival and all seems to be working fairly well for the continuation of the festival," Lawton said.

The festival was sponsored by the Wharton Center for the Performing Arts, College of Arts and Letters, Department of Art and Art History, the Marlio Endowment, Kresge Art Museum, Native American Institute, American Indian Studies Program, Philosophy Department, Honors College, Department of Theatre, and City Pulse magazine.

Chris Jackett



### Tayyaz Hussain MSU PROFESSOR

Amid the thousands of random facebook groups, one in particular, devoted to one of MSU's well-known professors, stands out. The group, "Fayazz is My Daddy", closed out the school year with more than 400 members and a discussion board full of favorite "Fayazz sayinas."

MSU professor Dr. Fayyaz Hussain, who teaches ISS 215 and 315, was very surprised when he learned about the online group.

"Somebody broke the secret and sent me a URL," Hussain said. "Those are the types of things that show me that something I'm doing is right."

At a university the size of MSU, it is not always common for a teacher to make such a strong connection with the hundreds of students whom he lectures. Dr. Fayyaz Hussain teaches integrated social sciences lectures only. He estimates that he has approximately 700 students a semester, with a total of 2,000 students a year, including summer semester classes.

"I like teaching lectures because you can reach a lot of students and really make a difference," Hussain said.

A typical day for this professor begins by waking up, although not too early, he jokes, and going to his office. He teaches between 2-4 classes per day, and holds regular office hours. His ISS courses are all general education courses, and he tries to keep that in mind by creating a course that will satisfy a large group of students with various interests and backgrounds.

"I try to be friendly and use my experiences

from around the world," Hussain said. "I use stories to make points that are otherwise hard to understand."

In the evening, Hussain drops the role of professor to become a student at the IM East. There, he takes aerobics classes along with other MSU students.

"I'm not in the normal age group. I'm not female. I'm from a different culture. I am the only diversity," Hussain said. "And I am one of the most regular students to attend the classes."

Professor Dr. Fayyaz Hussains's past experiences as a student also include gaining his undergraduate degree in Pakistan. He then moved to the United States to obtain a doctorate degree, and after traveling to Nigeria, Canada, and finally back to the United States, he decided to become a professor.

Dr. Hussain enjoys teaching at MSU because he finds it to be a very diverse place. While he is flattered by the "Fayyaz is My Daddy" facebook group, his goal is to inspire students to think at a deeper level.

"As a student at MSU, we expect you to have tolerance for a variety of people and a variety of ideas," Hussain said. "If we don't do that, there is no difference between the United States of America and Afghanistan. That is what I try to deliver to my students as a constant message."

Caroline Coleman

# ADYOCACY week



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A group of students discusses how rising tuition costs affect individuals with the Lieutenant Governor. The group was composed of a diverse range including those who were completely dependent on student loans, some with scholarships, and a few who were the first in their family to attend college.

Students took a stand against high tuition costs in late March at the Capitol as part of a three-day event encouraging legislators to support an increase in higher education funding.

Sponsored by ASMSU, Advocacy Week was designed to get students more involved with state legislature, especially when it directly affected them.

Director of legislative affairs for ASMSU and political science senior Julielyn Gibbons was directly involved with the event.

"Tuition is the one thing that everyone has on campus. Regardless of your race or your sex, everyone pays tuition," Gibbons said. "Advocacy week provided an opportunity for all students to not only participate in democracy classes but also to be very proactive about their college education."

ASMSU bussed about 150 students, only 15-20 of which were members of the organization, from campus to the Capitol in to meet with legislators and discuss funding for higher education.

Students addressed issues ranging from the cost of student loans to the relationship between legislators and college students.

"Advocacy week was an entirely successful project. It helped to bridge the gap between state officials and their student constituents," political science junior Caitlin Annatoyn said. Annatoyn is also the student representative for the College of Social Science.

The event allowed legislators and concerned students to meet face-to-face, something students are often weary about. It also served to educate students on exactly how tuition is spent.

Gibbons said the event was a huge success. Just one week after the meetings, the Senate unanimously passed a two percent increase in the budget for higher education that was proposed by MSU students.

"For the first year of the program, without really knowing what to expect or what things may or may not happen, I think the fact that we had over 150 people participate and we spoke to over half of Michigan's legislature is very effective," Gibbons said.

She also pointed out the positive response from the legislators as many never get to speak to their constituents face-to-face, especially college students. Much of this is due to the low voter turnout rate for college-aged men and women.

"Our generation's political apathy is both the fault of the legislators ignoring us but also the students for not pushing issues which are important to us," political science junior Joe Zichi said. "I have high hopes that programs like Advocacy Week will end this disconnect."

Kim Bale



Advertising freshman Chuka Orji and political theory sophomore Mark Dobson discuss tuition cost issues with the Lieutenant Governor at the Capitol during Advocacy Week. Meetings with legislators at the Capitol during the week attempted to bridge the gap between students and the politics that affect them.

Nick Dentamara



Representative John Stewart (R) Plymouth, speaks to students at the Capitol during Advocacy week. Thanks to cooperation from students and legislators, Advocacy Week proved a large success.

# wheelchair challenge

Spartan hockey fan shows his support during the floor hockey game between Spartan althletes and the Lansing Mustangs wheel-chair team: The Mustangs took their victory in over-time 5-4.



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### Basketball

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From around the state, 180 fans filled the IM West to witness the Wheelchair Sports Challenge, a pair of competitions between varsity Spartan athletes and the Michigan Thunderbirds and Michigan Mustangs wheelchair teams.

Matthew "Mo" Gerhardt, and Virginia Walker coordinated the fundraising event for the Mustangs and in participation of the Adaptive Sports Festival. A similar event occurred two years ago between the Mustangs and members of the varsity hockey and women's basketball teams. With that as the groundwork and success of the event. Gerhardt hopes that the Wheelchair Sports Challenge will become an annual event at MSU.

"It is a great opportunity for the MSU and East Lansing community to see two quality wheelchair sports teams," Gerhardt, an academic enrichment coordinator in the office of supportive services, said. "By adding Spartans to the mix and seeing them try to adapt to having to compete in a wheelchair will show just how skilled these athletes with disabilities are."

On April 21, varsity athletes from the hockey and women's basketball teams started off the evening against the Mustangs, a team comprised of seven players ranging in age from 13 to 36. The Spartans, coached by Hando Carpenter Sr. of the television show "Hando's House," came back from two separate two-goal deficits to tie the game at 4-4 with two minutes remaining. However, the Mustangs prevailed 1:25 into the overtime period to win the game 5-4.

"Not only those without disabilities, but many people with disabilities aren't aware of the various sports that are available to those in wheelchairs," Gerhardt said. "This event will showcase those in wheelchairs, both manual and electric, and show the high level of competitiveness that they still compete in."

Following the wheelchair hockey game, Spartans from the men's football and basketball teams took a rolling seat and competed against the six Thunderbird players in a wheelchair basketball game. The Thunderbirds started the game with a 22-0 run over the Spartans that spanned the first 12:03 of the game. Lead by freshman basketball player Travis Walton, the Spartans were able to get the game to 36-14 by halftime.

The Thunderbirds and Spartans then restarted the score and mixed up the teams into a green team and a white team for a more even second half, where a number of steals by Walton lead to a 28-14 victory for the white team. The Spartan/white team coach was Bruce Larner, a boy's basketball coach at Holt High School

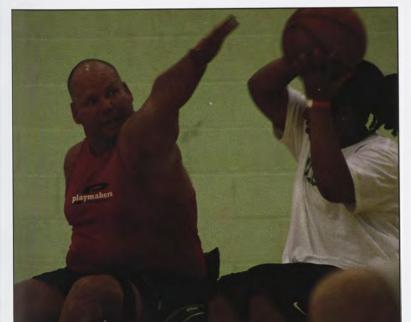
"It was a great time. The hardest part was trying to keep up with them because they're so fast and can shoot," interdisciplinary studies senior and kicker for the varsity football team John Goss said, adding that he got involved because it gave him "the chance to come out and go through what they go through every day."

Chris Jackett

Spartan althletes compete with the Lansing Mustangs wheelchair hockey team. Both the hockey and basketball games were a fundraiser as well as a part of the Adaptive Sports Festival.



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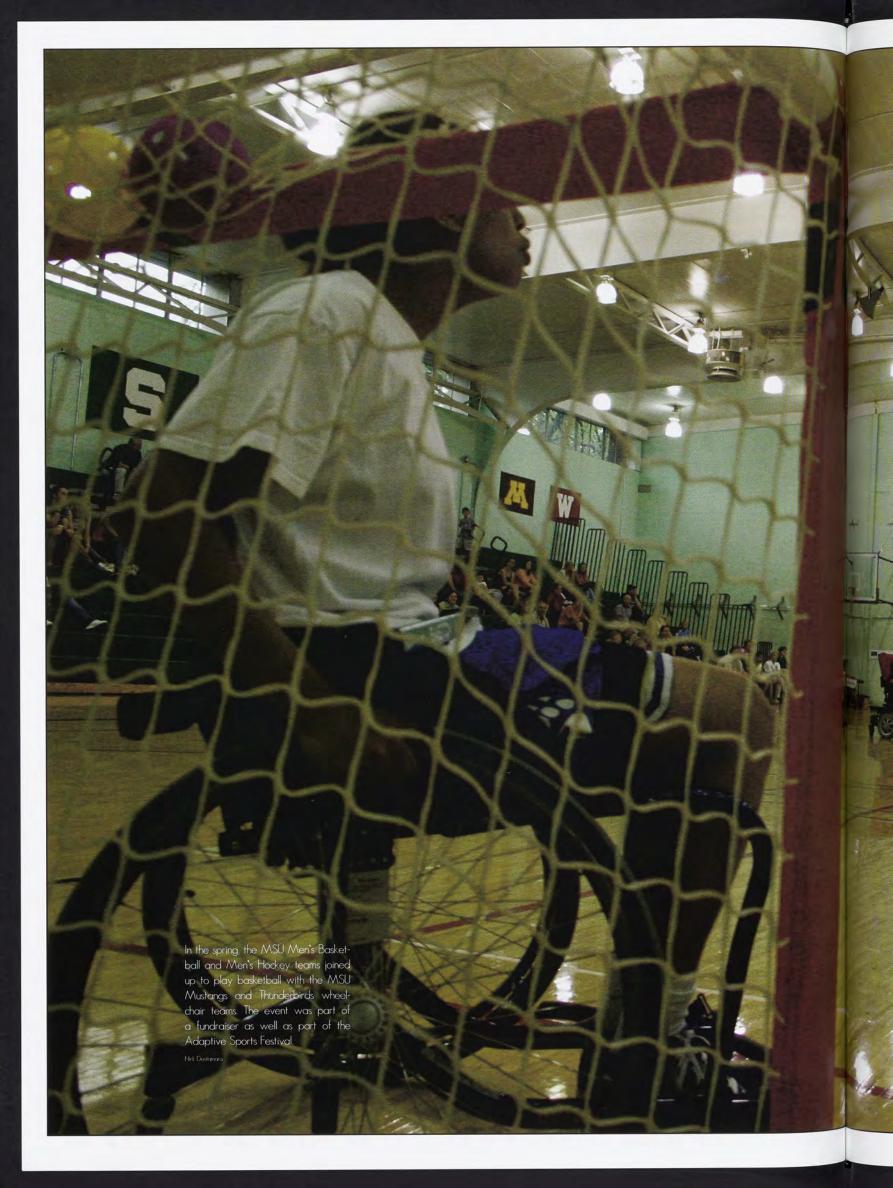


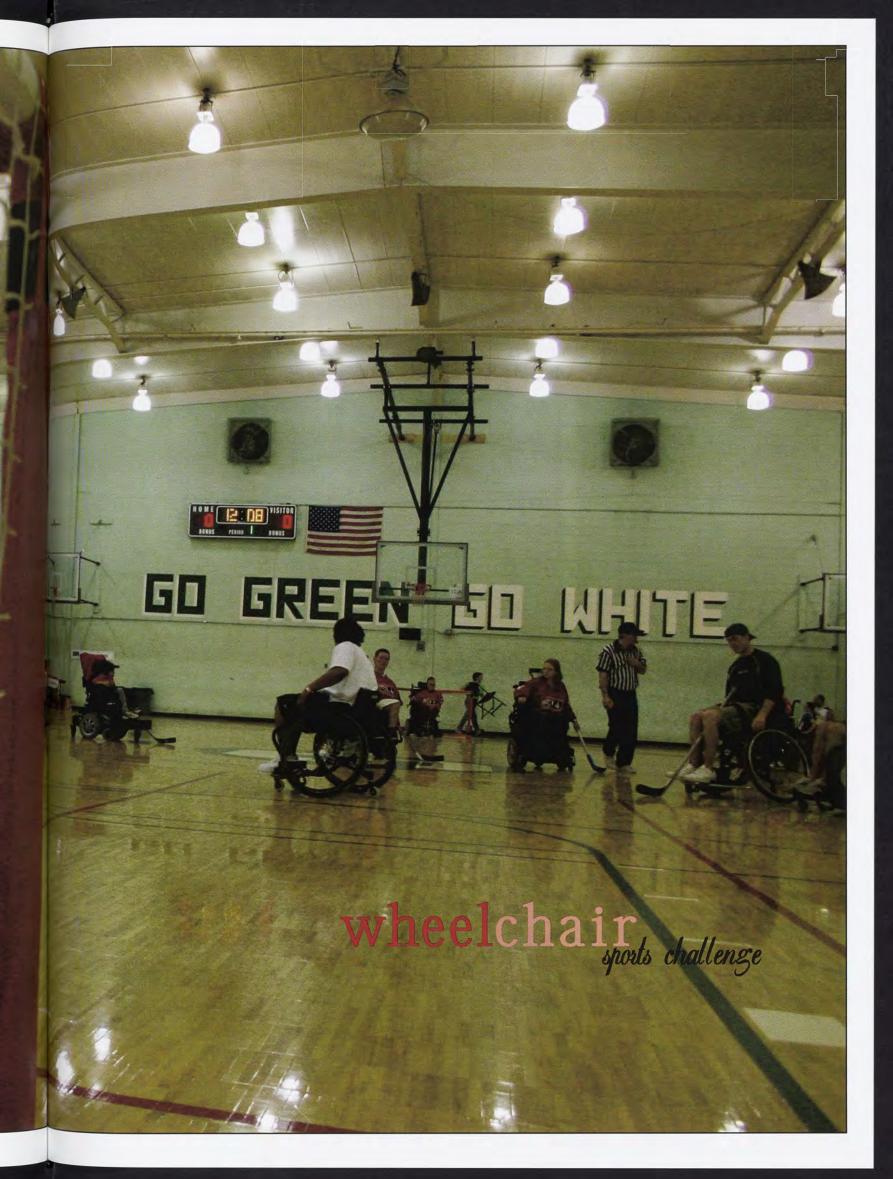
Nick Dentamaro

Players fight for the ball during the basketball game between MSU football and basketball players and the Lansing Thunderbirds wheelchair team. During the second half the two teams mixed up into a green and while team for a more fair competition, as the Spartans were down 36-14 at the half.

### Hockey

Name	MSU Sport
Justin Abdelkader	Hockey
Lauren Aitch	Women's Basketball
Tim Crowder	Hockey
Courtney Davidson	Women's Basketball
Chad Hontvet	Hockey
Mia Johnson	Women's Basketball
Chris Lawrence	Hockey
Chris Mueller	Hockey
Chris Snavely	Hockey
Dan Vukovic	Hockey





Advertising senior Ashley Franco struts her stuff on the runway during the fashion show. Franco's outfit was designed by apparel and textile design and advertising senior Lauren Walsh.



Advertising senior Kirsten Klieman shows off apparel and textile design senior Kristin Williams' design for the Moulin Rouge theme. The fashion show was put on by the apparel and textile design association on campus.



# COMES to MSU

Months of planning, outfit designs, and searching for models culminated into one main event: the Student Apparel Design Association (SADA) Global Glamour fashion show on April 7, at the MSU Auditorium.

Members of SADA participated in the show by entering designs, being on the public relations committee, or participating in production design. SADA President Molly Miller said the group's primary focus of the second semester is the fashion show. The association has about 100 members, said Miller, an apparel and textile design and merchandising management senior.

"It gives all of our members a great opportunity to use their skills learned in class and build their portfolios," Miller said.

The Global Glamour theme allowed each designer to pick a time period and a city or a country to provide a basis for the outfits submitted to the show, according to apparel and textile design senior Lauren Walsh. Walsh handles public relations and fundraising for the association, and she designed five outfits modeled after 1960s London.

"We have a theme every year, but we try to keep it pretty open," Walsh said. "Next Friday, we'll probably start picking ideas for next year."

Miller said there was a casting call for models for the show, and any designer needs for models could be met. Amy Janisse, an apparel and textile design and retailing sophomore, designed five outfits for the show, all of which will be modeled by her friends. She said about 130 models participated in the show.

Events in the days leading up to the show included the Senior Fashion Show on April 5 at the Union and the Renegade Fashion Show on April 6 at the International Center. Walsh said the senior show featured collections designed for three specific stores: Banana Republic, Black House White Market and Ann Taylor Loft. At the beginning of the semester, representatives from each store chose the collection from three possibilities that best portrayed the style of the store to be displayed at the Union show, Walsh said.

Apparel and textile design senior Aaron Anderson envisioned the idea of the renegade show, in which models donned outfits at the International Center to advertise for Friday's show. Anderson said he designed eight outfits in the theme of St. Tropez, France in the 1970s.

"My favorite part of the show is designing and coming up with the colors [for my designs]," Anderson said.

The show cost \$15 for adults and \$10 for students, and local designers were invited to attend, Walsh said.

All proceeds went towards funding the fashion show.

Walsh said.

Jessica Sipperley



courtesy of Lauren Wals

Models parade the stage in designs by apparel and textile design and advertising senior Lauren Walsh. The outrits were designed in the theme of 1960s London

## Stacie Perkins MSU SENIOR

which encompasses emotions and events ranging the opportunity, senior Stacie Perkins would do it all over again.

Growing up in Livonia, Mich., Perkins attended Stevenson High School and graduated in 2002. Like many people at that point in life, life, but she knew that college would help her to decide and reach that goal. Enter, Michigan

and they had a lot of options," Perkins, a finance

Starting out at MSU, Perkins was an accounting major, with consideration to criminal jusis still questioning. An internship with Lear Corporation in Southfield, Mich., as a sophomore caused her to take finance into consideration.

Perkins said that she was opened up to a lot of new experiences at MSU and urges students

There are few experiences quite like college, to keep an open mind in order to make the most of their experience as a Spartan. Ranging from memorable times in Emmons and Holmes dorms to free concerts at Sparty's Spring Party to various intramural sports teams, Perkins feels that her

> "I was living on my own for the first time," Perkins said. "I grew up in Livonia where everyone was exactly the same."

> Getting through college, Perkins spent much of her free time hanging out with friends, going to the bar, watching movies and playing soccer.

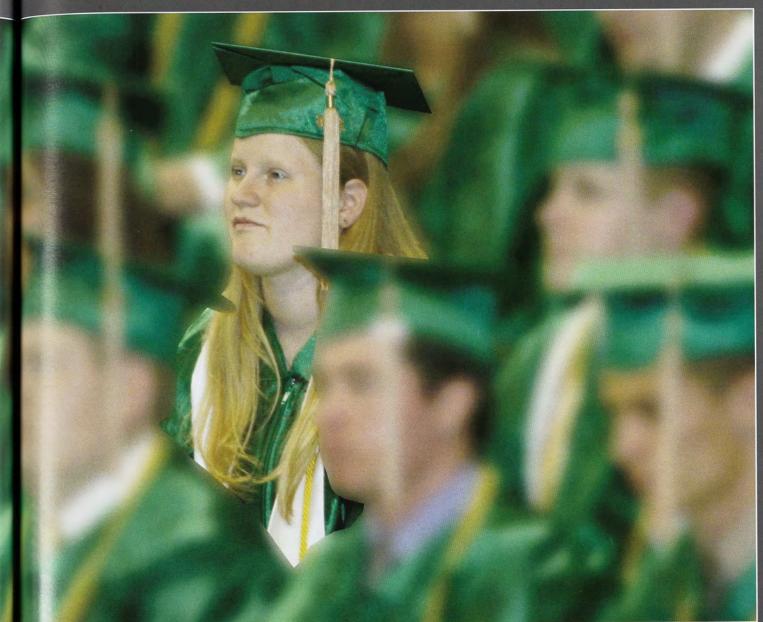
"I was friends with a lot of the people on my to hang out with or go to eat with. We just had a lot of fun."

Walking the stage on May 6, Perkins left MSU with a bachelors degree in finance, offering her final words of advice.

"Have fun and make the most of it," Perkins said. "You only get to go to college once. Take advantage of every opportunity you get and, if you have time, study a little."

Chris Jackett





Caitlin Dobson













Beckie Sherwood

One of the many women involved in the Vagina Monologues recites her monologue. Proceeds from the event, which was held at the Pasant Theatre, went to Ann Arbor's Battered Women's Clemency Project.



Beckie Sherwood

A member of the audience makes a bid on her top choice date. Date auctions serve as a spicy fundraiser for organizations on campus.

# Spring Review

A Timeline of Events from the Spring Semester

### 1:19-3:5:06::Lion King ::

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### 2:9:06 :: Date Auction ::

Always an interesting event no matter where or how it is organized, a date auction on campus provides a creative and fun way for organizations to raise money. This year an increase in these events was seen, and one in particular, hosted by the men and women in business organization, proved to be a great success. The event was held in the student union on a Thursday night, drawing in more than 50 spectators. Participants paid \$3 for a paddle with which they could bid on any of 20 possible dates being auctioned. The highest bid for a date was \$245.

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Prior to the performance a member of the audience looks over the show's program. Promotions on computational the cast members, wearing 1-shirts with the location and times listed on the bad, an interesting advertisement and distribution during class for the main lecture halfs on comput.

### 2:24-25:06:: Vagina Monolouges

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### 3:12-18:06:: Chipotle Opening

The Grand Opening of MSU's very own Chipotle brought crowds of hundreds of hungry Spartans. During it's opening week, Chipotle offered free food during lunchtime, attracting crowds that created an intense line out the door of the shop and down Grand River Ave. On Friday, which was also St. Patrick's Day, free burritos were given away from 11a.m. to 8 p.m., again drawing in masses of hungry students attempting to grab some free food. Chipotle appeared to be hit on campus, but will face competition from similar, already established, joints such as Big Ten Burrito and Pancheros.

### 3:16:06:B.B. King Live

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As part of the B.B. King 80th Birthday Celebration Tour, the Wharton Center hosted B.B. King's live performance in the MSU Concert Auditorium. Tickets for were \$15 for students, and ranged from 47.50-52.50 for others, once again providing students the opportunity to experience a legend first hand. Also referred to as the "King of Blues," Riley B. King began recording in the late 1940s and currently has released over 50 albums, many of them considered blues classics such as 1965's ultimate live blues album Live At The Regal, and 1976's collaboration with Bobby "Blue" Bland, Together For The First Time.

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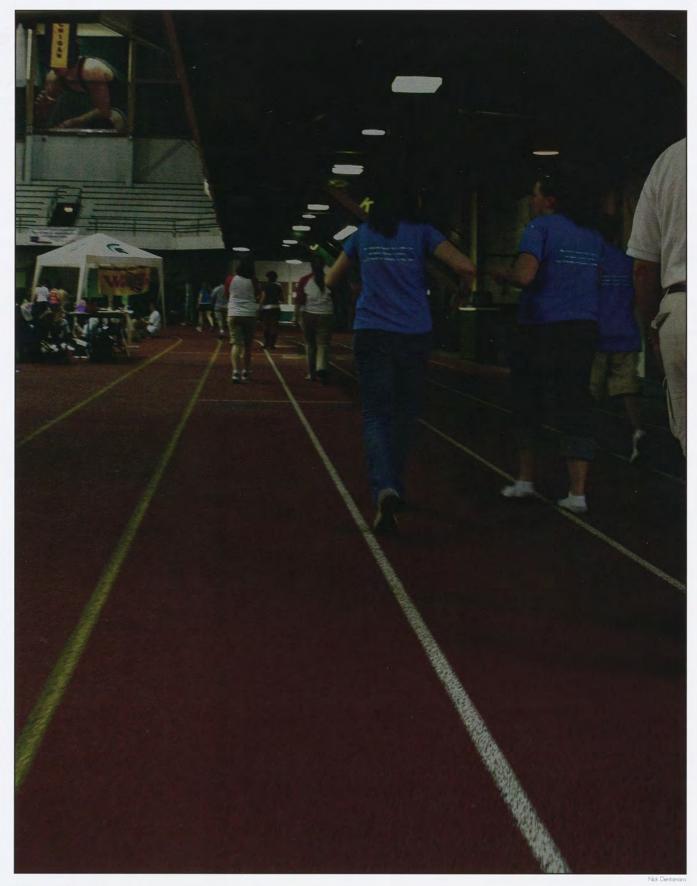


Signs of progress appeared in the windows of Chipotle prior to it's opening in mid-March. The week of it's opening the restaurant drew in thousands of hungry MSU students with an offering of free burritos.





One of the many women involved in the Vagina Monologues recites her monologue. Proceeds from the event, which was held at the Pasant Theatre, went to Ann Arbor's Battered Women's Clemency Project.



Students walk for a cure at the greek community's annual Relay for Life. The American Cancer Society has more than 4,200 Relay for Life events around the U.S. each year.

### 3: 17: 06: St. Patrick's Day::

At Michigan State, it's not difficult to get people excited to wear green, making St. Patrick's Day unofficially one of campus' favorite holidays. Bars opened at 7:00 a.m. to serve green eggs and ham, bagpipers were seen parading local restaurants and Albert Ave.. and other campus events filled the week. The University Activities Board sponsored a free St. Patrick's Day Craft Night at the Union Food Court on the 15th, and for musical pleasure, the MSU/Lansing Area Folksong Societies sponsored Liz Carroll & John Doyle's St. Patrick's Day Concert at Erickson Kiva. The show featured Irish fiddle legend Liz Carroll and guitar and bouzouki playing co-founder of the Irish group SOLAS, John Doyle.

### 3:19-20:06:: Israeli Film Festival::

The first ever Israeli film festival was held at Bessey Hall. The event was hosted by the MSU Jewish Studies Program and in cooperation with the College of Arts and Letters. The festival featured three free movies: Campfire, winner of five Israeli Academy Awards including Best Film, Metallic Blues, and Turn Left at the End of the World, the highest-grossing film in Israel of the past ten years. The special feature was on Sunday at 6:30 p.m., Ushpizin (Holy Guests). A special arrangement with Swank Motion Pictures allowed public viewing of this film for \$5/person, as the film was still in U.S. theatres at the time. Released a year earlier in Israel, the film took winner of Israeli Best Picture in 2004.

### 3:25:06::Relay for Life::

Kicking off the greek community's annual Greek Week, Relay for Life took place over 12 hours on Saturday. The Relay itself consisted of more than 3,000 participants who took turns walking around a track at Demonstration Hall. The purpose was to raise money and awareness about cancer, and also to honor people who have been directly affected by it. As a kickoff to Greek Week, during the relay teams comprised of sorority and fraternity members competed against in each other in other events such as tug of war and even a burrito-eating contest. The even had been in planning stages since September and attracted hundreds of volunteers, runners and walkers and raised more than \$100,000 for the American Cancer Society.



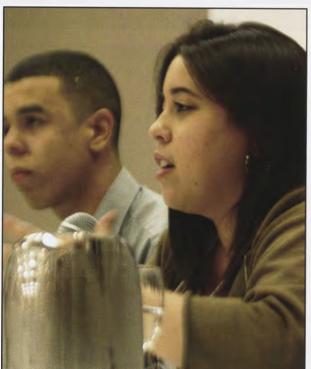
Bagpipers belt out an Irish tune at Buffalo Wild Wings on Albert Ave on St. Patrick's Day. The group was seen parading the streets throughout the afternoonand also played at various local bars.

A gentleman views the Take Back the Night display set up near Beaumont Tower. The clothesline of t-shirts was one method used to promote the days activities.





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### 4:11:06:: Take Back the Night

In efforts to raise sexual assault awareness on campus, this year's annual Take Back the Night went off without a hitch. This year, however, organizers took steps to welcome men to involvement with the event. This encouragement sparked conversations around campus, as some people questioned the implications of men's involvement at such events. While some argue men would feel "out of place" at an event against sexual violence, others see that it is an issue which involves everyone, and needs support from both sexes to promote change. The day included a rally, speeches, and a march, among other events.

### 4:15:06:: Mixed Race Conference

MSU's student organizations Hapa Asian Pacific Alliance and MIX (the Multiracial Identity eXperience) hosted the 10th annual Mixed Race Conference this year at the Marriot downtown. The event aims to educate people on the experiences of being multiracial, which are many times overlooked through society's quickness to associate people to just one race, regardless of a person's mixed heritage. The event lasted all day Saturday from 11:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. and attracted students, parents and scholars from all over the country, and most significantly in numbers from the MSU community.

Members of the bathroom crawl distribute information packets about their cause. The brought gender identity issues to light on









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### 4:17:06:: Debbie Stabenow

U.S. Sen. Debbie Stabenow spoke to over 100 people gathered at the Union about environmental issues. Stabenow urged Spartans to look at their own campus as an example of the beauty of natural surrounding, and to be become more concerned with the fate of their surroundings. Stabenow also discussed her push for legislations that would stop other states and Canada from dumping trash in Michigan, to prevent companies from taking water from the Great Lakes. Stabenow was asked to speak at the university by national environmentalist group Clean Water Action. The speech brought many supporters, as well as a protest demonstration from the MSU College Republicans.

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### 4:19:06:: Bathroom Crawl :

Student members of TransAction and Phi Tau Mu organized a "bathroom crawl," starting at Wells Hall in the afternoon, in hopes of raising awareness about Transgender issues at MSU. More than 20 students participated in the crawl as they moved from bathroom to bathroom across campus dispensing flyers and information about issues, targeting the issue of creating gender-neutral bathrooms on campus as well as urging the university to add gender identity to the already existing anti-discrimination policy. Controversy ensued as students stood in the "wrong" bathrooms for their gender as they handed out information, and it was reported that two females were issued tickets from the MSU police after leaving a male bathroom in the International Center.

### 4:22:06:: Sparty's Spring Party ::

Each year, after a long dreary and cold winter, Spartans find themselves looking forward to spring, and nothing else on campus announces the beginning of warm weather like Sparty's Spring Party. To start things off, a 3-on-3 basketball tournament began at noon at the IM-Sports West parking lot and continued throughout the day. Other events including a ferris wheel, rock wall, and an ice cream giveaway lured students out of their dorms and apartments just before finals to let loose in the recently warmed spring air. Appearances were made by Zeke the Wonder Dog and, of course, Sparty himself. Live music included performances by Reggie and The Full Effect, Allister and Free Element.



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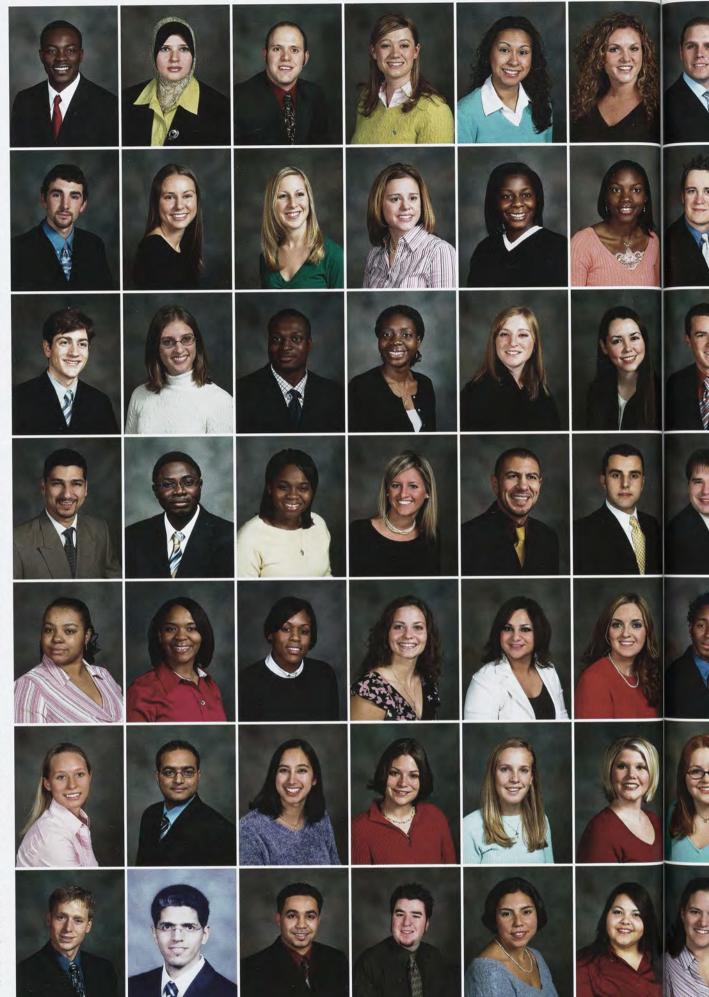
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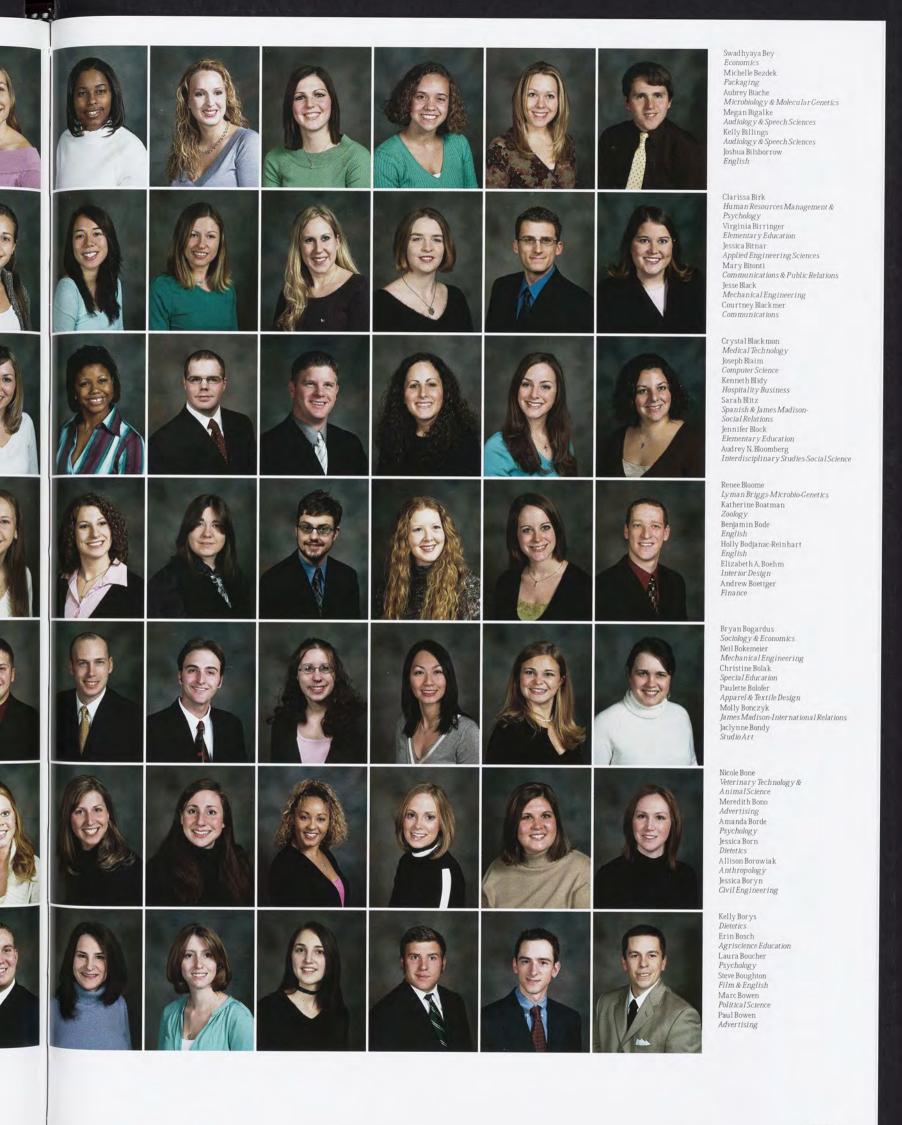
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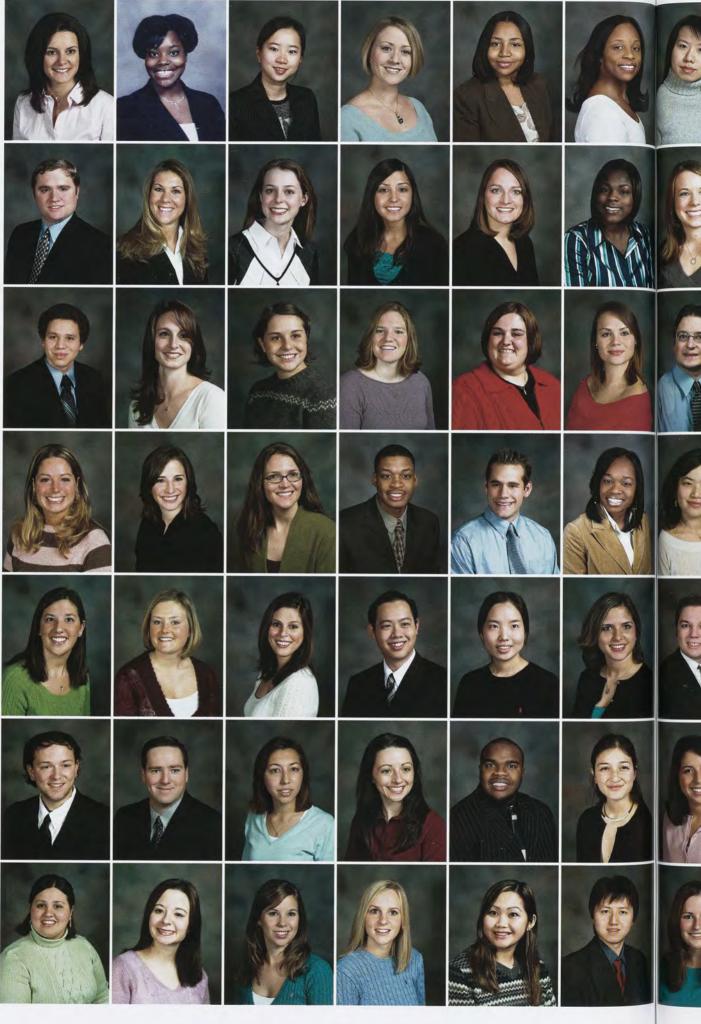
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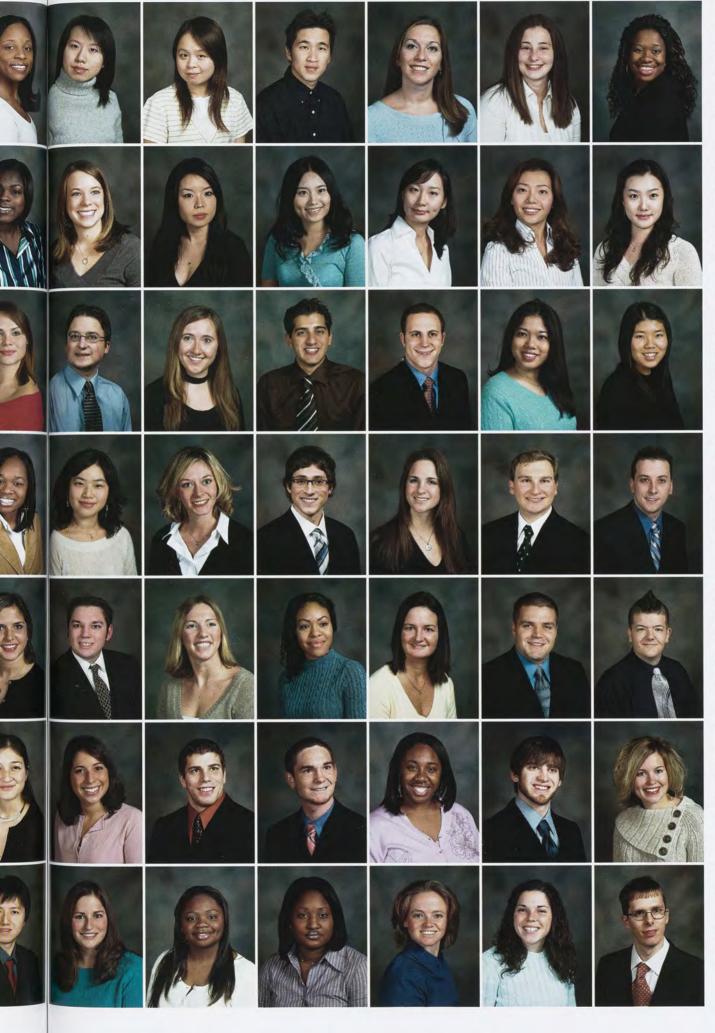
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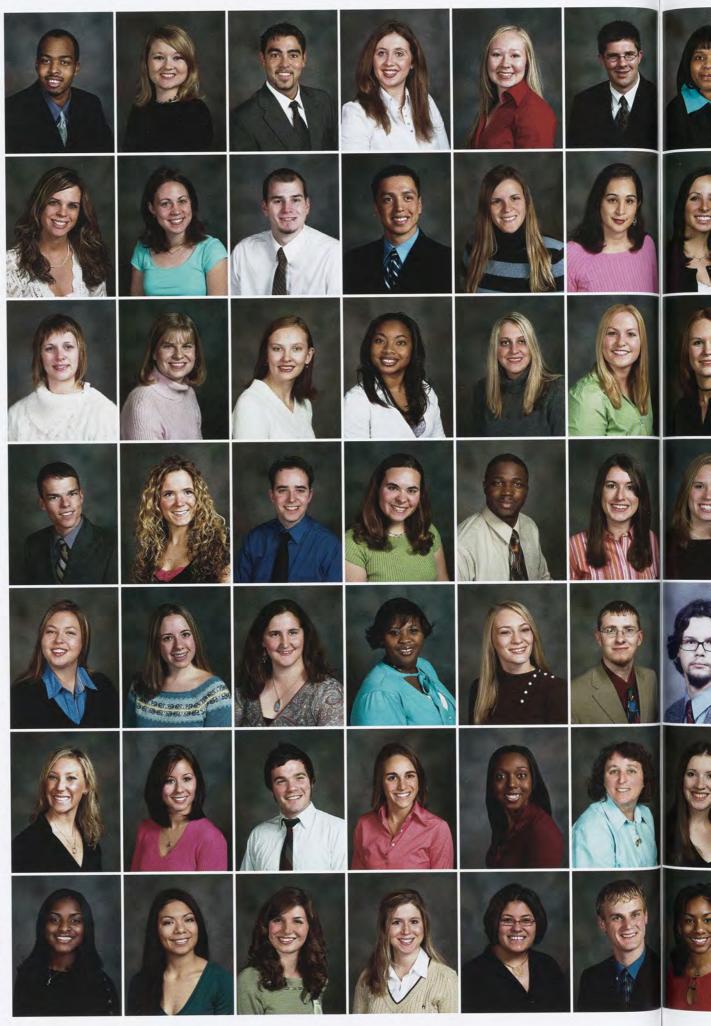
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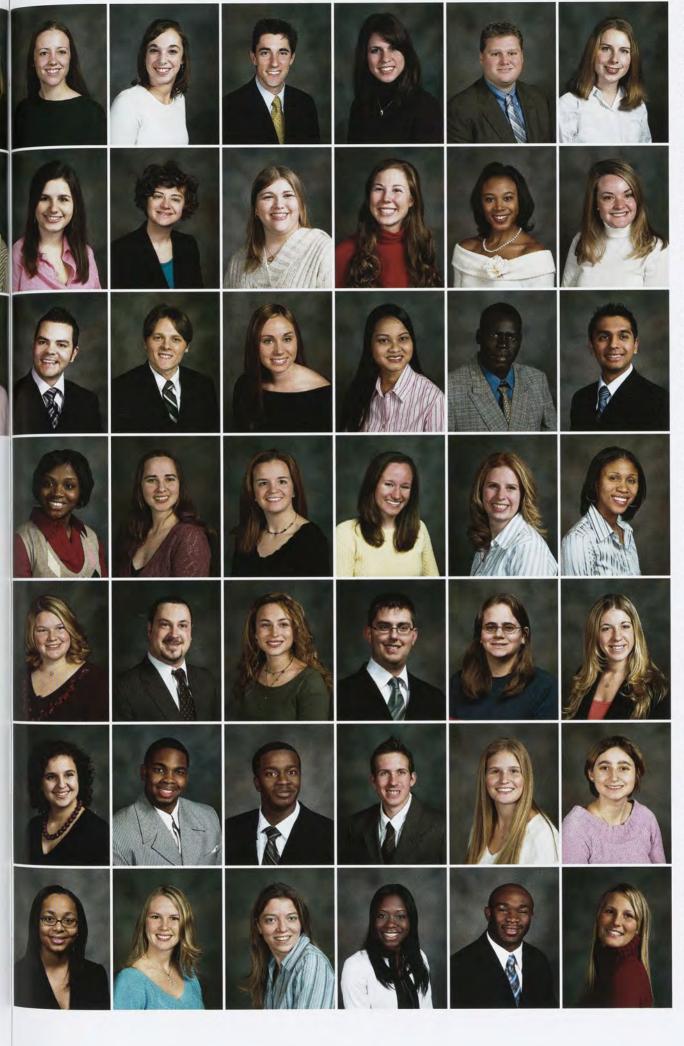
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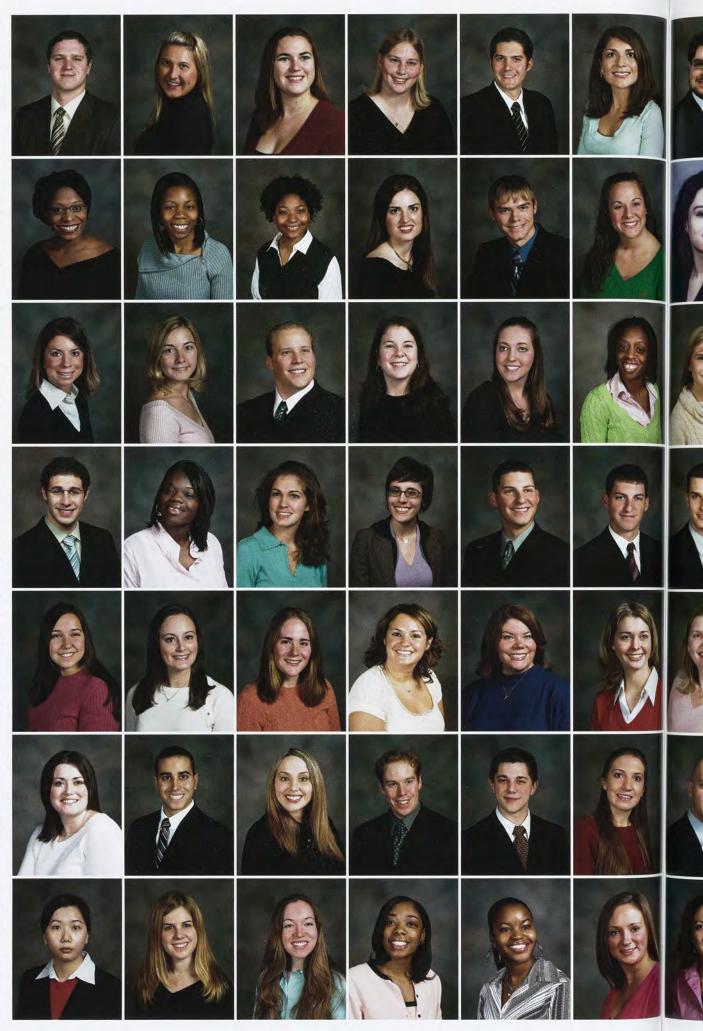
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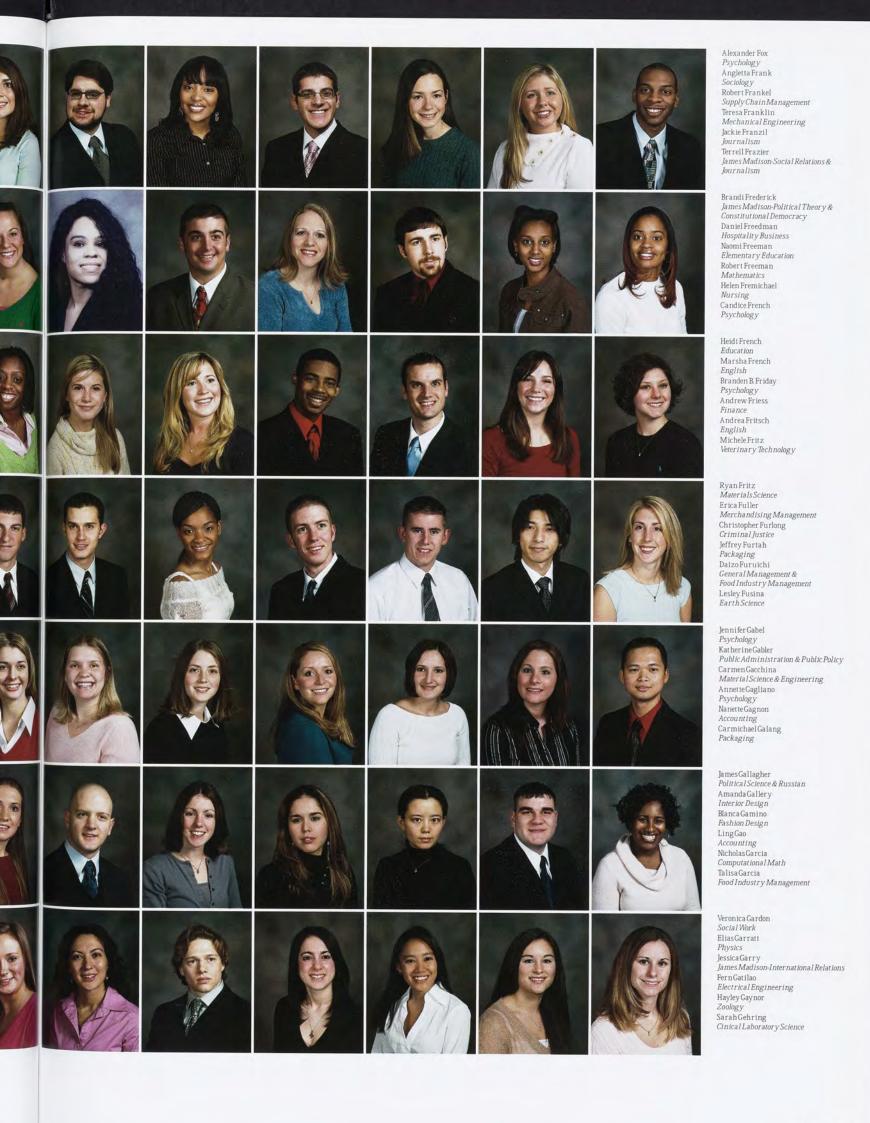
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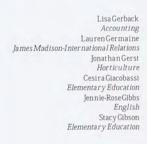




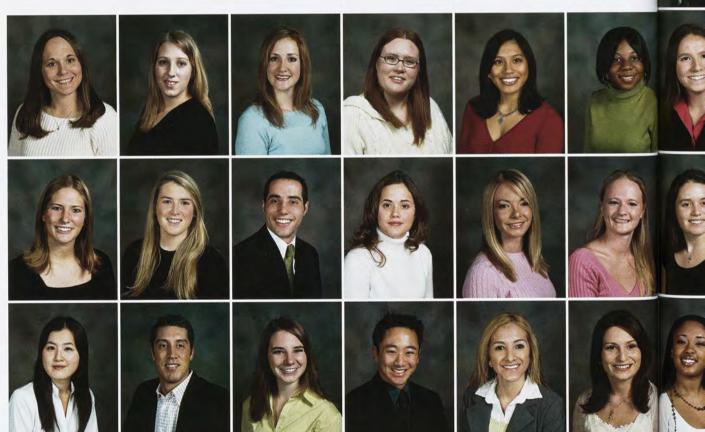


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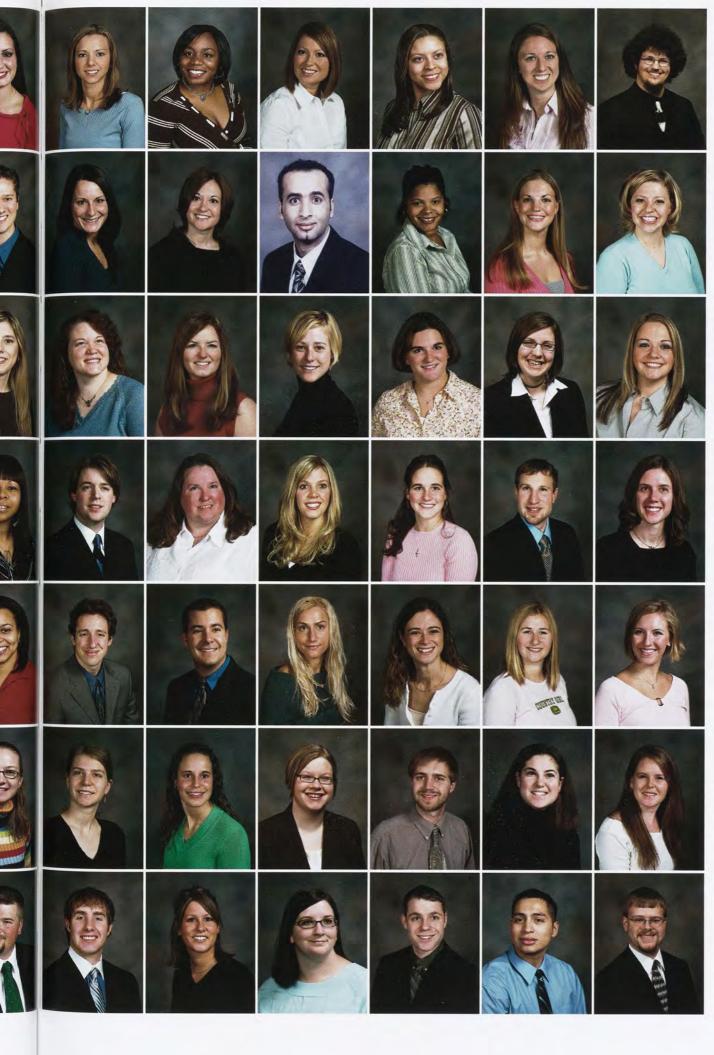
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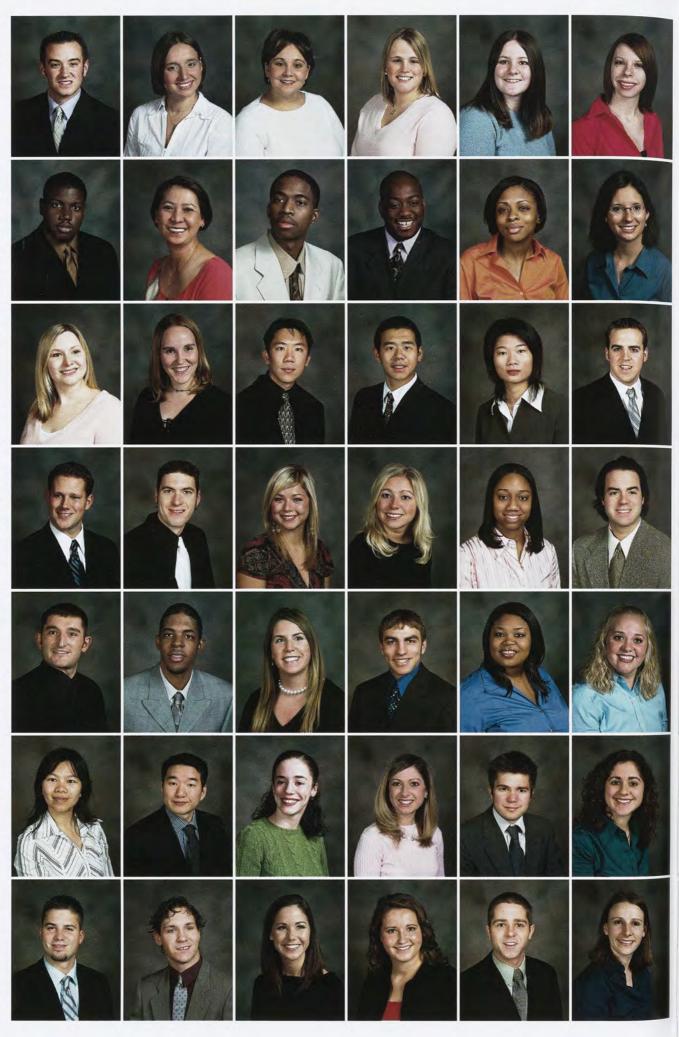
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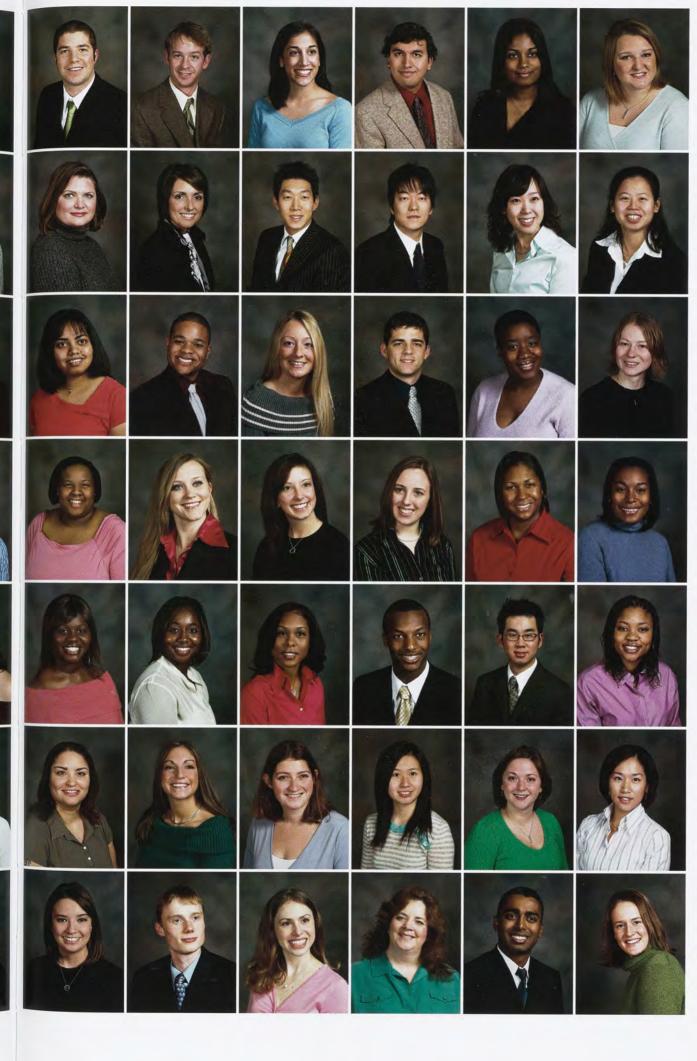


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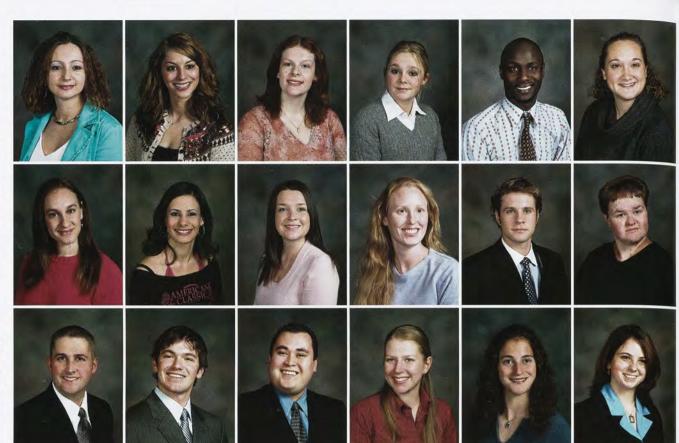
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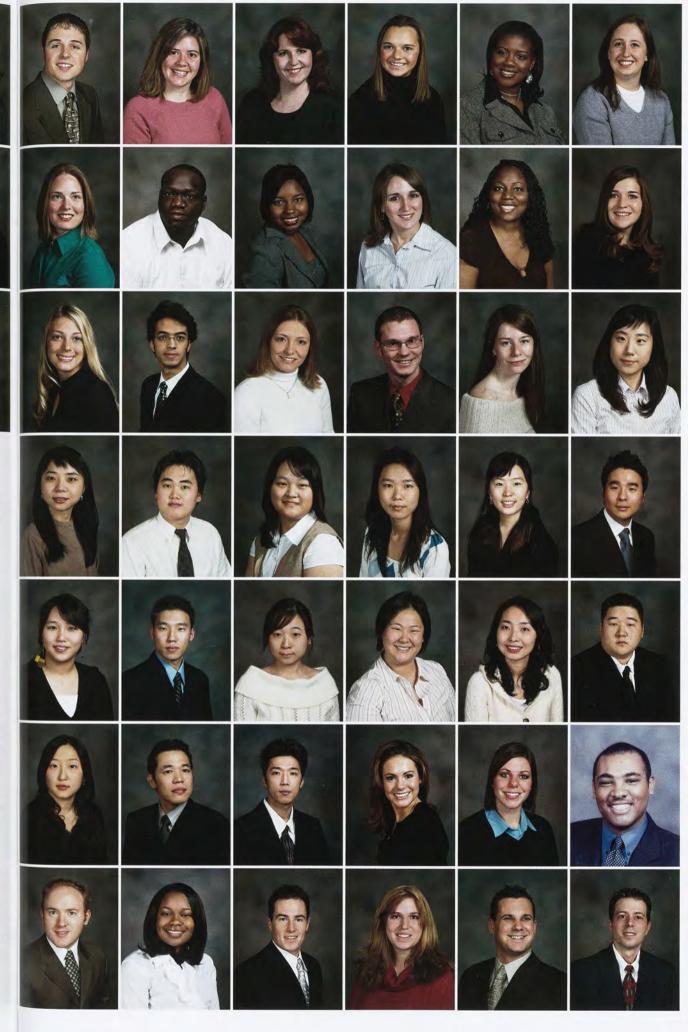
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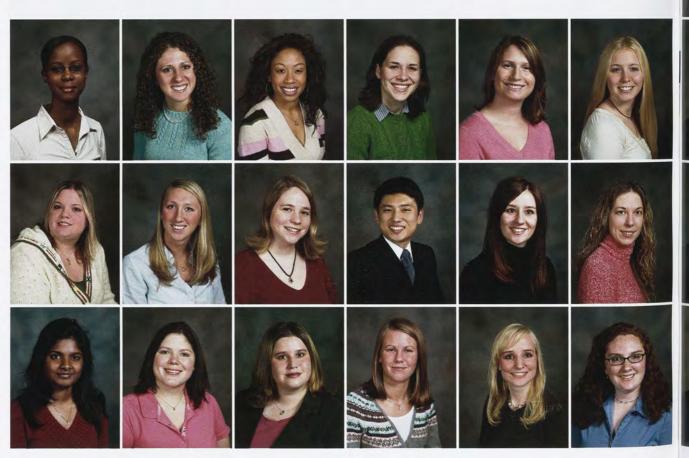


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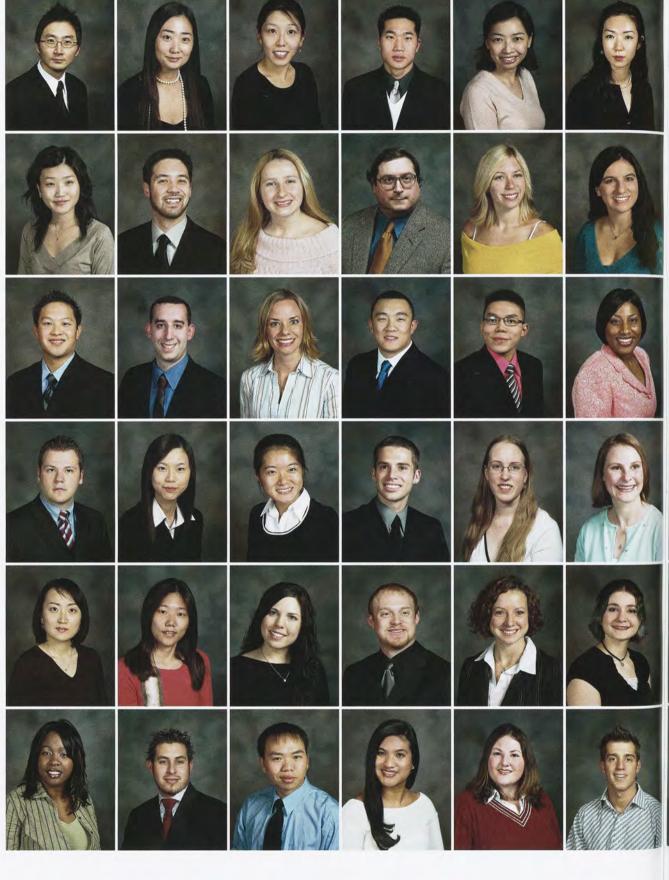


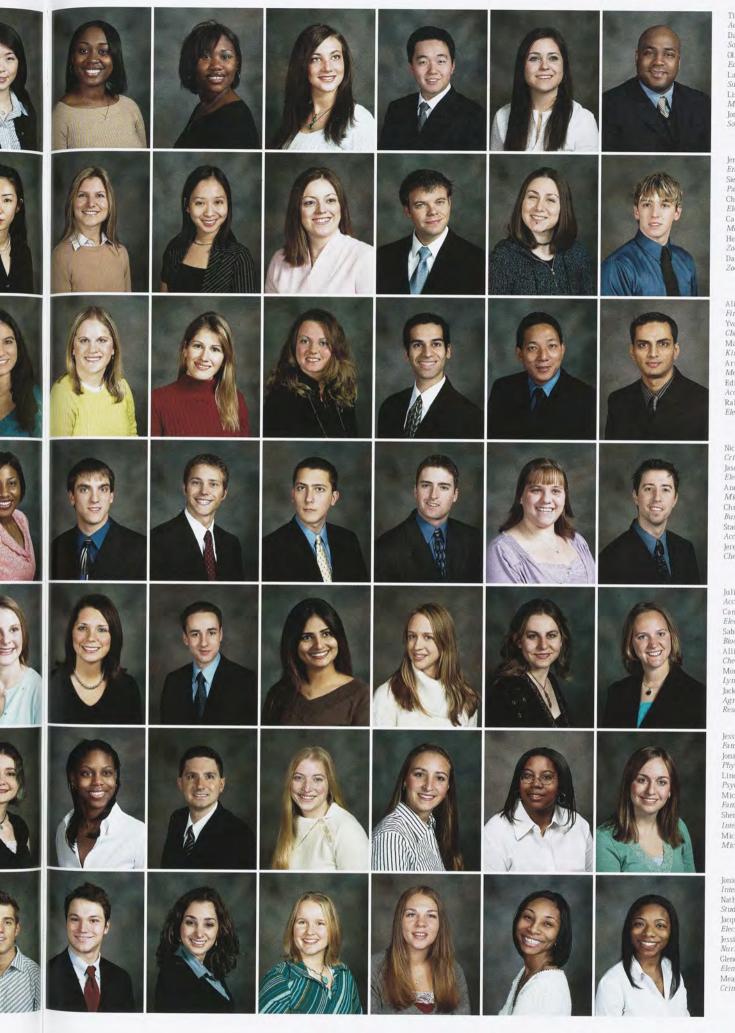
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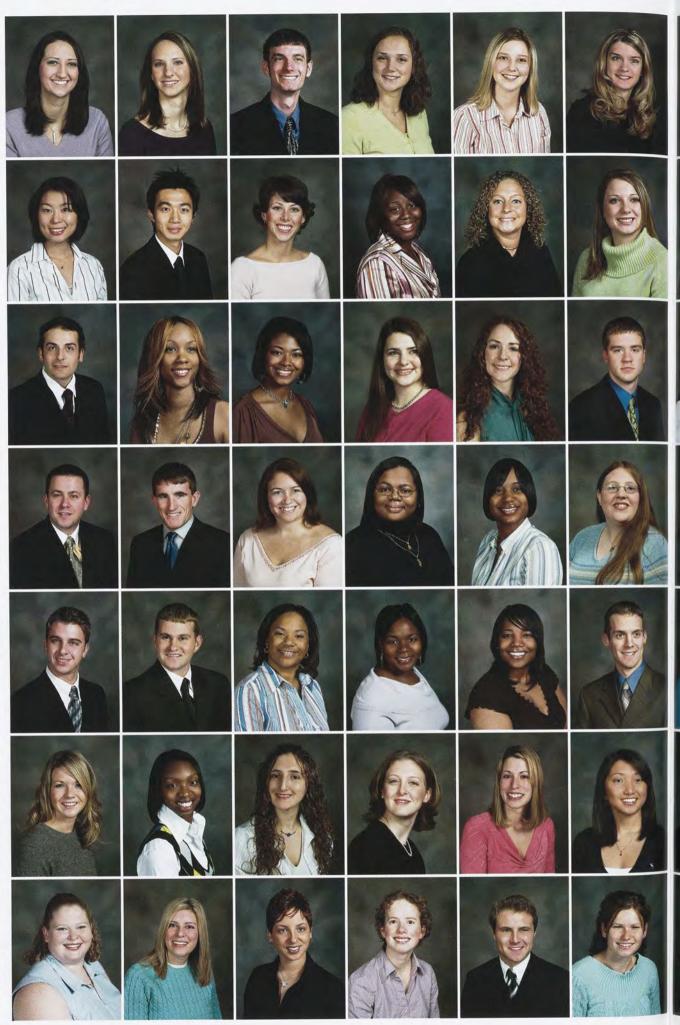
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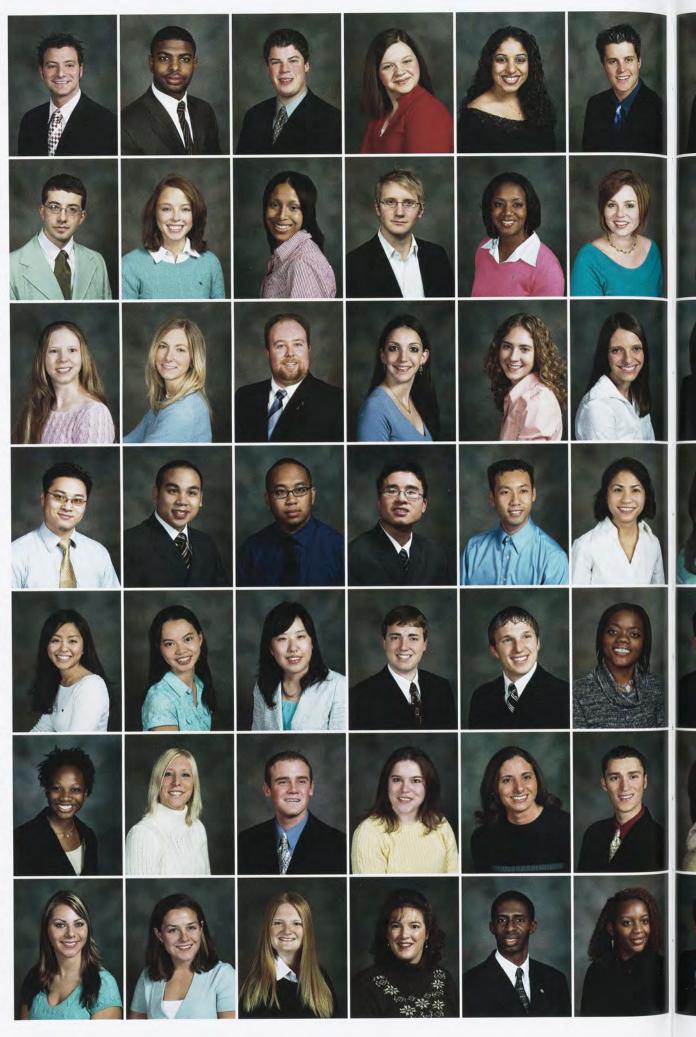
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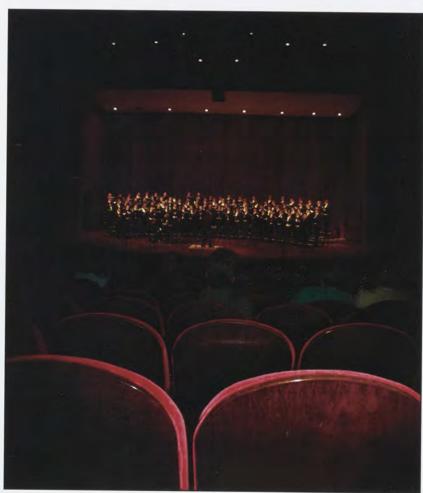
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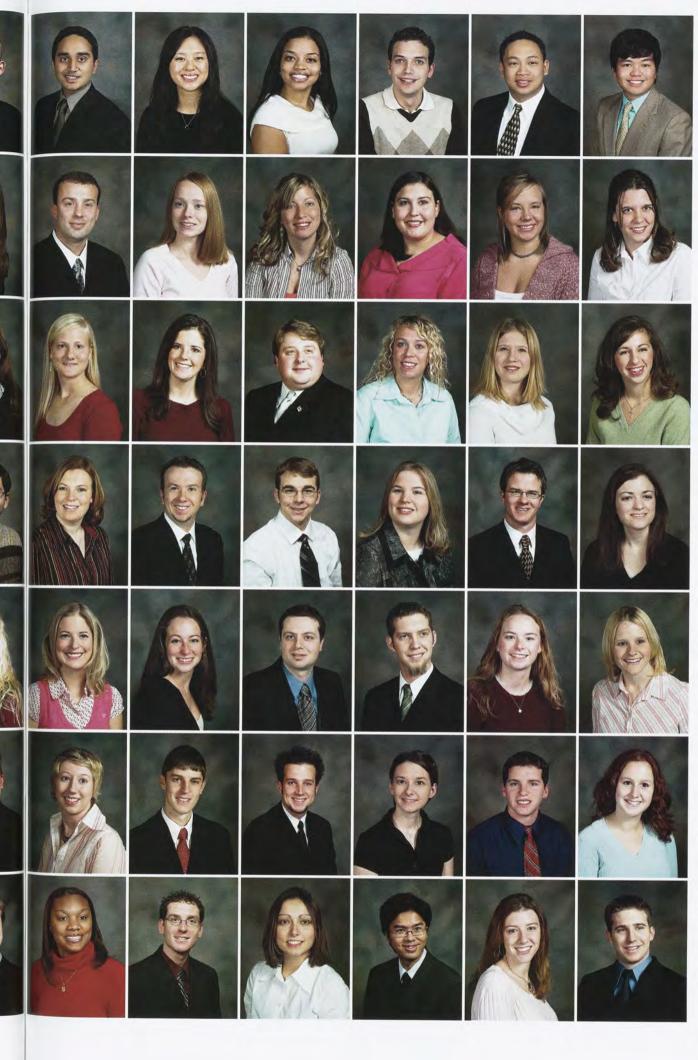
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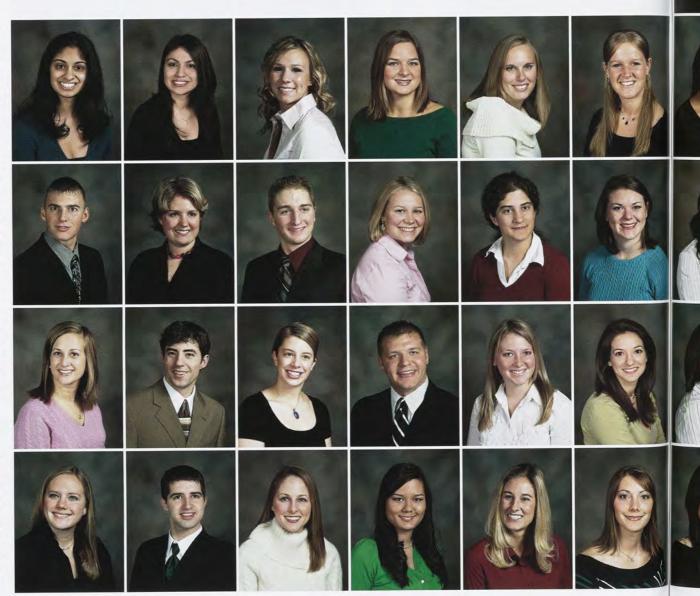
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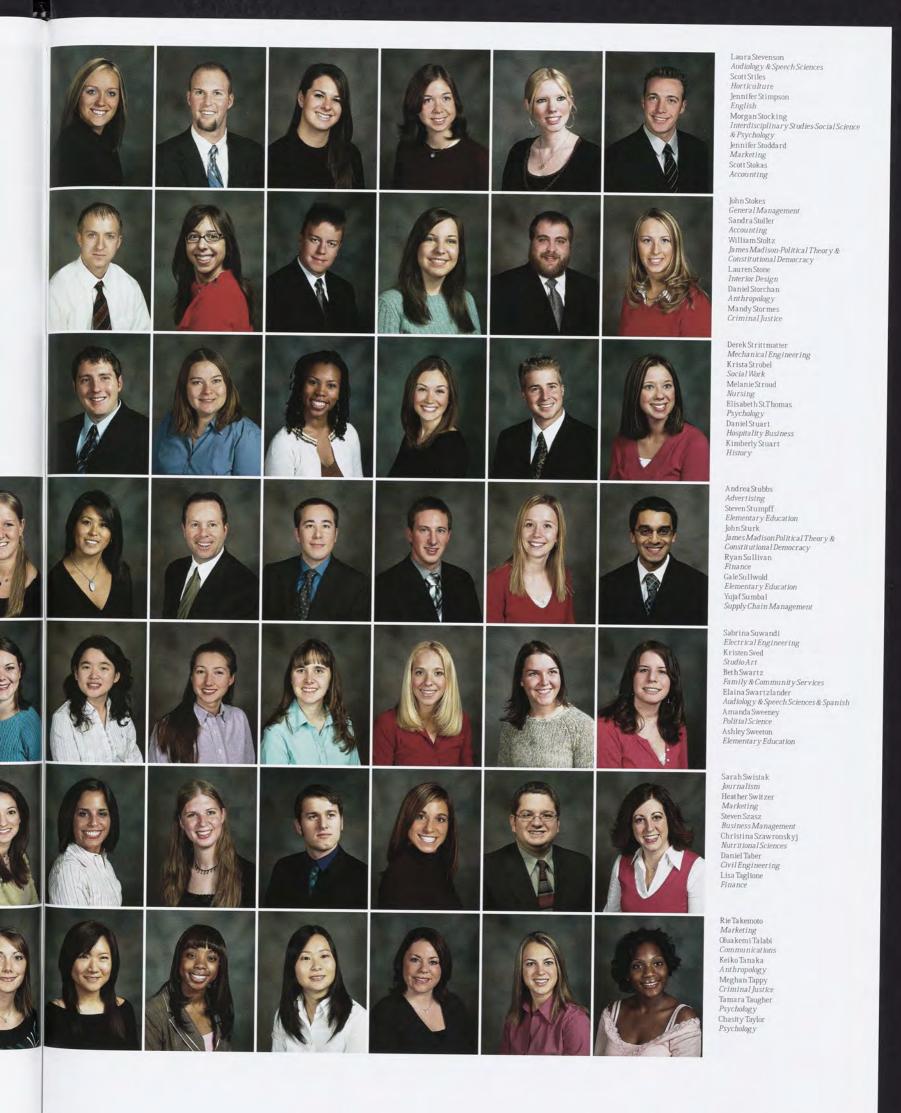
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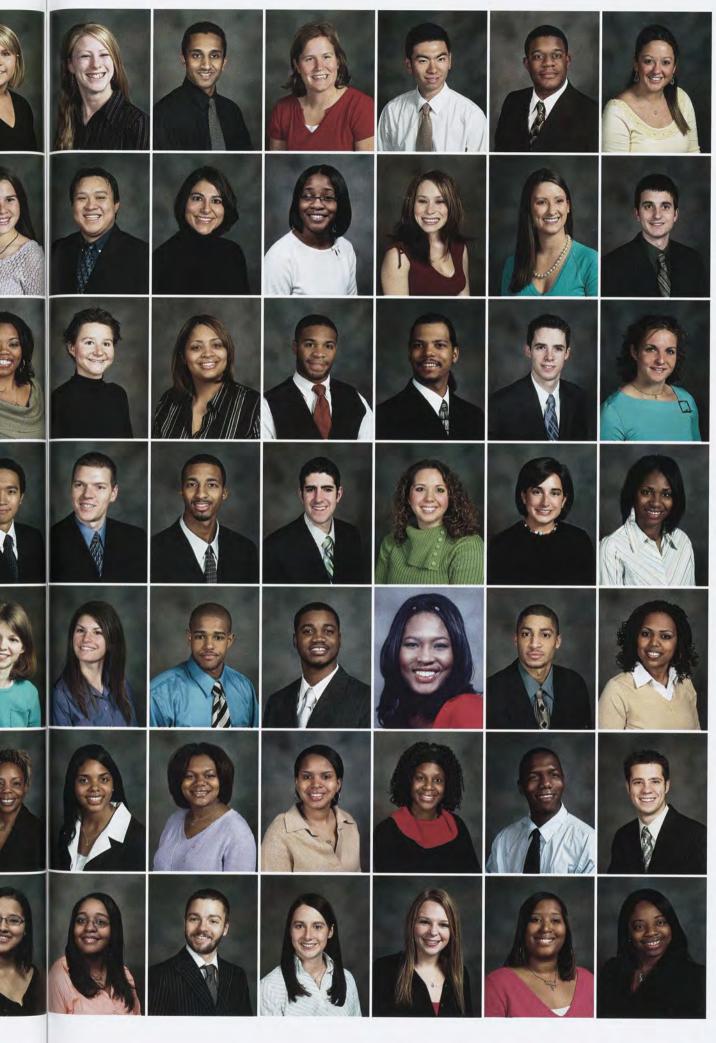
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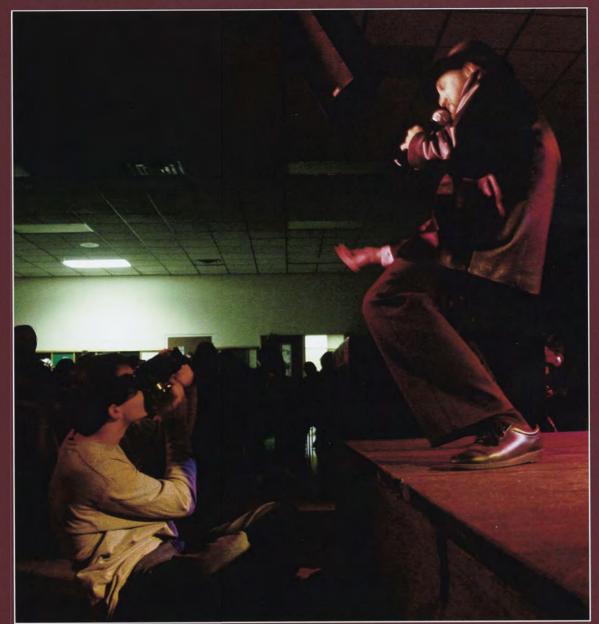
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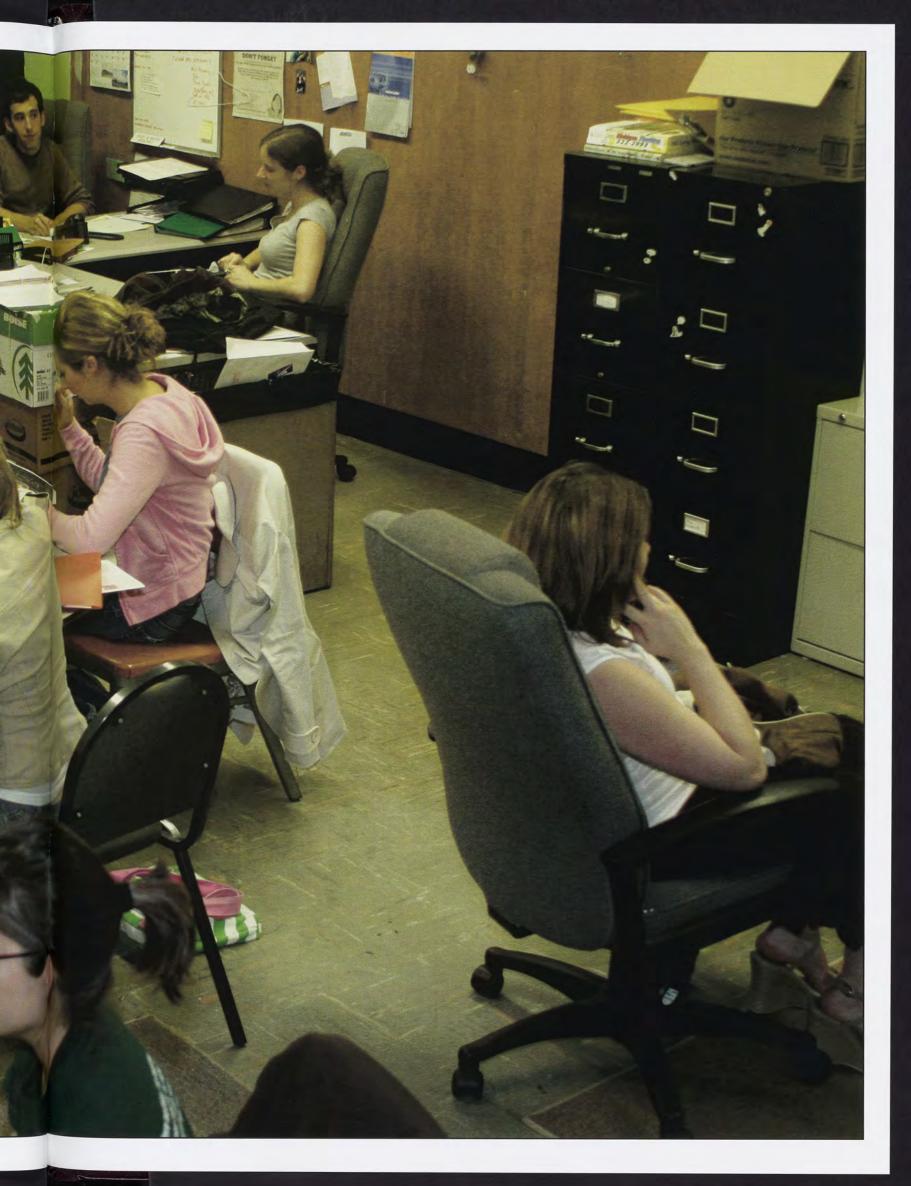
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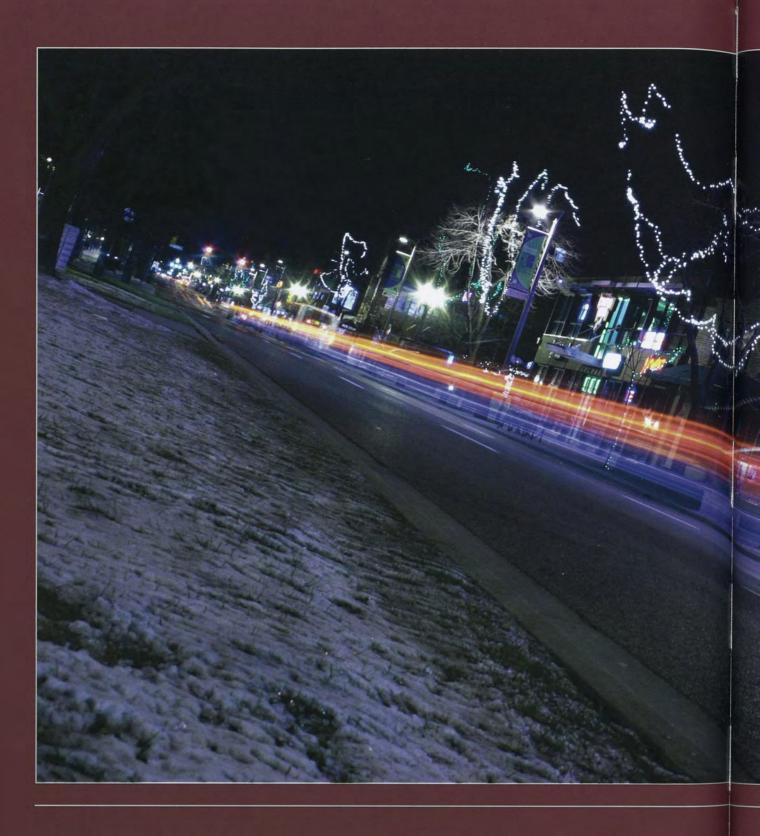
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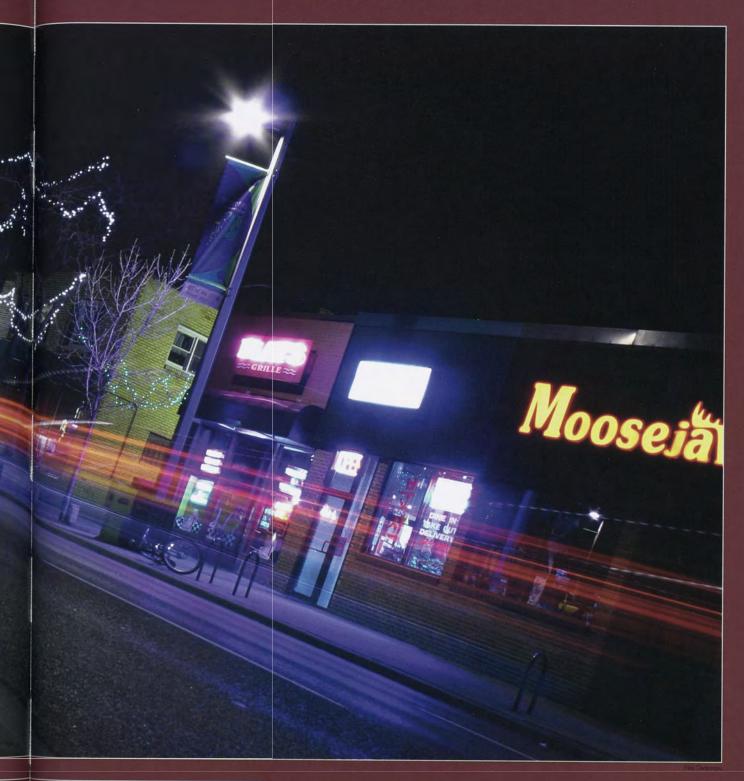
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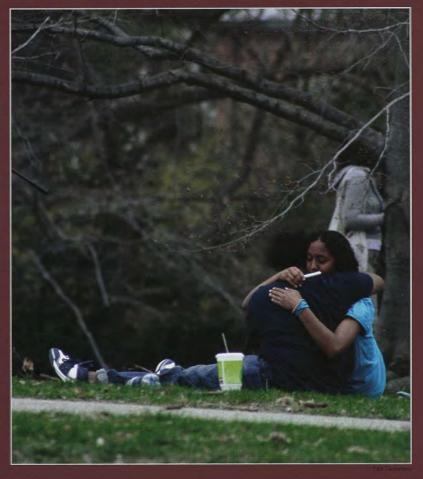






For many of us, junior year came with magnanimous amounts of homework and make-or-break courses. The burden of scheduling the rest of our classes to make sure we would graduate on time and thinking seriously about grad schools or career options loomed over our shoulders, however the confidence and skills we had acquired from the last two years more than equipped us to handle the weight. Luckily by now we were also skilled procrastinators, allowing us to always make time for that very important Friday night party, basketball game, or concert at the Breslin Center.

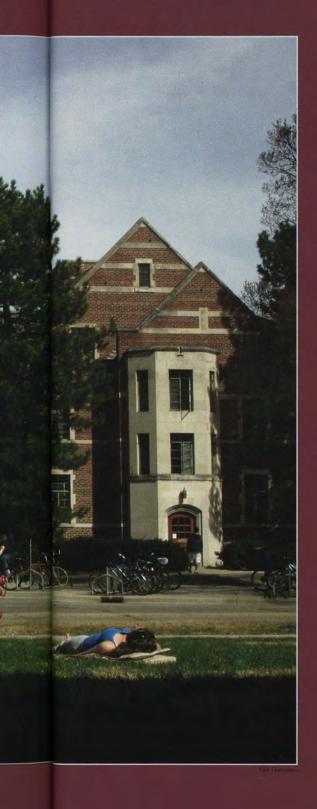
As juniors our involvement in organizations became stronger as we moved from underclassmen to the leaders of the pack. Job fairs brought the reality of the career world right to our campus, and many of us went searching for the perfect internships or study abroad programs. By now these endeavors into the real world had brought us to new horizons, new cities and new countries. With thousands of memories under our belts at the end of our penultimate year, we were forced to face the reality of actually graduating next year.













Senior year flew by so fast we didn't know what hit us, and included a gruesome fight to the death with the inevitable senioritis. As we struggled to get through our last semesters here at Michigan State, we were also confronted with the agony of waiting for graduate school acceptance, beginning the job hunt - or fairing other paths. Whatever our decisions were, it was time to make them. We spent the early part of 2006 finding out where our friends were going, who was going to which graduate, law, or medical school and who got hired where. During the first weeks of spring and last weeks of classes, a typical walk through campus had us stopping in our tracks to look around and what we were about to leave behind. Ivy covered buildings, green fountains and tulip trees in full bloom literally formed the picture of Michigan State at its finest hour, and thinking about not being able to hear Beaumont's bells ring throughout campus at noon was close to heartbreaking.

A lot of us spent the last few weeks of school at the bars, in an attempt to make it to happy hour at Rick's, 1/2 off Harpers or Burgerama one last time. We said our goodbyes to friends, coworkers and professors who had each played their own role in the academic and personal growth we all underwent. Our time at MSU was finished, and we felt both excited and nervous once again. However even though we had physically left State, there was no way that State would ever leave us. After diplomas were given and our green robes put away, regardless of our major or GPA, the experiences we had and the memories we made in our time at MSU led us to acquire a distinct set of beliefs, a confidence and a conviction characteristic of only a Spartan. The pride and accomplishment of this honorary title is one we'll each carry with us forever, wherever our horizons lie.

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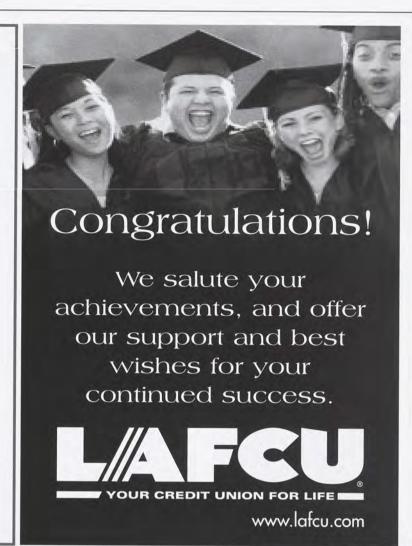
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