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Brian Laskowski

Dance skit causes laughter all around



Brian Laskowski

Rebecca Corry, a finalist on NBC's Last Comic Standing, reaches out to the crowd at the International Center. Corry headlined the Last Spartan Standing set, comprised of student comedians. Professional comedians have become an additional feature to the event.

STUDENT COMEDIAN BATTLE

The International Center was all smiles and laughter on Sept. 15 and 16 as 11 students and two professionals from NBC's "Last Comic Standing" participated in Last Spartan Standing.

The competition began Friday, when 750 people turned out to watch the students compete, with a finale by "Last Comic Standing" finalist Rebecca Corry.

"All of the MSU Students were extremely funny! Each one had their own unique way of telling stories and jokes and, by the end of the night, the judges had a hard time narrowing it down," said Josh Preister, University Activities Board chairperson. "The winner, Jerome Crawford, really stood out because of his 'Dance-off' skit, and I think that really sealed the deal for him to win because so many students related to it and found it hilarious."

Subject matter was widespread among the comedians, ranging from Facebook to relationships to Justin Timberlake. Crawford, an interdisciplinary studies in social science – law and society junior, filled his act with jokes about bathroom etiquette, Facebook, Bluetooth headsets and Bill Cosby and Steve Irwin impersonations.

"The competition was much better this year than in previous years," Crawford said. "It was just so amazing, especially since I seemed to have built up quite a following and many people were looking forward to my act... especially when we started to dance. They roared. It was electric!"

Crawford noted that journalism senior Tom Keller, last year's champion, gave him a run for his money. In the end however, Crawford won over both the crowd and judges, and claimed opening act honor for "Last Comic Standing" winner Owen Smith in front of 300 people on the next night.

"It was truly an honor and he was really ecstatic to meet me. He

was a down to earth guy that offered advice, and that motivated me even more," Crawford said. "I think, seeing him, I began to critique myself and tried to get even more comfortable."

With more than 1,000 people attending the Last Spartan Standing festivities between the two nights, the show has grown from a relatively small production in the past to a campus-known event that many look forward to attending. The popularity of the event was evident with the addition of professional known acts from television this year.

"Owen Smith was one of those comedians who made you laugh no matter what he said. He had the audience rolling the entire night," Preister said. "Rebecca Corry is one of the funniest comedians out there right now. She was so willing to be a judge and give advice to the comics before taking the stage Friday night."

Chris Jackett

"The competition was much better this year than in previous years."

*Jerome Crawford
Last Spartan Standing Winner*



Brian Laskowski

Jerome Crawford, an interdisciplinary studies junior, performs at Last Spartan Standing. Crawford beat out other comedic hopefuls during the two-day competition.

Alpha Chi Omega



A day in the life of Alyssa Johnson

Every fall, Greek formal recruitment is as certain as the September temperatures dropping and the leaves changing colors on the trees. Eager young adults come in droves to find out about the Greek system and pledge to different fraternities and sororities. In sorority recruitment, interested girls, like Alyssa Johnson, don sleek skirts and fancy shirts in search of the perfect sorority match.

"Just running around and seeing all the houses – it was so much fun," said Johnson, a James Madison freshman. "Some people got stressed out, but I thought it was really organized. It's something I really wanted to do."

Greek recruitment, or rush, lasted from Sept. 10-17. The week kicked off with Spirit Day on Sept. 10 at IM West. The pledges were thrown into a world of booths with information on all 13 sororities. After selecting nine to pursue, the pledges had to wait to see which houses chose them.

The girls viewed the mutual selection houses, or the houses they chose and that chose them, on Philanthropy Day. This was a two-day event in which the pledges could meet and greet current sorority sisters. Johnson continued rush by choosing several sororities, including Alpha Chi Omega and Kappa Kappa Gamma.

"It's pretty much just what house you feel at home in," Johnson said.

Pledges whittled down their choice of sororities from nine to six for the next stage of Greek recruitment: Video Day. Each sorority created a video to advertise to their recruits, and each pledge received information about the costs of becoming a member.

Preference Day marked the end of the recruitment process. Each girl had to narrow down the choices and rank her top three sororities. From the top three, every pledge found out which sorority granted them a bid on Sept. 17 and, soon after, the whole campus knew that a new class of pledges had been named.

The celebration was marked with non-stop car horns and traffic flowed with cars painted in Greek letters. Johnson chose Alpha Chi Omega from among her top three choices. The sorority took about 30 new pledges, and Johnson plans to live in the sorority house next year, at 243 Burcham. Alpha Chi Omega has several philanthropic projects, including the annual Softball Smash and the Easter Seals event.

"I've always kind of wanted to do it," Johnson said. "(Being in a sorority) is something that I could see myself doing."

Jessica Sipperley

Photo by Jeff Proulx

"It went amazing. We had to change the venue setup (to accommodate) for over 250 people."

Austin Bernstein
Jewish Student Center's staff advisor

Students smoke a hookah pipe at the annual Israel Fest. They had a chance to learn about hookah and a number of other Jewish practices.



Jacob Vink

HOOKAHHAVEN

Foreign lifestyle was brought closer to home for students on Sept. 19, as the Jewish Student Union (JSU), ASMSU and Hillel, a nonprofit organization that supports various Jewish student groups and communities, hosted their annual Israel Fest event at the Rock.

Students of all religions, nationalities and backgrounds were welcome to experience the various tents filled with free food and hookah pipes, as well as opportunities to learn how to write their name in Hebrew and dance to live music. Four live bands performed at the event: JCM, Bad Mamma Jamma, Delta Faded and Cooperative Opposites.

"It went amazing. We had to change the venue setup (to accommodate) for over 250 people," said Austin Bernstein, Jewish Student Center's staff adviser. "People had a good time and enjoyed each other's company."

Bernstein noted that one of the reasons for Israel Fest is to get the name of Israel out on campus. The JSU is an essential part of this process and welcomes students regardless of their

background.

"(Several) Jewish undergrads meet once a week and decide the programs that run on campus," Bernstein said.

"There's lots of Jewish freshmen. There were a lot of non-Jews (at Israel Fest). We don't want to be exclusive. We don't do anti-anything," he added.

Despite tense times in Israel's international politics, Bernstein said that the festival went over smoothly.

"We didn't experience any political backlash or anti-Jew comments," he said.

Bernstein even noted that members of other ethnicity-oriented student groups stopped by to show their support and check out the festival.

"We received nothing but positive feedback," he said. "A couple of members of the Arab Cultural Society came by and were impressed."

Chris Jackett



Jacob Vink

Trey Deuce, MC Krutch and Spears get the crowd moving at Israel Fest. The three made up Delta Faded, a local hip-hop group. The group was part of Mark of the Beat Productions, a promotions company.

DIVIDED STATE

On the night of the first gubernatorial debate, the sidewalk leading to the entrance of WKAR-TV studios was lined with people with a clear political agenda. On one side, demonstrators hoisted signs in favor of the incumbent, Gov. Jennifer Granholm. The center of the cement divided these people from supporters of the Republican candidate, Dick DeVos; these supporters screamed for more jobs to be brought to Michigan. The network hosted the first of three debates between the two gubernatorial candidates on Oct. 2, bringing a discussion for a politically-charged election close to home.

Although the public, including the outside demonstrators, was not allowed into the studio, the atmosphere of the debate was electric. Mediator Tim Skubick, host of the WKAR-TV program "Off the Record" and senior capitol correspondent, kept up the tempo of the debate and brashly addressed the candidates, bringing up issues such as bringing jobs into Michigan, the problem of poverty and the ethics of campaign advertisements. Skubick's co-mediator was Charlie Cain of the Detroit News. Skubick was a major part of organizing the debate and bringing it to campus, according to DeAnne Hamilton, WKAR's general manager.

"I think that anyone who is a citizen of this country should be able to hear what the candidates have to say, even students," Hamilton said. "They are voters, too."

The automobile industry, coupled with the state of the economy, was a major issue of the debate. Granholm spoke of experiences with improving Michigan's economy and her economic plans for the future, including the 21st Century Jobs Fund. DeVos used his business background from working with Amway to stress the need to bring jobs to the state.

"I'm fighting for everyday citizens," Granholm said. "My opponent has supported those policies that have hurt Michigan. It is critical as a state, especially with our economic challenges, that we move forward together."

DeVos responded by asking voters to put him in office, as he compared running for governor to applying for a job.

"I'm asking you to hire me, so that together we can turn

Michigan around and move Michigan in the right direction," DeVos said. "I want it to be very clear to the people of Michigan who I work for."

After the first heated debate, it was clear the race to the governor's seat was going to be a close one. The future of Michigan hung in the balance, and many voters came out to show their support for each candidate.

Jessica Sipperley



Jeff Proulx

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*DeAnne Hamilton
WKAR Manager*

Members of the public gather outside of the Communication Arts and Sciences Building before the first gubernatorial debate. Although they could not enter the building, many political activists came out to show their support, or lack of support, for each candidate. The debate was the first in a series of three that gave candidates a chance to voice their opinions on a variety of issues.



Jeff Proulx

Supporters for Gov. Granholm cheer before the gubernatorial debate on Oct. 2. Members of the public who came out for both sides of the governor's race gathered on the sidewalks. The debate was broadcast live from WKAR studios.



Jeff Proulx

Gov. Jennifer Granholm and challenger Dick DeVos briefly shake hands after the conclusion of the first gubernatorial debate. The candidates answered questions about the economy and the state judicial system. Tim Skubick mediated the debate.

Kermit the frog teams up with Sparty to motivate the homecoming crowd

A GREEN HOMECOMING

With Kermit the Frog, of "The Muppet Show," as the grand marshal, homecoming week added another shade of green to the festivities. Between student float building late into the night, a green and white ice cream giveaway, the parade, the football game and the swarms of students, alumni and local residents, Sept. 28-30 became a very exciting few days.

Throughout the week, these special events took place, leading into the parade on Saturday.

"The parade brings the community together, while the entire homecoming weekend reminds them of why they're coming together," said Kristi Jourdan, a journalism junior who served as a judge for the parade. "All of the graduates come back to visit their alma mater and reminisce about good times while catching up with old friends. The parade is more of an event geared toward kids."

The homecoming parade was led by Kermit, in a convertible that was trailed by a row of floats more than a mile long. Lyman Briggs created an innovative float featuring fellow Muppets Dr. Bunsen Honeydew and Beaker with dry ice bubbling out of glass vials. From Hannah Community Center on Abbott Road, down Grand River Avenue and Bogue Street, to IM East, students and nearby residents

of all ages filled the streets, excited by the Spartan spirit that had encompassed the community.

"The parade itself was very energetic, and there was a very large crowd," Jourdan said. "The community is very supportive of the city of East Lansing."

Saturday's football game against the Fighting Illini of Illinois was just as exciting, as Kermit made several appearances on the big screen throughout the game, starting "Go Green! Go White!" chants that rang throughout Spartan Stadium.

The Spartans failed to come out of the game with a victory however, dropping a 23-20 decision as Illinois kicked a field goal through the uprights as the final seconds ticked off the clock. Senior quarterback Drew Stanton was sacked five times, fumbled twice and the offensive line failed to score on multiple red zone possessions early in the game.

"The homecoming game was, as usual, a fun tradition to be a part of," said Andy Rushlow, a packaging junior. "Even though we didn't beat Illinois, it was still a good homecoming despite the event."

Chris Jackett

"The parade brings the community together, while the entire homecoming weekend reminds them of why they're coming together."

*Kristi Jourdan
Journalism Junior*



Brian Laskowski

Kermit the Frog gives a shout to the crowd as the parade travels down Grand River Avenue. Students and city residents flocked to the streets to take part in the festivities. Kermit served as grand marshal for the week.



Brian Laskowski

Parade participants high-five students and city residents watching the action. The two-person parade bikes were ridden down Grand River Avenue as part of the homecoming parade.

"Johnny Spirit," one of Spartan sports' most well known fans, rides along the parade, taking in the moment with his camcorder. The homecoming parade was just one of many events he was seen at this year. "Spirit" is known for his undying support of Spartan athletics, guarding the Sparty statue near Demonstration Hall and braving 40-degree game temperatures with nothing but shorts and body paint.



Brian Laskowski

Police and the university marching band move down Abbott Street to kick off the Homecoming parade. Students, alumni, families and residents of nearby towns lined the streets to participate in the festivities.





Brian Laskowski

Picket signs were not far from the pro-life rally, as pro-choice students protested the event. The protestors supported a woman's right to choose whether or not to have an abortion when pregnant.



Jeff Proulx

HOTBUTTONISSUE

Protest for Choice

Wire hangers bearing paper signs with the message "What women choose when they have no choice" hung from trees and fences around campus the week of Oct. 16.

This week was Young Women's Week of Action for U.S. and Global Reproductive Rights, and several campus groups made students aware of reproductive issues such as abortion and contraceptives.

On Oct. 18, there was a rally held at the Rock over women's right of choice, which is a campaign issue. The Women's Council and Students for Choice, both of which are pro-choice campus groups, put on the rally. Students for Life, a pro-life group, held a silent protest to offset the rally and defend the unborn.

"They also had something where they put up signs and hangers, and we went and put up our signs next to them," said Natalie Kuzminski, a communication sciences and disorder junior and vice president of Students for Life.

The point of the rally was to inform students of the potential threats on reproductive rights and ways to protect them.

Stephanie Defever

Rally for Life

Abortion has been a hot issue for years, and Students for Life intended to keep students informed by organizing a pro-life rally at the Rock on Sept. 16. Students for Life is a student organization with the goal of promoting pro-life awareness and options in regards to abortion issues.

"We know it's really important to get awareness out, especially around election time," said Natalie Kuzminski, a communication sciences and disorder junior and vice president of the club. "We wanted to peak people's interest."

The rally featured speeches by U.S. Rep. Mike Rogers, R-Brighton, Mich., and Silent No More, a group of five people (both men and women) from around the state who spoke about their experiences with abortion. The David Boggs Band, a Christian rock group from Ohio, performed for the crowd and East Lansing politician John Knowles made an appearance.

A group of pro-choice students from Planned Parenthood protested the event from the bridge on Farm Lane.

"They were yelling and chanting stuff. Rogers didn't want to use a microphone because they didn't care," Kuzminski said. "He gave some inspirational advice and talked over the protestors."

Chris Jackett



Jeff Proulx

Pro-choice students stake out on Farm Lane. The students were protesting the pro-life rally in progress. Planned Parenthood sponsored the pro-choice group.

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*Natalie Kuzminski
Communication sciences and disorder Junior
Vice President of Students for Life*



Jeff Proulx

The David Boggs Band performed at the pro-life rally in support of Students for Life. The Christian rock band is from Ohio. Local politician John Knowles also made an appearance at the rally.



Kara Kameneć

Invincible performs for the audience during National Coming Out week in the "Speak Out" poetry slam. Invincible is originally from Palestine and spoke out about problems in the Middle East, as well as gay rights.

SHATTER THE SILENCE

The week of Oct. 7 marked the beginning of National Coming Out week on campus. Organized by the office of Lesbian, Bi, Gay and Transgender Concerns (LBGT), the week consisted of several events, individually sponsored by other campus organizations as well.

The Oct. 10 main event, "Speak Out" poetry slam, featured special guest Juan Jose Reyna, an actor and hip-hop spoken word performance artist. Reyna, better known as JJ, serves as an advocate for the LBGT health center in New York. JJ performed various poems on a wide variety of topics for the audience inside the Wonders Hall kiva.

The intimate setting of the poetry slam saw the kiva decorated with signs displaying messages of equality and justice for gender rights. JJ captivated the audience and modernized the spoken word genre, giving it a hip-hop feel with beats to back it up.

After JJ's performance, the floor became open mic, and audience members were given an opportunity to perform some of their own work.

"I heard the poetry slam would be open mic, and thought it would be nice to share my thoughts," said Erica Photiades, a music education senior.

National Coming Out week wasn't limited to just performers speaking their minds on pressing issues. The West Wilson Hall lounge hosted an interactive panel of students called "Guess Who's Gay?" on Oct. 11. PRISM, the lesbian, bisexual, gay, transgendered (and straight) ally caucus for south complex, and the Wilson Hall mentors sponsored the event.

"The main purpose of the presentation was to break the gender stereotypes people have, and to show that sexuality is fluid," said Jamie Piskura, a communications junior and Wilson Hall mentor.

The 11 members of the panel talked briefly about their interests, home lives and majors, before the audience guessed their orientations. The panel had mostly gay and lesbian students, with some heterosexual and one transgender student.

After the entire panel had finished speaking and invited the audience to "guess who's gay," the floor was open to questions that may have risen during the presentation. The panel answered the questions enthusiastically, and gave other sources that people could go to for more information.

Marissa Nelson



Kara Kamenec

"The main purpose of the presentation was to break the gender stereotypes people have, and to show that sexuality is fluid."

*Jamie Piskura
Communications Junior & Wilson Hall Mentor*

JJ keeps the audience connected and intrigued with each poem. JJ used different props worked into the performance, and kept each piece different from the last.



A day in the life of Ray McLellan

Ray McLellan discovered the carillon by accident, and this set of bells is now a major part of his life. The university carillonneur was working on his doctorate degree in organ at the University of Michigan and heard the bells ringing in Burton Tower. He went over and discovered he could go up and watch the carillonneur play. He was drawn in and started studying the instrument. Now, he has made a career of it.

"I started taking lessons right away and took the performance examination offered by the Guild of Carillonneurs in (North) America and became a full member of the guild," McLellan said.

McLellan, who has been playing at the Beaumont Tower since 1997, teaches students of various levels, performs every Tuesday and has special recitals.

"I love the Beaumont Tower carillon," McLellan said. "It is an enduring symbol of the university. It has one of the best settings for people to listen outside; the beautiful trees on the circle around the tower and the open space is great. The carillon is very responsive and you can achieve a great range of sound."

The carillon started out as a chime when the tower was built in 1928. Eventually, bells were added so that it became a carillon, and with the restoration in 1996, it now has 49 bells, according to McLellan.

Before McLellan found himself at MSU, he studied organ performance at Florida Southern College and Michigan. He now has a job as the music director and organist at a church in Monroe and a synagogue in Ann Arbor.

This past summer, he represented MSU at the Congress of the World Carillon Federation in Gdansk, Poland. The World Carillon Federation is made up of countries that have carillon guilds, which are mostly European countries. At the event, McLellan listened to other performers, played the carillon and discussed approving a world standard for the carillon keyboard.

"The trip was a nice social time to meet carillonneurs from all parts of the world," McLellan said. "The former president of Poland addressed us. We met at Malbork Castle, which is the largest ancient castle in Poland and we enjoyed the amazing culture of Gdansk."

McLellan wished every student would visit the tower and hear the carillon at least once before they graduate, because it is an amazing place and central part of the campus.

Stephanie Defever

Photo by: Nick Dentamaro

"Participants and volunteers consistently stated that they enjoyed themselves immensely and look forward to next year's festival."

*Virginia Walker
Festival Co-Chair*

Customized sports wheelchairs made it possible for players to ram into each other, knocking the ball out a player's hands and into their opponent's hands. Players wore gloves to avoid burning their hands on the spinning wheels from their chairs. Both wheelchair rugby teams had players of all ages, from preteen to adult.



Brian Laskowski

RUGBY ON WHEELS

Just because you have a disability doesn't mean sports can't be part of your life. The participants of the wheelchair rugby game, held at IM West as part of the 2nd annual Adapted Sports Festival, proved just that.

The participants ranged in age from preteen to adult and not all were disabled.

"Many of our volunteers were MSU students, thus providing them with an opportunity to enhance their experience with the disability community and its needs for accessibility in sport and leisure activities," said John Pedraza, Resource Center for Persons with Disabilities (RCPD) staff member and festival co-chair.

Zippering around the gym in sports chairs with large reinforced wheels, the players made the game look simple. While performed with ease, the game was anything but peaceful. Staying true to the game's roots, wheelchair rugby also embraced the game's physical nature.

The scene recalled that of bumper cars with a ball. Occasionally a bang echoed throughout the gym as participants collided with one other. On two occasions people were hit so hard that players were ejected from their chairs.

When this occurred, great teamwork was displayed until everyone was back in his or her wheelchair and ready

for action. Aside from several bruises, no major injuries occurred.

The event's core purpose was to educate and raise awareness regarding the importance of sports for disabled individuals. Booths set up on the sidelines showcased a variety of organizations offering all types of services for the disabled.

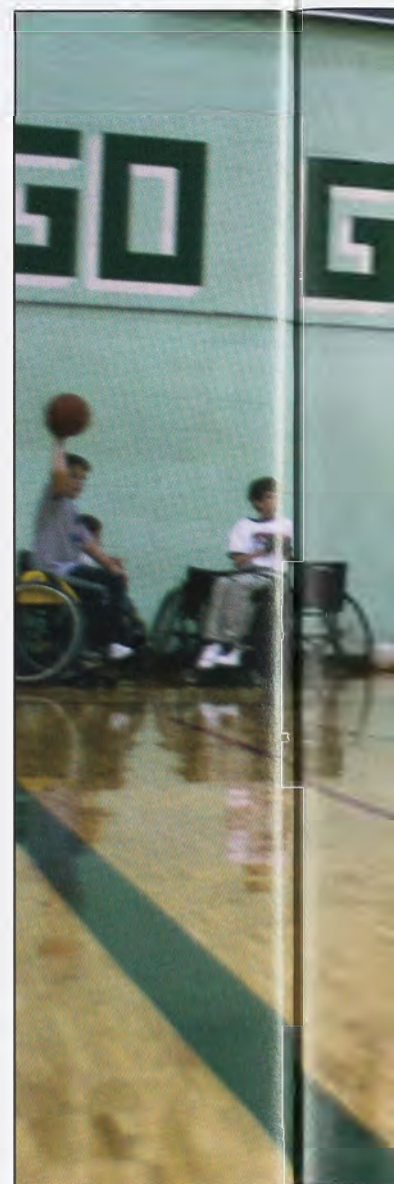
"With some improvements, we will hopefully be seeing this event again next year. We want to hold the next festival at a different time of the year, preferably during warmer weather and see greater student involvement," said Sharon Reasoner, a RCPD staff member.

At the festival's end, Virginia Walker, festival co-chair, was pleased. "Participants and volunteers consistently stated that they enjoyed themselves immensely and look forward to next year's festival," she said.

Besides rugby, eight other sports were also played, including basketball, tennis, martial arts, wheelchair floor hockey, bocce, adapted cycling, swimming and goal ball.

The smiles on the participants' faces showed that the event was a success.

Hanna Roszczenko





Brian Laskowski

Wheelchair rugby participants rush to get to the ball first. The event was one of many sports played at the 2nd Annual Adapted Sports Festival. The event was open to anyone living in Michigan.



Brian Laskowski

A participant races toward the finish line, scoring a point for her team. Participants ranged from disabled persons to those who simply came out to compete and support the cause. Players wore gloves or wrappings to protect their hands from the constant maneuvering of the wheels.

Safe Halloween activities bring students and children together

Student volunteers play their roles in the Haunted Union. The tour guide took thrill-seekers around the Haunted Union while masked volunteers hid behind curtains to scare them. The Insane Asylum was one of many rooms decorated for the Haunted Union.



Nick Dentamaro

FRIGHTNIGHT ON CAMPUS

Students came together during Halloween weekend to treat children in the area to a variety of spirited activities. The University Activities Board (UAB) and Greek community held activities for children and other students to provide a safe Halloween environment.

Many Greek fraternities and sororities joined one another in the annual "Safe Halloween" event. Children participated in games and activities, and students handed out candy to kids. M.A.C. Avenue was closed for the early evening on Oct. 28, and Grand River Avenue businesses opened their doors to children and parents.

A moon-bounce was blown up for children, and cotton candy machines and caramel apple stations were set up outside some sorority houses. Although all of the children that lined the streets had costumes on, some students showed their Halloween cheer with costumes as well.

"Safe Halloween is great," said Sue Hopper, an Okemos mother. "The kids can make caramel apples and cotton candy... they really love it."

UAB also turned the Union into a haunted house for students and children. Admission to the Haunted Union was free and the attendance reached about 850 students throughout the weekend.

"I think the Haunted Union turned out well," said Laura Morianti, supply chain management junior and UAB arts director. "The beginning was stressful, but once we opened the doors, everything went relatively smooth."

UAB hired five student organizations throughout the course of the weekend to help participate in the event:

the Marketing Association, Alpha Phi Omega, Public Relations Student Society of America, Delta Xi Phi and SCOUT BANANA. For the Haunted Union, one group was responsible for setting up while two groups performed in the spooky venue.

"It was a lot of work for us to put it together, but I think we were all satisfied with the outcome," Morianti said. "Plus, it was pretty fun to scare people."

Kristy McCown





Anthony Riva

A masked tour guide waits to scare children walking through the Haunted Union. Members of the University Activities Board and several other organizations dressed up to perform in the Haunted Union. The event took place during Halloween weekend.

A four-year-old boy dressed up as a pirate fills up his Halloween bag with popcorn outside of Kappa Kappa Gamma's house on M.A.C. The Safe Halloween event extended down M.A.C. outside of many sorority houses.

"It was a lot of work for us to put it together, but I think we were all satisfied with the outcome. Plus, it was pretty fun to scare people."

Laura Morianti
UAB Arts Director

Nick Dentamaro

Sixth annual Spartan Idol reigns in student participation

"I always love Spartan Idol because I really like working with 20 new people I have never met."

Shannon Hoffman
UAB Spirit and Traditions director

Advertising junior Alexandra Vosotas performs her first song on the final night of the Spartan Idol competition. Vosotas made it to the final round of the competition after beating out 60 other contestants.

The Spartan Idol competition seems to be just as popular at the university as American Idol is in American households. In its sixth year, Spartan Idol still draws high numbers of contestants and audience members. The University Activities Board (UAB) sponsors Spartan Idol each year. The semi-finals for this year's competition were held on Nov. 10, with the highly anticipated final round following the next day. All rounds of the competition were held in the Union Ballroom.

More than 60 students tried out to be a contestant for the show. The judging panel, consisting of a committee formed through UAB, cut this down to 20 participants. These contestants went on to perform at the semi-finals on the first night of the competition. After the semi-finals, 15 contestants were cut, leaving five for the final night of competition.

The 20 contestants chosen went through three weeks of rehearsing to prepare themselves for the competition. The contestants were judged on ability, overall performance and the entertainment factor. After their final performance, the audience voted on their picks for the winner of Spartan Idol.



"I really liked having it in the Union instead of the International Center, where we hold most of our events, because it looked beautiful with the chandeliers," said Shannon Hoffman, spirit and traditions director of UAB and journalism junior. "Also, I always love Spartan Idol because I really like working with 20 new people I have never met and I become so proud of each of them at the end of the competition."

On the first night of the competition, there were about 400 people in the audience, and about 300 people came out to see the final night of the competition.

Kristen Townsel, a marketing freshman, took first place honors at this year's competition.

As the winner of Spartan Idol, Townsel received many gifts and opportunities, including a demo-recording contract at Lighthouse Recording Studio in Dimondale. This included 25 demo CDs and five hours of studio recording time.

Kristy McCown

SPARTAN TALENTS THRIVE



Kristen Townsel, Brandon Edwards, Alexandra Vosotas, Sufna Gheyara and Michelle Odinma applaud the winner on stage at Spartan Idol. The contestants competed for various prizes, including a recording contract.

Jacob Vink



Kristen Townsel wows the crowd with her performance at Spartan Idol. Townsel was selected as the top performer by audience members in this year's competition.

Jacob Vink

SPARTYGUARD

While the bronze Spartan statue typically keeps watch over campus, symbolizing sports and spirit, the statue received guarding of its own during rivalry week. Members of the Spartan Marching Band and student volunteers watched over Sparty, the statue's nickname, during the week preceding the football game with intrastate rival, the University of Michigan.

After the vandalism of Sparty in past years, such as blue spray painting, students now protect their icon from potential vandals with round the clock guards. U of M holds a similar event on their Diag, to protect their "M."

Melissa Nattrass, Spartan Band member, said that protecting the statue is a matter of student pride. She said that the purpose of the watch is "to hang out here [at the statue] to defend Sparty from vandalism, just because we can."

Nattrass said that the Thursday prior to the game is the biggest night of Sparty Watch. This year, an estimated 50 to 100 Spartans kept guard that night alone. The event also featured a disc jockey and karaoke machine, funded by the Tau Beta Sigma and Kappa Kappa Psi sororities.

The last time the original statue suffered a "blue bath" was 2005. Aug. 25, 2006, marked the unveiling of the new Spartan statue, cast from the original Sparty, which students plan to keep protected.

In 1989, the Save Our Sparty campaign restored the figure, but by 2004, it was believed that the terra cotta statue would last between five and seven more years before it would become un-repairable, as harsh Michigan winters and vandalism had taken their toll. The original figure was moved inside Spartan Stadium, away from the elements.

The statue, officially titled "The Spartan," was the product of Leonard D. Jungwirth, a university art professor. Originally molded in terra cotta because World War II rations limited resources for statue building, the Spartan has stood since June 9, 1945.

Even though the Spartan symbol is Greek, it's believed that Jungwirth incorporated a modernist design, relying heavily on aspects from Futurism and Cubism.

Originally weighing three tons, Sparty is still revered by the media as one of the biggest freestanding ceramic figures worldwide. The new Sparty weighs 1,500 pounds and stands at 9 feet 7 inches tall.

"Sparty Watch is a way to bring not only the kids and the university together, but to be truly green and white and to find out who we are," added Nattrass. "It's definitely a way to get pumped before the Michigan game, for sure."

Courtney Robinson



Bryna Shields

Students watch "Little Giants" during Sparty Watch. The annual tradition protects Sparty from vandalism before the football game against the University of Michigan. Various students come throughout the week to show their school pride.

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*Melissa Nattrass
Pre-veterinary and Zoology Sophomore*



Bryna Shields

Sparty stands tall as groups of Spartans protect him. Students staked out the area with lawn chairs and blankets for a week, bringing TVs, hot drinks and snacks. The marching band coordinated the event that was also open to volunteers.





Bryna Shields

Students watch Sparty before the University of Michigan rivalry game. The watch prevents vandalism of the bronze Spartan statue. "Johnny Spirit" (not pictured) said he watched the statue for days.



Jeff Proulx

Gov. Jennifer Granholm grips the microphone as she addresses the crowd. The Union Ballroom was packed with Granholm supporters who cheered after many statements were made during her speech. The governor's words became intense and moving as she began to talk about the critical issues of the upcoming election.

Mediators and volunteers sort through question proposals for their content. After a brief break in the heated MCRI debate, the audience was asked to write down questions for either speaker. Those passing the quick screening were presented to the speakers.



Jeff Proulx

From debates to rallies to candidate forums, the school year brought the election to campus. Events kicked off with a democratic rally held by Gov. Jennifer Granholm and other Democrats, including Attorney General candidate Amos Williams and Senate candidate Gretchen Whitmer on Sept. 23.

The candidates criticized Republican gubernatorial candidate Dick DeVos on his pro-life stance, opposition of stem cell research and universal health care initiatives.

"If he had ovaries, he would fly to get an abortion," Whitmer said. "[We want] to make sure abortions are safe, legal and rare."

With the battle for Michigan Governor well underway, Oct. 23 brought the race for state House seats to campus, with a debate between candidates, Rep. Mark Meadows, D-East Lansing, and John Knowles, a university law alumnus. The candidates devoted much time to the controversial issue of Proposal 2, or the Michigan Civil Rights Initiative (MCRI).

"The time has not come to end the laws of affirmative action in Michigan," Meadows said. "Today, there is no requirement to gender or race on applications."

Knowles opposed race-based preferences, but supported socio-economic affirmative action. He said race shouldn't be considered, because we would be "raising a new generation based on the races." Knowles said he wanted admission to be colorblind.

Students faced off on the MCRI when international relations sophomore Kyle Bristow and Eric Gregory, Democratic candidate

running for state House seat in District 41, debated the proposal on Oct. 25. Bristow, chairperson of the Young Americans for Freedom, supported the MCRI, while Gregory opposed the measure.

"We have a choice to make, MCRI is a thing of our past," said Gregory, a political theory and constitutional democracy senior.

Bristow supported the MCRI, claiming, "It will get rid of state-sanctioned racism." Bristow added that "diversity should not trump equality" and opportunities should be merit based.

Providing a national perspective to the local elections, Howard Dean, Democratic National Committee Chairperson, held a campus rally on Nov. 4th, for local Democratic candidates.

"In a democracy, you are a deciding factor," said Dean.

Dean claimed Republicans don't care about college students, will raise taxes and will allow tax cuts for the wealthy.

"In the end, we can't do any of this unless we win," Dean said, adding that, "You never win because you're right. You win because you work harder than the other guy."

On Nov. 7, victory came to Democrats across the United States, including incumbents Gov. Jennifer Granholm, U.S. Sen. Debbie Stabenow and newcomer state Rep. Mark Meadows. Proposal 2 passed and Republicans Mike Cox and Terri Lynn Land reclaimed positions as Attorney General and Secretary of State, respectively.

Courtney Robinson

POLITICALSUPPORT



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"The time has not come to end the laws of affirmative action in Michigan. Today, there is no requirement to gender or race on applications."

*Mark Meadows
East Lansing State Representative*

Sen. Debbie Stabenow supporters usher in their candidate with cheers. Before Gov. Jennifer Granholm took the platform at the democratic rally, Stabenow fired up the crowd with a charismatic speech. Sitting to the side of the stage, Jennifer Granholm and her daughters listened and cheered intently.



A day in the life of the Chevy Challenge

Biology junior Arya Khatiwoda and Keriann Zolman, a pre-law senior, went to class, procrastinated homework assignments, socialized with friends and ordered take-out at odd hours of the night. All was fairly common and the week of Oct. 30 - Nov. 4 proved to be no exception, although it did have one major catch – they were living out of a Chevrolet Aveo vehicle.

On a local level, Public Relations Student Society of America (PRSSA) assisted Chevrolet in promoting and integrating the event. Jennie Ecclestone, vice president of PRSSA, was contacted by a representative from a public relations firm involved with the campaign. After months of planning and deliberation, the Chevy Aveo Livin' Large Challenge was ready for execution, and the university was chosen as one of the six participants.

Khatiwoda and Zolman sent in an application, videos of themselves and photographs and were interviewed before being selected by Chevy to compete. For an entire business week, Khatiwoda and Zolman participated in the Challenge, competing against other schools across the country to each win Aveos for themselves, as well as one for their school. The competition was based entirely on votes received, which could be cast either by cell phone text messaging or by visiting the official Aveo Web site.

The rules of the challenge were simple: the girls could only leave the car for bathroom breaks at 7-Eleven and to attend class. To ensure that these rules were followed, Khatiwoda and Zolman were under 24-hour surveillance by security guards who escorted them to class. They were also monitored by two web cameras in the car, feeding live video from 8 a.m. to midnight onto the official Aveo Challenge Web site.

Adding to the challenge aspect of the competition, the car cannot be in operation, so they must find a way to not only heat themselves for the week, but be entertaining enough on the Web site to warrant the highest amount of votes both for themselves and the school, Ecclestone said.

Although the cold weather, unrelenting schoolwork and sleep deprivation were all obstacles to overcome, the constant companionship was no hindrance for the Spartan team.

"We've been friends for about five years," said Zolman.

Khatiwoda added with a laugh, "Yeah, and we've been roommates too, so we're used to living together... although never this close!"

Khatiwoda and Zolman made every effort to show that they were, in fact, "livin' large," and hosted a variety of events at their four-door home in the parking lot behind Urban Outfitters at 115 E. Grand River Ave. Events included a Halloween costume contest, food drive and a date auction that raised \$168 for the Lansing Area AIDS Network.

In the end, the pair finished second in the polls, behind two girls from the University of Southern California, who pledged to donate the value of their cars, about \$30,000, as a charitable gesture.

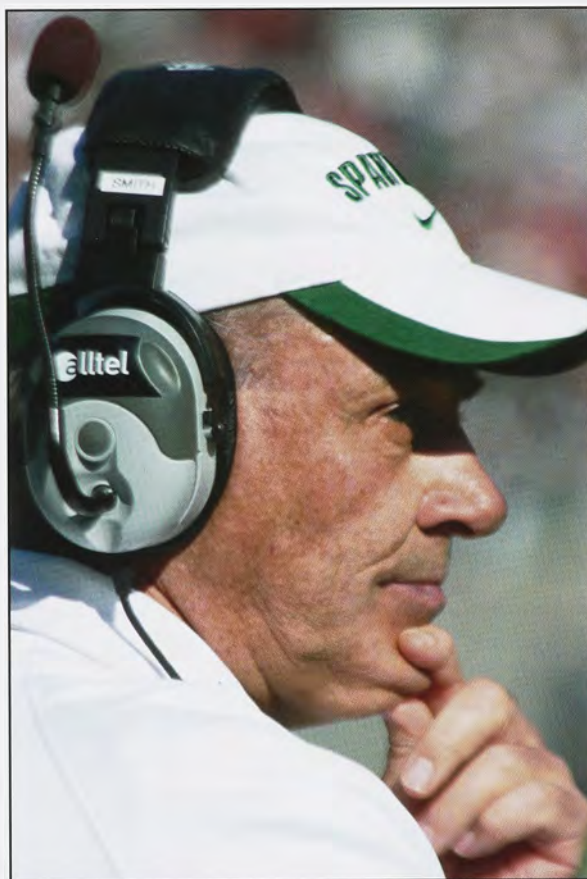
While they did have fun, both students agreed that they would decline an opportunity to do it all over again.

Lisa Shaw

Photo: Jeff Proulx

Spartan football finds a new coach

Former Head Coach John L. Smith looks on as the Spartans struggle in a 2005 game against Penn State University. Smith's teams struggled over his four-year tenure at the university. After a successful run at the University of Louisville, many had high hopes of Smith when he was hired.



Ben Achtabowski



Sub-par performances bring sub-par results. John L. Smith found out the hard way after coaching the Spartan football team to a 22-26 (12-20 Big Ten) record over four years. After critics responded negatively to repeated failures to wrap up close games and win against weaker opponents, he was fired on Nov. 1, with three games remaining in the season, causing controversy.

"We listened to our stakeholders, but, more importantly, our senses regarding Spartan football," said university President Lou Anna K. Simon. "Our goal is to have great success for Spartan football."

Smith showed promise... at first. He led the University of Louisville to a 41-21 record and five straight bowl games from 1998-2002 before moving north to Spartan country.

After getting the Spartans into the Alamo Bowl with an 8-5 (5-3) record, Smith was named 2003 Big Ten Coach of the Year in his first season with the university. The team never won more than five games in a season for Smith's remaining three years, and most of those wins came in match-ups early in the season against non-conference and non-ranked teams.

This year, the Spartans, 4-8 (1-7), finished tied for last place in the Big Ten with Illinois, 2-10 (1-7), who handed the Spartans a 23-20 loss on homecoming weekend.

"The first day he was here, he was criticized. That's a tough way to get started," said Ron Mason, Spartan athletic director. "There was a lot of work going into what John L. had to do when he got here. It didn't work on the field like we thought."

Enter Mark Dantonio and the boldness by design mentality.

Fresh off leading the University of Cincinnati to a victory over then-undefeated and seventh ranked Rutgers University, a 7-5 record and entry into the International Bowl, Dantonio is a seasoned Big Ten veteran as well. After serving with the Spartans as secondary coach from 1995 to 2000, Dantonio spent three years as defensive coordinator at the Ohio State University, where the Buckeyes won the national championship in 2002 with a 14-0 record.

At his introductory press conference at the Clara Bell Smith Building on Nov. 27, Dantonio wore the championship ring he won with OSU.

"I didn't make one tackle or one catch, I just provided leadership," he said. "To compete against the best, you become the best."

"Every job in America is a tough job. It's how you handle problems. I came here to win championships."

Dantonio cited three things as being critical for a successful Spartan football program: having a great amount of mental and physical toughness, great effort in stepping out of the comfort zone to become the best and knowing what to do. He also said that playing fast will be very important in keeping an up-tempo game and giving opponents less time to organize.

With a five-year, \$1.1 million annual contract laden with incentives for winning championships, awards and bowl games, Dantonio is confident in his new position.

Eight of his nine coaches from Cincinnati will join him in donning the green and white this fall. Dan Enos, Smith's quarterback coach, will remain as the running back coach.

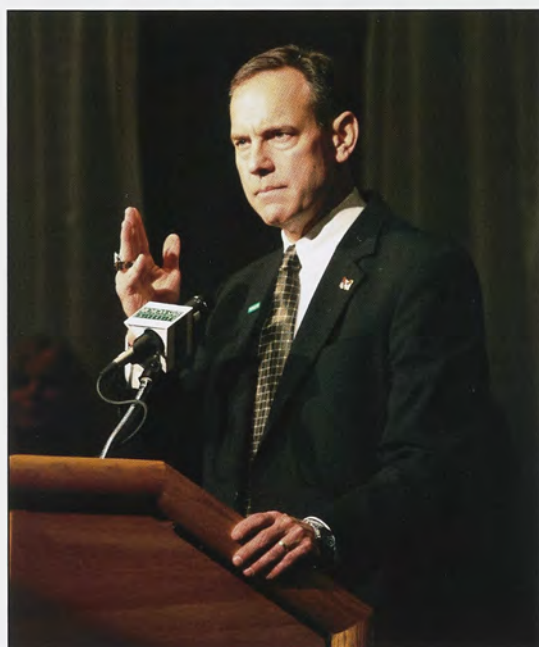
Chris Jackett



Jacob Vink

University President Lou Anna K. Simon, Athletic Director Ron Mason and Board of Trustees Vice Chairperson Joel Ferguson spoke to the press to announce John L. Smith's firing on Nov. 1. The announcement was controversial because there were three games remaining in the season and Smith was allowed to finish out the season. Four weeks later, the Spartans named their new head coach at another press conference.

BOLDNESS BY DESIGN



Jacob Vink

"Every job in America is a tough job. It's how you handle problems. I came here to win championships."

*Mark Dantonio
Spartan Football Coach*

New Spartan Head Football Coach Mark Dantonio speaks to the press about his goals and ambitions for the team. Dantonio displayed his championship ring, won with the Ohio State University in 2002.

Week brings traditions and cultures together

CULTURALCROSSROADS

An international student enlightens the audience on African culture. The Global Festival, held in the Union to conclude the week, had a variety of exhibits and performances by a medley of cultures. Thousands of students and residents from the Lansing area attended the festival.



Irida Mane

Languages, traditions, clothing and religions of different cultures meshed in a montage at the Global Festival, held in November. Students and community groups represented civilizations from Pakistan to South America. This event was held during International Education Week, when the opportunity to get a taste of different cultures was available. The week also included an International Dance Extravaganza, speakers and career-guidance sessions.

"This event showcases cultures and allows for a more peaceful and understanding community and campus," said Terry Walsh, co-director of the Global Festival.

International Education Week was established to promote programs that prepare Americans for a global environment and attract future leaders from abroad to study, learn and exchange experiences in the United States. Throughout the week, many events were held to give attention to facets of international cultures, including a film festival and an international coffee hour. Discussions were held about health

topics as well, such as health care in Costa Rica and the HIV/AIDS issue in South Africa. The Global Festival was the closing event of the week.

International students and community members from many student organizations represented their home countries' cultures at booths. They displayed maps, clothing, toys and other native artifacts, sharing their heritage and culture with visitors from campus and the community.

"We want to teach people about our culture, about things they don't know and this is the best way," said Awais Kamboh, general secretary of the Pakistani Students' Association and doctoral electrical engineering student.

Visitors received a passport when they entered the event and wrote down the different countries they visited, an act that most children enjoyed.

"It was a lot of fun to go around to the stands and learn about other cultures," said Stephanie Jackson, a 14-year-old Lansing resident.

Other exhibits at the event included a parade, fashion show, performances, games for children to play, a world gift shop and international cuisine. Performances included traditional dances, music and poetry.

"The performances went really well; there were a lot of new, unexpected displays," said Lorely Polanco, an alumna and salsa dancing performer. "The best part was learning about other people."

About 5,000 people attended the event, including younger students, families and community members.

Walsh said, "The main goal of Global Festival is to connect international students with the community by allowing Americans and other international (students) to learn about the plethora of cultures and countries represented at MSU."

Stephanie Defever

"This event showcases cultures and allows for a more peaceful and understanding community and campus."

*Terry Walsh
Co-Director of the Global Festival*



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Ainagul Abdikalikova, an international student from Kazakhstan, and her friend dance through the smoke and light display as two of the first few to hit the dance floor at the International Dance Extravaganza. The dance was part of a week worth of events geared at international awareness, tolerance and unity.

Students seek study places, stress relieving activities, near semester's end

Aaron McCullough goes over his American studies notes at Espresso Royale. McCullough regularly visited the coffee shop throughout the year. Many students frequented Espresso Royale to study and relax with friends.



"Midnight scream was the best... it was unreal to hear the campus come together in one moment."

*Lauren Talley
Journalism freshman*



Jeff Proulx

Students line up around the corner for a snack at the Cyber Café. The library was full of students trying to study for their exams. The café was open extra hours during finals week to accommodate students studying late into the night.

THE FINAL HURDLE

As the end of the semester rolled around, campus was slowly, but surely, getting quieter. Students who would normally be out on the town were now tucking themselves away, starting to study for the exams finals week would bring. Study groups formed rapidly and everywhere one turned, students seemed to either have their noses in a book or were studying flash cards. Some students were hidden in their dorms waiting with anticipation for the "midnight scream," while others decided to take their studying to the streets.

Beaners, Bubble Island and Barnes and Noble were prime places for students to study. They offered a different atmosphere from the dorms, and they all had tasty beverages to sip while studying. Ken Charette, an international relations and Spanish sophomore, is an employee at the Beaners located in the Union. He said the traffic increases quite a bit, and it's one of their busiest times, as students are scattered all over the Union and Beaners. Meghann Clary, a pre-dental freshman, was one of these students who decided to venture out.

"I studied in the comfy chairs at Barnes and Noble and Bubble Island," Clary said. "They're quiet without being the 'scary' quiet like your room can be sometimes."

For some, that "scary" quiet was the best atmosphere for them. Lauren Talley, a journalism freshman, opted for the library and her dorm as a study area. Talley had her first experience with both the midnight scream and final exams this past year.

"I thought they went well, even though I didn't study much. They were pretty easy for the most part," she said.

Though Talley made it through her finals with ease, the major consensus among other students was that they could have studied more and managed their time better. Tiffannie Lockhart, a physiology junior and Akers Hall mentor, felt different about how her finals went this semester than she had in previous semesters.

"This year was a little more stressful (with studying) because of being a mentor and handling floor problems, as well as my own,"

Lockhart said.

With so many students feeling the pressure building in the anticipation of Dec. 11, the kick-off of finals week, the midnight scream served as a much-needed release. When midnight rolled around on Sunday, Dec. 10, students knew they weren't alone in their stress. Though exams hadn't officially started, this night was by far the most powerful scream heard across campus all week.

"Midnight scream was the best on Sunday night," Talley said. "It was unreal to hear the campus come together in one moment."

For freshmen, this tradition was a new and exciting experience, but, for many upperclassmen, it was the same old song and dance.

"It's kind of gotten old," Lockhart said. "It was more exciting as a freshman when we were all studying together."

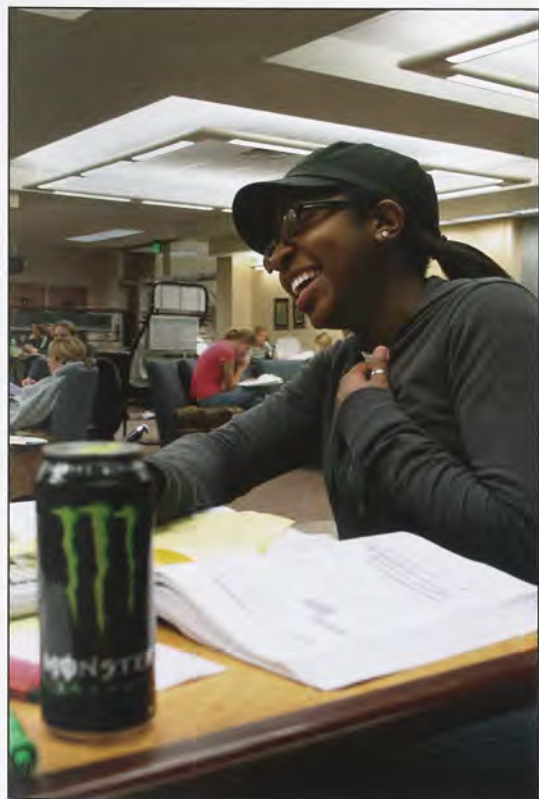
Though Lockhart did participate, she said that she felt "foolish" doing the scream alone. If students were feeling bashful in participating, there was also a little harmless mischief they could watch. Not only did students scream, some took it up a notch by either streaking, playing the electric guitar or by flashing the lights in their rooms or study lounges on and off repeatedly.

With some courses having their final exams the week before, some students were headed home as early as Tuesday or Wednesday, which made the midnight scream quieter as the week continued. Though the scream wasn't as important as studying, it made the entire student body feel unified once their clocks struck midnight, and allowed students to show off school spirit by chanting, "Go Green! Go White!"

As finals week drudged on, stress was gradually lifted off students' shoulders, as they finished exams and shifted their focus to winter break. From freshmen, encountering university exams for the first time, to seniors, concluding their final requirements for graduation, finals week made its presence known to all.

Marissa Nelson

Nick Dentamaro



Jeff Proulx

Anita Blount, a mechanical engineering freshman, stops studying to momentarily laugh off the stress of her exams. Blount was studying with her friend Ashley in the main library. Both decided it was time for a pizza and energy drink break.

Students and families taste the chili offerings of East Lansing

Despite the colder temperatures, the Winter Festival and Chili Cook-off on Dec. 3 drew students and families out of the warmth of their homes into the center of the city. The festival, held at the Marriott Hotel at University Place, included a contest for the area's best chili, as well as a petting zoo, horse and carriage rides and musical entertainment. More than 3,000 people came to the festival, with more than 1,200 participating in the Chili Cook-off.

"I was at the library studying and I got hungry," said Katrina Lamphere, a 2006 alumnus and city resident.

Lamphere, psychology senior Philip Brissette and history senior Matt Schowalter said they heard of the Winter Festival, but had never attended the event until this year.

The festival was free to attend, and musical entertainment from Those Delta Rhythm Kings added blues seasoning to the Chili Cook-off. Other refreshments included root beer floats

from Harper's, roasted chestnuts from the Midwest Nut Producer's Council and hot cocoa from Starbucks.

"The Chili Cook-off started at Beggar's Banquet (more than) 10 years ago," said Ami Van Antwerp, communications coordinator for the city.

The cook-off contenders were displayed anonymously, giving voters a chance to mark the winner fairly. In the end, Diane Godderis, judge and city council member, announced Harrison Roadhouse won the judges' choice and the people's choice awards.

Brissette said, "It wouldn't be bad if they advertised the restaurants instead of making it blind. I would want to go get more of some of the ones I liked, but didn't know."

The Marriott at University Place, the Downtown Management Board, the city Arts Council, Weddings by Nicole and Alpha Phi Omega sponsored the event.

Beth Houser

CHILI WINTER DAY

A covered wagon driver guides a team of horses through the streets during Winter Fest. The day was cold, but the wagon riders didn't seem to mind, huddling together and trotting through the streets with smiles on the faces.

Erin Dillon and Angie Dickinson hand out portions of chili to hungry judges. Both Dillon and Dickinson were Alpha Phi Omega members who decided to volunteer their time working at the Winter Fest Chili Cook-off.



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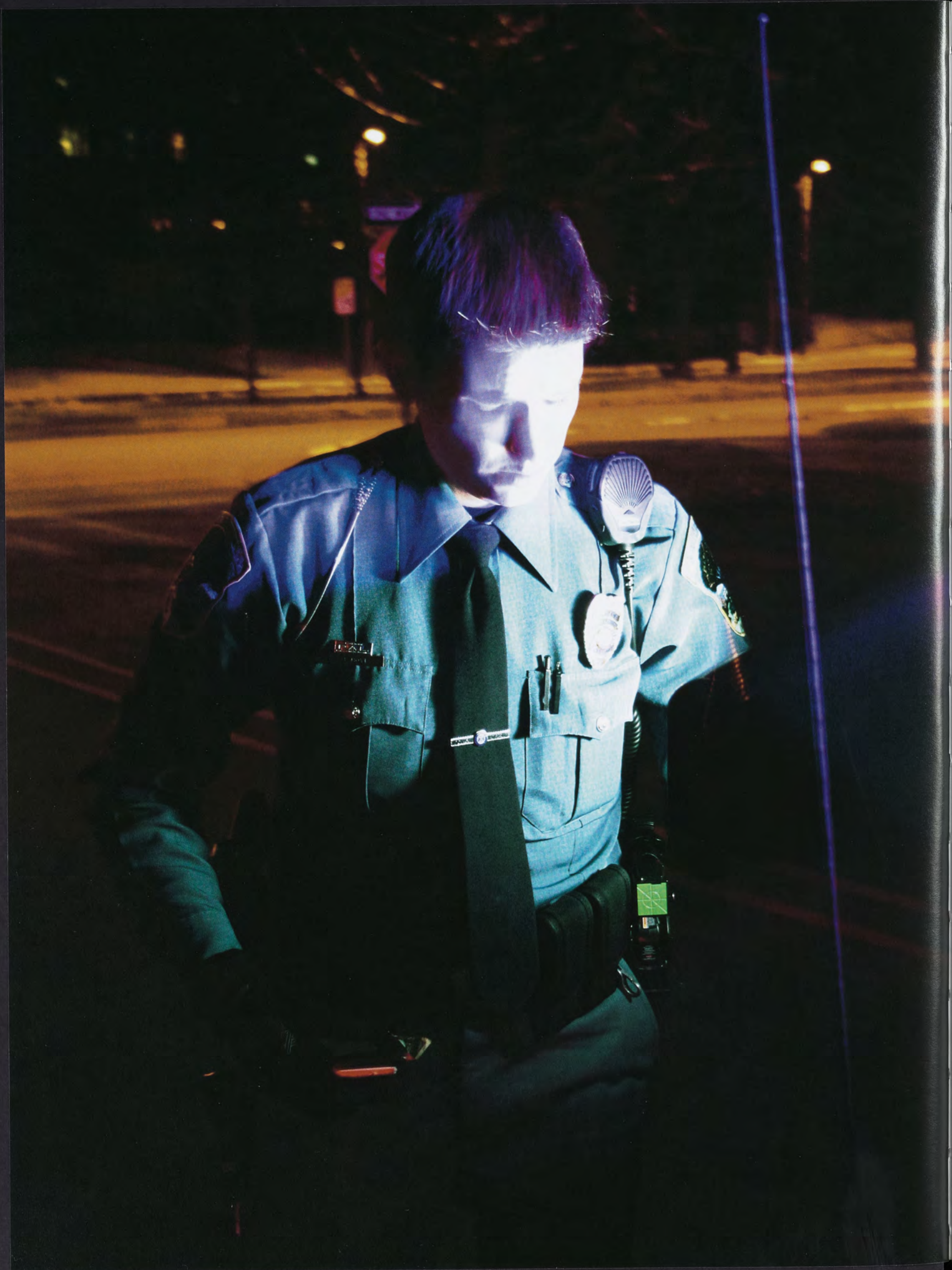


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*"The Chili Cook-off started at
Beggar's Banquet (more than)
10 years ago."*

*Ami Van Antwerp
Communications Coordinator
for East Lansing*

Remnants of delicious chili pile higher every minute! All that remained of the delectable entrees was the ever-growing pile of chili bowls and the occasional beverage cup.



A day in the life of Officer Travis Bove

It was 12:35 a.m. on a Saturday, and "Jingle Bell Rock" played gently on the squad car radio. East Lansing Police Officer Travis Bove pulls over a male in a white Grand Am. It was a routine stop: the male in question did not yield before turning left onto Abbott Road. When turning, he almost hit two drivers going in opposite directions. Bove immediately mentions he suspects the driver may be intoxicated.

Once the driver pulls over onto a street off Michigan Avenue, Bove said he was happy the driver didn't decide to make this stop into a chase, for it took the driver a few blocks to pull over.

The microphone attached to the officer can be heard inside the squad car; he asks the driver simple questions to determine if the driver has been drinking. The driver admits that he was at the bar earlier that night and had a few beers before he drove. Bove asks the driver to step out of the car so he can administer sobriety tests; after being asked to walk in a straight line, the driver is unable to do it. After Bove does the paperwork for the DUI, he comments that this is a common occurrence on the weekend in East Lansing, as he pulls over, on average, three drunk drivers each night.

Bove has been on the force since January 2005. He is a Spartan alumnus with a degree in criminal justice. Bove started off as a cadet for two years before moving up to an officer position for the last two and a half years. He worked two or three days a week, pulling 12-hour shifts each night.

"Helping people: that's why I got into this job," Bove said. "People think that we only do this to pass out MIPs and DUIs, but that's not true. I got into this to help people."

On an average night, Bove begins by working in the police station on Abbott Road, doing paperwork or preparing to go out on the road. Before going on patrol, he checks the radio to see what is going on in the local area, including Lansing. When on the road, Bove does make routine stops, but said his main goal is to make sure everyone out at a late hour is safe. In order to keep the police away during weekends, students should make sure there is not any fighting, breaking of bottles or excessive noise, Bove said, because the ELPD receives most of its calls because of parties and noise complaints.

Lakeeya Blue

Photo: Jeff Proulx

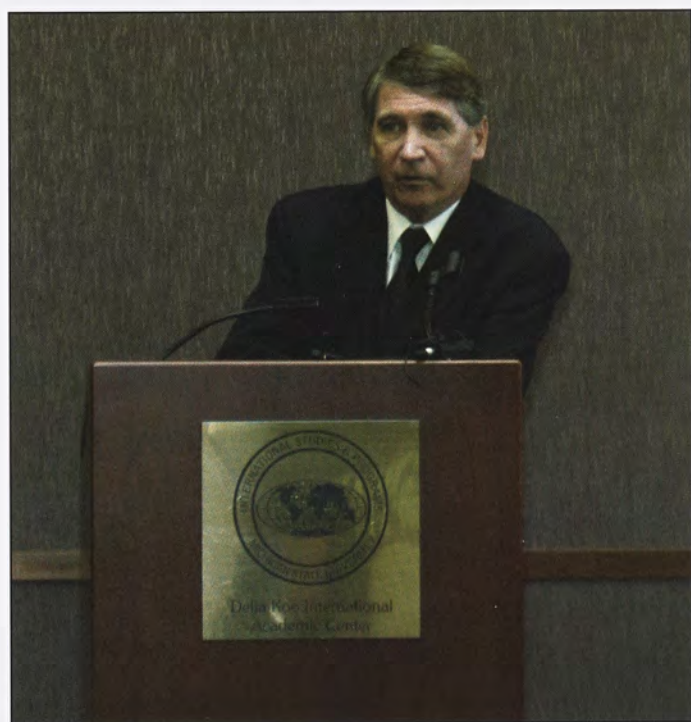


Jeff Proulx



A car is towed after its driver made a traffic infringement. The ride-along had just begun when a car was pulled over and a citation was issued for driving under the influence. The city streets are even more exciting when viewed from the window of a squad car.

Australian ambassador to the United States, Dennis Richardson listens to questions from students and faculty. He was brought to the International Center by the Asian Studies Center. During his visit to America, he almost received a parking citation.



Jay Rodman

September 1st Aussie Ambassador

Dennis J. Richardson, the Australian ambassador to the United States, came to the university to address a packed room of professors and students at the International Center. The event was sponsored by the Asian Studies Center, and topics included terrorism, Iran and trade in the Pacific region.

On a lighter note, he discussed his trans-American car trip and brush with law enforcement for speeding. He noted the "obscene" amounts of water and fertile land in the United States, when compared to Australia. Australia is the eighth-largest investor in the United States, and the two countries face some similar challenges, such as an aging

population.

John Hudzik, vice president of global engagement, met Richardson at an official visit from the Australian prime minister in Chicago. The two, who had mutual friends in Canberra, became friends and Hudzik invited the ambassador to experience an American university and Big Ten football.

"It didn't take much convincing," Hudzik said. "In the next year or so he'll probably be back."

According to Hudzik, a visit from any ambassador is important.

"It helps put MSU even more on the map globally," he said.

Megan Hart

More than 350 fans of Led Zeppelin gathered at the Union Ballroom as part of a three-hour tribute show put on by In The Light, a band from Chicago.

The band's name is derived from a Zeppelin song of the same title off their 1975 "In Graffiti" album. In The Light played songs originally debuted by Zeppelin between 1969 and 1982, including "Whole Lotta Love," "Immigrant Song," "We're Gonna Groove" and "She Got Long Black Wavy Hair," among dozens more.

"During some songs it was

hard to believe that it wasn't actually Robert Plant singing and Jimmy Page playing the guitar," said Josh Preister, chairperson and human resources director of University Activities Board.

Preister also said that students stayed until 1 a.m. singing and dancing along to the band.

"Students came out in droves," Preister said. "We never know how a concert like this will turn out, and it proved to be a huge success."

Chris Jackett

September 9th Sounds of Zeppelin



Nick Dentamaro

Michael Duddles, violin bow player for the In The Light tribute band, plays his bass in front of more than 350 fans at the Union Ballroom. In The Light traveled from Chicago for the show.

A student attempts to grab labels from within a glass windstorm box. Students earned prizes based on the labels they grabbed. Cotton's Dirty Laundry tour traveled to schools throughout the country educating students on the benefits of cotton.



Nick Dentamaro

September 19th Dirty Laundry

Cotton's Dirty Laundry Tour set up shop in front of Shaw Hall and gave students a day full of fun, education and the opportunity to help the less fortunate.

Cotton set up five tents that included a number of games, ranging from throwing clothes into a washing machine like a basketball hoop, and trying to grab jean labels in a windstorm box where they blew around students

"It was a great event. People came up to us as we were setting up, and one of the resident advisers in the dorm

next to us sent out a chain e-mail," said Andrea Samber of Cotton. "Through the 'Cotton. From Blue to Green' program, we had 1,300 pairs of jeans donated for our goal of 500."

Cotton expected to collect more jeans this year than in the last two years combined.

The donated jeans will go to Advance Baton Rouge, an organization that is working to build a school in Louisiana.

Chris Jackett

Twenty-one students showcased their poetic talent at Def Poetry Jam, an event put on by the University Activities Board through the International Center.

More than 360 students came out to listen to poetry, spoken word and slam about erotica, politics, relationships and a number of other subjects. The event became a forum of creativity for everyone in attendance.

"The crowd was very attentive and responsive. Everyone seemed to enjoy what their

peers had to say," said Paris Howard, business director for UAB. "I think it was a success because of the turnout and the outlet it gave some of our students to express themselves."

UAB sponsors events such as the Def Poetry Jam not only to provide fun and entertainment on a weekend, but also to allow students a forum to voice their opinions and showcase their talents in front of their peers.

Chris Jackett

September 22nd Def Poetry Jam



Brian Laskowski

A student reads a religious poem to the audience at Def Poetry Jam. A variety of poetry was read to more than 360 students who attended.

Inside the Wharton Center for the Performing Arts, the brightly-colored oasis on stage was a sharp contrast to the chilly fall evening. However, it set the stage for the energetic event that was taking place.

Ragamala Music and Dance Theater, an Indian dance group based out of Minneapolis, performed the Ramayana in Cobb Great Hall to an attentive audience of students and community members.

"I was interested because I've read the [Ramayana] and wanted to see it – I liked the story," said Lauren Adamo, a French junior.

The Ramayana is a 2,000-year-old Indian epic telling the story of Prince Rama. Indians use his story today as a model of how to live perfectly. Ragamala took

the story and interpreted it through Hindu dance. Dressed in traditional, elaborate costumes and performing to live music and singing, several dancers told the story from beginning to end in an almost lyrical fashion.

"What I liked most was what they were doing with their hands," said Maria Carmona, an interdisciplinary social science and Spanish senior. "You have the words in the song and [the dancers] transmitted the message to you."

This performance was part of Ragamala's fall tour, which stopped in cities around the eastern United States and featured a variety of performances outside of the Ramayana.

Kaitlyn Hinman

September 30 Second City

Traveling across the country can be demanding for many. But when you're a part of the Second City, the laughs from each audience make it all worth it, especially to cast member Dana Quercioli.

The Second City is a comedy and improvisation cast of six members that travel the country performing for audiences.

"The whole cast really respects one another. We get along because we have fun and understand that we are all an equal part of the cast," said Quercioli.

People filed into the sold out show at the Fairchild Theatre. The University Activities Board arranged for the cast to come to campus for students and those living in the area.

During the performance, audience members were able to shout out actions, scenarios and words for the cast members to

use. By doing this, the cast was able to differentiate their show from all the others and interact with the audience, contributing to the nonstop laughter coming from the audience throughout the entire performance.

Beginning in 1959, the Second City Performing Company has produced an extensive alumni list. From Dan Aykroyd, Martin Short, and Bonnie Hunt to Mike Myers, Chris Farley and Stephen Colbert, many famous names have been a part of one of the Second City casts.

The list does not stop there. Many more names have come from the Second City, and by the looks of their sold out shows, there will be many more to come.

Kristy McCown

October 5 Ramayana



Caitlin Anderson

A dancer portrays Rama in Ragamala's production of the Ramayana. Ragamala, an Indian dance troupe, came to the Wharton Center as part of their fall tour. In addition to the Ramayana, they perform other traditional Indian stories around the country.

Broad ambassadors talk with students about their career goals and interests. Hundreds of businesses filled the Breslin Center. The career gallery was believed to have been the largest on-campus fair in the state.



Leah Godzina

October 5

Career Fair

Marketing senior Dan VanderPloeg left the Breslin Center satisfied after meeting with three businesses: Anderson Windows, Sherwin Williams and Wolverine World Wide, all of which showed interest in his abilities as a potential employee. If all went well, he'd have a full-time job as a regional sales associate for his top company choice, Wolverine World Wide.

For some, the exchange served as a microcosm of the working world, displaying company visions throughout the concourse and floor levels of the Breslin Center.

"I think people should definitely come, even freshmen. Every company

is looking for someone," said VanderPloeg. "Look into the businesses before coming, though."

The Career Services Network, composed of Career Services and Lear Career Center, was responsible for the fair that attracted about 280 businesses from around the world. The event was divided into two categories, the CommSciTech and Business Exchange, respectively taking a day each. Kris Davis, a Career Gallery representative, stated that the event was the biggest career fair on campus in the state of Michigan and possibly the Midwest.

Jennifer Orlando

The Auditorium filled up as more than 2,500 music lovers turned out to watch alternative rock band Wilco play. The event, sponsored by the Residence Halls Association and the Wharton Center, marked Wilco's only stop in Michigan on its Kicking Television tour.

Attendees at the concert ranged from die-hard fans to those not exactly sure who or what Wilco was, but the show made many believers out of those who weren't necessarily sold on the band before their performance.

Simon Anderson, an environmental studies and applications sophomore,

admitted that he wasn't the biggest Wilco fan before he saw them live. He described the band's performance at the Aud as "amazing" though, and said, "If they come to campus again, I'd suggest to other people that they go see them."

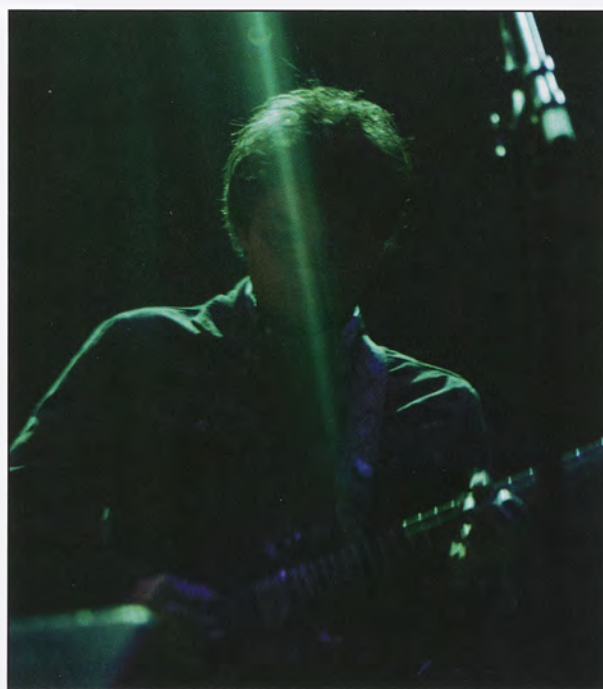
Wilco, after being invited back to the stage for a second encore, ended the show with the fan favorite song, "Misunderstood."

Johanna Diaz, who drove two hours from Big Rapids to see the concert, said, "That song was the perfect ending to the whole concert. It was great."

Amanda Kauffman

October 6

Wilco



Trevor Carrington

The Auditorium lights shine down on Wilco frontman Jeff Tweedy, as he plays the guitar. During the latter half of the performance, Tweedy led an exuberant gospel sermon to enthuse the crowd.

Finalists wait patiently with their hands on the buzzer in anticipation of the next question. The first person to 1000 points won \$200 in cold, hard cash.



Trevor Carrington

October 7

Think Fast

What's the name of Bart Simpson's dad? How many consonants, including "Y," are in the alphabet? Who is everyone's first friend on the website Myspace? These were just some of the questions posed to participants in Think Fast Pop Culture Trivia at the International Center. Two rounds of competition took place at 9 p.m. and 11:30 p.m., courtesy of the University Activities Board.

Think Fast, a program of John Booking Productions, has been the number one college entertainment, outside of live performances, for the past seven years. Host Jason

Luong aptly dubbed the game, "A modern-day Jeopardy for Generation Y."

After several rounds of trivia competition, one lucky contestant was named the pop culture champion and went home with a \$200 cash prize. However, even for those who left empty handed, the night was a success.

"It was definitely difficult to get up there, but still a lot of fun," said Sarah Turgeon, a dietetics sophomore. "I would definitely come again whenever I can."

Kelly House

Have you ever witnessed someone act out tie-dying his girlfriend's thongs after being murdered with a melon baller, before being roundhouse kicked by Chuck Norris?

Five agents from the national Mission IMPROVable team acted out skits with input from the International Center audience, which consisted of 250 to 300 people.

"Improv is a lot less lonely than stand-up comedy. I mostly like traveling with my friends, though," said Chris Gorbos, "Agent Nighthawk," a Northwestern University graduate. "Plus, I'm kind of lazy, and stand-up requires a script."

The show, which was organized by University Activities Board,

parodied and mocked a range of topics, including John L. Smith, naked skydiving, Canadians, Bob Saget, Margaret Thatcher and hot dog eating contests in what the comedy group formulized as "awkward plus truth equals comedy."

Stephanie Brandl, a computer science senior, has been coming every year since she was a freshman. This year, she was one of the random audience members pulled onstage to participate.

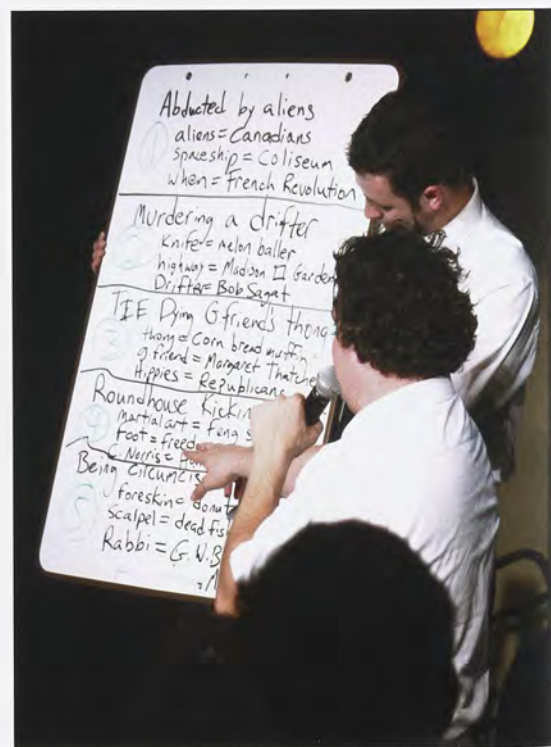
"Usually in conversation, I come up with stuff that is non-sequiter, but on stage, I drew a blank," Brandl said, adding that the experience was harder than she expected.

Courtney Robinson

October 14

Mission IMPROVable

Colin Sweeney and Patrick McIntyre perform a skit as a part of Mission: IMPROVable. Known as "Agent Lonestar" and "Agent Puma," they travel to perform ad-libbed comedy skits with other agents. A team of five traveled to campus to crack-up a full room.



Brian Laskowski

Mike Reiss, a founding writer and co-producer of "The Simpsons," speaks to students about the inside workings of the hit show. Reiss writes for the show and also has his own full-length movie, "Queer Duck." The popularity of "The Simpsons" came as a shock to everyone on the show, but it has been on air for 18 years and won 23 Emmy Awards.



Jacob Virik

October 20

Simpsons At State

One of FOX network's most successful series, "The Simpsons," sent Mike Reiss, one of the founding writers and co-producers of the 18-year-old program, to speak at the International Center about the show. He also showed some clips from the series and displayed his full-length movie, "Queer Duck."

"I enjoy getting out to campuses because, behind the scenes, we don't get to interact with our audience," Reiss said. "Also, it's a good time to talk about show gossip and get some cheap laughs."

This was his second time speaking at the university and he enjoyed the reactions he gets from college students and fans of the show's. He

talked about the shows, how characters were created and how everyone was shocked by the shows success.

"The show started as a small cult and grew into an international hit," Reiss said.

There was laughter throughout the program as about 75 people turned out for the event, including students and community members.

"He was a really good speaker and very funny," said Travis Sredzinski, a general management sophomore. "It was cool to see someone from behind the scenes of such a popular cartoon because you don't see them on the show."

Stephanie Defever

"Svetlana is hilarious!" said Kristen Csutoras, a no preference freshman.

Csutoras was one of many students who flocked to the International Center to win free prizes and catch a glimpse of their favorite MTV stars, courtesy of the University Activities Board. The program, Get Ready for Spring Break, featured reality stars Tina Barta, Jose Tapia and Svetlana Shusterman, who talked about their experiences on The Real World and Road Rules reality television shows.

"I was excited to hear about all the secrets of the shows,"

said Destiny Fritz, a kinesiology sophomore.

The stars gave Fritz and the rest of the crowd what they came for, as they dished out gossip on their cast mates and revealed reality show secrets. They also discussed their travels and gave the audience tips on how to save money and stay safe during spring break. Prizes, including an iPod, digital cameras and IM sports facility passes, were given to audience members who answered MTV trivia correctly.

Kelly House

November 3

Get Real



Jacob Virik

Former Real World Key West cast member Svetlana Shusterman answers a question from the audience as fellow MTV celebrities Jose Tapia and Tina Barta look on. During the discussion, the guests shared travel and spring break stories, and dished about their MTV experiences.

Jeff DaRosa and Michelle Nolan of Straylight Run move to get ready for their opening song at Erickson Kiva. DaRosa, formerly of The Exit, married Nolan and joined the band for their tour. The hum of the audience turned into cheers as Straylight Run took the stage and kicked into their first number, "It Never Gets Easier."



Jeff Proulx

November 10

Straylight Run

Students and fans crowded Erickson Kiva to see some of their favorite bands and artists perform. Straylight Run was the main attraction, with special guests Matt Pond PA, Street to Nowhere and Kevin Devine, courtesy of the Residence Halls Association.

Because of the limited venue capacity, there were about 500 attendees. The small stage was set at the front of the kiva, with standing room only for the audience.

Every band talked and interacted with the audience. Students shouted out to the artists, and the

artists typically replied back. The lead singer of Street to Nowhere even had a conversation with one of the girls at the front of the stage.

Straylight Run was about to come out with a new album, and played many new songs, including "Future," "Buttoned Down" and "Miracle." Fans also were excited to hear their older songs like "Mistakes We Knew We Were Making" and their most recent hit, "Big Shot (Hands in the Sky)."

Kristy McCown

The aroma of turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy and pumpkin pie fill the air, while family members visit and everyone enjoys parades and football on television. Most American Thanksgivings follow these traditions, but, to some, this is completely foreign.

The Visiting International Professional Program (VIPP) held a Thanksgiving dinner for international students who were unfamiliar with the American holiday and the customs. The third floor of the International Center was filled with 200 visiting professionals and students enjoying a turkey dinner, along with traditional food from their home countries.

"All of these participants are eager to learn American customs, the language and the holidays that are celebrated here,

and this event is a good way for them to celebrate," said Qing Xia, VIPP Chinese specialist.

VIPP was part of International Studies and Programs, a non-degree certificate program for international professionals, businesses and organizations. The program was created to meet the increasing demand for training and to allow for professional interaction. The group sought to introduce international students to the American way of life, according to William Eubank, VIPP instructor and coordinator.

"This program allows [internationals] to learn from other people, and gather and learn other cultures," said Selma Kalyoncu, a visiting scholar from Turkey.

Stephanie Defever

November 21

Thanksgiving Feasting



Jeff Proulx

Mike Miller asks guests whether they would like to have light or dark meat. Miller is the director of Visiting International Professors at the university. He volunteered his time to serve guests at this special Thanksgiving dinner.

The Plain White T's perform to an enthusiastic audience at the Union Ballroom. Tim Lopez, Tom Higgenson, Dave Tirio and the rest of the band serenaded the sold-out crowd with plenty of hits, plus some new music. Former Spartans, The Hard Lessons, opened the show to a warm welcome.



Bryna Shields

November 30

Plain White T's

The Plain White T's lyrics may say hate is a strong word, but the crowd was far from hating them as they rocked out with Spartan alumni, The Hard Lessons, at the Union Ballroom.

The Plain White T's performed to a room full of excited students, playing hits including "Hey There Delilah" and "Hate (I Really Don't Like You)."

"The Hard Lessons rocked. You should compare the singer's voice to Stevie Nicks,"

said Mike Tasse, a jazz sophomore. Tasse attends random concerts because he says the rock music scene is dying out.

"This was advanced garage rock in mad distortion," Tasse said, crediting the drum beat for the concert's success.

The Plain White T's recently released their second album, "Every Second Counts," while The Hard Lessons released "Wise Up!"

Courtney Robinson

December 9

Home for the Holidays



Jeff Proulx

Wharton Center showed its holiday spirit with wreaths, garlands and tinsel for the School of Music's Home for the Holidays performance.

The Symphony Orchestra started off the night, followed by the Men's and Women's Glee Clubs and the Grammy Award-winning Children's Choir, composed of singers in the fifth through ninth grades. The show was sold out for its one-night run and attracted a larger audience than it had for its first concert, held last year.

"It's very popular," said Bob Hoffman, manager of public relations at Wharton Center. "Every year they try to do something a little different."

Santa Claus put on his own routine at the end, draping some

performers with garlands and placing dunce caps labeled "Naughty" on the heads of others. He also gave the conductor a "Naughty" headband and passed out candy canes to the front row of the audience.

The show included traditional carols like "Ding Dong, Merrily On High," "White Christmas" and classical pieces and unusual carols like the Nigerian "Betelehemu." Santa acted as the conductor for the audience in the last two songs, "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" and "O Come, All Ye Faithful," during which the three choirs combined with the orchestra. The audience sang from lyric sheets included in the program.

Megan Hart

The Home for the Holidays concert begins with the hum of the symphony. The show was held in the Wharton Center's Great Cobb Hall. It was met by a packed house and eager applause.





Bryna Shields

Student *Groups*

ORIGINAL *Americans*

The rumble of a beating drum sounded the evening of Indigenous People's Day, or what most know as Columbus Day. Many students, faculty and community members crowded around the Rock that evening to remember and honor the people who were in America before Christopher Columbus.

"Today is a day that we celebrate our ancestors, the ones who were here before Columbus. We are skipped over in history books and we want it to be known and for our people to be remembered," said Vanessa Welch, studio art sophomore and co-chair of Native American Indigenous Students Organization.

This annual event, put on by NAISO, opened with a ceremonial prayer spoken in Ojibwe, followed by speeches from supporting student organizations. A flag song was played and a panel was held to discuss conflicts over the U.S. borders and immigration. Members from four other student groups were present for the event.

"We must respect and support today as Indigenous People's Day. America was never lost and did not need to be found, and we must support each other to remain solid and strong," said theatre freshman DeMarco Clark, fundraising chair of Omega Delta Phi and historian of Culturas de la Razas Unidas.

This holiday is NAISO's most important event because they can express who they are and what they do. The group brings speakers to campus throughout the year to speak about rights of indigenous people and their tribes. This year, the biggest issue was about border restrictions.

Stephanie Defever



Brian Laskowski

Jeff Gargoshian, NAISO fundraising pow wow chair and construction management junior, plays a drum while singing a traditional flag song to remember indigenous people who had died in various battles. Indigenous People's Day was held in protest of Columbus Day. The crowd around the Rock was a mix of students and community members showing respect to the event.

NAISO painted the Rock on Indigenous People's Day to inform people about the true history of our country. "Columbus was the first illegal immigrant because indigenous people already existed," said Vanessa Welch, NAISO co-chair and studio art sophomore.



Brian Laskowski

POLISHING *Performances*



Nick Dentamaro

Trophies, pizza boxes and pop bottles may sound like a little league post-season pizza party, but, in this case, the hardware and the cause had both matured a bit. Pistons Chief Financial Officer John O'Reilly, accompanied by the golden 2004 NBA Championship Trophy, was invited by the Main Street Association, to give a speech about his job responsibilities, his career opportunities and how he would coach students today. His guidance included polishing verbal and written communication skills, asking for advice and "reinvesting virtually everyday."

The Main Street Association, created in spring 2006, has separated itself from other similar organizations by specializing in investing through entrepreneurship.

"No other clubs really dealt with entrepreneurship," said Patrick Lamiman, accounting junior and president of the organization.

As well as entrepreneurship, the MSA also deals with investment banking, executive management, private equity and venture capital. The organization welcomes majors of all kinds.

"You don't have to be in business to want to start your own business someday," said Emily Walainis, a finance and Spanish junior.

When asked what else he would have done as a young businessman, O'Reilly, a 1971 graduate, claims he "would have bought property on Grand River!"

Beth Houser

Tanvir Ali, Andy Boltz, Patrick Lamiman, Kelly Burns, Emily Walainis, Mike Topper and Mike Nemes gather around the Larry O'Brien Championship Trophy that John O'Reilly brought along as a surprise. The Detroit Pistons received the trophy after winning the 2005 NBA Eastern Conference Finals. The trophy weighs about 16 pounds and is made of sterling silver, with a 24-karat gold overlay from Tiffany & Co.

Standing United



In its second year, Spartans Supporting the Troops ran a fundraiser at BD's Mongolian Barbeque. Through volunteers cooking up this delicious food, they were able to raise money toward care packages. In the past, care packages have been sent to troops overseas during the holidays, and were even sent with cards from local children for Valentine's Day.

Jacob Vink

The goal of Spartans Supporting the Troops is to raise awareness and support for overseas active veterans. The student group focused on waging fundraisers aimed at getting donations to buy care packages and letters for those serving in the armed forces in their second year.

The care packages were theme-oriented and usually included Spartan apparel, such as Izzone T-shirts. The packages were sent year-round, with a large amount of the focus on the holiday season. The SST labeled this an especially hard time for those in the service to be away from loved ones.

"These gifts show we're very thankful to the group and their sacrifices. It's about the people, not the politics," said Rachel Lee, psychology and communication senior.

One of the group's main fundraisers was stationed at BD's Mongolian Barbeque in Okemos. For the event, 12 SST members served as "guest grillers," with help from members of AFROTC and the Michigan National Guard. Members of the Navy and Marines were also invited to participate.

"We wanted to be able to offer people this opportunity (to help those) who are doing so much for our country," said Jessica Fischman, SST president and sociology senior.

Overall, the event yielded \$250 in donations and also provided the SST with a good source of publicity.

"We're in the process of trying to become more well known right now," said Allison Rulewicz, group secretary and communications junior. "I think there is more demand right now for this type of program, but not enough volunteers."

With the SST believing the majority of active veteran support comes from direct family, the group moved closer to their goal of finding the troops a larger support base back home.

Brittney Moody



Jacob Vink

Public relations representative and senior Alison Kainz is manning the grill for the night. Kainz took in the cooking lesson so she could be a guest griller for Spartans Supporting the Troops at BD's Mongolian Barbeque event. All of the tips Kainz and the other guest grillers earned went toward their organization.



Jeff Proulx

The Men's Glee Club sings to the audience at their date auction. The auction allowed the Glee Club to showcase their singing talents, as well as their musical abilities. After a seven-year hiatus, the club used the event to raise \$200 for a trip to Vatican City.

Singers For Sale

Erickson Kiva was filled with bright lights, loud music, lots of eligible men and many female admirers on Oct. 13 as the Men's Glee Club decided to revive an old tradition that had been absent for about seven years.

The bachelor auction was designed to help raise money for a group trip to Italy, explained club member James Campbell, a human biology junior.

"It's really expensive to go there. We need to raise about \$100,000," said Campbell.

With PJ, the emcee, describing each of the 20 men who were being auctioned off, the girls had the opportunity to bid as much or as little as they wanted in hopes of snagging their ideal date. The guys were

sold for between \$5 and \$50 throughout the evening. At the end of the night, after all of the production costs were taken out, around \$200 was raised.

Julie Yam, a human biology sophomore, was handed a red carnation after purchasing her date, physics and math senior Chris Stevens for \$8. Yam had attended the auction simply to support a friend and at the last moment decided to bid on Stevens.

"I'm excited, she's a cute girl, but it is all about what's inside. I was counting on at least \$5, but now I'm \$8 closer to singing at the Vatican," said Stevens.

Jennifer Orlando



State University
Glee Club



Jeff Proulx

Men's Glee Club gets the crowd riled up with their melodic rendition of the fight song. The audience rose to their feet and spiritedly sang and clapped along with the group, starting the evening off on a high note.

Since 2003, it is estimated that more than 400,000 people have been killed and about 2.5 million have been displaced from their homes in Darfur, the western region of the African country of Sudan.

Spartans Taking Action Now: Darfur (STAND) held "TIE for the 400,000 who have DIED," a tie-dye event to raise money to donate to the Darfur Schools Project. The group sold T-shirts to be tie-dyed and raised more than \$570 to help provide an education for children in refugee and internally displaced camps.

"The event went really well and raising money was great, but we are also raising awareness of the genocide whenever we wear our shirts, which is good to spread the word," said Lindsey Hutchison, STAND president and international relations senior.

STAND's main goal is to end the genocide by increasing consciousness, raising relief funds, urging political action and coordinating national and international efforts to achieve these things.

The group held many events, which included showing movies, building a refugee camp to spread the word and traveling to high schools and other universities across the region to inspire activism.

"What STAND does is to help others and I wanted to help, plus all the money they raise goes straight to the victims," said James McLaughlan, a social relations sophomore.

Hutchison said, "We are all human no matter where we live, what we look like, what we believe or how much we have. We are all one world, and when one part of our humanity is being massacred, it is our duty to protect them."

Stephanie Defever

TIE-DYE *for* DARFUR

A tie-dyed shirt reading "End Genocide in Darfur" hangs from a tree near Case Hall during an event held by STAND to raise money for refugee camps in Darfur, Sudan. The group raised more than \$570 to help provide an education for children in Africa. STAND is a chapter of a national group.



Brian Laskowski



Brian Laskowski

A participant of the tie-dye event wrings out his tie-dyed shirt at the Tie for the 400,000 who have Died event held by Spartans Taking Action Now: Darfur. The group sold T-shirts for \$15 and gave all the proceeds to a refugee project. The group also raised awareness by holding events to teach others about the genocide in Darfur.

EAGER *Engineers*



Jeff Proulx

Guest speaker Matthew Melis, from NASA, talks with the organizers of the Student Engineering Council's annual conference. The conference was held in East Lansing this year, and is held at different universities in the Midwest each year.

Engineering students from schools throughout the Midwest joined each other for the annual National Association of Engineering Students Council Conference during the weekend of Oct. 19-22. This year, the conference was hosted at the university by the Student Engineering Council (SEC).

The SEC is made up of student representatives from the College of Engineering student organizations, societies and groups, and acts as a link between the students, advisers, faculty and staff. The SEC is involved in annual food and blood drives, engineers week and fundraising.

The conference formulated bonds between engineering students from universities throughout the Midwest, including Purdue, the University of Wisconsin and University of Toledo. The students were presented with campus tours, presentations from many guest speakers, a capitol tour, trip to the cider mill and a closing banquet dinner.

"MSU has a great campus," said Mike Gilbert, president of the Midwest region of NAESC and an Iowa State University mechanical engineering junior. "Being

from Iowa State University, we have a small town feel to our campus – our furthest walk is 12 minutes away – and even though MSU has almost (twice) our attendance, the campus has that same kind of small-town feel."

The banquet dinner was the highlight of the weekend for many students. Not only were the students able to eat a formal dinner with the attendees, but there was also a guest speaker: Matt Melis, an aerospace engineer for NASA.

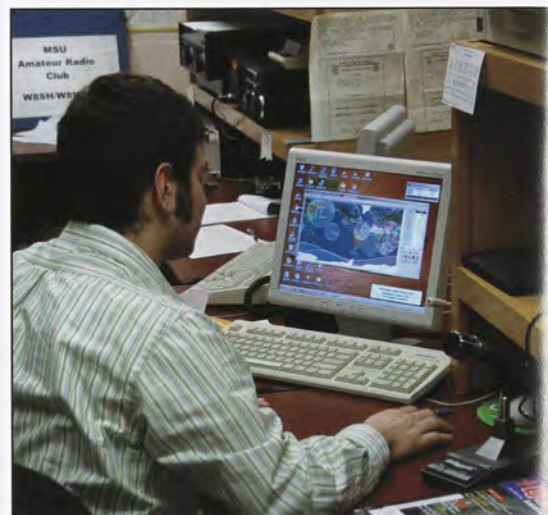
"My favorite event would have to be the speaker from NASA," said Joshua Wolf, a mechanical engineering freshman from Wisconsin. "I'm fascinated by high-speed film and he showed a lot of it. I could have watched his (presentation) all day."

Melis' presentation was detailed, containing information about the engineering and construction of spacecrafts. He went into great detail on the NASA Glenn Ballistic Impact Lab and the Columbia Accident in 2003.

Kristy McCown

Open Airways

Electrical engineering senior Matt Palmer observes radio satellite distributions over the computer. Being able to observe these satellites allows radio users to know the location of the signal, which is important when communicating. When radio events were held, the club normally contacted about 100 people per day.



Brian Laskowski

In today's age, with technology ruling the universe, emergency situations rely on amateur technology, and some people enjoy operating this way. The Amateur Radio Club used HAM radio and taught others how to use it for emergencies, to communicate with communities or, for fun, to communicate one-on-one with personal friends.

"Amateur radio is about experimentation, along with communicating with other people, whether it be across the street or across the globe," said David Vigne, club vice president and zoology junior.

The club was established in 1919 and worked to promote technical understanding in the area of wireless communications, according to Michael Volz, club president and electrical engineering junior. Other goals

of the organization included increasing international understanding through communications between citizens of different nations and serving the public safety by providing emergency communications.

The group held many events to teach others about the use of HAM radio. Field Day and November Sweepstakes were two of the main events, and club members also connected with local Boy Scout troops to teach them how to use the radio and talk to people over the air.

"These contests are intended to motivate radio amateurs and to keep communication open," Volz said.

Stephanie Defever

Amateur Radio Club president and electrical engineering junior Michael Volz demonstrates how to use club equipment. Club members taught others how to use radio equipment for emergency situations and hobbies. During the club's November Sweepstakes, radio amateurs competed to make the most radio contacts in terms of both quantity and geographic area across North America.



Brian Laskowski



Jeff Proulx

Taking Care of Business

Chris Gaecher of Masco Corp. delivers a speech on the true cost of outsourcing at the Greater China Supply Chain Forum. Students, faculty and business professionals from around the country attended to learn about the importance of China's role in international business.

Students, faculty and business professionals gathered at the Kellogg Center to partake in the Greater China Supply Chain Forum, a program offered by the Broad International Business Forum (BIBF). The BIBF is an entirely student-run organization within the Eli Broad College of Business; the group's focus is to spread knowledge of international business.

During the fourth annual conference, an audience of students, faculty and employers from various backgrounds convened to listen to speakers talk about China's emerging market, trade negotiations and the cost of outsourcing.

"We want to stress the huge impact China already has and will have in the future," said Paul Jastrzebski, marketing senior and BIBF vice president

of marketing. "With an eighth of the world's population, it's important that people realize the influence China will have in world business."

In addition to the panels, breakout sessions were held for participants to learn about specific interests in Chinese business in a more interactive environment.

Participants came away with a new insight on global business. For marketing and Chinese junior Cheryl Hung, the forum offered an experience that "brings on more information than you can gain from just reading textbooks and going to class. This is real world."

Kelly House

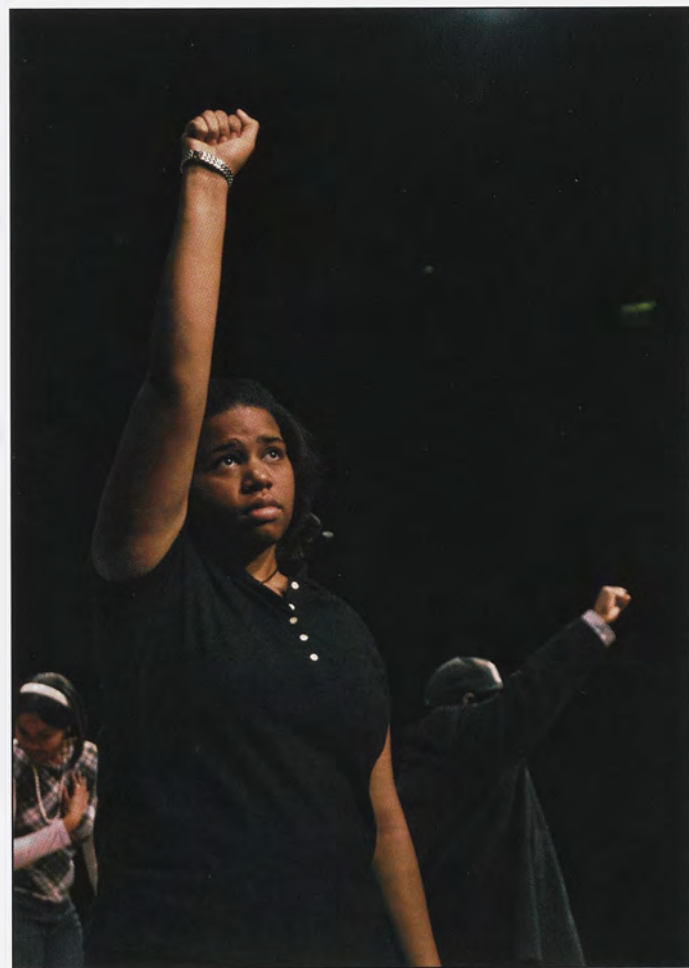
Rally brings awareness to contemporary issues

Brittany Bridges, an English and African American studies junior, raises her fist during the Black Power Rally. Bridges was one of many performers to take the stage, along with speakers and dancers. She read an inspiring poem called "Activist."

Members of the Spartan Soul dance team perform Ciara's "Get Up" at the Black Power Rally. Dancers, speakers and poets worked to motivate the audience throughout the night. "It's important for black students to know what is going on in our community," said Keith Horton, a mechanical engineering sophomore.



Jeff Proulx



Bryna Shields

STATE of EMERGENCY

The Pasant Theatre became a site of social expression and community involvement for the 34th annual Black Power Rally. Organized by the Black Student Alliance (BSA), the theme of this year's rally was "State of Emergency...What Next?" The Oct. 24 event combined guest speakers, theatre, dance and poetry to generate powerful statements on issues facing the black community.

The BSA has been in existence since 1969, when it was established in the basement of founding member Robert Green's house. The organization's primary goal is to promote a high graduation rate within the black community. This is accomplished through regular events to bolster knowledge, communication and awareness of issues facing black students.

At this year's rally, the main issue was the Michigan Civil Rights Initiative (MCRI), also known as Proposal 2 - a controversial proposition that would put an end to affirmative action policies. Throughout the course of the night, participants in the rally were urged to do their part to prevent the MCRI from

passing by using their power to vote.

Dominick Quinney, Black Student Alliance president and family community services senior, said, "(The rally) is an important way to bring awareness to issues affecting MSU and the black community throughout Michigan and the world. We really want to bring attention to those things that may be overlooked."

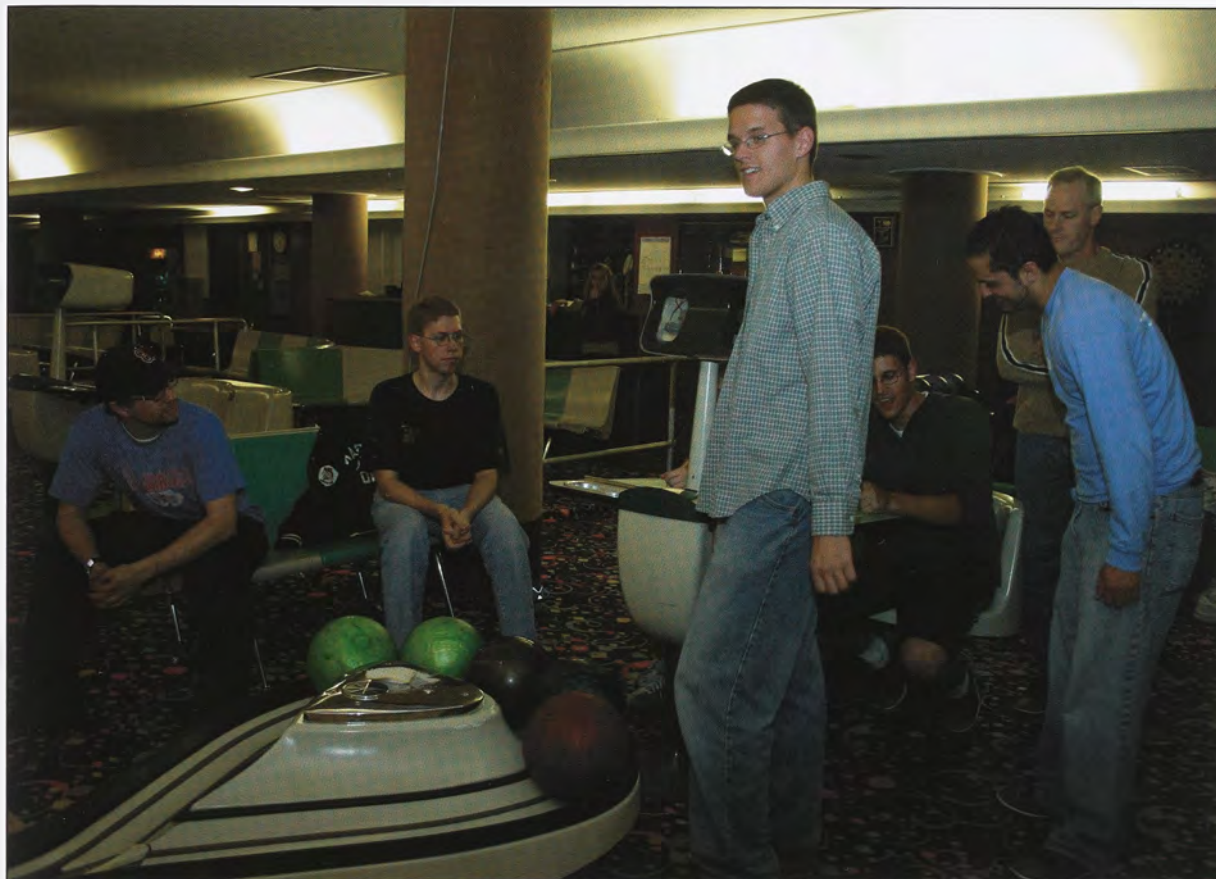
In addition to imminent issues at the polls, the rally offered commentary on Hurricane Katrina, the importance of education and the influence of pop culture on the black community.

"(My main concern with MCRI is) to make sure minorities, in general, have equal opportunity in education, the workforce, everything," said Keith Horton, a mechanical engineering sophomore. "To me, that's the main reason on voting on Proposal 2."

Kelly House

Tau Beta Pi engineering majors have a chance to interact and bond

ENGINEERING *Greeks*



Tau Beta Pi members wait in excitement to find out the winning bowler. The organization bowled at Spartan Lanes in the Union to bond with one another.

bottom left: Tau Beta Pi member and mechanical engineering junior Sara Murawa celebrates after she bowls well. Tau Beta Pi is a co-ed engineering fraternity.



Tau Beta Pi, an engineering honor society, has a rich history in collegiate life. The organization is the nation's second oldest honor society, and the university's chapter, established in 1892, is the second oldest Tau Beta Pi chapter in the country. Although Tau Beta Pi focuses on service projects and engineering opportunities, the group found time to unwind at a bowling social event on Oct. 18 at the Union.

"I feel Tau Beta Pi, as an honor society, is a great opportunity to get to know people who are very hard-working and intelligent," said Ronald Davis, Tau Beta Pi president and civil engineering senior.

Through community service events, fundraiser and social events, Tau Beta Pi gives engineering students a chance to bond. Every February

during National Engineers Week, the organization holds a date auction open to all students. In addition, the group volunteered at the Lansing City Rescue Mission and the Women's and Children's Center. The organization also has wing nights at Buffalo Wild Wings as a fundraiser.

The group's aim for the year was to continue to recognize those students who excel in the rigorous engineering program and in their everyday lives.

"For me, personally, as a civil engineer, it is very beneficial being able to communicate with the top engineering students from other majors," Davis said.

Kristy McCown

Jeff Proulx

Club prepares food for Ronald McDonald House residents

A Human Biology Club member opens a can of tomato paste for the chili dinner. The Bio Club cooked dinner for McDonald House at least once a year. Members participated in volunteer activities on a weekly basis.

Cooking for Charity



Irida Mance

Human Biology Club members cook dinner for a resident of the Ronald McDonald House in Lansing. The club does volunteer and fund-raising activities throughout the year. The members feel the club is a great way to get involved in the community and also meet others in their major.



Irida Mance

Digging their hands into food instead of medical projects, the Human Biology Club members prepared food for Ronald McDonald House residents on Oct. 25 as a volunteer event.

Seven members cooked Rice Krispie treats, breadsticks and chili and prepared salads. As a university volunteer group, the club plans, prepares and serves the meal.

"It was fun," said Christine Meloche, a physiology senior and club vice president of volunteer and social events. "We organize a few volunteer events each month for our members, and the Ronald McDonald House is one place we like to volunteer."

Meloche added this event was ongoing and the club did

volunteer activities a few times each semester.

The club also volunteered at the Student Food Bank, AIDS Walk, Whitehills Retirement Home Bingo and the Lansing City Rescue Mission. The group, which had more than 30 members, has social events including bowling, ice cream socials and movie nights, said Eric Dwyer, club president and human biology senior.

"[The group helps you] make friends that share the feeling of stress that comes with being a science pre-professional major and help each other through it," Dwyer said.

Courtney Robinson

Down to earth Sorority



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A Sigma Alpha member signs Erica Rindur's paddle. Each Sigma Alpha member was given a sorority pledge or "little sister" to guide through the pledging process. The ladies of Sigma Alpha hid index cards with their names on them around the house, then each pledge searched the house to find their index card, which told them who their big sister was.

Laughter, chatter and a buzz of excitement filled the room. The Sigma Alpha house was full of students, from new pledges to graduating sisters, on Nov. 6. They were all in attendance for the Big Sister/Little Sister revealing.

"It's nerve-wracking and exciting," said Daniel Martinez, an agricultural science education freshman, who was all smiles.

The pledges searched the house to find two cards with their names on them. Each of these cards contained a clue as to who would be the new sister's "Big Sister."

A Big Sister "introduces you to the sorority, the girls, to everything," explained Jennifer Walsh, a food science sophomore.

The older girls noticed changes this year, starting with a more successful rush resulting in the largest group of new pledges this class has seen. Sigma Alpha members stated that having more members will open up opportunities for more

activities and more fun.

The College of Agriculture and Natural Resources (CANR) Olympics, hosted by the CANR Student Senate, is such an activity. On Nov. 9, different clubs and groups from CANR gathered in the pavilion to participate in many fun games such as the balloon toss, fruit pass, potato sack race and tug-of-war.

"It's nice because all the girls are into agriculture. We walk around in jeans and boots," said Melissa Neal, an animal science exchange student from Australia.

Martinez added, "But it is so much more than just fun. I pledged because it's about agriculture and promotes women in agriculture, and I believe in that."

Hanna Roszczenko

Dancing to the top

Biology and forensic science junior Shakira Patillo strikes a pose while she dances with the rest of the Elyte dance team at "The Breakout" talent competition. The competition was held at Okemos High School. "The Breakout" showcased many talents from across the state, including disc jockeying and break dancing.

Dancers shake to the music at the local competition held at Okemos High School. The Elyte dance team made good use out of simple props, such as chairs, for their powerful performance. The dancers and their partners did their dances in tandem with one another without once looking away from their partners.



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BREAKING *Out*

Dancing, rapping and singing captured the essence of a November event sponsored by the Elyte dance team. "The Breakout," held at Okemos High School, featured the talents of dancers from across the state.

"The showcase was a night of entertainment and a way for groups to branch out and get their names out to other universities," said Frank Tramble, Elyte's sergeant at arms and an agricultural technology and systems management freshman.

The Elyte dance team was formed in November 2005. As a group of men and women showcasing their talents in dancing, the group participated on campus in the Spartan Soul Showcase and off campus at the Wayne State competition with Tommy the Clown, from the movie "Rize." The team also opened up

for rapper Twista at his concert in Jackson and participated in "Dance Fever," the first dance film on campus.

Although the Elyte team is new, the members have established themselves and done many things to prove their talents, according to Hattie Rutledge, president and hospitality business sophomore.

"We have accomplished getting our name out on campus and starting a fund for ourselves," Rutledge said. "We will continue to do that in addition to putting on more shows for the students on this campus and providing them with more opportunities."

Stephanie Defever



Jeff Proulx

FAITH *meets* FASHION

Stilettos, make-up, tunics and matching handbags may not be the first things thought of at a church ministry event, but the Vision Christian Campus Ministry mixed fun, fashion and faith at their show on Nov. 4.

The fashion show, sponsored by Vision Christian Campus Ministry, featured male and female volunteer models strutting their stuff to high energy, religious-based music. The clothes were borrowed from local stores, including After Hours Tuxedo Rental, Cache, Kohl's, Fashion Bug and TJ Maxx.

Popular men's fashions included bright colored sweaters, vibrant ties, rimless sunglasses and even a paisley silk shirt. The female models also represented current trends and sported gauchos with knee-high boots, glittery tops, capri pants, camouflage print and fitted blazers.

Raffles and gospel raps provided entertainment for the audience between sets. Proceeds for the event were used to fund study sessions, campus outreach programs, Bible studies and to start a prayer phone.

"It would be similar to an 800 number," said Tenisha Pope, treasurer for the Vision Campus Ministry. Pope added that the number would be available for people to call to hear prayer or spiritual guidance.

The ministry on campus strived to provide spiritual growth and academic support through prayer networks, fellowship, Bible studies, study session and Christian outreach. Vision Christian Campus Ministry is nondenominational.

Courtney Robinson



Showcasing the formal dress portion of the night, a model steps onto the runway. The models walked the runway in several outfits throughout the course of the night. The Union Ballroom was packed with an eager audience.

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A model walks to the end of the runway in a skirt and hat outfit combination. Each model walked to the tip of the runway to strike a pose before turning back to the dressing room. Throughout the show, the audience cheered models on as they made the return trip.

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Musical Tones



Jacob Vink

Communication junior Daniela Sukkar goes solo as part of the Accapalooza concert at the Fairchild Theatre. Ladies First is a branch of the Women's Glee Club. The concert united many campus vocal groups.

For the past several years, the Accapalooza concert has united the university's numerous a cappella groups – the Spartan Dischords, Ladies First, Capital Green and Accafellas. Desperate Measures recently joined the ranks as well.

This year's Accapalooza was held Nov. 3-4 at the Fairchild Theatre. Each group performed, featuring a variety of music, from alternative to pop, to classic rock. Some groups' antics drew laughs from the crowd, setting the tone for the night.

"Accapalooza is just a fun concert," said Carmen Gillespie, communication junior and president of Ladies First. "We want to showcase the a cappella groups, get our names out there and let people know we're here. It's just a laid-back, fun show."

Ladies First, the only all-female a cappella group, hosted the show. The group was formed 21 years ago as a subset of Women's Glee Club. A woman has to be a member of this organization to join Ladies First.

Gillespie joined Ladies First after seeing the group perform in Glee Club and now enjoys the club, especially the social and musical aspects.

"We like to entertain people through music, and a cappella is unique because it's just us making music," she said.

Accapalooza provided a venue for the group to do just that.

"In our last rehearsal, we sang our songs as best as we ever have," said Sheila McMurry, communication junior and Ladies First ambassador to Women's Glee Club. "People think that because we're all girls, we're not as strong – we hope to prove them wrong."

Kaitlyn Hinman

Political Involvement

Dr. Penny Gardner delivers a speech at the Reproductive Justice Forum. Gardner related her personal experiences with reproductive rights to those in attendance. The Democrats work to bring Democratic candidates and legislatures to campus to educate students on current legal issues.



Brian Laskowski



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Rep. Mark Meadows informs the audience about the state legislative initiatives pertaining to reproductive rights. Meadows won his seat in the house in the last election cycle.

While many college-aged adults are not registered to vote, members of the College Democrats pride themselves on being active participants in the political landscape.

"The main purpose of the College Democrats is to encourage political involvement of students in the context of the Democratic party," said Justin Lindsey, a College Democrats member and history senior.

Though students have been active in supporting the Democratic party for many years, the constitution for the College Democrats was formally written in 1994. Since then, the group has been a major participant in campus politics. In addition to their work electing Democratic candidates, the group works to encourage student political participation.

"The College Democrats have one of the most expansive and efficient voter registration programs in the state, taking process to the students, door by door," Lindsay said.

On Jan. 21, many College Democrats members convened at the Union for the Forum on Reproductive Justice, which celebrated the 24th anniversary of the *Roe v. Wade* decision that legalized abortion.

"Today is a day of freedom for a whole lot of people in this country," said Democratic Representative Mark Meadows during his appearance at the forum. "We have to fight to keep this right."

In addition to Rep. Meadows, several speakers and audience members spoke out on issues affecting reproductive justice and discussed the impact *Roe v. Wade* had on their lives.

According to Lindsay, the forum was a success. "Reproductive Justice is an important issue facing our community," he said. "Mr. Meadows does a great job representing our district."

Kelly House

BOXED *Together*

The members of the campus packaging organization make boxes and connect to the community, and to themselves. The Institute of Packaging Professionals (IoPP) Student Chapter prepares students for their future career in the packaging field while applying themselves in the field and helping the community.

On Nov. 7, the group held an egg drop contest where students had to build a package for an egg and then drop it from certain heights. Students interacted with each other and representatives from packaging companies.

"The egg drop went well; industries provided everything and we just had to put our minds to work," said Kyle Lerner, IoPP treasurer and packaging senior.

The group helps its members by bringing speakers to campus, attending expositions, holding awareness walks and volunteering for local community service groups.

Interacting with professionals helps students learn what mindset they should be in and what industries want from future employees, Lerner said.

"We want to give students an opportunity to get to know people in their industry and also to get to know other people and prepare themselves for the real world," said Sarah Mahrle, IoPP secretary and packaging junior.

The campus chapter of IoPP is part of the professional organization, the Institute of Packaging Professionals. As a bridge to the professional group, members have the opportunity to improve in their fields and create connections with those already involved in the industry.

Stephanie Defever



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A packaging student removes her undamaged egg after a 16'2" drop. The Institute of Packaging Professionals' student chapter sponsored the egg drop competition. Eggs were placed in various packages and dropped from increased heights to test the durability of the contraption.

A student breaks down their package after the egg drop to find an undamaged egg. Packaging students participated in an egg drop contest to test homemade packages. The Institute of Packaging Professionals connects students to future employers within the industry.



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Film club gives students field experience

TAKE *Eight*



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Nate Bilton and Erik Ferguson stand poised to jump from a bridge. Both Bilton and Ferguson were playing ninjas in a short film. With the aid of a rope, the ninjas actually jumped off the bridge and into the action packed scene.

The filmmakers club was challenged to produce a movie consisting of only eight shots. During these "8 shot" films, the club divided into crews, each producing diverse movies with the only boundary being the number of shots allotted.

The film consisted of many members, with approximately 25 regular meeting attendees.

To give direction to the different kind of productions, one group of filmmakers produced a movie where a student is zoned out to his iPod's music as he is walking to class, unaware of everything going on around him. They connected fantasies and illusions to the music that made him oblivious as he walked.

Filmmakers also worked on short silent films to occupy their time and talents. Last year they made films with the same script dialogue, but it was generic enough to provide a different setting across the many groups.

The filmmakers club voiced that not only are the projects exciting and challenging to take part in, they provide ways for members to learn from one another. The group typically used handheld digital cameras, and cooperatively worked towards strengthening each other's skills for shoots.

"What I like the most about film club is not the projects that we work on, but the connections we make," said Tristan Johnson, an English junior. "We have the opportunity to meet local filmmakers and professionals. These connections include each other."

Brittney Moody



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Lance Dudash lies in the grass as Damagoj Jursic runs to catch up. The camera crew used the golf cart to film. As the golf cart made its way from the Sparty statue to the administration building, several characters, including Dudash, made their appearance in the film.





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Alex Warning turns to take his place for filming. Before filming, the cast congregated on the pathway to discuss details of the movie. Each actor or actress had an interesting and comical part. Warning, for instance, played a gingerbread man who ran away from his baker.

Every Friday is a chance to celebrate

Shabbat Shalom



People carefully pass hot food at Hillel House. Students from all corners of campus and the city filled the dining area and helped each other to a warm meal. The portions were generous and no one left until they were full.

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A bowl of soup is waiting to be eaten. After welcoming all of the dinner guests, a group of Hillel members blessed the meal so dinner could begin. Foods including chicken, seasoned rice and soup was all standard fair at Hillel.

Many students spent their Friday evenings at parties or watching movies, but for Hillel, the Jewish student center on Charles Street, sundown marked the beginning of the Sabbath, or Shabbat. Greetings of "Shabbat Shalom!" rang out as students gathered before the services.

"I enjoy the experience of getting to see everyone I know around the Jewish community," said Josh Mendelson, a journalism freshman.

Hillel, formally known as the Lester J. Morris Hillel Jewish Student Center, offered both conservative and reform services in its upstairs and basement chapels, which were led by students. These services included prayers, hymns and chants praising Adonai, a Hebrew word for the Lord.

After the services, the conservative and reform Jews socialized before settling down to dinner. Before eating, the bread and wine (or grape juice, for those who preferred it) were blessed, and some bread was broken and thrown across the room. Students served one another or passed the dishes around the table.

"It's a nice reminder of home to have a nice traditional meal," said Mike Epstein, a political theory and constitutional democracy senior.

In addition to its normal services, Hillel also held special events. Secret Hanukkah Harry exchange night (similar to Secret Santa) took place Dec. 8, and Hillel also served all-you-can-eat latkes on Dec. 10. Other events included yoga and salsa classes, a retreat and a bar crawl. Smaller youth groups, such as Koach for conservative Jews and Keshet for reform Jews, also held their own events.

Megan Hart

Fraternity forges ties in the corporate world

Best in. Business

Delta Sigma Pi members painted the rock on Nov. 7. The group volunteered at haunted houses and cancer benefit events throughout the year. The coeducational business fraternity had nearly 200,000 members nationwide.



Krystal Birgy

"There is no pie sweeter than Delta Sigma Pi," said Lisa Bowen, a hospitality business senior.

For many students looking for a future in business, this statement couldn't be more true. As the largest coeducational business fraternity in the country, Delta Sigma Pi boasted nearly 200,000 members nationwide. The fraternity's alumni include CEOs of major corporations, founders of nationwide franchises and a United States ambassador.

Since its reactivation at the university in the spring of 1995, the Gamma Kappa chapter has been a networking tool for students with futures in commerce. In addition to providing opportunities for new friendships and business contacts, the fraternity took part in several annual events, including volunteering as ghouls at Jaycee's Haunted House each Halloween and participating as a Relay for Life team to raise money for the American Cancer Society.

Members of Delta Sigma Pi concentrated on benefiting their community, while also focusing on their individual successes in the business world. In addition to their philanthropy events on campus, members traveled to the annual LEAD (Leadership Education and Development) weekend in October, where they learned how to improve themselves and their fraternity.

"It is a great way to meet brothers from other universities and for networking," Bowen said.

For many aspiring business professionals, membership in Delta Sigma Pi is the first step toward a successful career after graduation.

"We are striving to build upon the academics of college while providing a networking organization to build lifelong relationships," Bowen said.

Kelly House

SWINGER'S *Playground*

It's a bit like elementary school. Listen to the teachers, learn a little history and then the student gets to swing; not on the playground, but on the dance floor.

The State Swing Society was formed in 1998 during a modern swing dancing revival to give university students an outlet to dance in a hospitable environment with the classic music of the original swing era. The State Swing Society acted as a class and social event in one.

The organization welcomed beginners and previously trained dancers to join for a year- or semester-long fee, or come to open lessons for a smaller cost. Membership included weekly lessons at The Pub of Gilchrist Hall and discounts for various local dancing events.

"If you think you look really awkward, don't worry, it'll come," said Mike Vanandel, a chemistry senior and dance instructor.

The lessons featured one particular dance of the swing genre. Learning the steps was done slowly and with partners, which helped to ease the intimidation for beginners. Comfortable clothes and shoes were worn to further ease the pressure of new students.

"It's like walking, so that should make it easier, I hope," said Tracy Kerchkof, a biosystem engineering senior, while teaching her partner the Charleston, a type of swing dance from the 1920s. The organization worked to teach dancers basic steps and patterns, which should provide a base to learn movements in the future.

Beth Houser

Bill O'Connor spins Rayna Ketchum in a mid-swing step. The pair participated in the State Swing Society Halloween Dance. The society was formed in 1998, and members dance weekly at the Gilchrist Hall Pub.



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Craig Jones, James Hook and Robert Bro contemplate a bonus question before choosing their answer. The team received several bonus questions throughout the event. In quiz bowl, a bonus question is given after a team correctly answers a toss-up question.

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Andrea Stavoe looks on as Ryan Longueuil, a microbiology junior, reads questions aloud for participants at the Honors College Quiz Bowl. The event was held hosted by the Honors College Programming Board at Eustace-Cole Hall. The event had a good turnout to witness the challenge.

PRIMARY *Planners*

Planning events to draw the interest of many college students, busy with classes, work and extracurricular activities, is certainly a daunting task, and this duty was given to the Honors College Programming Board. Responsible for attracting the attention of Honors students, the board also had another key milestone on its hands: the 50th Anniversary of the Honors College.

To celebrate this birthday, the Programming Board organized the Honors College's 50th Anniversary Black and Gold Ball on Feb. 17. The board also planned additional social events for the college, including a welcome picnic during the first week of school, pumpkin carving for Halloween, ice skating at Munn Ice Arena on Dec. 1 and a Super Bowl party on Feb. 4. All mentors of Honors floors were required to participate on the board, and other Honors students could attend the board's monthly meetings as well.

"It is very helpful to be a part of the planning process for Honors students like myself and my residents," said Ashley Dalman, an international relations and Muslim studies senior. "It's a good opportunity to also hear about Honors College students from other parts of campus."

Some of the events planned by the board ran along academic lines, like the Honors College Cup trivia tournament on Nov. 15. Teams of four went through several rounds of trivia competition, similar to Quiz Bowl.

The largest event, however, was Rush Geek '07, held in conjunction with the Honors College Student Advisory Committee. It included a video game tournament, "Beat the Geeks" trivial pursuit contest and a Vegas/Monte Carlo night.

Megan Hart

Jerome Crawford, an interdisciplinary study in pre-law junior and winner of Last Spartan Standing, and his entourage perform onstage during the club section of his routine. Crawford performed for Purpose Magazine, a multicultural magazine that comes out each month.



Brian Laskowski

A Year of Purpose

In a red-carpet event, complete with flashy lights, photographers and hip-hop music, Purpose Magazine celebrated its one-year anniversary, Nov. 17, at the International Center.

Chris Powell, a telecommunication senior and host for the night, kept crowds laughing between performances. He said the magazine's purpose was "to tell our story as minorities."

The event, which was themed in black, white and red, began on a somber note.

As past writers filed on stage holding past covers of the magazine, they each stood up to the microphone and shared their story with statements such as, "I have a purpose," "I was physically and verbally harassed outside of my dorm," and "I have a purpose, I was assaulted by a Caucasian."

Purpose, the multicultural magazine, was published approximately once a month and featured stories about minority students, including one of false arrests of two African American male students. The first issue, published in November 2005, featured the stories of the first minority students to graduate from the university.

The staff, entailing journalism, business and finance majors, has between 40 and 50 members, said staffer Arica Jones, a finance sophomore.

"Purpose is so much fun because of events like this," Jones said.

Purpose and University Activities Board sponsored the jam-packed event, which featured singer Melissa Gutierrez, Spartan Idol contestant Jerome Crawford and the Black Poets Society.

A copy of the subscription-based magazine could be found in the group's office at 319 East Akers Hall.

Courtney Robinson



Brian Laskowski

Chris Powell, a telecommunication informational studies senior, and his escorts make their debut at Purpose Magazine's one-year anniversary celebration. Powell hosted the evening, which had poetry readings, dance skits and speeches.

Environmental studies junior Holly Markham helps Chris Corlett, a journalism and history junior, pick out fresh produce. Markham was a member of Student Organic Farm and helped to sell fruits, vegetables and flowers to students and faculty at a stand near the Auditorium.



Nick Dentamaro



Nick Dentamaro

Healthy Choices

Some students may have noticed the fresh produce stand that was set up by the Rock during the fall semester. Student Organic Farm (SOF) hosted the organic farm stand every Tuesday in front of the Auditorium during the warm fall semester months.

Students and faculty could buy fresh produce from the students and volunteers involved in SOF. Because of the new stand, many people changed their grocery shopping habits and bought their fresh vegetables and herbs every week from the SOF. They also sold fresh cut flowers to customers.

The money raised from the stand went back into farm investments, including tools and funding for the annual Harvest Festival. The harvest festival included vendors, activities for children, seminars and musical entertainment. Also, the volunteer groups were able to use the money raised to help fund activities and bring in guest speakers. The stand was so successful that the members planned on making it a regular part of campus every fall.

"The response on campus was phenomenal, and some people were disappointed when we told them we only had a farm stand once per week," said Mitra Sticklen, SOF intern and environmental policy and anthropology senior. "My favorite part was just talking with interested people about one of my newly discovered passions, which has not only brought me closer to the earth but also closer to the food I eat every day."

SOF also had many other activities throughout the year. They had a community supported agriculture market, which provided 60 families with weekly produce year-round, plus outreach, education and research. The group also started a new program in January to certify participants to manage an organic farm through internships and apprenticeships, according to the organization's Web site. As for facilities, SOF had five passive solar green houses, four bee hives, free-range chickens and they used cold storage methods in the winter for the produce.

Kristy McCown

Mitra Sticklen, a Student Organic Farm intern and environmental policy and anthropology senior, sells fresh produce to a customer. Tomatoes were only one of many products sold at the stand.

THREE *Colors*, THREE DANCES

Jay Shah, a marketing and pre-med senior, sells shirts at Asha's Tarang event at Demonstration Hall. Asha is a non-profit organization that raised money for underprivileged children in India. Funds from the shirt sales went toward increasing literacy.



Bryna Shields

Out of the approximately 40 branches of Asha for Education in North America, both student- and adult-run, the chapter at the university stands out for a special reason.

"We're the only student-run branch that makes money and is able to support a school," said Neal Bhatt, a human biology senior and Asha co-president.

Started nationally in 1991, Asha is an organization that raises money to fund schools in India. The name means "hope" in Hindi. Here, Asha began in 1999 and was able to completely fund one school and assist another.

"I think it's a really good idea," said Radhika Menawat, a microbiology freshman. "What 'asha' means is to give them a hope to do something."

Each year, Asha sponsored a number of events, ranging from cultural to athletic, and collects donations. Typically, more than 100 people attended each event. For the past four years, Tarang – meaning "three colors" – has been one of those events. Held Nov. 17 at IM Circle, group members gave a festive Indian theme to a

gym, complete with lights and wall hangings, and used it as a venue to teach traditional dances.

"There are three different kinds of dances, all from Northern India, so three colors – three dances," said Lavina Karnani, an advertising senior and student coordinator.

The student turnout at events was usually a diverse mix.

"Most of our body is Indian, but a good portion is just the general (student) body," Bhatt said. "We welcome everyone to come to every event."

Menawat was one of the many Indian students in attendance and having fun, but Renee Johnson, a Caucasian child development senior, also went, danced and enjoyed herself.

"It was fun – I wish I was better," Johnson said. "[My favorite part was] dancing with my friends and just watching really – it's fun to see different things."

Kaitlyn Hinman

MAKING *A* DIFFERENCE

Stars, a local part of the national Make-a-Wish Foundation, is helping to make wishes come true for children in Michigan. Through fundraising and special events, Stars seeks to give opportunities and gifts to young children who battle life-threatening illnesses every day.

"(A total of) 17,000 children are diagnosed with cancer every year and, unfortunately, 17,000 children are not cured of cancer each year," said Melissa Cousino, organization president and psychology junior. "The Make-a-Wish Foundation provides a cure that doctors and nurses cannot give, and that is one of hope, strength and joy as the child's greatest wish comes true."

The Stars program held a golf outing at the Wheatfield Valley Golf Course in Williamston on Oct. 14 to raise money for an East Lansing child. Seventy golfers from across the state participated and helped the group raised over \$5,000 granting the child's wish to go on a Disney cruise to Hawaii.

Nine-year-old Melissa, the East Lansing child, greeted golfers and spoke about her wish. She also helped with the raffles and awards. Planning for her golf outing began last summer, and the community

donated more than \$800 in prizes.

"We are just overwhelmed by the generosity of the community, our families and board members," said Lindsay Green, special events coordinator and child development junior. "We continue to strive in getting our wish out there, that all would be able to take part in the power of a wish. It's amazing how one event could be so gratifying, and this is only the start of our year."

The main goal of Stars was to educate, advocate and fundraise for the Make-a-Wish Foundation and the America Stars Organization. This year, Stars teamed up with local restaurants, including Potbelly's, BD's Mongolian Barbeque and Coldstone Creamery to help raise money. They also had a mistletoe sale during the holidays and held a date auction as fundraisers to contribute to their cause. Since being founded in 2002, Stars has been nationally recognized and adopted by the Make-a-Wish Foundation of America as its collegiate program.

Stephanie Defever



courtesy of STARS Make a Wish



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Students wait in the shade as one of their members retrieves a ball that strayed off the course. The local chapter of the Make a Wish Foundation golfed at the Wheatfield Valley Golf Course in Williamston. The group worked to bring smiles to the faces of local children with cancer.

Stars members gather before taking to the golf course for a fundraiser in October. Seventy golfers came out to help raise \$5,000 for a child's wish to go on a cruise to Hawaii. More than \$800 in prizes were donated by the community.

As spectators crowded into the Auditorium on Dec. 9, the Gospel Choir, dressed in green and white T-shirts and jeans, set a tone of excitement for the annual college night with a lively opening number led by Matthew Hunter, a music education sophomore.

Once the show began, audience members clapped, sang along and danced to the music as dancers and musicians showcased their talents. In addition to the Gospel Choir (MSUGC), Eastern Michigan University's Dance of David and Grand Valley State University's Nate Glasper and Friends participated in the program.

Originally called the Black Orpheus, the MSUGC was founded in 1971 by three students who came across the idea while harmonizing in the hallway of their dormitory. In 1987, the organization's name was changed to the MSUGC to include a wider demographic. According to Ashley Singleton,

anyone can become involved in the Gospel Choir.

"Choir is open to all students," said Singleton, a family community services junior. "There are no auditions; you just need to be available for practices."

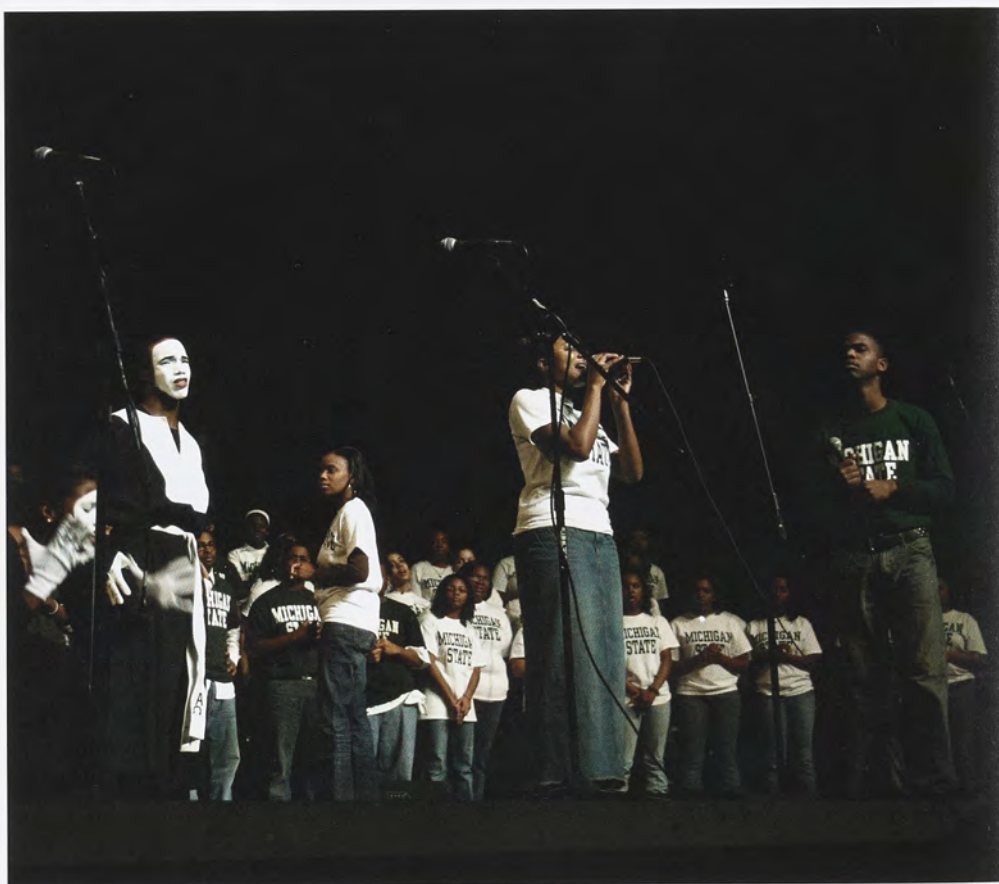
In addition to their annual college night, the MSUGC is involved in several other events, including the annual fall and spring concerts.

"We go to engagements that other churches and organizations are having in the surrounding areas," said Lauren Clayborne, MSUGC president and advertising senior. "(The goal is to be) a light on campus, as well as the surrounding areas. The choir provides a gateway for those looking to be a part of something."

Kelly House

Raise Your Voice

Students wear face paint as part of a solo act at the Gospel Choir's Gospel Night. A variety of costume efforts were put into each individual performance. The group was open to any students interested in singing.



Jacob Vink

Ramadan Awareness

The Muslim Student Association gathered for a feast before the holy month of Ramadan. The group ate at the Hannah Community Center. Muslims fasted during the month of Ramadan from sunrise to sunset.

Trays of salad and other foods are set out at the Ramadan celebration feast. The dinner contained many traditional dishes. The hungry participants quickly consumed the dinner in conclusion of their daylong fast.

During the holy month of Ramadan, which is during the ninth month of the Islamic calendar, Muslims pray, fast and celebrate multiple religious observances.

Events for the celebration were planned by the Muslim Student Alliance and funded by University Housing celebrated the month with a dinner on Oct. 19 that also featured a discussion about Ramadan to teach non-Muslims about the religious celebration.

Asma Hasan, a physiology junior and member of the Muslim Student Alliance, did not attend the event, but said her group felt it was a success.

"I heard it was a good turnout," Hasan said, adding that at least 100 people attended the event, which was held in the Hannah Community Center and was catered by a local restaurant.

Ramadan, in North America, spanned from Sept. 24 to Oct. 23. During the month, Muslims did not eat, drink, smoke or engage in sexual relations from dawn to sunset.

Hasan said the event was more for non-Muslims than Muslims, "To let people other than Muslims learn about Ramadan."

"We're trying to get more people involved and let other people know about Muslims and know what we're about," she added.

Courtney Robinson



Brian Laskowski



Brian Laskowski

Team expresses dance in several forms

I Cubed dancers perform a set to contemporary music. The team performed in front of colored screens to create a silhouette effect. The team is working on improving their skills through practice and competition.



Jeff Proulx

DIVERSE *Dancing*

Illustrious, irresistible and invincible is I Cubed, a new dance team on campus. Founded in 2005, the team performed on and off campus to show their talent, and members also volunteered in the community.

"We bring a diverse atmosphere to the university for students to participate in," said Roslyn English, I Cubed president and an economics and math sophomore.

The team is also diverse in terms of their styles of dance, such as ballet, tap, modern, jazz, lyrical, hip hop, reggae and liturgical, English said. At their November performance at "The Breakout," the team performed these styles and looked to focus on improvement for the rest of the year, according to English.

The team performed about 15 to 20 times a year

and held their own dance battle, "Live," in February. This battle brought multiple dance teams from universities across the state to a three-round competition, where the final round was a one-on-one face-off between two teams.

"I Cubed has made a lot of progress since the time that we were established," said Kendrick Bell, I Cubed hip-hop choreographer and kinesiology senior. "Being a new team, it is hard to get the word out and the team started from scratch. We're making a name for ourselves, and it gives me great pleasure to finally be able to show my talent with others."

Stephanie Defever

TRANSGENDER *Homage*

Members of student groups Phi Tau Mu and TransAction lit candles and walked in silence along Grand River Avenue on Nov. 20 to recognize the eighth annual Transgender Day of Remembrance.

The day honored those individuals killed due to transgender discrimination and hatred.

"The goal of the day was remembrance," said Jordan Furrow, a graduate student and member of Phi Tau Mu.

As a student organization, Phi Tau Mu aims to raise awareness about transgender issues and provide a community encompassing individuals.

TransAction is a branch of Phi Tau Mu that is more focused on activism and educating society about the Gender Identity campaign, which seeks to add gender identity to the university's anti-discrimination policy.

"[The vigil] allowed our community to mourn while focusing on the strength of the community," Furrow said.

Furrow added that another goal of the vigil was "to educate about how discrimination can lead to violence."

Group members marched to the Administration Building and held a candlelight vigil there to raise awareness about their cause. Furrow and others of Phi Tau Mu said that an addition to the anti-discrimination policy would decrease violence against the transgender community.

Amanda Kauffman

Staci Gunner lights candles at the transgender remembrance memorial. Phi Tau Mu assembled outside the Administration Building for their service. The group is working to add gender identity to the university's anti-discrimination policy.



Brian Laskowski



Brian Laskowski

Phi Tau Mu assembles in front of the Administration Building to remember the persecution perpetrated on transgender people in their struggles. At the memorial, they read off the names of victims of violence. TransAction, a branch of Phi Tau Mu, cosponsored the event.

Bryan Bals helps children understand what air bubbles in Styrofoam look like. During the chemistry day, each volunteer showed children an interesting fact about chemistry. Bals spent most of his time preparing Styrofoam to give the visiting children a better understanding of density.



Jeff Proulx

Leftover balloons stamped with the words "National Chemistry Week" sprinkled the ceiling of industrial piping and "Try it!" signs plastered the brick walls. The atmosphere of the lofty space created the scene for National Chemistry Day, held Oct. 28 at Impression 5 Science Center in Lansing. Alpha Chi Sigma, the coed professional chemistry fraternity, hosted the event, and members demonstrated experiments for Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and their families. The theme of the day was "Your Home: It's All Built On Chemistry" and gave the scouts the opportunity to earn Nuclear Merit Badges.

"It was the Cub Scouts' first outing and was a great start to the year," said Yoletta Salinas, Cub Master of the Lansing group. "Most of them got to earn their first scientific patch."

In addition to providing a chance to earn the patch, Alpha Chi Sigma hoped to give kids a strong knowledge base in chemistry. A wide range of hands-on experiments brought life to chemistry, as well as other areas of science, including energy, water, sound, biology and the solar system. The purpose was to familiarize kids with chemistry by simplifying it to a child-friendly level.

"Chemistry is an advanced subject, but the demos are to show kids that it can be cool, fun and used in everyday life at home," said John Roberts, vice master alchemist and chemistry senior. "That might interest them to learn chemistry in the future."

The organization, which was re-formed in 2000, was established to further the advancement of chemistry, educate the community and to help its members attain their chemistry-related career aspirations.

Beth Houser

Up and Atom



Jeff Proulx

Liz Gibbons and Carl Wolter help Cub Scouts prepare chemistry experiments. Gibbons, Wolter and the rest of the volunteers at this booth were all part of Alpha Chi Sigma. The volunteers showed scouts experiments to help the children get a better understanding of the world around them.

Nestled in a far corner of the Communication Arts and Sciences building is Studio E. Adorned with colorful carpet, a cozy and inviting entry way and a large filming area, the studio emitted a low, steady buzz of numerous conversations. The Telecasters held an open house on Jan. 17, hoping to entice interested onlookers to audition for one of their four student-run shows: The Show, Sideshow, MSU Upfront and MSU&U. The themes of the shows are sitcom, sketch comedy, debate and news magazine, respectively.

A student eager to join the club was Michelle Grossman, a journalism freshman. After talking to Nick Bennett, a telecommunications senior and producer of MSU Upfront, Grossman was given valuable information of when auditions were held and how the club worked.

"In high school, I was on the school news, so I really wanted to do this. I love acting and improv. It will be really great to see how everything works," said Grossman.

With a smile spread across her face and excitement in her voice, Grossman greatly anticipated the possibility of joining the 50-60 person cast.

"It seems like a lot of fun," said Grossman.

Although each of the four shows is comprised of separate casts - with different rehearsal and film times throughout each week - events such as broomball, "tel-olympics" and painting the Rock make the telecasters a close knit group of friends.

With four shows airing on Comcast Local, a lot of work must

be done by the members to ensure that quality programs are being broadcast to their audience. As a producer, Bennett has added responsibility because he must keep the production of the show running in a timely, productive manner.

"I make sure every component runs smoothly. I am in charge of the finished product, deadlines, people training and maintaining the crew," said Bennett.

All of the telecasters' hard work is definitely worth it when they can boast such accomplishments as having the nation's oldest college sitcom, The Show, which first aired in 1988, and receiving a Michigan Emmy Award for MSU&U.

Jennifer Orlando

Lights, Camera, Action



"MSU Upfront: The Student Debate Show" introduce themselves to a group of interested students at the Telecasters Open House. The group gave students a tour of their studios and informed them of what being on each show would entail. Here, the show plays on a projection screen in the background.

Jason Chiou

Jess Gunn talks to a local Cub Scout group about the importance of chemistry. Held at Impression Five science museum in Lansing, the all-day chemistry event attracted children young and old. Members of the university faculty and several volunteer student organizations helped to make chemistry memorable to all who attended.





Jeff Proulx

LIFE *Behind* BARS

Holly Meyer and Adam Hallett experience life as mock prisoner. Amnesty International took over the Rock to protest American use of torture in interrogation.



Brian Laskowski

"There are countries all over the world that we criticize for torturing their prisoners, but we never thought the U.S. would be on the list," said Shabana Lakdawla, a sociology junior.

Lakdawala was a member of Amnesty International, a human rights group that works to prevent unfair treatment domestically and abroad. On Nov. 21, Amnesty International staged a mock-prison at the Rock to protest unfair treatment of what the U.S. government refers to as "unlawful enemy combatants."

Originally devised by the Greater Lansing Network Against War and Injustice, the mock-prison was adopted by Amnesty International to increase student awareness about the issue, Lakdawala said.

"By putting up the fake jail, more people stop to talk to us and see what it's about," she said.

In addition to the mock-prison protest, Amnesty International planned a week of action, titled Stop Violence Against Women, held from March 29 to April 5. The organization also worked with fellow

activists in Students for Economic Justice in the Killer Coke campaign to get Coca-Cola products removed from university property.

During the mock protest, jumpsuit-clad prisoners stood in a jail cell with rope-bound hands and canvas sacks covering their heads. Meanwhile, Lakdawala and other Amnesty International volunteers answered questions and gathered signatures for their petition against unfair prisoner treatment.

"People stop to ask what the prison is for, but most have no idea about our nation's abuse of human rights," said Meghan Fleckenstein, an international relations sophomore.

According to Fleckenstein, since the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, the U.S. has been "increasingly violating human rights and trying to use the war on terror as an excuse for their actions." Amnesty International members sought to put a stop to this practice.

Kelly House

CONSERVATIVE *Controversy*

Various protests, Michigan Civil Rights Initiative campaigning and a "Conservative Coming Out Day" were sponsored by the Young Americans for Freedom (YAF), a controversial campus organization that made national headlines with their attempt to coordinate "Catch an Illegal Immigrant Day."

The event was cancelled, but YAF Chairperson Kyle Bristow, an international relations sophomore, said they would distribute literature and bring speakers to campus instead.

As Michigan residents prepared to vote on Proposal 2 at the Nov. 7 elections, many YAF members supported the initiative, which would ban race- and gender-based preferences in public education, contracts and businesses.

"I gathered a petition for the MCRI, and we distributed bumper stickers and campaigned at football games," Bristow said.

Bristow debated Eric Gregory, a Democrat running for state representative in the 41st District, on the MCRI.

"It was really disrespectful the way they booed when my name was announced," Bristow said. "It was a hostile crowd from a liberal college."

"We're thrilled that it passed. We assumed it would. It passed in very blue states like California and Washington," Bristow said. "It's not liberal versus conservative or democrat versus republican, it's right versus wrong."

The YAF was also involved in bringing Congressman Tom Tancredo to speak at the law library, an event drawing several protesters and controversy.

Courtney Robinson



Brian Laskowski



Brian Laskowski

A passerby examines a flyer passed out by Bristow and the YAF. The group passed out flyers about the controversial Proposal 2 that was on the ballot. The YAF received a lot of attention this year over some of its advertising tactics.

Kyle Bristow, head of the Young Americans for Freedom, rallies for "Conservative Coming Out Day." YAF rallied at Wells Hall, a common place for such events. The group was criticized early in the year for their proposed "Catch an Illegal Immigrant Day."

Dancing for a Cause

Kailey Washburn, a speech pathology and audiology sophomore, dances at SCOUT BANANA's all night Dance-A-Thon. Members of the group danced for 12 hours at Demonstration Hall as part of the fundraiser. SCOUT BANANA sponsored this event to raise money for medical supplies and other necessities for Partners in Health Rwanda.



Bryna Shields

SCOUT BANANA arose from an idea to aid residents of Africa and provide health care services. SCOUT BANANA is an acronym for Serving Citizens of Uganda Today Because Africa Needs a New Ambulance.

"It started as a small non-profit project," said president and founder Alex Hill, an international relations sophomore. "Our mission statement is combining efforts to save lives with communication and determination in Africa."

Hill came up with the idea for the group after meeting a Ugandan priest looking to build a health center in his parish.

"I was looking for an idea for my Boy Scout Eagle project and asked if there was anything I could do to help," Hill said. "He said that they needed an ambulance, so that's how we started – our first project was an ambulance."

Since then, the group has expanded from one chapter to 15 chapters at colleges around the U.S. and Canada and now works

with Partners in Health Rwanda, a group that shares its mission. To raise money, SCOUT BANANA sponsors fundraisers, like the Party On The Nile Dance-A-Thon held Dec. 1 in Demonstration Hall.

"Someone in the organization said it'd be great and a lot of fun, so we decided to try it and see if we could do it," Hill said.

The event featured a variety of activities, mostly focused on dance. Urban Dreams and Impulse Dance groups performed, while members of the State Swing Society taught the Charleston to attendees. About 50 people attended, helping raise more than \$1,000 for Partners in Health.

"This is the first [dance-a-thon]," said Brittanie Johnson, an international relations sophomore. "Depending on its success, we're hoping it will be an annual thing. Not only do you get people dancing and exercising, it's for a good cause."

Kaitlyn Hinman

A Helping Hand

"Make it a good day, make it a powerful day, enjoy it," Mayor Sam Singh advised students Oct. 21 as they headed to different volunteer sites as a part of the 15th annual Into the Streets Fall Kickoff at the Business College.

The fall kickoff is a one-day event held in the fall by Into the Streets, a student organization committed to increasing community service through student leadership and participation.

"It's a convenient opportunity that presents a lot of volunteer options," said Justin Haveman, a Lyman Briggs freshman.

Haveman and others spent the day volunteering at various agencies in the Lansing area, including community centers, shelters and parks.

Mark Simon, director at LETTS Community Center in Lansing, was one of several community members impacted by the services provided by Into the Streets.

"We cannot do this without the volunteers," he said, explaining the students' role in assisting with the carnival the community center held this year.

Many of the students who turned out expressed a shared desire to help others.

Justine Elster, a nutritional sciences senior who worked a game booth at the LETTS carnival, said, "I was looking for a way to get involved with the community, specifically with kids."

Into the Streets typically holds another event similar to their Fall Kickoff on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, but this year's event was cancelled due to icy weather.

Amanda Kauffman



Ryan Wahula gives a child her prize from a sucker-pull game. He helped many children get candy from the tree throughout the day. Wahula and other students were essential to the success of the carnival at the LETTS Community Center.

Jeff Proulx



Jeff Proulx

Zoe Larson enjoys a game at the LETTS Community Center. The LETTS Center was full of children enjoying games that students volunteered to help with. Each year, the LETTS Center holds a carnival that would not be able to run without the volunteer efforts of students and the Into the Streets program.

The National Society of Black Engineers meets in the Engineering Building. The guest speakers for the night spoke about opportunities available to the society's members and possible careers in the Air Force. The guest speakers were accompanied by pizza and pop.



Jeff Proulx

ENGINEERING *Nationwide*

The National Society of Black Engineers (NSBE) met biweekly with the goal to increase the number of culturally responsible black engineers who excel academically, succeed professionally and positively impact the community. At the meetings, engineering-related topics were discussed and guest speakers were brought in to speak on opportunities in the engineering field as a whole.

"Our future plans are to become the Distinguished Chapter of the Year for 2008, which is the highest honor given to a chapter through the organization," said Jason Franklin, society vice president and a mechanical engineering junior.

NSBE is the largest student run organization with more than 20,000 members nationwide. The university's chapter is very active in the community and was involved with fundraisers, community service and nationwide events such as a Walk for Education.

"Members of the organization are impressed with our family-like atmosphere. They felt welcomed into the society by our e-board and look forward to taking advantage of all the opportunities we have to offer," said Franklin.

Other than being interested in engineering and being active in the community, NSBE also does different bonding programs such as group socials and bowling outings.

Marissa Nelson



Jeff Proulx

Jason Franklin listens closely to guest speakers. Franklin, a mechanical engineering senior, and the rest of the National Society of Black Engineers listened to Air Force ROTC speakers in the Engineering Building. The speakers were only a small part of the many activities the group sponsored throughout the year.

MADRE'S *the* WORD



Jacob Vink

Attendees of the Dia de la Mujer celebration learn a few steps of salsa dancing. The event, put on by Cultural de las Razas Unidas, celebrated Hispanic culture and the importance of mothers to Latin cultures.

"We all represent some form of the mother," said Ruth Patino, a representative from the Eli Broad College of Business, on the procreative theme of the 13th Cultural de las Razas Unidas (CRU) event, Dia de la Mujer.

The theme, "Mujeres: Madres de la Causa," translated into Women: Mothers of the Cause. The event, held Feb. 24 at the Kellogg Convention Center, celebrated special aspects and achievements of the Latino culture.

Sponsored and organized by ASMSU and CRU, speakers, info booths and workshops were available throughout the day to praise incredible advances in the Latino society and to increase knowledge about health, graduation rates and voting.

CRU is an organization that supported the Latino

population on campus and the specific clubs and needs. The group raised money for events and scholarships, provided counseling for drug and alcohol use, and helped put on Latin Xplosion, according to Natalie Galan, a hospitality business sophomore and the treasurer of CRU.

Maria Zavala, university alumnus and the conference coordinator, inspired the event, as she was looking for recognition for women and their accomplishments. The Maria Zavala Award was given at the conference to women representing these accomplishments in school, home and professional life. More than 1,000 Latinos of all ages throughout the Midwest attended the conference.

Beth Houser

When the car hit Joshua Clark head-on on Feb. 17, 2002, he was knocked from the driver's seat to the passenger's back seat. He had broken ribs, a fractured sternum and collarbone and had to relearn how to walk. Clark was in a coma and was given his last rites multiple times.

"I have mild brain damage, even if you can't tell," Clark said.

He said the worst thing was knowing the other driver never asked how he was or called him after the accident.

Clark, a communications senior, was one of many volunteers who shared their experiences at Wonders Kiva in the Spartans Against Drunk Driving (SADD) survivor forum on Dec. 3. Other speakers included state Rep. Mark Meadows and East Lansing Police Chief Tom Wibert.

Meadows, who was re-elected in the Nov. 7 election, spoke to students about the dangers of drunk driving.

"I think students should be aware how important this is," Meadows said. "It's hardly a week in the newspaper where we go without reading about a death from drunk driving."

SADD, in its first year on campus, had a turnout of nearly 40 people for the survivor share. Reformed drunk drivers, family members of those killed and recovering alcoholics spoke at the emotional gathering.

Throughout the year there were multiple survivor share nights, forums to work with high school SADD chapters, a designated driver program on St. Patrick's Day and a Mock Car Crash held during graduation week.

"SADD also has social events just for hanging out and bonding," said Mike Berkowitz, a zoology freshman. "I am proud of everyone in the group trying to make a difference in our society."

Courtney Robinson

SADD Survivor's Forum



Brian Laskowski

Matt Virgilio, the vice president of SADD, gives his input at the St. Patrick's Day planning meeting. SADD was going to use multiple media outlets on the days before St. Patrick's Day to influence revelers.

SADD members assemble at a February meeting to plan for new ad campaigns. The group generally held its meetings in the Wilson Hall basement. Also, the group hosted numerous speakers throughout the year.



Brian Laskowski



Caitlin Anderson



Caitlin Anderson

Maggie Corser, an international relations senior, talks with a campus police officer at the Coca-Cola Dance-Off. The Dance Out was held at the Hannah Administration building lobby, to protest the university's contract with Coca-Cola. Students for Economic Justice, who organized the Dance Out, was an organization that strove to expose the university's ties to sweatshop industries.

Tommy Simon, a social relations and policy senior, dances in an oversized Coke can at the Coca-Cola Dance-Off. The Dance Out was to raise awareness of Coca-Cola's business practices in other parts of the world. Students for Economic Justice, an organization that worked to support international human and labor rights, held the Dance Out.

Fighting Injustice

Peaceful demonstrations in support of human rights was the method of power, at least for Students of Economic Justice (SEJ). The group is the local chapter of United Students Against Sweatshops and they supported strike issues with local teachers, as well as anti-Proposal 2, anti-Nazi and anti-war efforts. Their most notable cause, however, has been the Killer Coke campaign.

"Last year, we hosted a man from Colombia who witnessed the murder of a union leader," said Katelyn Patterson, a journalism sophomore and club member. "He was a bottle worker in a Coca-Cola factory" and member of SINALTRAINAL, the largest union of Coca-Cola employees in Colombia.

Eight union leaders in Colombia were murdered between 1989-2002 after putting pressure on the Coke company.

Coca-Cola was also banned from the Indian parliament after the company drained most of the water from local villages.

These events spurred SEJ to take up the Killer Coke campaign at the end of the 2005 academic year.

"We fight injustice in our community and abroad," Patterson said of the non-hierarchical club.

The group could be seen dressed in Killer Coke cans around campus and capped off their academic year with an anti-war march in March alongside the Greater Lansing Network Against War and Injustice, fellow students and other community groups and members.

SEJ's membership varied throughout the year, ranging from 10 to 40 people.

Chris Jackett

DANCING *With* TRADITION

Speaking Farsi and featuring a mix of music from Persian culture, tango and even a little Shakira, all was common when the students from the Persian Student Association (PSA) gathered.

Each year, at the end of March, the University of Michigan held a Persian Culture Show and the PSA participates. There are skits, poems, songs and dances. The PSA was a group of Iranian students that put on a dance for this particular event.

The members worked hard to put a dance together. They all worked as a team to chose the music and choreograph the dance to make it as best as it could be.

"Being Persian is something to be proud of," said Ideene Dehdashti, a communication senior, PSA founder and president.

Dehdashti founded the organization in hopes of bringing Persian students together and keeping the culture alive and represented at the university.

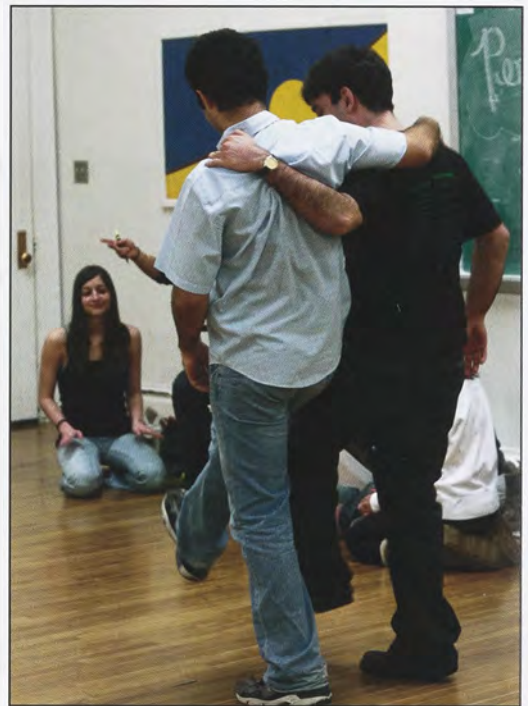
"I would like more members to join," Dehdashti said.

Overall, the group is fun and successful. It's a place where the students can get together and meet.

"We have all made friends and met fellow Iranians that we did not know before," Dehdashti said.

Hanna Roszczenko

Daryoosh Derakhsham and Arjang Gounelli demonstrate a dance for a segment in the Persian Student Association's routine for an upcoming performance. The team competed against students from the University of Michigan at the Persian Culture Show. The group performs in the competition yearly.



Brian Laskowski

Viviek Mayasandra, Melodi Litkouhi and Ideene Dehdashti plan the dance number for their group to perform at the competition. The group was created to unite Iranian students on campus. Many of the group members speak Farsi and were able to make connections to those with a similar background.



Brian Laskowski

BRIGGS *Wins* BIG



Jason Chiou

The Lyman Briggs Student Advisory Council listens to Kent Workman, the faculty advisor, while he discusses the process of pursuing a stronger student voice toward the faculty. The issues discussed not only benefited students, but faculty as well.

The homecoming parade's "Best Float" wasn't designed by students majoring in architecture, design or engineering. The award went to the science majors from Lyman Briggs.

"I was ecstatic when I heard that Lyman Briggs won 'Best Float' in the homecoming parade. The float was a huge improvement from past years' floats. We were so proud of it," said Kelly Eggan, a Lyman Briggs chemistry and molecular biology senior.

The Lyman Briggs Student Advisory Council, which represents the 2,000 students in the school, designed the award-winning float depicting The Muppets. The council also planned the first Briggsball event during the year, a prom-like gathering for their residents, and held their second annual Olympic event against the James Madison College, matching the schools up in games of basketball,

dodgeball and volleyball.

Additionally, the council served as a liaison between Briggs faculty and students. The group participated in community service events like the Science Olympiad Tournament, the Ronald McDonald House and the Into the Streets event on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

Eggan, a three-year member and chair of the council, reflected kindly on the group.

"[It's] the best of both worlds; a close-knit small college feel at a large university," Eggan said. "I think Lyman Briggs stands out from other colleges because the Lyman Briggs faculty truly values the students' opinions. They go above and beyond to get the students perspective."

Courtney Robinsonn

The brick house at 1628 Grand River Ave. is more than a place to live for 12 students. It's the Community of Christ home, where students of any area college, of any faith and of any background, come together to foster a healthy substance-free lifestyle.

The group met Wednesdays for a variety of events, like Reel2Real, a movie and discussion night, and surprise worship ceremonies and auxiliary nights.

The Journey House became a registered student organization in 2006 and is focused around their members' journeys through life and their faith.

"It's special because of the community, it's the people," said Rick Miller, a supply chain management senior. "I've met some of the best people I

know. I will have with me my entire life."

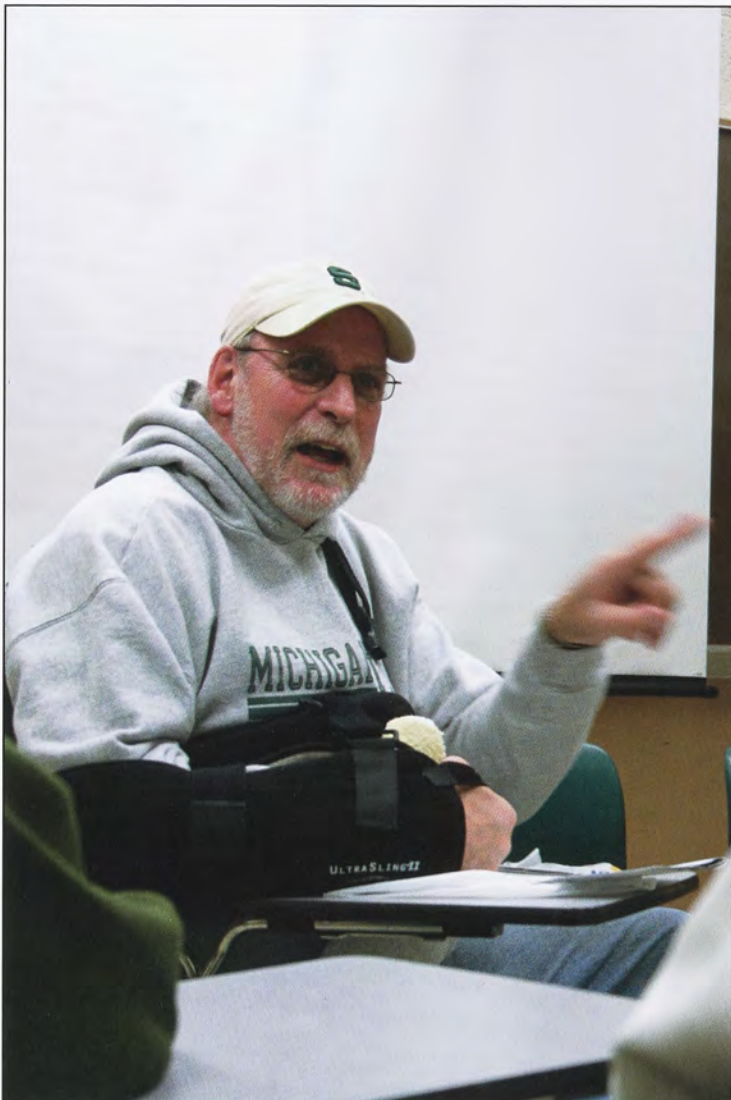
Reflecting on faith and the many viewpoints surrounding it, Alicia Clore, a communicative sciences and disorders junior, said the belief is a matter of perspective.

"I think that is how faith works. It's telling different stories of what happens," said Clore. "I think it's sometimes what we want to believe."

Also invited to become involved are non-believers, agnostics and atheists, who will also benefit from the group, Miller said.

"They, these people, make it special for me to be a part of it," Miller said.

Courtney Robinson



Jeff Proulx



Jeff Proulx

David Premoe speaks to the Journey House members. At the Wednesday night session of "Reel2Real," the Journey House members watched the movie "The Illusionist" and discussed it afterwards. Premoe was the guest speaker on Jan. 31.

Chris Sommer and David Willson listen to David Premoe's take on the film. Discussion focused on the everyday life lessons that could be learned from the movie of the night.

Community Journey



Jeff Proulx

Bidding War

Mike Prunte, James Tucci and Christie Hwang stand poised at the end of their presentation. At the Multicultural Business Program's "Multicultural Heroes Case Competition" several teams had the opportunity to display their knowledge of given leaders. The group's presentation ended with a proud display of the American flag.

The Multicultural Business Program's (MBP) main goal is to improve the recruitment and graduation rate of multicultural students by providing more opportunities for them. One way they increased their funds to accomplish this task was by holding their second annual Date Auction on Nov. 9. The fundraiser was sponsored by MBP and the Women in Business Student Association.

Taking a break from their usual MBP duties such as offering academic and career advising focused on assisting students achieve a higher GPA as well as focusing on career decisions, the group members doubled as date candidates for the event. As the host announced the candidates' names, they each had the chance to strut their stuff across the stage in hopes of increasing their bid. Their picture and stats were posted behind them on a large screen. There were both male and female students, and, when they were bid on, the winner won a gift certificate to be used on their "date." All university students were eligible to bid on a date.

For an intermission break, the Spartan Dischords performed for the crowd.

Drew Potter, an international finance sophomore, said the purpose of the event was to "raise money while having a good time."

The MBP outlined a formula for success, which included students striving to maintain at least a 3.0 GPA, developing leadership skills through student organizations and enhancing team work skills through career experience.

Marissa Nelson



Jeff Proulx

Jasmine Nelson, Tiffany Bridgeforth and Chatoya Antwine sit and watch their competition. The Multicultural Business Program's competition was judged by a panel that viewed each performance. The goal of the evening was to learn more about influential leaders through group presentations.

SERVING *the* COMMUNITY

Members of St. John's Student Parish sit down for a weekly lunch and discussion with the Fr. Mark. "Coffee with Fr. Mark" was held every Thursday in the International Center. St. John's, which opened in 1958, often participated in alternative spring break and mission trips.



Jacob Vink

Dances, mass services, retreats and community service have originated from membership of the campus St. John's Student Parish, where Catholic students have gathered since its 1958 opening.

The organization planned an alternative spring break, this year located in Philadelphia, as well as weekly spaghetti dinners for the public and weekend retreats around the state.

David Krcatovich, a math and astrophysics junior, was a member of the organization and a participant at the Bethany Retreat House in Dewitt.

"It's a good opportunity to get away from college life for awhile," said Krcatovich. "It's an opportunity for spiritual growth."

Retreats included movies, discussion sessions and reflection seminars.

"It's the feel of it; what you get out of it changes every time,"

Krcatovich said.

Parish members also volunteered community service time at charities like women's shelters and senior citizen's centers. The parish, while benefiting the community, provided entertainment and friendship for students.

"It's awesome because you meet so many people in such a welcoming atmosphere where you don't have to be drinking, partying and smoking to have a good time," said Jacob Karl, a nutritional science junior.

Krcatovich added that the group planned fun activities like ice skating, broomball and movie nights.

"People are just more accepting," he said. "It's a great group."

Courtney Robinson

GRAB *A* PARTNER



Jason Chiou

Sophomore Sarah Lewis and junior John Pray dance skillfully together at Demonstration Hall. Ballroom Dance Club met every week on Sunday and performed 24 dances on rotation. It did not matter what skill level a dancer was because everyone was encouraged to try.

There was no definition of a typical dancer at the Ballroom Dance Club's Sunday lessons. Any given week, couples in jeans mingled as senior citizens floated by to the tune of the music and single dancers rotated among themselves.

"Right now, our ages are from 15 to 16 to in their 80s," said alumnus Amy Sutton, who had been a member of the club for seven years.

The club had about 24 types of dances in rotation, though it only uses six to eight each semester. Most people found the club through its Web site, but they came for different reasons.

"It's a good way to meet people, it's good exercise, it's fun," said Mark Grimwood of Eaton County. He had taken lessons in private studios for several years.

However, Quinn Le, a medical technology senior, had only experienced dancing in a dance club environment before.

"I'm getting married. I'm in the process of making" my fiancé come to the lessons, Le said.

Lessons came in two varieties. There were two-week introductions to various dances and thorough six-week classes. Both beginners and experts were welcome to attend either type of class. Several of the dance instructors were also Ballroom Dance Club members.

Free dancing followed all lessons. The six-week lessons started at 12:30 p.m., and the two-week lessons followed at 2 p.m. each week. Dues were \$25 for a semester membership to either group, with a \$5 discount for joining both.

The dues went toward the year-ending club ball, titled "In the Mood" in the spring. Held in April, it featured a live band, food and door prizes. The club also occasionally used dues to bring dance workshops to campus.

Megan Hart





Jeff Proulx

Members of the Ballroom Dancing Club dance in Demonstration Hall. The club held its weekly lesson and open dance with a lesson led by John McAllaster. He had danced for 27 years and led the club's lessons for the past 14 years.

Club gives sustenance to students with tastes for food-related careers

Freshman Ashley Wright and sophomore Karen Mitchell strain spaghetti prior to a Food Science Club meeting. The club, founded for food science majors such as Wright and Mitchell, served a home cooked meal before each meeting. In January, they decided to host a spaghetti dinner.



Jacob Vink

Home Cooked Engineers

"We try to stay away from pizza," said Karen Mitchell, a food science sophomore and treasurer of the Food Science Club, about the meal selections cooked at the club's monthly meetings.

For January, the club decided on a complete spaghetti dinner. All of the dinners were nutritiously prepared, eaten with satisfaction and easily cleaned up by the members of the club during their Tuesday evening meetings in Anthony Hall.

A bachelor's, master's or doctorate degree in food science will lead to opportunities in food plant management, government agencies, quality assurance and food safety. Joy Tydings, a food science sophomore and outreach chair for the club, hoped to become a food inspector after graduation.

"It takes a lot to get the food from the animal to the table, and we're just one step along the way," Tydings said.

As part of the club, Tydings and the other members heard speeches from food industry employees and learned about internship opportunities with companies like Hershey Foods, H.J. Heinz Co. and Gerber Products.

The Food Science Club was directly tied with and recognized by the Great Lakes section of the Institute of Food Technology – the professional version of the organization. The club also held fundraisers throughout the year, worked in the community to raise food for the American Red Cross and began a mentor program to connect current and new club members.

Justin Kessler, a 2006 graduate, said, "This club connects members to other members of food science majors, which you don't get to do easily unless you're part of something like this."

Beth Houser



Jeff Proulx

Katalin Zerio picked up *Anne of Green Gables* in sixth grade and fell in love.

Now an education sophomore, her passion for reading and writing led her to become the co-president of the Kiddie Lit Club, which brings literature and reading to children.

The club sponsored an event for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, a Halloween party, book donations and the annual Clarion Young Authors Conference in coordination with the Infinity Project. This year, the conference had 36 young participants.

"In this day and age, with all the media, we really have to work for kid's reading and writing," said Zerio. "It's really important to make books alive for kids."

The non-profit Infinity Project and Kiddie Lit Club have teamed up for two years to facilitate "the relationship

Erin Sutton and Logan Kilpela listen to Kurtis Rodgers as he reads his story. Sutton, a sophomore, volunteered to help at the Kiddie Literature Conference this year. Sutton is currently double majoring in elementary education and Spanish.

Children read their original works to their peers. After reading their pieces, the children critiqued each other's work. Following critique, a university student led the group through a discussion of their work and offered advice.



Jeff Proulx

A Love for Reading

between authors and readers."

English and history senior Kate Fedewa and Elizabeth Zernechel, a theatre department faculty member, created and own the Infinity Project.

"We created it to help fill the gaps, to help bring together young people in the area, to help fill in the gap in education," Fedewa said.

Ceallaigh and Sean MacCath-Moran own Triskele Media, the Web solutions provider for the Infinity Project and worked at the Young Authors Conference.

"We encourage everybody to be a writer, you have something to say," said Cellaigh MacCath-Moran. "It's about expressing yourself and to be willing to hear other people's stories as well."

Courtney Robinson

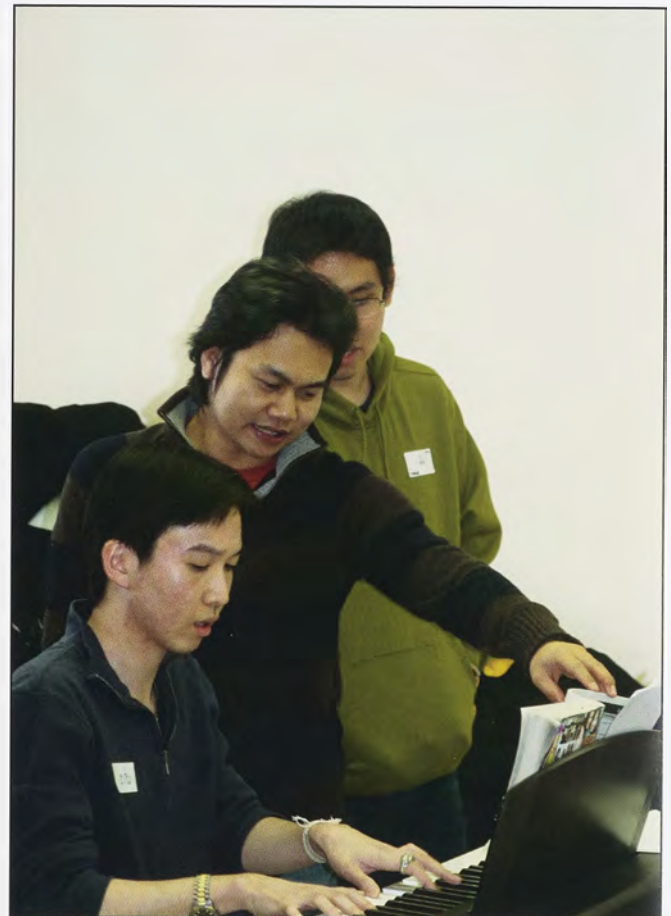
Association welcomes members

Kunjira Pavasant gives a clue to a stumped audience. The party was one of the first times that the spring semester Thai students met. Anyone was welcome to join the Thai Association.

Pakapol Kittipinyovath, Wasan Chantong and Krithorn Nawakiephaatoon play a song-guessing game at the Thai Association Welcome Party. The spring semester party occurred on Jan. 27. The group of students bonded over traditional Thai food and singing games.



Irida Manice



Irida Manice

THAI MEETS *Greets* **AND EATS**

Among potluck treats and constant greets, the Thai Student Association (TSA) threw open the doors for its Welcome Party, and introduced new students to the rest of the 53-member group.

The Welcome Party sought to introduce and integrate Thai students new to the area. Approximately 35 new students shared lunch, a tentative semester schedule and a variety of activities, including sing-a-longs, games and problem discussions.

Ruedeerath "Bim" Chusanachoti, TSA President, said everybody in attendance was encouraged to "cook one best Thai dish to share with the rest."

"I think the event went really well," said Chusanachoti, a third-year PhD curriculum, teaching and educational policy program member. "We met our goals in making the newcomers feel warm, have more friends and are confident that other Thai students in the association will help them when they have problems."

The event also kicked off planning for the Thai Food and Culture Night, another TSA project held on March 31.

Although all university Thai students are automatic members, the group was open to public membership.

TSA promoted camaraderie and friendship for students adjusting to American life, while holding onto their Thai heritage. The group also planned events with local Thai groups and other international university organizations.

"Everybody had a good time with Thai foods and fun activities," Chusanachoti said.

Courtney Robinson

Nick Pierce and Lori Fry celebrate Valentine's Day by dancing the "Hokey Poky." Pierce, Fry and the rest of the General Management Association helped community members with disabilities enjoy their Valentine's Day by dancing with them. The dance was held in the Union's Gold rooms.

ADVANTAGED *Edge*



Jeff Proulx

Kristi Peters and Ron Cambell dance arm in arm at the General Management Association's Valentine's Day ball. Few dancing opportunities were missed by any community or GMA members. Wron Live was the disc jockey for the night and played crowd favorites such as the "Hokey Pokey" and "The Chicken Dance."



Jeff Proulx

The Union Gold Room transformed from a stately ballroom to one reminiscent of a traditional Valentine's-themed party the afternoon of Feb. 11. Red, white and pink streamers hung between the chandeliers, heart-shaped balloons floated gently in the air and red punch was served at a dance for adults with special needs.

"The purpose is to have fun – there's a (disc jockey) so they can dance," said Jessica Doroshewitz, president of the General Management Association (GMA), which sponsored the event. "They can make valentines and just have a good time."

For the last few years, the GMA has held the dance in partnership with the Supply Chain Management and Marketing associations. The group provides professional resources for students in the business college, according to Doroshewitz, a supply chain management junior.

"[The association] began six years ago. The group started because there was no general management club, so our advisor helped set it up," Doroshewitz said.

The main group activities are biweekly meetings, in which representatives from different companies come to discuss the business world with students and advise how they can improve their chances of finding a job after graduation.

"We bring companies in so we can network and meet recruiters through meetings," said Laura Hicks, director of community services and a human resource management senior. "It gives college students the chance to learn what it's like to be in a business."

The group also does a significant amount of community service, like volunteering at a soup kitchen with the Lansing Jaycees and building benches with Business College members.

"I love the fact that we can help people and give back," Hicks said. "I'm sure the city doesn't like us college kids being crazy all the time, so it's nice to do something important."

Kaitlyn Hinman

Aid for Nonprofits

Students Consulting for Nonprofit Organizations (SCNO) is a national group of mostly undergraduate business students committed to improving their local communities through pro-bono consulting engagements with local nonprofit organizations.

"I have not seen another student organization with as much drive to impact the community and professionally develop its members," said Laura Dennison, SCNO president and advertising senior.

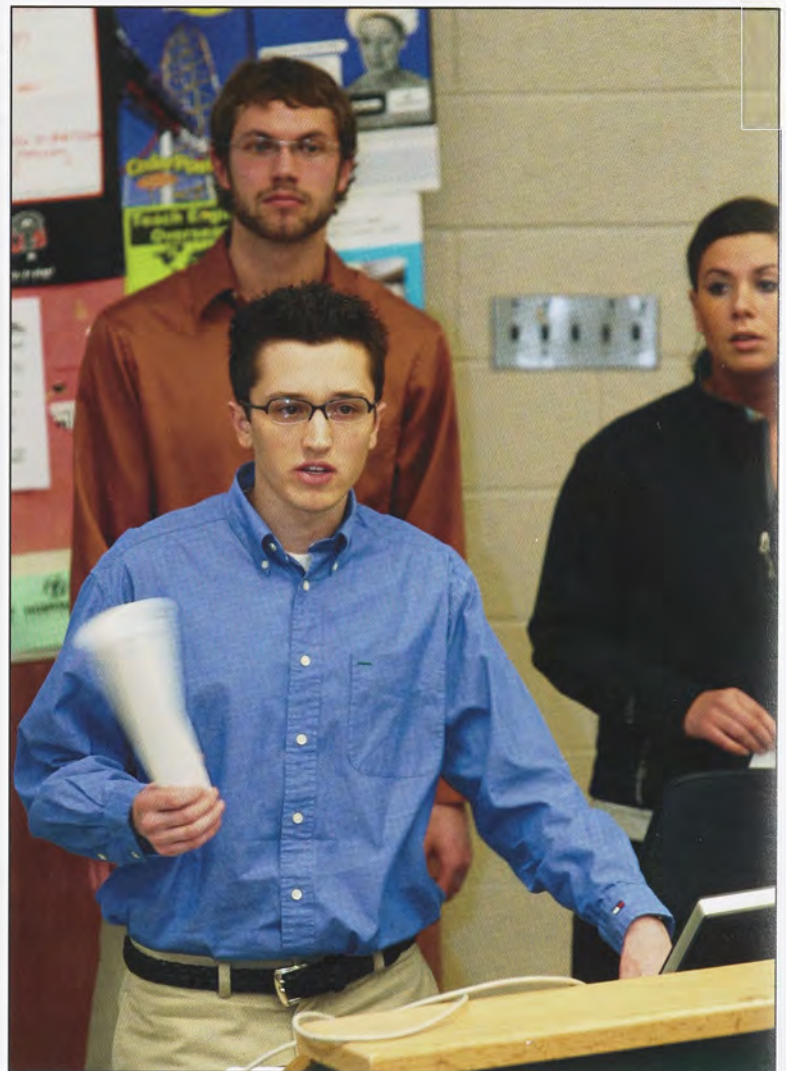
Members are broken into teams and each group works with various local nonprofit organizations with business-related problems. This semester, their project scopes vary from creating fund development strategies, marketing and advertising and Web site design.

"Not only do the nonprofit organizations benefit from the services we provide, but our students gain valuable, real world knowledge by working in teams and applying classroom knowledge to their projects," said Carolyn Obrecht, accounting junior and executive vice president of the group.

Their main focus is helping companies and meeting with them every week, but they also have various speakers from different consulting firms come in, speak about their company and help with general project ideas.

"SCNO is a place where students can come to watch their ideas grow, to experience the business world first-hand and to contribute to the community," Dennison said. "The skills I have learned in SCNO are invaluable and will stick with me for the remainder of my professional career."

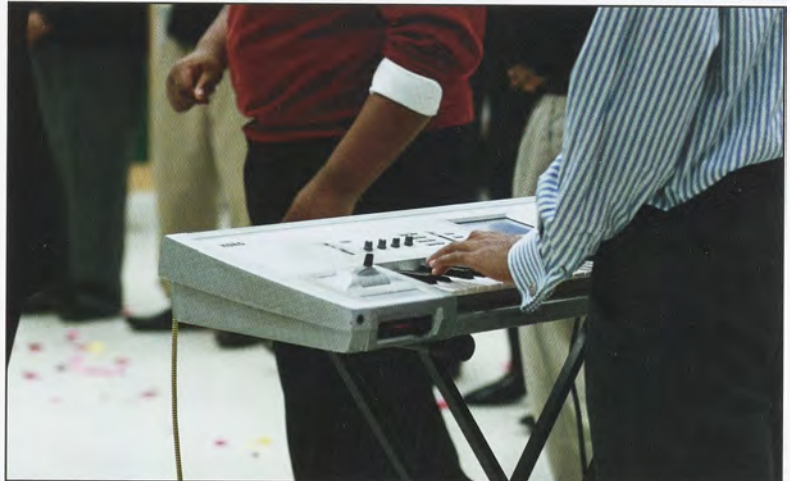
Stephanie Defever



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A group of students ask for feedback from their peers at a weekly meeting. Student's Consulting for Nonprofit organizations assembled into smaller work groups earlier in the year and were assigned a nonprofit organization to consult with. The goal of the exercise was to present free consultation to organizations that would appreciate the students' services.

Working for Equality



Jacob Vink

The Gospel Choir leads the room in a song during Brothers Of the Struggle's event. The purpose of the event was to give thanks to the African American female and the influence she's had in men's lives. Oprah Winfrey and Ruth Simmons, the president of Brown University, were some of the notable women recognized.

The keyboardist for the Gospel Choir plunks out notes during an event headed by the Brothers Of the Struggle. The event featured speakers, food, music and singing. The group provides helpful services for African Americans.



Jacob Vink

"We're not trying to take over the campus – just create a purpose," said Lee Johnson, Brothers Of the Struggle president and hospitality business junior.

The organization hoped to create a purpose for young black men by integrating black thought and equality into the spectrum of knowledge on campus.

Brothers Of the Struggle initially came to campus in the summer of 2006. One of their activities on campus was held Feb. 28 in Anthony Hall and praised the "glory, grace and beauty" of the black woman in an event titled "A Woman's Worth." Men and women of all ages attended and Dr. Pero Dagbovie spoke to the crowd on the historic importance of the black woman. Each woman in the crowd received a rose of a symbolic color.

"I like black women's history because they've done a lot to inspire me," Dagbovie said.

In addition to the historic importance, Dagbovie also spoke about male and female relationships in the black community and pointed out two women he considered role models to today's black female youth: Oprah Winfrey and Ruth Simmons, the president of Brown University.

"The black man is made into a man in large part by the black woman," Dagbovie said. "Women shouldn't be an add-on. They should be included in the whole, just like black people should be in as a whole with all people."

Future plans for the organization included putting on concerts, working in the community to provide safe sex information and continuing to give young black students means to achieve.

Beth Houser

Tools of all shapes and sizes sit, waiting to be used, at a workbench in a dental art laboratory. The Pre-Dental Club went on a tour of Dental Art Laboratories. The tour was especially enjoyable because the club was able to observe technicians as they worked.



Jeff Proulx

MILLION *Dollar* SMILES

Crowns, bridges, implants and braces are appliances used by dentists on a regular basis. This equipment creates shiny, straight, ache-free teeth for patients, resulting in many healthy-looking smiles. Members of the Pre-Dental Club were given the opportunity to witness the production of these appliances when they visited the Dental Arts Lab in Lansing on Feb. 5.

"The idea was to mix things up a little bit and not have a regular sit down meeting. We got a tour of the lab from the manager. It was very informational and interesting," said Aaron Lerg, a general management junior and club secretary. "Seeing how all of this stuff was made really gave us a new appreciation for how much work was put in."

The club, which consists of 20 to 30 active members, met every other Monday in the Natural Sciences Building. At many of the meetings, area dentists and orthodontists gave presentations to inform the club of their own experiences.

"I really enjoy listening to our speakers because they give you an inside look at their careers, which helps us make a more educated decision on the area of dentistry we may be interested in," said Nichole Brinkman, a nutritional sciences senior and vice president of the club.

The club also offered an ample amount of resources for members who are preparing to take the DAT test and applying for dental school.

"Dentistry is a difficult profession to break into. The club just provides a lot of assistance to members who are willing to take advantage of the opportunities," said Lerg.

In addition to their focus on dentistry, the club made it a priority to become involved in the community and volunteered for numerous charitable events throughout the year. Some of the events they were involved with included the Breast Cancer Awareness Walk in Lansing, gift wrapping with the Red Cross at the Meridian Mall and partaking in the Relay for Life.

Jennifer Orlando



Jeff Proulx

Bryan Medler talks about the detailed procedures involved in creating dentures. Medler is the vice president of Dental Art Laboratories and offered many interesting facts about the dental fixtures. The tour was broken down into a step-by-step explanation of how a denture is created from beginning to end.

Campus volunteer organization works to help the local community



A Circle K member prepares a bowl of food to be cooked at BD's Mongolian Barbeque. Along with a night of service, the members of Circle K enjoyed a meal at the restaurant. Many of the members volunteered by trying their hand at cooking food on the Barbeque's grill.

A Circle **OF SERVICE**



Circle K members prepare their informational display. Many members of Circle K helped out at a fundraiser by serving as guest grillers at BD's Mongolian Barbeque. Doing jobs ranging from opening doors to cooking, every member of the Circle K team helped to make the volunteer event a success.

Community service organization Circle K has been serving the greater Lansing community since 1972. On Nov. 1, Circle K was able to move from the community into the world of restaurants, through a fundraiser at BD's Mongolian Barbeque restaurant on Grand River Ave. This gave the nonprofit organization an opportunity to raise funds for their February community project.

"We are raising money for 'Turn off the TV week,' where kids are encouraged to turn off the TV and focus on their family and community," said Dan Gibson, a physiology junior.

Valerie Humenik, a no preference freshman, and Maegan Payne, a pre-medical freshman, greeted customers in the lobby of the restaurant and described the organization's goals.

"It is a lot of fun to be a part of Circle K and help

the community," Payne said. "My favorite event during the year is Cat Sanctuary because we can work and play with stray cats."

Along with the Mongolian Barbeque fundraiser and Cat Sanctuary, Circle K also volunteers at Impression 5, a science museum for kids in Lansing, and Haven House, to help families get back on their feet.

Focused on service, leadership and fellowship, Circle K looks to make a positive impact on both the Lansing and MSU communities. Circle K is part of the Kiwanis Family, along with Kiwanis clubs, Key Clubs and builders clubs. It is an international organization with clubs in the U.S., Canada, Mexico, Korea and many other countries.

Kristy McCown

Balancing the Equation

"What's the biggest skill you've learned here in college?" asked Susan Fleitman, plant manager for the Flagship Yoplait Plant of Reed City.

"Problem solving," the group of listeners answered assertively at an American Institute of Chemical Engineers meeting.

"Bingo," she replied, surprised for a second at the correct answer on the first try.

Fleitman, a representative from General Mills, the sixth largest food company in the world, balanced speaking with asking questions and listening. During her presentation, she made a point to touch on leadership and being the boss. Speakers like this added a personal touch to the scientific-minded chemical engineering group.

"I joined this organization to get more of a feel for

what there is outside academics and interact with other engineers," said Andrew Kraus, a chemical engineering junior.

A world of job opportunities, in fields from pharmaceuticals to the food industry, awaited students after the completion of chemical engineering classes.

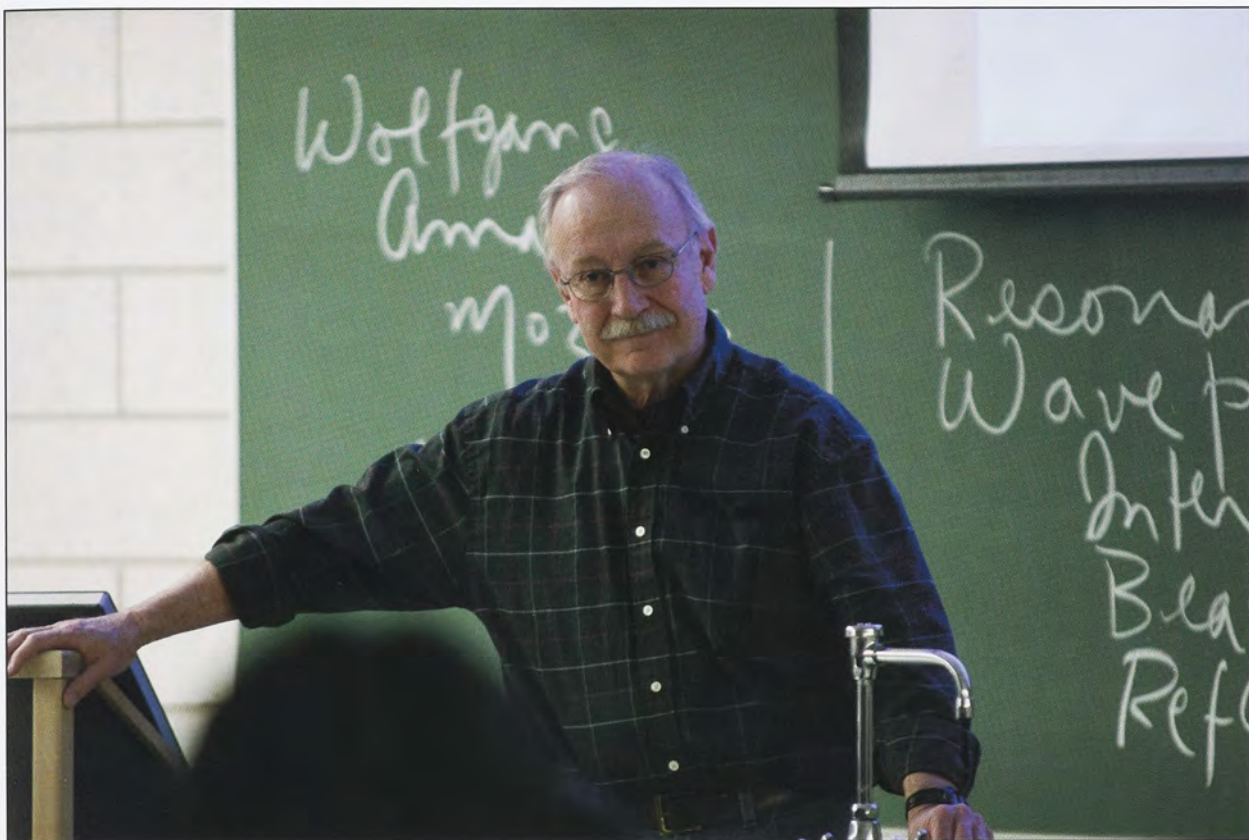
The organization provided professional help with internships, job skills, statistics and help with testing, such as resources for the Professional Engineers License test. The campus chapter, which is part of the national professional organization of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers, also participated in Relay for Life and won the Outstanding National Chapter award in 2005.

Beth Houser

The American Institute of Chemical Engineers listens to a speaker during Symposium Day at the Kellogg Center. The event featured well-respected speakers with careers related to chemical engineering.



Jacob Vink



Brian Laskowski

Norm Sauer was the guest lecturer at the Bioethics conference. The conference focused on anthropological and medical ethical issues. Most of the attendees were pre-med students.

Impacting Decisions

Trying to save the world one decision at a time was the focus of the Undergraduate Bioethics Society. The purpose of the group is to increase student and community awareness, knowledge and involvement in bioethical issues, or choices that affect all living organisms on Earth, not just humans.

"It is our belief that the better understanding we have of the implications of bioethical choices, the more capable we are to make informed decisions which affect not only our lives but also the world around us," said Eric Rueff, society vice chair and human biology senior.

The society had regular meetings of open discussion or lecture throughout the year. The group maintained an open door policy, available to anyone who wanted to participate or hear the speaker of the night. The group was also involved with Habitat for Humanity and participated in outreach programs with local high schools to raise

awareness about bioethics.

This year, the group held the 10th annual National Undergraduate Bioethics Conference on March 23-25. This conference focused on contemporary bioethical issues and drew undergraduate student attendees from all over the nation. The speakers for this conference were distinguished leaders in the fields of medicine, environmental policy, research ethics and other disciplines.

Rueff said it is an honor to hold this conference and they were very excited to hold the event. The theme was International Bioethics: New Frontiers and Emerging Issues. Discussed topics included genetic rights, bioterrorism, genetically modified organisms, global warming and health care.

Stephanie Defever

Council providing opportunities for first-year students

Most freshmen began their finals week by hitting the books, but a few members of the Freshman Class Council (FCC) began by hitting the ice in a game of broomball.

"It looked like a lot of fun and a nice break from studying, which I probably wasn't doing anyways," said Mike Berkowitz, a veterinary medicine freshman.

The FCC sponsored a late night of broomball on Dec. 8 at Munn Ice Arena, where about 40 freshmen played the aggressive and slippery game for 90 minutes.

"It's just kind of an event to have a stress relief before finals," said Karren Lewis, a no-preference sophomore and director of relations for the FCC. "We wanted some fun activity, and not everyone likes ice skating, so we thought organized broomball would be a lot of fun."

As a division of ASMSU, FCC was formed around 1990 as a representative group for first-year students, because freshmen are unable to vote or run in the spring ASMSU elections, said advisor Eric Jessup Anger, a doctoral student. There were 18 students on the council.

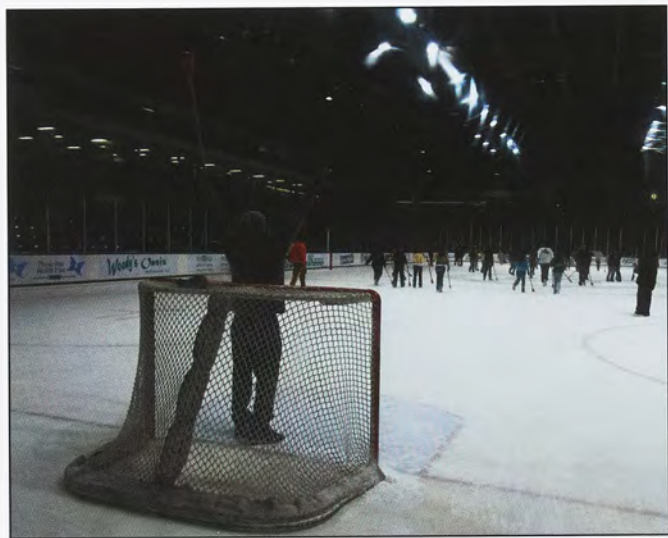
Lewis said, "We're kind of a different organization because we aren't elected, we fill out an application. "We try to promote events like this for freshmen and do community service."

In addition, the group has worked over the past few years to make the Academic Orientation Program more meaningful, according to Lewis.

Anger said, "Our main goal is to get first-year students involved in leadership positions, try to get them engaged in the university with what they want to do this year and in the future. At a school of 40,000, to see that they can do something and have an impact – it's a neat thing to watch."

Kaitlyn Hinman

ROOKIE *Government*



Brian Laskowski

The red team goalkeeper celebrates a goal by his team during a broomball competition at Munn ice Arena. The Freshmen Class Council put on the event to have freshmen meet new people of the same age range. The council also helps improve the Academic Orientation Program for incoming students.

Students prepare for the face-off of a broomball game. The event was held at Munn Ice Arena, and sponsored by the Freshmen Class Council. Broomball involves students walking on ice, while shuffling a ball around in a game reminiscent of a combination of hockey and curling.



Brian Laskowski

LESSONS *In* CLASS



Jeff Proulx

The Senior Class Council enjoys the Etiquette Dinner held in the Kellogg Center's Big Ten room. The dinner focused on how to properly eat and act in a professional business dinner setting. Etiquette techniques that students learned ranged from how to hold a plate of Hors d'oeuvres to how to take a business card from another person.



Jeff Proulx

A student enjoys the Senior Class Council Etiquette Dinner. Held in the Kellogg Center, the Etiquette Dinner showed many tips and tricks pertaining to a formal dinner. Candle lighting on every table added to the ambiance.

Quieting the bar talk from the tables of business-casual clad graduating seniors, Eli Broad College of Business graduate Pattie McNiel took her stance in the elegantly-decorated Big Ten Room of the Kellogg Center.

McNiel began First Impressions Training in Williamston and brought her down-to-earth knowledge of proper etiquette to graduates in an etiquette workshop on March 15. Held by the Senior Class Council and the Alumni Association, the workshop was sponsored by MSU Federal Credit Union.

The Senior Class Council was comprised of 23 seniors from a diverse range of locations throughout the world and a number of majors. Council committees included career development, commencement planning and philanthropy. These sectors brought together the educational and social communities by specifically serving the undergraduate senior class and putting together events such as the etiquette dinner.

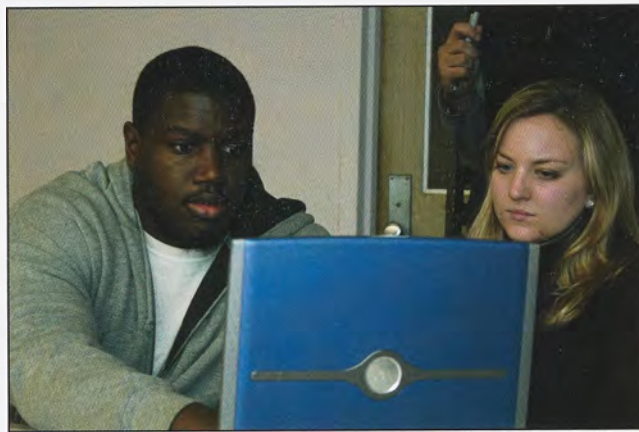
"I knew etiquette would be an important topic and I've been busy ever since," said McNiel, in regards to the business she began in 2001.

First impressions are established in the first five seconds of meeting a stranger, with 55 percent of that impression based on looks alone. For this reason, McNiel advised that students walk with purpose into a room and establish positive body language and a cheerful, complimentary and confident attitude when jumping into unfamiliar professional situations. The purpose of teaching etiquette involved more than just what silverware to use at the dinner table.

Beth Houser

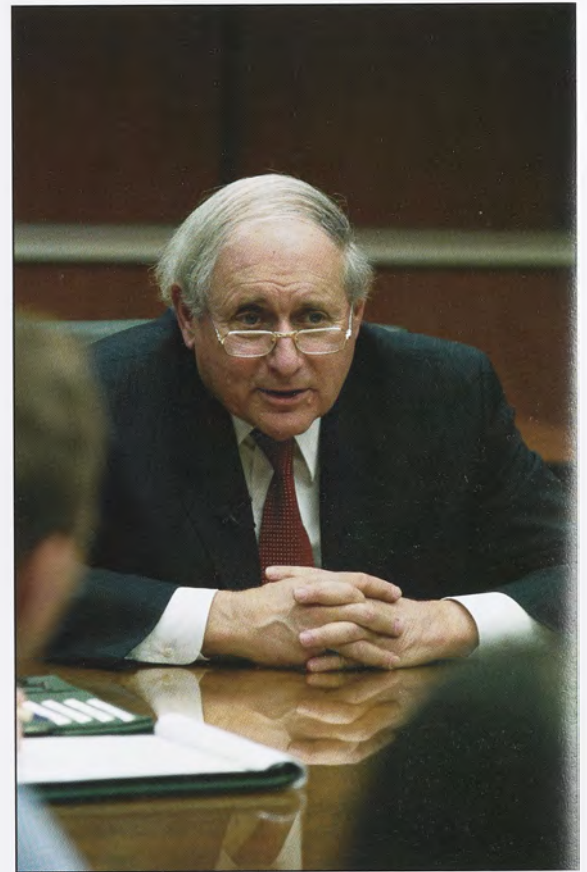
Wielding the Power

Brandon Hicks and Meg Wolocko set up their computer at an ASMSU meeting. Hicks and Wolocko were in charge of keeping the minutes for the meeting held in the Student Services Building. A State News journalist, Joey Nowak, looked on as Hicks and Wolocko prepared.



Jeff Proulx

Sen. Karl Levin looks to ASMSU students for questions. Held in the Administration Building, the meeting with Levin focused on a question and answer session with students. The topic of the discussion was credit card late payment fines and what Levin is trying to do to stop the charges.



Jeff Proulx

Out of all the organizations and clubs on campus a student could join, only ASMSU aimed to be the voice for all of them.

"This is really the only place where we can force a change – we have tangible power because of our liaison seat with the board of trustees," said Matt Caramagno, Academic Assembly internal vice chairperson and criminal justice and political science senior. "When the administration looks for student input, this is where they come."

Associated Students of Michigan State University (ASMSU) was the student government on campus and provided a large number of services, events and opportunities to undergraduates.

The largest parts of ASMSU were the representative bodies of the Academic Assembly and the Student Assembly, each having their own specific areas of jurisdiction.

"The Academic Assembly takes care of academic issues and governance; the Student Assembly covers everything not academic," said Roger Ludy, Student Assembly chairperson and supply chain management senior. "We try to resolve issues by advancing changes or improvements to issues or current policies of the university, or by acting to create solutions."

ASMSU also consisted of several subgroups: the Programming and Funding boards both allocated money to registered student organizations, the Student Defenders provided legal services to students for free and the Red Cedar Log produced the university's undergraduate yearbook.

In addition to these services, they had other objectives to improve the undergraduate experience. Some goals included the installation of transgender bathrooms on campus, making students aware of openings on the assemblies and improving the intramural facilities, an ongoing project, according to Ludy.

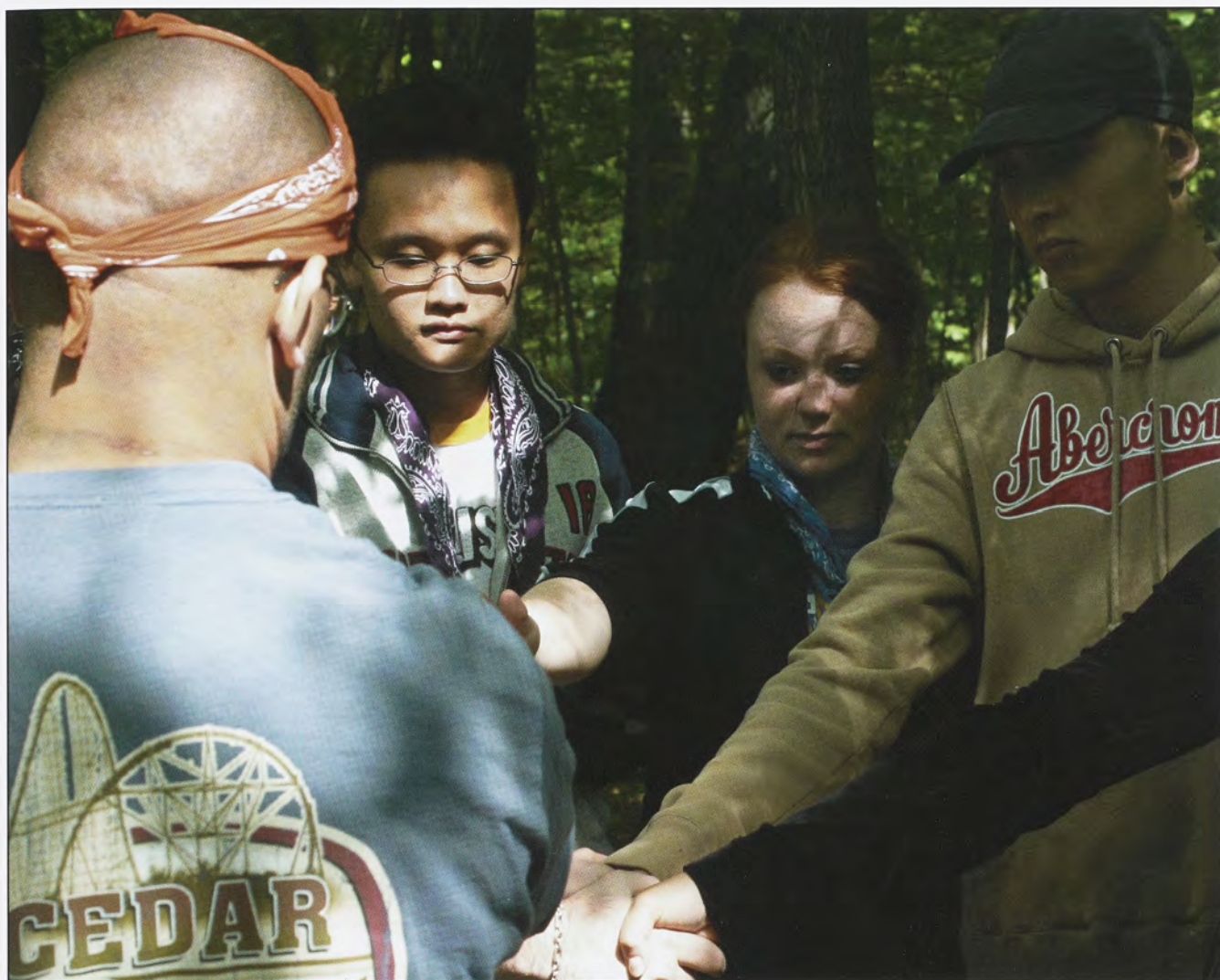
"We're trying to improve field conditions – we got drainage on fields at IM East and we want to add irrigation to other fields so they can be useable longer," Ludy said.

In fulfilling their role as the voice for the undergraduates, and in encouraging them to be more politically active, ASMSU sponsored events related to issues of great importance to students. One such event was a rally, held at The Rock, in protest of Proposal 2 that would ban affirmative action.

Mark Fitzgerald, ASMSU director of communications and marketing, said the overall experience of being in ASMSU not only prepared members for the real world, but gave them a feeling they made an impact on undergraduates.

"It's great to work for an organization that tries its best to represent the undergraduates," said Fitzgerald, a marketing junior. "I feel honored to represent the 46,000 students here – it's a job I would pay to have."

Kaitlyn Hinman



Nick Dentamaro



Nick Dentamaro

ASMSU members Brandon Sethi, David Pian, Laura Wolocko and Mark Fitzgerald participated in a team-building activity at the ASMSU retreat weekend at Camp Highfields in Oscoda.

Three student demonstrators show their support of ASMSU's "Vote NO Proposal 2" campaign. ASMSU held the demonstration at the Rock on Farm Lane. Proposal 2 passed when voted on later in the year.





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SIKH STUDENTS *Speak* OUT

Vikram Singh, an electrical engineering junior, has had lemonade thrown at him, was almost pushed into oncoming traffic on Grand River Ave. and was called "terrorist" and "Muhammad" regularly. Two men also assaulted him as they screamed, "Run, al-Qaeda, run!"

Singh was one of five panelists speaking about the attacks against Sikhs and Muslims at Holmes Hall on Nov. 1 in an event sponsored by the Office of Racial Ethnic Student Affairs and Briggs Multicultural Alliance. The lecture, titled, "Mistaken Identity," featured a video documentary and current students discussing the harassment they've faced since the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks.

"Terrorists are people who use their religion and not their reasons," Singh said. He and many other Sikhs have been targeted in the post-Sept. 11 world.

There have been 290 assaults on Sikhs in the United State since Sept. 11, according to the documentary. It also said that Sikhs are a peaceful people, that, "The Guru has taught us not to hit the enemy, but to hit the evil deed."

Harlori Tokhie, human biology senior, helped plan the event, and said it was more important for non-Muslims and non-Sikhs to attend, to understand the culture better.

"It's what we're hoping for, [non-Muslims and non-Sikhs] to attend," Tokhie said. "I'm not sure many even see the attacks happening on campus."

The Office of Racial Ethnic Student Affairs brought together students from diverse racial, ethnic, international and domestic backgrounds to support understanding, exploration and development of cultural identity

Courtney Robinson



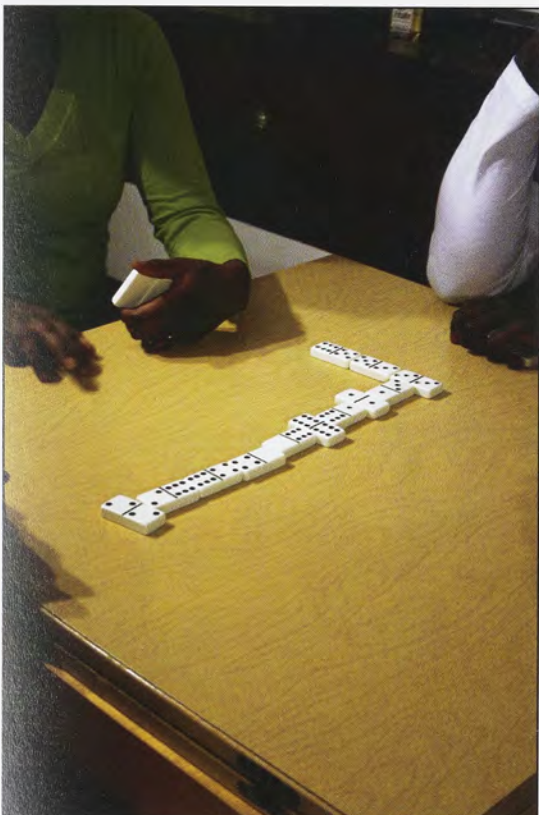
Courtesy of Harlori Tokhie

Simran Gill, Harlori Tokhie, Omar Khalidi and Afireen Syed listen to Vikram Singh (center) speak out about race, religion and stereotypes at the "Mistaken Identity" forum in November. The forum was sponsored by the Office of Racial Ethnic Student Affairs and Briggs Multicultural Alliance. There have been 290 assaults on Sikhs in the United States since Sept. 11, 2001.



Brian Laskowski

Rohan Williams prepares ackee and swordfish for the Caribbean Student Association. The association met monthly to celebrate their heritage. Ackee is a West African fruit that was introduced to Jamaica and is now the national food.



Brian Laskowski

Dominoes are one of the ways the group connects with its roots. Dominoes was immensely popular in the Caribbean, with large tournaments held annually and played for fun on street corners.

CREATING *Culture*

Students from a variety of majors and backgrounds gathered on Jan. 27 to partake in a monthly social held by the Caribbean Students Association.

The group, which after being inactive for years until it was revived in 2005, aimed to foster a sense of belonging for Caribbean students while educating others about the Caribbean culture.

"It creates a feeling of home away from home," said Eric Bailey, a graduate student in agricultural economics. "As a Caribbean person, it creates a sense of community."

Aroutis Foster, an educational psychology graduate student, agreed that CSA offers Caribbean students a place to feel more at home.

"It's a comfort zone," he said, adding that such groups bring more diversity to campus.

The club's socials offered traditional Caribbean cuisine, music and an opportunity to interact with others from a similar background. Still, members came from different parts of the Caribbean and many students noted their appreciation to learn about other cultures.

"Even though we're from different countries, it's nice being with people from different cultures," said Kamila Gomez, a graduate student in forensic science.

CSA also sponsored Caribbean Week, a five-day event in April featuring speakers, special dinners and activities that celebrated the Caribbean community.

Amanda Kauffman

The new face of information technology

The first India Information Technology Forum (ITTF), organized by the ITTF team, was held March 16 in Kellogg Center's Auditorium. It welcomed approximately 175 students from numerous majors and 75 professionals from all over the state to witness the new fields information technology is becoming applicable to. Such fields range from engineering to medical care.

"When people think IT (information technology), they think of a Microsoft company in India. It's much broader than that though," said Jason Masters, a finance major and vice president of finances and operations of the ITTF team.

With the world of information technology encompassing more than just computers, new jobs are becoming available all over the globe, particularly in India.

Jay Shah, a marketing senior and vice president of marketing

and communications for the ITTF team, said integrating with India is becoming an increasingly popular motive due to its massive population and the many opportunities available there.

Alumnus R. William Holland, from R. William Holland Consulting, served as the event's keynote speaker.

The ITTF team wished to accomplish a few important goals for the forum. In the forum's pamphlet, the team expressed what they wanted to achieve: "to promote awareness about innovation and IT, services management and job opportunities in the United States and India."

"I've been involved in many organizations. I'm always up for a new challenge. It's (ITTF) been a challenge, but it's definitely paying off," said Masters.

Jennifer Orlando

A World OF OPPORTUNITIES



Jeff Proulx

Robin Sarkar speaks to the audience about the importance of information technology in the marketplace. He was part of the third panel of specialists at the Indian Information Technology Forum. Sarkar, the director of global information sciences at Whirlpool, focused on the hyper-globalization of information technology.

Siva Velu advances to the next slide in his presentation at the Indian Information Technology Forum. The executive vice president of Convansys, Velu showed statistics on the hyper-globalization of information technology. Velu used his 25 years of experience, and a job that helps provide Fortune 1000 companies with information technology, to give students a glimpse of the careers possible in the field of information technology.



Jeff Proulx

SNAPshots OF CHANGE



Brian Laskowski

Photography Club members return from a day trip into downtown Lansing for a photo-walk. The group was founded a year ago and is working on expanding and bringing together photographers of all backgrounds to enjoy photography.

A relatively new organization on campus, the Photography Club was in its second year of operation. Chelsea Wyke, an interior design sophomore, started the club in the fall of her freshman year, but the club started their year months before she moved to school.

At AOP, Wyke met with Jen Busch, who was vice president of the club. Realizing they shared the same hobby, they wanted to join a photography club to stay in touch. Unfortunately, there was no club at the time. Wyke and Busch decided to form their own and, with these simple beginnings, the Photography Club was formed.

In its first year, it had over 75 members through their Facebook group and e-mail server. That year "photo walks" were held on campus and in Lansing. People were invited to walk around with the club in a big group and take pictures of the scenery. The group also took pictures for Take Back the Night in 2006, which was a campus event to educate students and the community on sexual violence. The Web site for this event displayed works from club members Jeff Proulx, Brian Laskowski and Wyke.

The second year of the club fizzled because of lack of leadership available to the group. However, the group did have a table at "Party at the Aud," where it gained more than 50 new contacts and held a dress-up contest where passerby's were asked to dress in wigs and ridiculous costumes to have their pictures taken.

Though the club was primarily idle this year, the expectations for next year are high.

"I would love to see more people get involved, more activities and community involvement," Wyke said.

This will take a lot to accomplish since the group will be changing leadership next year to Allison Pluda, an environmental sciences sophomore. Pluda seemed to have taken the reins nicely already with the development of a Photography Club Web site that will keep members and the community connected. To get more information on getting involved with this group, visit <http://msuphotographyclub.googlepages.com>.

Marissa Nelson



Featured *Photography*



Jeff Proulx

Jason Chiou



Ever stopped to just look at something on campus? We as students spend too much of our time while walking on campus to class thinking about how much we don't want to go to class. The Paolucci Building is what made me stop from my morning ritual of walking to class. I found it troubling that this University would leave a perfectly good building to be destructed, open in the weather, and this is where the inspiration of this photo of the Paolucci Building came across. -Jason Chiou



BL Lakowski

This burning coal I found on a shoot at a remembrance assembly in front of the Administration Building. The group had lit candles around the area, however, this was the only thing of its kind burning here. I knew it deserved a shot.
-Brian Lakowski

Caitlin Anderson



The Impluse dance team exits the stage during Latin Xplosion. This was a very fun event for me to photograph because everything was so lively and colorful. All the performances were entertaining and relevant. I'm happy that I got a chance to capture a moment of the atmosphere. -Caitlin Anderson



The Straylight Run concert was an amazing shooting night for me. As I was watching the band perform, I saw some amazing reflections in the bassist's guitar. I snapped a few shots off and happened to hit the reflection just perfectly to capture a halo around the player. -Brian Laskowski

B Laskowski

Jeff Proulx



At a weekly practice for the Ballroom Dancing Club, I focused on the presence of natural lighting and the symmetry formed by the tiles in the floor. -Jeff Proulx

After taking many photos at the rodeo, I found that I wanted to capture the freedom the cowboys seemed to enjoy as their horses leapt. I increased my shutter speed to freeze the horse and rider at the height of their jump. -Jeff Proulx



Jeff Proulx

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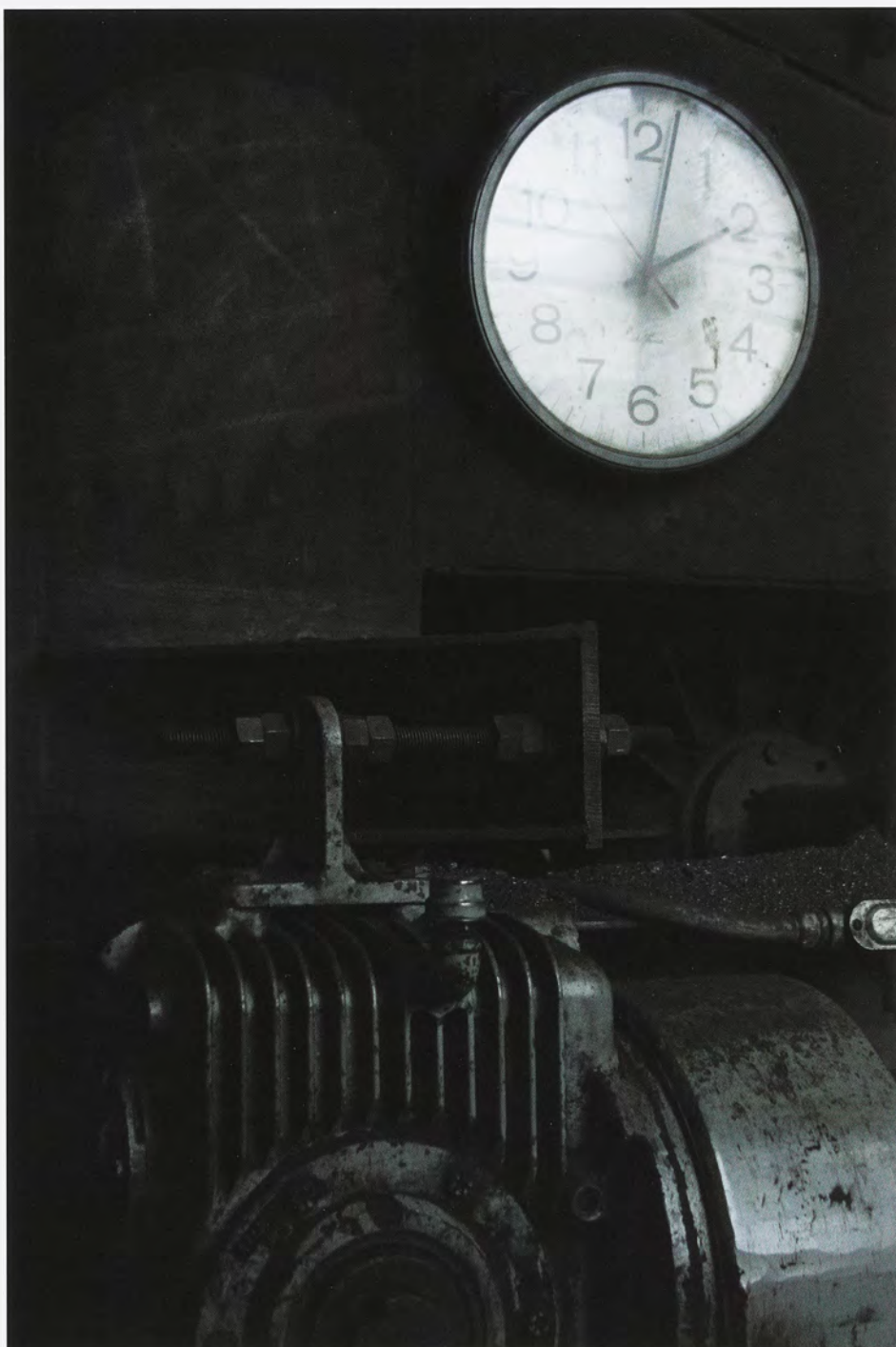
After taking countless images at the women's basketball game, I focused on one player who seemed to be displeased after she fell. I especially enjoyed her facial expression. -Jeff Proulx



This was one of my greatest growing shoots as a photographer all year. I had taken shots of dodgeball previously in this location and returned with terrible images, blurred and horrid orange color. I knew this shoot would be under the same conditions, so I braced myself, tried some different techniques and came back with some amazing images. -Brian Laskowski

B. Laskowski

When I was on a tour of the MSU Power Plant, I saw many interesting opportunities for artistic photography. I took advantage of the low lighting in the photo. When I saw the clock positioned so close to the coal machinery, I couldn't help but think of how little time is left for our fossil fuels and how hard it will be to stop using them. -Jeff Proulx



Jeff Proulx

Jacob Vink



I like this shot because it gives all the details of what was happening. A quick glance tells that this photo was taken midsong and the giant heart as a backdrop leaves little doubt to the theme of the song. -Jacob Vink



H. Jasko



The Virginia Tech Vigil I covered was one of the most heart-wrenching events I covered the whole year. It was a great feeling that the community could band together to support each other after this tragic event. I can only hope that we can equally band together for other causes from around the world as we did after this incident. -Brian Laskowski

Only intending to try and capture the beauty beneath graffiti and the streaming colors, I was surprised to find a victim of a long night of partying. Switching my focus, I aimed and included beauty behind the sad loss of a good friend. -Rebecca Chaeau



When my photography professor told us to go out and shoot on the coldest day of winter so far (at least -100 degrees), I figured I'd shoot through windows so I could actually move my fingers. But when I walked past the river and the ducks surrounded me, I thought I owed them at least a close-up. -Molly Benningfield



Molly Benningfield

Photo Contest Winners



Rebecca L. Chasau



It seems taking pictures is a right place, right time mindset and that's all this was. I felt the essence of both Beaumont Tower and Spartan Stadium was brilliant. It came together nicely. But, photography is a point, shoot and pray-type operation and I'm glad to have taken such a photograph. -Mike Dunker

Mike

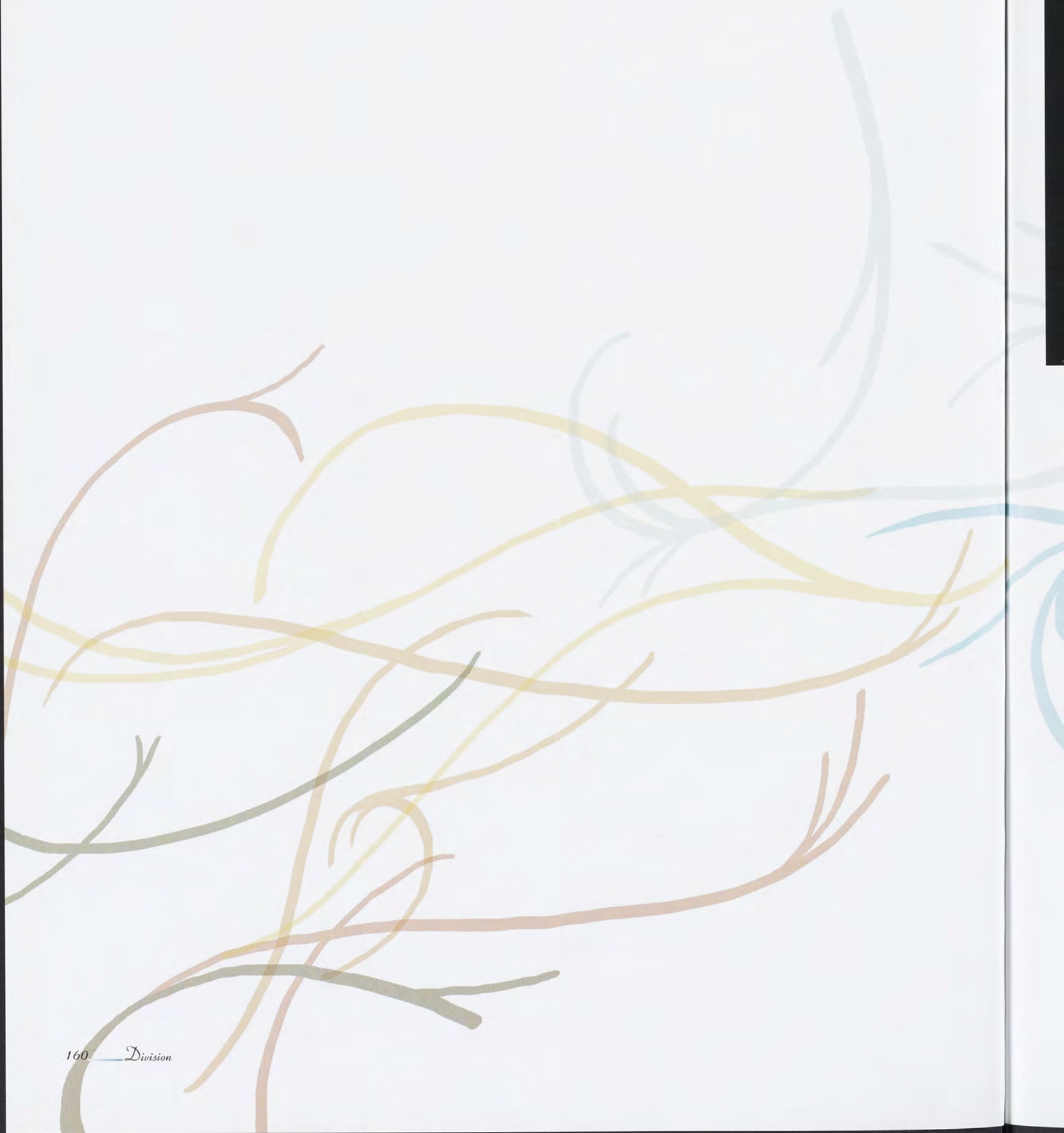


Jen Busch



Photo Contest Winners

I was out taking some pictures on an unusually sunny day in February. On the bridge near Wells Hall, I came across all these ducks. They were everywhere! They walked right up to my feet and even followed me around as I tried to change my roll of film. The steam in the background put the finishing touch on the surreal experience. -Jen Busch



Greek *Life*



Bryna Shields



A band of members of Delta Gamma and Alpha Gamma Rho performs at Greek Week's Battle of the Bands. The event featured bands that consisted of members of different Greek organizations competing before a panel of judges.

Unity was apparent within the Greek community during their events, held throughout the year. On Nov. 16, the annual Greek Gala was held at the Lansing Center in Lansing. In February, the Greeks also held Greek Week: a weeklong series of events that helped raise money for charities in the Lansing area.

The purpose of the Greek Gala was to recognize outstanding accomplishments and contributions to the Pan-Hellenic and the Interfraternity councils. Greek chapters that were represented on both of the councils were invited to attend this event, which consisted of a formal dinner and award presentations.

There were 29 different awards presented to sorority and fraternity chapters at this year's Greek Gala. The Sisterhood award was presented to Pi Beta Phi, while Delta Sigma Phi won the Brotherhood Award. On an individual level, Michelle Reedy of Chi Omega and international relations senior Justin Burrows of Theta Delta Chi won President of the Year awards.

"I was extremely excited to have won such a prestigious award and was just fortunate to work with such wonderful people, as well as the other presidents," said Reedy, Chi Omega president and marketing junior. "I look forward to seeing what the next group of talented presidents will do and will always cherish my time as a leader on this campus."

After the gala recognition, the Greek community shifted its focus to donating money to charities during the Greek Week festivities. More than \$190,000 was raised for the American Cancer Society. Other charities represented at Greek Week included Ele's Place, the Ronald McDonald House and the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

A major goal of Greek Week was "to provide an atmosphere that would lead to unity amongst all Greek chapters and hopefully show the community as a whole that the Greek Community is more than stereotypes," said Robert Evans, Greek Week director and applied engineering sciences and Spanish senior.

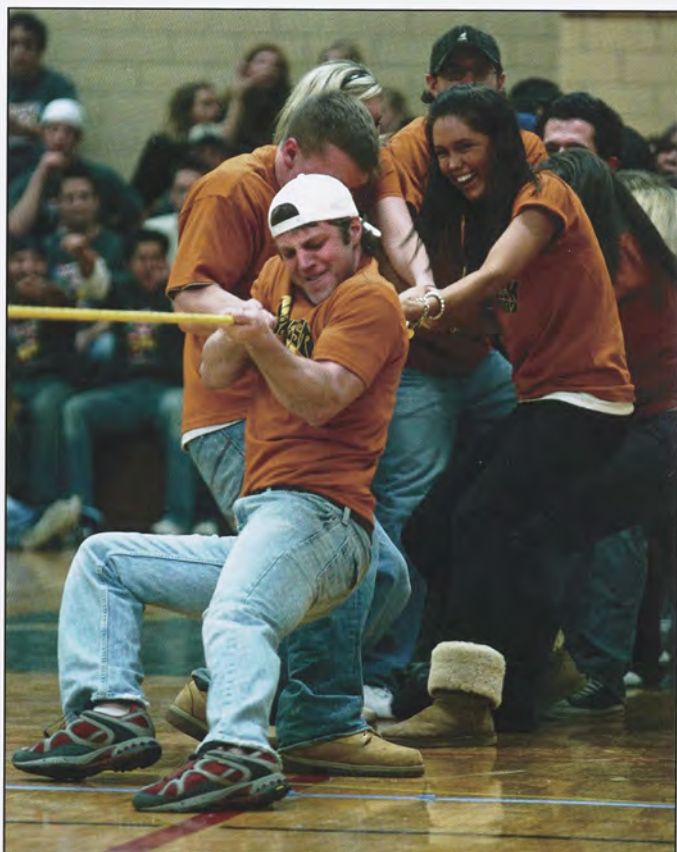
The overall winner of Greek Week was the team comprised of Alpha Chi Omega, Lambda Chi Alpha and Pi Kappa Phi. Points were awarded based on factors such as team performance, attendance and smaller aspects such as team unity and T-shirt design. The Greek community raised money for charities through events such as Relay for Life and a can drive.

"I think that the most successful event we put on was Relay for Life. We beat last year's total by \$35,000," Evans said. "I think that the big three (MTV Night, Battle of the Bands and Songfest) were also very successful."

Kristy McCown

ACTIVE ON CAMPUS

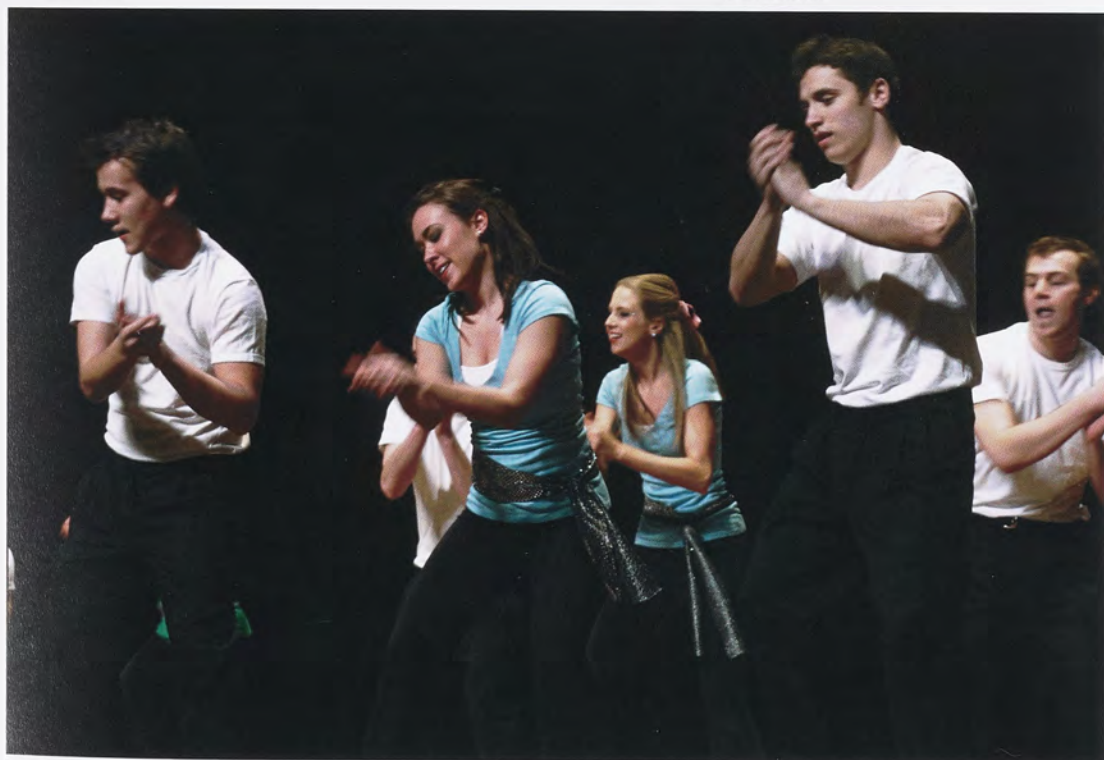
Greek Life



Jacob Vink

Brian Laskowski

A fraternity front man prepares for the epic tug-of-war match at Greek Week's Relay for Life. His team went through many rounds before finally being eliminated by the Alpha Rho and Theta Chi team. The Relay for Life event kicked off Greek Week on February 17.



Bryna Shields

Members of fraternities and sororities worked together to choreograph dances for the annual Greek Songfest. This was one of many events held during Greek Week. Along with the dancing, each fraternity and sorority competed in penny wars as a fundraiser.

Cheering For A Cure Zeta Tau Alpha

Zeta Tau Alpha members gather in support of their "Think Pink" campaign fundraiser. The women each wore a pink shirt and black pants to make their statement supporting breast cancer awareness in unison. The sorority also sponsored the Cheer Classic event at Jenison Fieldhouse in cooperation with Cheer for Charity and Capital Allstars.



courtesy of Zeta Tau Alpha

Pink ribbons and signs adorned Jenison Fieldhouse on Oct. 22, transforming the venue into a cheer competition supporting a good cause. Music blared from the disc jockey's stereo while statewide dance and cheer teams showed their moves, raising money for breast cancer awareness. The result was the third annual Cheer Classic, put on by Zeta Tau Alpha, along with Cheer for Charity and Capital Allstars.

"We have been planning this event since last April and it takes weekly meetings to keep up with everything that is involved," said Cathy Pasia, a psychology senior and event co-coordinator. "There are three of us in charge of it at Zeta Tau Alpha."

As two Zeta Tau Alpha members had a relative affected by breast cancer, the event not only served as a fundraiser, but also as an act of support from the rest of the sorority members. It was a cause that meant a lot to the girls involved, the teams that participated and the families that attended.

"Our goal was to raise \$30,000. The money raised came from the \$65 team registration fee, guest admissions, team donations, basket raffles, auctions, apparel and monetary donations from family, friends and businesses. All the money goes toward the Susan G. Komen Foundation for breast cancer awareness and education," said Amanda Tasker, an elementary education sophomore and co-coordinator.

Since their 1996 International Convention, Zeta Tau Alpha has remained dedicated to their national philanthropy of breast cancer awareness, as it chose to increase its support for any and all organizations that supported the cause. Staying true to their founding members, the girls have also kept the tradition of their "fraternity" alive, as it was so founded, to be differentiated from the sororities that ran in conjunction with other men's fraternities. Every Oct. 15, the girls commemorate the founding women who started the fraternity in 1898 in Farmville, Va. by wearing turquoise and gray ribbons that symbolize their promise to uphold the traditions and values of their organization.

Jennifer Orlando

People under age 24 are statistically less likely to vote than any other age group. Zeta Phi Beta sorority, a sisterhood founded in 1920 for African-American women, tried to change this with its voter education panel, held at Hubbard Hall.

Panelist Michael Pleyte, who attended the University of Colorado and has worked on several campaigns, explained how to register either in East Lansing or as an absentee. He urged students not to let paperwork or other complications keep them from voting.

"[Lawmakers and pollworkers] don't trust us," Pleyte said. "They try to purge college students."

The other two panelists, Donald Wasserman, assistant director of governmental affairs for the Associated Students of Michigan State University, and Mary Pollack of One United Michigan, a group defending affirmative action, spoke out against the Michigan Civil Rights Initiative, also known as Proposal 2.

Zeta Phi Beta also held a Welcome To State forum to teach new students about available resources. During Zeta Week, held Feb. 4-10, they hosted several discussions of social issues

and Royal Blue Night: A Salute to Men. Other events during the week included a health fair, the Blue & White Scholarship Ball and the Finer Womanhood Workshop.

"Previously I thought Greeks only threw parties," said Zoe Sugar Van Dlyone, an apparel and textile design and retailing senior. "I always had an interest in sorority life and after researching Zeta Phi Beta sorority...and getting to know the members, I discovered that the great works that Zetas accomplish fit well with my personal beliefs."

The group also supported Zetas Helping Other People Excel, or Z-HOPE, on the national level. Z-HOPE is dedicated to improving the health of communities and providing cultural opportunities. The sorority runs on a "seven point plan of action," focusing on facets such as education, economic development and community volunteerism. On an international level, the sorority was the first to create chapters in Africa and Germany.

"Our mission is to lift up the communities, mind, body and soul," Van Dlyone said.

Megan Hart

Getting Out The Vote Zeta Phi Beta



Jeff Proulx

Michael Pleyte explains what the MCRI bill is and how it will affect students as Donald Wasserman looks over his notes. Along with Mary Pollack, the three-person panel discussed the MCRI bill and encouraged students to get out and vote in the November elections. Zeta Phi Beta sponsored the event in an effort to promote awareness of governmental affairs.

CREATING LOVE

Kappa Alpha Theta



Jeff Proulx

The judges of the Kappa Alpha Theta contest watch as the CASAnova contestants display their talents. The contest, held in the Kellogg Center, looked to find the best "CASAnova" in the Greek community. The night was full of energy and a smile could be found on every face.

The Beta Pi chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta, which was formed in 1926, hosted the second annual Mr. CASAnova in the Kellogg Center auditorium. The event was held on Nov. 28 to raise money for the sorority's philanthropy cause, Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA). CASA trains volunteers to represent abused or neglected children in court situations and tries to fulfill the best interests of the children in the foster care system.

"Kappa Alpha Theta has helped kids in foster homes to have a voice in their most troubled times," said Jeff Croff of Lansing, a CASA representative of Ingham County.

The sorority, which was the first Greek letter women's fraternity, was founded by the first women ever admitted into the Greek letter organization system at Indiana Asbury University, which is now DePauw University. This year, Emily Ash served as president of the social Greek-letter sorority, which has continually earned multiple honors of "Greek Woman of the Year" and received high GPA acknowledgements, building it as a pillar in the Greek community.

"We wanted to get the whole Greek system involved and also the campus," said Emily Everingham, a human biology senior, of the Mr. CASAnova event.

The Mr. CASAnova featured 21 male contestants of the Greek system, competing in a pageant.

Mr. Congeniality and the top five placing men were announced along with Mr. CASAnova. Jimmy Grove, an advertising sophomore from LCC, won the title. The initial round introduced the contestants to the judges, who were members of other sororities, and audience members. The occupational round and the formal wear round both required an outfit change, and quick wit and charm were helpful while answering questions posed by the emcees of the event.

CASA is the major philanthropic project for the group. Kappa Alpha Theta has chapters throughout the country and has also become the first sorority to become international, by gaining a chapter in Canada.

Beth Houser

Awareness in sponsoring World AIDS Day

The women of Alpha Kappa Alpha have a strong history of philanthropic work that dates back to their formation on campus in 1954. They have primarily sponsored events that offer helpful information on numerous social, health and economic issues that directly affect college women. The topics that their events cover range from HPV awareness, to money management, to tackling African American stereotypes. Adding one more informative seminar to their long list of community service and awareness programs was their World AIDS Day event, sponsored in conjunction with Spartan Soul, to benefit not only women, but everyone on campus.

After about a month of planning, the Alpha Kappa Alpha members were able to put on the event on Nov. 29. The event exposed valuable information to the audience members who were able to learn from each other and guest speaker Kaye McDuffie, a prevention specialist from the Lansing Area AIDS Network.

"HIV is one of the many health disparities affecting African Americans," said McDuffie.

To notify students of the event, Loren Hickman, an applied engineering sciences senior and Alpha Kappa Alpha member, was in

charge of posting fliers in residence halls and lecture halls.

"People need to take what they learned [from the event] and make everyone aware. They need to share the knowledge they've gained," said Hickman.

There were a variety of different AIDS myths that were corrected at the event, such as the idea that HIV can be contracted at public restrooms or swimming pools. Numerous ways in which students on campus can help alleviate the growing problem were also suggested, such as getting tested and informing people they know of the virus' consequences.

McDuffie offered some hard numbers and informative facts about the virus to the audience gathered at the Akers auditorium. According to Duffy, 52 percent of all people with HIV are African Americans and, in Michigan, that number is up to 56 percent.

"Each person needs to take proactive steps to stop the spread of AIDS. If we can find a cure, then it won't eliminate the population," said Eryn Richmond, an applied engineering sciences junior and Alpha Kappa Alpha member.

Jennifer Orlando

BECOMING AWARE

Alpha Kappa Alpha



Starr Young, Pareese Mahone and Charde Fisher of Alpha Kappa Alpha laugh and discuss the topics of the night. Kaye McDuffie, a prevention specialist from the Lansing Area AIDS Network, delivered an informative presentation that had most attendees excited to talk about what they could do to prevent AIDS.

Jeff Proulx

FoodForThought Alpha Gamma Rho

Although this professional fraternity was based out of the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources, the group's focus was not only on food-related fields. Brothers with majors from animal sciences to packaging were welcome to join Alpha Gamma Rho, a fraternity dedicated to furthering career aspirations in the food, fiber and life science industries. The campus chapter was founded in 1922, after the establishment of the national organization in 1904.

Career interests were not the only focus of Alpha Gamma Rho. In February, the fraternity helped raise more than \$215,000 for various charities, including the American Cancer Society and the Boys and Girls Club of Lansing. The group also welcomed 10 new brothers during the spring rush.

"I think we're a house that's on the upswing and will continue to grow," said Paul Ayers, an animal science sophomore. "Everyone in the house has a common interest and a similar background."

As for recognition within the Greek community, Alpha Gamma Rho captured two awards at the Greek Gala in the fall semester: the Grant Davidson Award, for best house management, and the Membership Education Award.

"I like how the house (was) focused professionally and socially," Ayers said. "It's helped me stay career-oriented. It makes the university seem smaller."

Jessica Sipperley

David Oesterle, an Alpha Gamma Rho general managing sophomore, concentrates as he shoots one of the final shots of an intramural basketball game. Alpha Gamma Rho brothers supported each other in times like these with encouraging cheers and positive attitudes, reflecting the fraternity's values and morals.



Kara Kameneck

Alpha Gamma Rho brothers Paul Ayers, Jeff Howard and Robert Metz paint themselves in their fraternity letters as they cheer their team on. During the winter, basketball games were held at IM West and provided a dynamic environment for brothers to bond with one another. The fraternity is devoted to encouraging positive individual development.



Kara Kameneck

Alcohol awareness program

Communications sophomore Angela Perez, sociology junior Margarita Gonzalez and Leticia Rodriguez, a family community studies junior, sample desserts and talk during a tasting event. The event featured desserts from different Latin American countries and cultures.



Jacob Vink

Sticking To Principle Sigma Lambda Gamma

Kisses and hugs were bountiful when friends and acquaintances greeted each other as they filed into the Culturas de las Razas Unidas (CRU) room in the basement of Wilson Hall on Jan. 30. Music blared and laughter reverberated from every corner of the vibrantly colored, cramped room.

Sigma Lambda Gamma was hosting an alcohol awareness program as a way of informing people, Hispanics in particular, of the magnitude of the urgent matter. It was held during their "Gamma" week, a time in which Sigma Lambda offered a different program each day of the week.

The themes of the programs were directly linked to the founding principles of their sorority: academics, community service, cultural awareness, morals and ethics and social interaction. Most of the programs held were intended for their spring recruits, but the alcohol awareness program was open to everyone.

"We chose alcohol awareness for our Cultural Awareness day because it's a pressing issue here on campus. We put this program

on for the Latino community," said Angela Perez, a communications junior and recruitment chair for the group.

As the biggest sorority with a Latina background in the United States, Sigma Lambda Gamma promotes diversity through each activity they put on, striving to represent their founding principles at each one. Although there are only four active members of the sorority on campus, they do numerous activities to raise awareness for various causes. Their philanthropy work as a local chapter is sexual assault awareness.

Nationally, they support the Y-ME National Breast Cancer Organization, the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation and the federal TRIO programs.

"I love all the principles we stand for and how every Gamma does their all to maintain them, whether it be through throwing programs, doing community service or supporting each other in our academic endeavors," Perez said.

Jennifer Orlando





Jacob Vink

A fraternity member plays the guitar as part of Greek Week's Battle of the Bands at the Auditorium in February. The Battle of the Bands was just one of many Greek-sponsored activities throughout the week. Others included an MTV Bar Night, Songfest and Relay for Life, among others.

Sorority rushes into spring with exhilaration

The ladies of Alpha Omicron Pi enjoy each other's company. Pledges were offered an opportunity to enter the sorority at bid day. If the pledge accepted the invitation, they joined the rest of the sorority members in a celebration.



Jeff Proulx

THE RED LETTERS

Alpha Omicron Pi

Cupid, the red carpet and "painting the town red": all of these ideas show the color red stands out in any background. During spring rush, Alpha Omicron Pi, whose chapter color is cardinal red, made a point of incorporating the color to display the powerful things of Greek life.

The "AOPirates," all dressed in bright red T-shirts, rushed in the basement of the sorority house, located at 333 Charles St., on Bid Day of spring recruitment. Elaborately decorated in a Caribbean theme, the house's interior was painted for the arrival of new pledges as the members of the house joked throughout the room, relaxed by looking at scrapbooks created by past members and practiced singing the sorority's staple song that would welcome new friends and sisters. Banners throughout the house read, "You're just the treasure we've been looking for!"

Teagan Clark, a professional writing freshman who joined the sorority in the fall, looked back on her experience with emotion and excitement for the new pledges.

"I just knew this was the house for me when I walked in – I got teary-eyed," Clark said.

The Beta Gamma chapter of Alpha Omicron Pi was formed in 1934, and nationally in 1897. Serving arthritis research, the sorority annually donates to the cause on a large-scale basis. A primary fundraising event for the group is the "Strike Out Arthritis" softball event.

Beth Houser

CREATING NETWORKS

Alpha Kappa Psi

Specialized organizations give students the ability to connect to those with similar interests as well as professionals in that field. In the business field, this student group is Alpha Kappa Psi. With approximately 60 members, Alpha Kappa Psi is a co-ed fraternity that considers both the professional business and social aspects of an organization.

With its campus chapter founded in 1952, Alpha Kappa Psi began as an all-male business fraternity. After the era of civil rights, fraternity transitioned into a co-ed business fraternity. Any student with a business or business-oriented major was eligible to join the fraternity.

"I was excited to be a part of this fraternity because I was able to network with students who have my same major, as well as business professionals who have personal experience in my desired field," said Greg Ormsby, a marketing sophomore.

Alpha Kappa Psi stood out as a unique organization

because it also was the only business fraternity with a house, located on 123 Louis St., and it is a member of the Interfraternity Council. The Interfraternity Council supervises all of the fraternities in the university's Greek Community.

Alpha Kappa Psi held events in which business professionals from well-known companies came to speak to the organization. Alpha Kappa Psi also participated in campus-wide Greek events, such as Safe Halloween and Greek Week. Some exclusive social activities conducted by the house included tailgates and a semi-formal dance in the fall, followed by a formal dance in the spring.

"The social events that we have each semester are always a ton of fun," said Lindsey Sears, a marketing sophomore.

"It has given all of us a chance to spend time together and become really close friends."

Kristy McCown



Jacob Vink

Members of Alpha Kappa Psi pose before a formal banquet. The co-ed business fraternity held many events throughout the year to give business students exposure to real world situations. They are unique in being the only business fraternity with a house.

Sorority members live, work and play hard

As one of the largest sororities on campus, Alpha Chi Omega was an active member in the Greek community. Throughout the school year, Alpha Chi contributed to the community in many ways, taking part in many social events.

In order to contribute to the community, Alpha Chi hosted a softball smash in April that has raised thousands of dollars in the past to promote their philanthropy, domestic violence awareness. Additionally, Alpha Chi also supported a local shelter for women and children called SafePlace, and participated in a 5K walk on campus to raise money and awareness. This year, they have shifted the tradition by making it a mother-daughter event.

"Volunteering and donating time and resources to a local cause is just as important as a national cause," said Shelley Childers, a journalism sophomore and sorority member. "Chi Omega not only provides me the tools and

experience to be a better person, but also to help better the community that I live in."

Along with their hard work, Alpha Chi Omega members also know how to have fun. They have many different social activities throughout the year, such as date parties and outings.

Other big events included their annual formal in April, which was very similar to a high school prom. Their semi-formal dance on Dec. 1 had each of the girls dolled up with their date of choice. The affair this year was held at Club Envy in Detroit. They rented Greyhound buses for the night, departing their sorority house at about 8 p.m. and returning around 3 a.m.

Nicole Meek, a member of the sorority and an advertising junior, said, "Every member is unique and that's what makes our house so fun!"

Brittney Moody

Clubbin' at Envy Alpha Chi Omega

Alpha Chi Omega sisters bustle out of the sorority house and into the night. The women and their dates traveled to Club Envy in Detroit. Alpha Chi is an international sorority that was founded in 1885 at DePauw University.





Brian Laskowski

Symphony Hamilton, Thu Tren, Denise Chiem, and the other women of Delta Xi Phi enjoy a feast and celebration for their sorority. The group held the event in the clubhouse of the apartment complex where some of them live. They enjoyed food, music and fellowship together.

SpiceOfGreekLife **DELTA XI PHI**

If variety is the spice of life, then Delta Xi Phi brought a little flavor to the Greek system. The multicultural sorority, which was formed at the university on Jan. 15, 2005 and nationally in 1994, worked to integrate one central message of acceptance throughout the diverse group.

"I'm biracial, so it was important to have strong multicultural support in a sorority," said Pamela Roberts, a human biology freshman.

Along with the advancement of women in education, the core pillars, or ideas, of the group included sisterhood, multiculturalism, community service and friendship. The sorority participated in the Martin Luther King, Jr. March, visited the Boys and Girls Club once a month and devoted time to their main philanthropy, the American Cancer Society.

Philanthropy events and small group activities provided an opportunity to strengthen the bond between the women. At the Indoor Luau on Jan. 27, an eclectic mix of music energized the group while they enjoyed a comfortable atmosphere of jokes and laughter, with card games and "mocktails," accented with rainbow paper umbrellas.

"The most important aspect about the sorority is seeing how our differences can make us better," said Jessica Eady, an alumna from Lansing and an original member of the sorority. "Through the pillars and activities, we grow stronger."

Friendship is where the sorority sprouted from, as a group of floor-mates with obvious physical differences and backgrounds formed an interest group with the hopes of imprinting their shared ideology on the benefits of multiculturalism into a sorority. Those women will now forever hold the base as the founding members.

"We strive to keep the family unit," said Denise Chiem, an audiology and speech sciences senior, on the sorority's small size and close-knit feel.

Beth Houser

SERVICE AND SISTERHOOD

Kappa Kappa Gamma

"Friendship, mutual support, opportunities for self-growth, respect for intellectual development, and an understanding of and an allegiance to positive ethical principles."

These were the cornerstones of the Kappa Kappa Gamma women's fraternity. Since its founding in 1870 on the campus of Monmouth College in Illinois, members of Kappa Kappa Gamma have striven to uphold these principles.

Now, 136 years into its tenure, Kappa Kappa Gamma was one of the nation's largest women's fraternities, with more than 200,000 members nationwide. Our university's Delta Gamma chapter was one of 131 extensions of the fraternity, founded in 1930.

The Delta Gamma chapter was involved in many philanthropic events on campus and within the local community. Two of the group's main causes were the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life and Reading is Fundamental, the nation's largest children's literacy program. Throughout the year, members collected books to donate to the program and read to local children to promote a love of literature.

"You realize how much of an impact reading has on young children," said Kristin Schradle, a no preference freshman.

Each spring, the Delta Gamma chapter recruits new members in its spring rush. This year, the women's fraternity acquired six pledges.

"The spring rush was very successful," Schradle said. "We had a lot of great girls come out."

If the past is any indication of the future, the Delta Gamma chapter of Kappa Kappa Gamma will continue its tradition of service with these new members.

Kelly House



Jason Chioti

Kappa Kappa Gamma's house sits on the corner of MAC Avenue and Beech Street. The sorority was founded in 1870 and is one of the oldest women's fraternities. Members believe philanthropy and mutual helpfulness are of significant importance.

Fraternity focuses on philanthropy and dedication to success



Kara Kamenec

Lambda Chi Alpha brothers pause for a pose before making their bid decisions during winter rush. Winter rush consisted of informal gatherings in which brothers interacted with pledges by playing card games and conversing over refreshments.

BACK IN THE GAME

Lambda Chi Alpha

After national fraternities were temporarily banned from Michigan Agricultural College in 1895, the Gamma Omicron chapter of Lambda Chi Alpha was the first to re-establish itself on campus in 1922. Last year, the fraternity won first place during Greek Week.

That year also marked the return of the fraternity's Junior 500 pushcart race, an energetic tradition from 1948 that had not been held since 1991. Linking undergraduates and alumni, it was at one time the largest independently student-run events in the nation. With 17 teams participating, the event raised \$1,100 for the St. John's Student Parish Food Cupboard.

"There is a core group of frats that seem to do a good job every year," said John Claya, house director and a political theory and constitutional democracy senior.

As for the recruitment process, the fraternity adopted the idea of associate members instead of pledges, to reduce the emotional stress of pledging. This way, men were automatically inducted into the fraternity and unity developed throughout the whole house, rather than between pledge classes.

"Everything revolves around associate members," said Jeff Hummel, an accounting junior and president of the fraternity.

The fraternity won 12 of 24 awards presented by the Interfraternity Council at the Greek Gala, including Chapter of the Year and the Service and Philanthropy award for the Junior 500 and their work for the North American Food Drive.

"I like the thought of coming back in 20 years and seeing pictures of the group of guys that won best Chapter of the Year at Greek Week," Claya said. "You can't take that away from us."

Beth Houser

Four Pillars Of Power Kappa Sigma

Hoping to follow in the footsteps of Kappa Sigma alums like Ted Turner and Jimmy Buffett, potential members gathered at 715 Grove St. for the fraternity's spring rush.

The atmosphere was very relaxed as existing members and would-be members mingled amid pizza, pop and a Nintendo Wii.

This laid-back environment doesn't indicate all that Kappa Sigma does to help out the community. The fraternity is dedicated to serving the community and has volunteered with Adopt-a-Highway, the American Cancer Society and Into the Streets, among others.

Fellowship, scholarship, leadership and service made up the four pillars of Kappa Sigma, one of the nation's largest fraternities. It has been a part of campus Greek life since 1937 and was established nationally in 1869. In addition to its four pillars, the local chapter of Kappa Sigma also prided itself on the diversity of its brothers. Jorge

Diaz, a hospitality business senior, pointed out that six different languages were spoken within the house.

Craig Lather, an electrical engineering junior, said, "We cater to all different types of people. Everybody's welcome here."

Neil Raj, an accounting senior, described the fraternity as "a value-based diverse brotherhood."

What many Kappa Sigma members appreciate most about their fraternity is the strong sense of brotherhood within the house. Diaz noted that this was especially important as a number of the members were from outside the state.

"The best part is having all these people you can depend on," said Lather.

Amanda Kauffman



Kara Kamenec

Kappa Sigma is one of the most diverse fraternities chapters affiliated with the university. Although Kappa Sigma held rush events at their house on Grove Street, the former house, located on Michigan Avenue, was once used to house training soldiers during World War II. Most members of the fraternity speak at least two languages.

Psychology senior Neil Chakraborty and a few of his Kappa Sigma brothers take a chance to sit back, relax and intermingle with pledge brothers. Excited to invite a large number of pledges to join this winter, the fraternity had their house fully equipped with plenty of food, beverages, entertainment and friendly faces. Sigma Kappa is very ethnically and culturally diverse.



Kara Kamenec

Sorority strengthens bond through first scholarship ball



Brian Laskowski



Brian Laskowski

Crimson and crème balloons stand elegantly next to guests at the Delta Sigma Theta scholarship formal. The ceremony took place in the Hannah Community Center on Abbott Road. The ceremony was one of the group's philanthropic causes and rewarded a lucky attendee with a \$250 scholarship for textbooks.

Delta Sigma Theta sisters line up for food at their scholarship formal. The night saw themes of red and white for dress and decorations. The tagline for the event was "An Elegant Evening."

BellesOfTheBall Delta Sigma Theta

The Epsilon Epsilon chapter of Delta Sigma Theta rushed throughout the Hannah Community Center the Friday after Valentine's Day. All the women were dressed in unique red dresses, sparkling in the backdrop of heart-shaped balloons and camera flashes. The sorority's scholarship ball was about to begin, a first since their formation in 1961. The program title read "An Elegant Evening: Crimson and Crème."

With members who are mostly African-American women, the sorority honored the recipients of the Outstanding Community Responsibility Scholarship. The award was given to a member who displayed academic excellence, gave back to the community and showed determination in furthering education. Kamry Selley, an applied engineering and sciences junior, received the \$250 book scholarship.

"Winning this scholarship will be a wonderful blessing, since I am out-of-state and it costs so much money for schooling

here," Selley said.

The hustle of the evening didn't seem to phase anyone's mood.

"Just being together is blissful for us," said Tyloaha Parker, a communications and business administration senior.

The scholarship ball was part of the organization's list of philanthropic causes, which included blood drives for the Red Cross, working to benefit the American Cancer Society and the American Heart Association, and participating in the Martin Luther King, Jr. Walk. These service projects all surrounded a "Five Point Thrust" theme, which focused on economic development, education development, international awareness and involvement, physical and mental health awareness and political awareness and involvement.

Beth Houser

Members of fraternity excel in social, academic and Greek life

Alex Merritt and Eric Hicks help move a couch during a Sunday afternoon cleanup. After this Sunday afternoon tradition of cleaning, a group dinner is served and prepared by members. The Triangle Fraternity is the university's only fraternity of engineers, architects and scientists.



Jason Chiou

TRYING OUT ALL ANGLES

"We once did a survey asking which of us came to college expecting to join a frat," said Sean Barton, biochemistry and molecular biology senior and Triangle fraternity president.

Not one of the 26 men who joined the fraternity ever pictured including Greek life in their college playbook. However, the survey results also linked the men in an academic manner, because all members belong to the colleges of engineering and natural science.

The group took first place at Greek Week last year. In between preparing for this year's Greek Week, the group still managed to make time to get together for their weekly Sunday night meetings. With classic rock music infusing the air, the men of Triangle looked ready for the upcoming events for the week.

"We try to make this a good house to bring Mom to," joked Barton, referring to the brotherhood-building rituals of cleaning, cooking dinner and maintaining their house, located at 242 N. Harrison Rd. The fraternity has owned the house since 1955.

By putting their personal, professional and Greek lives together, Triangle members created a niche that differed from the typical fraternity adventure. Triangle was the only fraternity in the North-American Interfraternity Conference that selected membership from only engineering, science and architecture majors.

Triangle fraternity also sponsored Leadership Advantage, a multiple-day seminar designed to introduce incoming engineering students to the campus and professors before they started their educations.

Triangle

Beth Houser

SMALL AND STRONG

Alpha Sigma Phi

With 30 active members, the brothers of Alpha Sigma Phi comprise one of the smallest fraternities on campus. The fall pledge class of 11 men was one of the biggest in recent years. But, instead of taking on a few more members during Spring Recruitment at the beginning of February, they held off.

"We had a few people stop by who were pretty interested, but we decided not to have a pledge class this semester so we could work on internal issues," said Jon Stacey, Greek Week chair and criminal justice junior.

In addition to making physical improvements to their house, located on Oakhill Avenue, the Alpha Sigma brothers spent time looking at the way their operations to see if that had any impact on their size.

"Our organization has been really small the last few years, so we want to take time to figure out what's wrong with recruitment – what we're doing wrong and how to improve it," said Dave Gross, corresponding secretary and East Asian languages junior.

At the same time, the men like the closeness and camaraderie that comes from having a small house. It was this atmosphere that attracted hospitality business freshman Steve Olson after visiting the fraternity during Fall Recruitment. The experience for him has been nothing but positive.

"I've become good friends with a lot of good guys – they're a lot of fun to hang around," Olson said. "It's definitely helped me in gaining responsibility and preparing myself more for college."

Being a member of the fraternity gave members the chance to take leadership positions, not just through the executive board and being "Big Brothers" to pledges, but through participation in conventions in Jackson and Indianapolis. The group also held a few events to raise money for charities and to boost fall recruitment. Like all Greek groups, they participated in Greek Week, but they also took part in a recruitment barbeque and took steps to hold a 5K run and hot dog eating contest.

"We do a lot more than party and have fun. We do a lot of things for charity, but no one hears about that, they only hear about the bad things," Stacey said. "There's a negative image of frats, but once we get (new members) in and talk to them, they find out we're more than that."

Kaitlyn Hinman



Jason Chiou



Jason Chiou

Each semester, during rush week, a paddle is designed as a part of the rush week festivities. Every paddle that is designed with the inscriptions of the names of the rushers that made it into the fraternity.

The Alpha Sigma Phi house is located just north of campus. Though the organization has been small over the past few years, spirits are still high and differences are still made. They also help out local charities.





Brian Laskowski

Club *Sports*

Spartans and Oakland University's Golden Grizzlies scramble to gain an early advantage in their Nov. 3 match. Games were started with six balls lined up at mid-court as both teams rushed to get them at the starting whistle. The Spartans came out of the rush victorious.



Brian Laskowski

deft.dodgers Dodgeball

It is a game of skill, fun, honesty and knowing how to duck and dive; it is the game of dodgeball. The playground game grew into a popular sport at the college level, led by the Dodgeball Club. This was the club's fourth year as a registered team and the numbers kept growing: the organization was the second largest student group on campus, with a listed roster of 78 members.

"This is dodgeball: this is about a fun game," said Aleks Bomis, club president and political science and pre-law senior. "There is no seriousness."

In addition to hosting the first intercollegiate dodgeball tournament, the Midwest Dodgeball Conference Postseason Tournament, the team was instrumental in both the establishment of new teams and the development of the conference. The team's season extended from November to April, ending with the MDC Tournament.

"The team and the game has escalated and we are trying to take it to as many levels as we can," Bomis said. "We have started a team, we hold invitationals, we played as halftime entertainment at Breslin, and the next step is to get games broadcasted."

Because of the fast-paced nature of the game, team members worked on developing the honesty of players on the floor. The group also worked to improve athleticism and keep the atmosphere stress free.

"Dodgeball is a stress-reliever and a time for us to come together, have fun and meet new people," said JT Minshall, vice president and civil engineering senior.



Brian Laskowski

Spartan players prepare for a second game against the Golden Grizzlies. The green and white went on to capture their second victory of the night. Prior to the match, the teams competed at halftime of the women's basketball game against the University of South Florida.

Stephanie Defever



Nick Dentamaro

kick.in.to.gear Aikido Club



Nick Dentamaro

Mark Reitmeier moves across the floor. Reitmeier gave the demonstration with the help of the rest of the Aikido Club. Master Morihei Ueshiba founded the club in 1925.

James Johnson Jr. throws Phillip Keavey during an Aikido demonstration. The pair worked on technique with each other throughout the demonstration. The club welcomed members of all ages.

With a combination of self-defense, Japanese culture and harmony, Aikido Club presented the martial art to an audience of about 40 people at their annual demonstration on Sept. 14. Aikido translates to "harmony," and is a martial art that involves the blending of samurai principles, various throws, breaking falls and redirecting attacks.

Since it is a harmonious art, it also involved fighting with an opponent, rather than against them. Aikido was introduced to America in 1925 by Master Merihei Ueshiba, an Arizona native who spent 20 years studying at a dojo in Japan.

"When I first started, Aikido was important to me for self-defense. Over time, I have tried to make the philosophy of Aikido, or harmony, a part of everyday life," said James Johnson, a biochemistry and molecular biology graduate student and pre-fourth kyu (white belt). "I have always enjoyed watching martial arts growing up. After moving to State for graduate school, a friend suggested I try Aikido. That was two years ago, and I

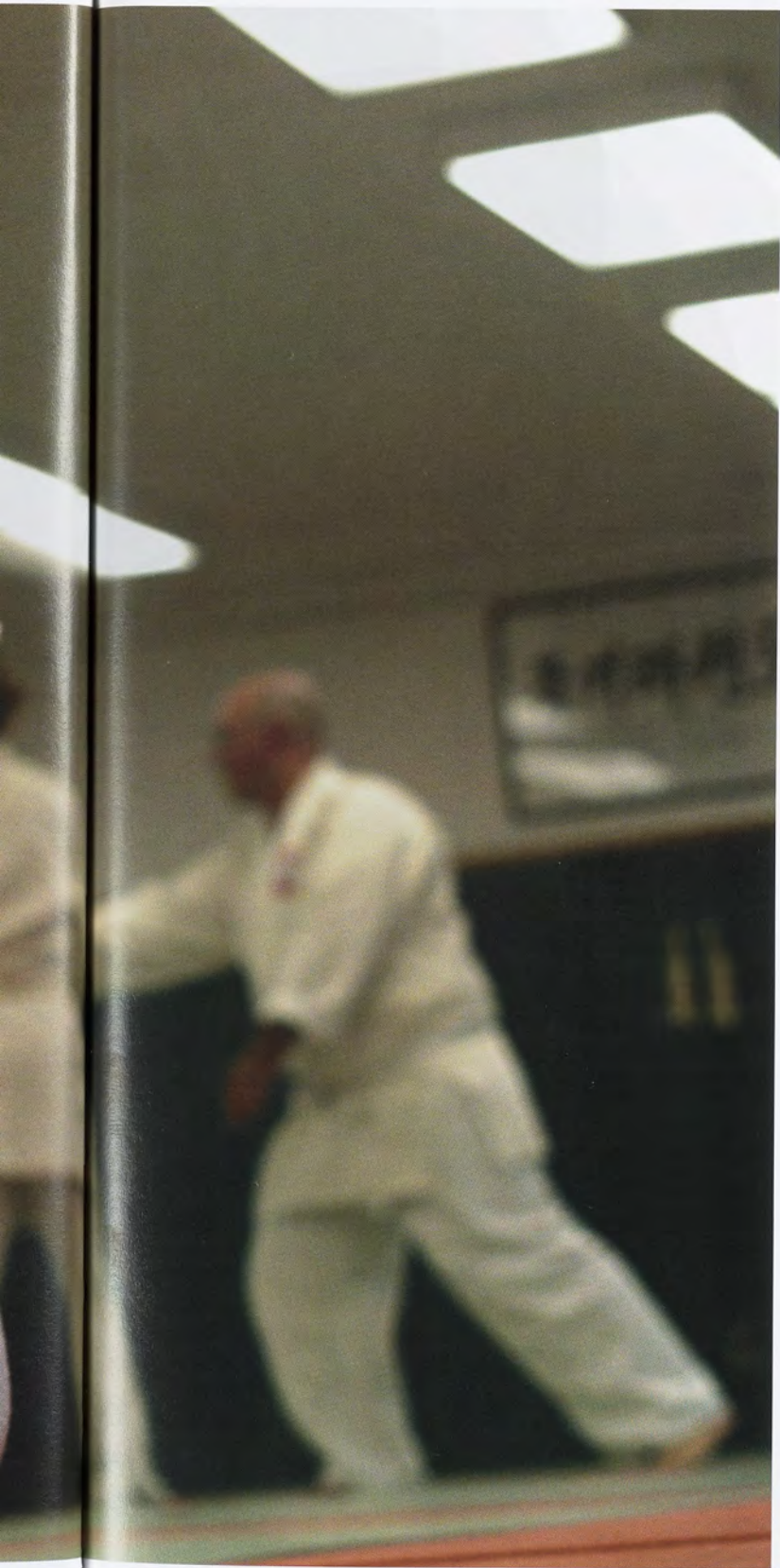
regret I didn't start sooner."

Alan Hunt, a third degree black belt and well-known member of the Aikido community, conducted the demonstration at IM West's Judo Room. The Jackson YMCA Aikido club also participated in the demonstration, according to Johnson.

He said the demonstration included people ranking from first and third degree (dan) black belts to third through eighth kyu students. The higher the dan a person is, the stronger their abilities. The lower a person's kyu, the closer they are to reaching the dan, or black belt, status.

Chris Jackett





Nick Dentamaro

Dan Ewart holds Joe Petroff on the ground. Petroff was part of the Aikido demonstration presented on Sept. 14. The demonstration was put on to introduce the club to interested individuals.

Fall success leads team to warmer climates in spring

DISC FEVER

Women's Ultimate Frisbee

Unlike many other sports, the women's ultimate Frisbee team played year round: first introducing new players to the game in the fall and then moving inside to practice during the chilly winter months.

To kick off the spring season, the team planned to travel to warmer climates; first to Las Vegas in February and then to Savannah, Ga. for a weeklong tournament during spring break.

"It's a rebuilding year for us, so I think (a challenge) is just getting all of the new players experience and the older players to step up," said Kristen Yaney, a microbiology sophomore. "I think a lot of us would really like to go to Nationals."

The national tournament capped off the end of the college season. It was held in Columbus, Ohio for the second year in a row. In order to qualify, the team, made up of about 25 members, had to earn a berth at the regional tournament, held on April 28-29.

"We want to improve overall play and compete at the highest level possible," said co-captain Kim Sabo, an animal sciences junior. "I really enjoy the girls that I play with – they make the game fun."

To start off the spring season, the women won third place at the Michigan Indoor Tournament, behind the University of Michigan and Northwestern University. In the fall, the team won the Best of the Midwest Tournament in Ann Arbor and captured fourth place at the Fall Brawl in Ohio.

"I really like traveling to all of the tournaments," Yaney said. "I wanted to (play) in a team setting where everyone is supportive."

Jessica Sipperley



Nick Dentamaro

top right: Junior Kim Sabo counts while marking graduate student Allison Rober, who prepares to release a forehand throw. If the mark reached 10, the disc was turned over to the other team. In the Duffy building, the men's and women's teams split the field for their late-night practices.

right: Junior Jessica Sipperley looks upfield for a throw during a winter practice while junior Serina Mazzoni plays the mark. The team scrimmaged in the Duffy Daugherty building through January and February. Winter practices helped the team prepare for the important spring season.



Nick Dentamaro

Squad starts its sophomore season

DANCING TRAILBLAZERS

Pom Club



Courtesy of the Pompon Club

The pompon squad poses in a bright green, white and black array. The squad was the first formed by any Michigan college. The women placed in the top third of the Universal Dance Association National Championship competition in Florida.



Courtesy of the Pompon Club

The pompon squad poses with some of the stuffed animals they raised for the Unity of Great Lansing Church. Deemed, "The Teddy Bear Project," the team organized a statewide effort to help less fortunate children.

The pompon squad stepped onto the floor of Jenison Field House as the final act of the Cheer Classic, ready to showcase new moves and an exciting routine to an eager audience. Their performance was the first of the school year and kicked off the club's second season of existence.

"We were the first college to have a pompon team and six teams have joined since," said Coach Linda Karbo.

With the team acting as a leader for other universities, they became role models for high school girls who wish to continue dancing in college.

"Our routines are more mature and more creative than high school routines," said co-captain Cindy Herman, an elementary education junior. "We want to give something that the high school girls can look up to."

In January, at the Universal Dance Association National Championship in Orlando, Fla., the team placed 9th in the Hip Hop division and 11th in jazz, competing against 29 other national universities.

The team of 25, consisting of sophomores, juniors and seniors, extended their array of talent to the Michigan International Speedway during the summer for a fundraising event.

"We were the hospitality hosts through all three major races and an Indy race," said Karbo. "We take any requests for performances and competitions."

Jennifer Orlando

5k race helps raise money for national event with community help

Swim.bike Run

The halls were filled with athletes clad in tennis shoes, compression pants, fleece sweatshirts and sweatbands. Some jumped up and down to warm up, some found an inconspicuous corner to stretch and others fueled up on the bananas and bagels provided to runners before the gun signaled the race's start at noon.

Hundreds of people, ranging in age from school-aged children to adults, gathered on Feb. 11 at Bessey Hall to participate in the fourth annual Iceman 5K, sponsored by the Triathlon Club. While some were veterans to the running circuit, others, like physiology senior Joseph Powell, were new to the sport.

"Actually, for this being my first run, I think I did all right," Powell said.

More than 200 people participated in the 5K, which was held to raise money for Triathlon Club members to attend nationals. This year, the national meet was held in Tuscaloosa, Ala. Participants competed against fellow athletes from across the nation in a one-mile swim, followed by a 26-mile bike ride and a 6.2-mile run.

Eileen Gonzales, an astrophysics freshman and club member, worked toward the goal of attending nationals.

"I'm not a swimmer, so that for me is really tough," Gonzales said. "I'm planning on going to nationals, so I'm working on getting better at swimming."

Elementary education senior Cindy Moore has been with the club for three years. Though she is very involved in training, she said workouts are at the discretion of each individual club member.

"Just being with a team, having people to train with everyday, having people sweat with you, work hard and really push themselves to their limit is an amazing thing," Moore said.

Kelly House



Andris Roze

A member of the Triathlon Club pushes through a leg of the race. A goal of the Triathlon Club was not only to participate in Ironman competitions, but send some members to nationals. All students were welcome to participate in triathlon training.

Spectators cheer as Andris Roze crosses a line of chalk writing during the Ironman competition. The Ironman was held in Madison, Wisc. The Triathlon Club trained its members to be competitive in swimming, running and biking.



courtesy of Andris Roze

Joe Timmer, a communications graduate student, takes a swing during a Cricket Club game. The popularity of the Cricket Club has grown and now has over 100 members. The game of cricket resembles baseball in the way that rugby resembles soccer and American football.

east.meets West



Jacob Vink

"Catch it! Catch it!" shouted Nilay Shah, while the other team taunted, "What's the matter? Couldn't hit that wicket?" A sport generally considered to be played in England is gaining popularity on campus, as the co-ed Cricket Club now has more than 30 regular players and over 100 total members, including undergrads and graduate students.

"It's a really fast game, which makes it really exciting," said Kalpen Ghandi, the club vice-president. In college, "it's interesting because it's small teams and you have to swing more with less balls."

Cricket is played with two teams of 11, on a round field with a ball and bat. There is a pitch running between the batter's and bowler's locations, and on each end is a wicket.

The bowler throws the hard ball, bouncing it once, to the batsman, who defends the wicket by hitting the ball. When the ball is hit, the batsman tries to switch with another hitter before the ball gets thrown back.

Shah, the club's president, said the sport, while drawing a crowd on campus, is slow at coming to the United States.

"It's not popular because it's not a native game," said Shah, an electrical engineering major. "People associate it with baseball, but it's pitched differently, batted differently and played differently."

Shah said the game is very popular in India because children play a version of it with smaller bats and balls.

"They start playing very young, at 4 or 5 (years old) sometimes," Shah said.

Courtney Robinson

Teamwork and poise mix for an edge in the cheering world

SPIRIT OF THE GAME

Competitive Cheerleading

Many individuals made up the All-Girls Competitive Cheer team, but for this squad, the scene was never a one-woman show. The team attended their first national competition in New York City in 2005 and placed second, only a year after their start in the fall of 2004. A trip to Daytona, Fla. to compete in this year's National Cheerleaders Association competition added another milestone, where they finished in sixth place.

"I like cheering with all the girls on the team because each one brings a different skill to the table," said Sabina Grusnick, a marketing sophomore.

It wasn't difficult to see each girl was important when performing the carefully calculated routines, which included acrobatics, elaborate tosses and strong helping hands in each formation.

"Practices are centered around creating this routine and making it as creative, difficult and as clean as you can," said Jennifer Horton, a special education junior, who has been cheering for seven years.

Friendly encouragement and effective communication among the team could have overshadowed the aspect of competition, but secondary education and Spanish sophomore Lauren Kelly said the edge of competition is the something extra that makes cheerleading worthwhile.

"I always loved the competitive aspect more because it was exciting and gave goals that both the team and myself could reach for," Kelly said.

Beth Houser



Brian Laskowski

Taylor Raymond cheers alongside her cheer teammates Ashley Flohr and Jeannine Batchik. The team traveled to Daytona, Fla., for a cheer competition and placed sixth. In the past, they have also traveled to New York City.

Kristen Morici does a toe-touch to get into form for her performance. The competitive cheer team was organized on an all-women basis when it was formed in 2004. Since then, the team has grown in both size and skill.



Brian Laskowski

FRIENDLY COMPETITION

Tae Kwon Do



Tae Kwon Do Club performs the warm up for their exhibition against the University of Michigan. The warm up consisted of a strenuous series of kicking and punching drills. Members of the club demonstrated their dedication by their very disciplined attitude.

Jason Chiou

Smiles, handshakes and hellos greeted the visiting Wolverines from the University of Michigan. The Tae Kwon Do Club welcomed their competitors from Ann Arbor for a "friendly" scrimmage at IM West on Jan. 27. Typically, match-ups between the Spartans and Wolverines are fierce and unforgiving.

The deep-rooted rivalry and the expectation to represent their colors successfully can be seen through the determined eyes and the surly faces of the athletes.

However, Tae Kwon Do was different. Instead of pushing the two universities apart, the sport slightly softened the bitter divide between the Spartans and Wolverines.

"We used to be really close. We would train and fight together," said Ron Southwick, instructor of the Tae Kwon Do Club. Southwick took over the club after the founding instructor, Jon Goon Kim, retired. In 1959, when Kim started the program, it was offered as a course, making it the first university to offer a martial arts course for credit.

With both the Spartans and Wolverines training and sometimes competing against each other, an amiable relationship and equal admiration developed between the clubs, a very uncommon situation for the famous rivals. Bohua

Yu, a 2002 Michigan graduate commented on the "brotherly competition" that has formed among the schools' athletes.

"I have a lot of respect for the MSU club," said Yu.

For the club that practices three times a week and also trains twice a week for team competition, Southwick offered up words of encouragement: "You can't fake it." These words have had a resounding impact on his members. Anyone can join the Tae Kwon Do Club, and this mantra is one of the main factors that keep the members focused and determined.

Another aspect of the club that keeps its athletes enticed is the knowledge they gain from the sport and from each other.

"You learn the skills and learn about the culture. You also learn a lot about yourself," said Amanda Sloan, a criminal justice senior and vice president of the Tae Kwon Do Club.

Jennifer Orlando

Team works for recognition

The women's water polo club team is hoping to repeat last year's national championship. Didn't know they had won in the first place? Don't be surprised.

"It'd be nice [for our team] to get some recognition," said Megan Barry, team co-captain and microbiology junior.

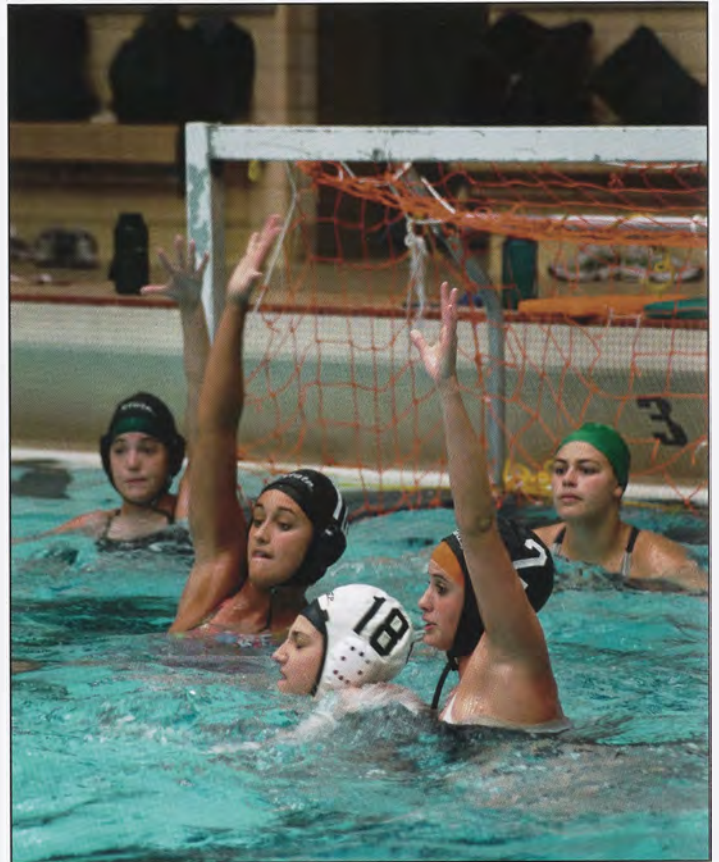
At the IM West pool where the team practiced, the achievements of the swim and diving teams were the only ones hanging on the wall. Still, the team members did not let a lack of fame affect their dedication. They practiced 12 to 15 hours each week, in addition to spending their spring break working out in California.

"We come back really whipped into shape and ready to finish out the season strong," said Krista McComas, co-captain and marketing senior. "We don't recruit, but we still play varsity teams and beat them."

At the home tournament, held over the weekend of Feb. 3, the team began the season undefeated, beating the University of Michigan, Northwestern University, Miami University of Ohio and the University of Notre Dame. Michigan fielded a varsity team and the other universities brought club teams.

"We consider ourselves like a varsity team without the funding. We practice like a varsity team," McComas said.

Megan Hart



Jason Chlou

club.of.unknowns Women's Water Polo

Adrienne Hopper, Jenny Korn, Emily Lustig, Amanda Wooldridge and Haley Rupp play defense and attempt to block any shots on goal. The team defeated other universities club teams, and the University of Michigan's varsity squad.

Head coach Scott Voltz discusses with Heather Merte, Emily Lustig, Megan Barry and Jenny Korn about their drill and how improvements could be made. During this drill, Voltz put the team through an exaggerated 20-second pursuit drill.



Jason Chlou



Jeff Proulx

Adam Franti and Sara Bowers compete in an epee competition at IM West. Franti, a competitor from Central Michigan University, had several heats in the epee division of the competition. Bowers is one of the five women that made up the epee division of the Spartan's Fencing Club.

Sara Bowers and Josh Castle get into their fencing equipment. Bowers and Castle discussed the competition while they helped each other fasten their fencing gear. Bowers's first match was against Adam Franti, who was a competitor from Central Michigan University.

friendly Fencing

Members of the United States Fencing Association (USFA) gathered at IM West on Dec. 9 for the USFA Winter Open, hosted by the Fencing Club. Anyone with a USFA membership was allowed to compete. The Fencing Club didn't compete as a team, but rather on an individual basis.

Participants were able to showcase their swordsmanship skills with three different types of swords: the epee, saber and foil. Each had its own unique strategies and techniques used among the fencers.

"The differences of the swords lie in their 'target areas' and how you can score points," said Merek Roman, a chemical engineering sophomore and club member.

Matt Piszczek, a psychology senior and club, ranked third out of 23 fencers after competing in the foil category, which used a lightweight, flexible sword.

"I'm proud to have gotten third place, as there were many skilled fencers there, but it really is just the tip of the iceberg. Individual tournaments are not nearly as important to me as the team tournaments," said Piszczek.

With a year-round season, the Fencing Club dedicated a lot of time and funds into their season. Keeping their equipment up-to-date to ensure that the fencers were on an even playing level with their university-funded varsity opponents was key.

"We spend 8-12 hours a week at practice, Monday-Thursday evenings, with tournaments lasting entire weekends roughly 5-6 weekends a year. Like any other sport, you have to be in shape, practice constantly with drills, and be able to devote a lot of time and energy," said Piszczek.

The numerous hours spent practicing and traveling bring the fencing members closer together, providing an upbeat, friendly team vibe. Thursday night ice cream trips and Halloween parties proved to be an integral part in creating a cohesive, dedicated team.

"You can't help but be good friends when you're squished with three other people, their clothes and their equipment in a poor college kid's car for a four or five hour drive to Ohio State," said Piszczek.



Jeff Proulx

Jennifer Orlando

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Men's soccer team wins first Big Ten game in two overtimes for season finale

FINAL VICTORY

After a quick set-up from midfielder Ben Pirmann, a packaging senior, defenseman Greg Janicki headed in the game-winning goal, propelling the Spartans to a 2-1 victory over the Northwestern University Wildcats on Oct. 22.

The Spartans pushed for over 117 minutes to defeat Northwestern with 2:02 remaining in the second overtime at Old College Field.

"I put myself in the right position at the right time and Pirmann was able to get me the ball," said Janicki, an accounting senior.

The game was rainy, the field muddy and the Spartans were pushing for their first conference win of the season. Goalkeeper Jason Tillman, an accounting senior, stopped a breakaway goal

attempt to force the 1-1 game into overtime.

"These guys were working their ass off," Tillman stated.

The Spartan's win marked the final home game played by seniors Matt Kreikemeier, Greg Doster, Tillman and Janicki.

Knocked out of postseason play with a 3-1 loss to Ohio State University on Nov. 2, the Spartans finished their season with a 10-8-2 record. Three players received All-Conference recognition, including All-Big Ten First Team honors for Janicki, and All-Big Ten Second Team recognition for Kreikemeier, a telecommunications info systems junior, and Kenzo Webster, a packaging junior.

Courtney Robinson



Stephanie Heaton

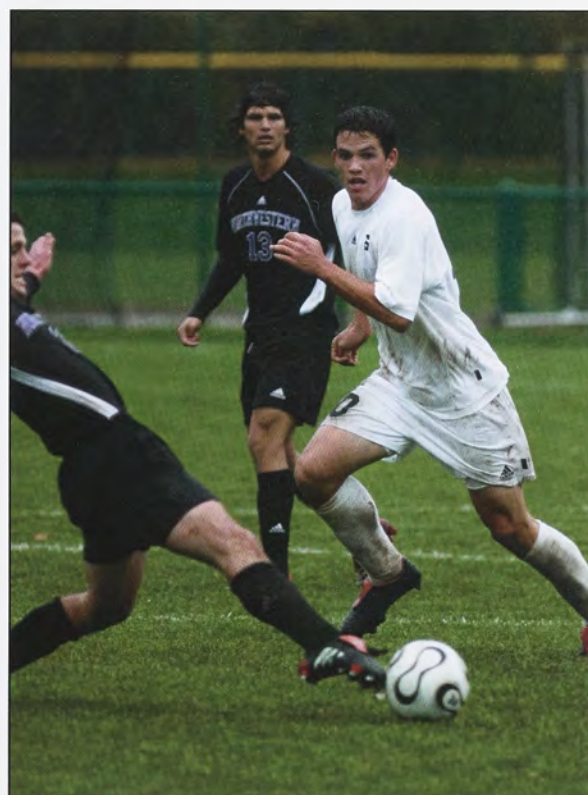
Schedule

Opponent	Score
Cincinnati	L 1-0
Sacramento State	W 1-0
New Mexico	W 1-0
N. Illinois	L 1-0
Penn State	L 3-1
Bowling Green	W 1-0
Wisconsin	T 0-0
Indiana	L 2-1
Michigan	T 1-1
Notre Dame	L 3-0
Northwestern	W 2-1
W. Michigan	W 4-0
Ohio State	L 2-0
Big Ten Tournament	L 3-1

Red-shirted sophomore forward Doug DeMartin attempts to clear the ball away from a jumping Pat Coleman of Northwestern University. The Spartans were able to fend off the Wildcats in a double overtime game that lasted 117 minutes.



Jacob Vink



Jacob Vink

Red-shirted sophomore forward Doug DeMartin eyes the ball during a contest against Northwestern. The Spartans beat the Wildcats 2-1. The overtime victory was the Spartans' first conference win of the season.

Junior defenseman Rauwshan McKenzie looks upfield during a game against Northwestern at Old College Field. He helped hold the Wildcats to a single goal in the Spartans' overtime win. McKenzie was one of eight juniors on this season's team.

STRONG

start loses footing

Schedule

Opponent	Score
Idaho	W 27-17
Eastern Michigan	W 52-20
Pittsburgh	W 38-23
Notre Dame	L 40-37
Illinois (Homecoming)	L 23-20
Michigan	L 31-13
Ohio State	L 38-7
Northwestern	W 41-38
Indiana	L 46-21
Purdue	L 17-15
Minnesota	L 31-18
Penn State	L 17-13



Safety Ashley Beaudouin runs in for a touchdown past Ohio State tight end Brandon Smith. Beaudouin's touchdown broke what would have been a shut out loss. The football team was faced with a tough task this season as three other Big Ten teams were in the top 10 of the BCS rankings.



Nick Dentamaro



Nick Dentamaro

After starting their season off with unconvincing victories over the University of Idaho and Eastern Michigan University, the Spartan football team was able to push through to a 38-23 win over an improving University of Pittsburgh squad.

Notre Dame was the turning point of the season and beheld the third largest crowd in the history of Spartan Stadium. The Spartans fought hard through a thunderstorm and led for three quarters, but fumbles and an interception allowed Notre Dame to rally late, snatching a 40-37 victory from the Spartans. The heartbreaking effects of this game would not be shaken off.

"We played in a lot of really exciting games and, unfortunately, we came off as the losers," said Ron Mason, university athletic director. "I think that (sophomore quarterback) Brian Hoyer got a chance to display some of his talents."

Two more consecutive losses dropped the team to .500 before the intrastate battle against second-ranked University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. With a few questionable calls made early in favor of the Wolverines, the Spartans soon lost their drive and the game, 31-14.

Later in the season, Northwestern University flushed fans' hope early in the third quarter as the Spartans trailed

38-3. Fighting hard, the Spartans made several key plays. Sophomore Devin Thomas blocked a Northwestern punt early in the fourth quarter with a 33-yard return for a touchdown by freshman Ashton Henderson. After an interception by junior Travis Key, freshman Brett Swenson kicked a 28-yard field goal with 13 seconds left in the game to pull the Spartans to a 41-38 victory, their fourth, and last, of the season. This comeback set an NCAA Division 1-A record for the largest comeback, surpassing the previous 31-point record.

"We had an unbelievable comeback this year against Northwestern; that was a highlight," Mason said.

Although five Spartans gained conference recognition, the team ended their season with a 4-8 record after suffering many injuries, penalties and the announced firing of head coach John L. Smith with three games remaining in the season. After serving a four-year tenure, Smith was bought out of his remaining two years of contract, and Mark Dantonio, formerly the head coach of the Cincinnati Bearcats, was hired to replace Smith.

"The games are always fun to watch, but hopefully (after some changes), next year we'll win some more!" said Sarah Taylor, junior student ticket holder.

The Spartans were faced with a sea of red as Ohio State supporters flowed throughout the bleachers at Spartan Stadium on Oct. 14. The team managed impressive victories over Pittsburgh and Northwestern squads on the road.

Brittney Moody





Nick Dentamaro

Safety Ashley Beaudouin runs in for a touchdown against Ohio State as teammate and cornerback Mike Cordell (32) slows down the Buckeyes' Nick Patterson (23) and Ray Small (4) as Larry Grant (6) tries to catch up to Beaudouin. The touchdown was the Spartans' single shining moment in a 38-7 loss. The Spartans' season was filled with injuries and concluded with a head coaching change and a 4-8 record.

Men's cross country team makes it to the national competition

Jim Pancoast, a geography junior, runs in the Spartan Invitational. Pancoast finished 26th overall in this year's event. Out of 112 runners, the six Spartan runners all finished in the top 26.

Men's Cross Country

Name	Class
Matthew Bartlebaugh	SR
Spencer Beatty	FR
David Bills	JR
Carter Bishop	FR
Ian Boyle	FR
Ian Girard	FR
Max Goldak	FR
Patrick Grosskopf	FR
Josh Hofbauer	FR
Amol Huprikar	FR
Nicholas Katsefaras	FR
Dan Lewis	FR
Jim Pancoast	JR
Dana Pitcock	FR
Michael Quick	FR
Stephan Shay	SO
Robert Sherman	SR
Robert Shinouskis	FR
Adam Sprangel	JR
Van Tate	FR
Dustin Voss	SO
Justin Zanotti	SR



Freshmen Amol Huprikar and Dana Pitcock hold together in the last lengths of the Spartan Invitational. The men's team received 24 points at the Spartan Invitational this year. The team finished fourth in their regional race and 17th at the national championship.



Brian Laskowski

STRIVING FOR SUCCESS



Brian Laskowski

This season was marked as an improvement for the men's cross country team over last season, as they moved from seventh to fourth in the Big Ten and placed 17th at Nationals, held Nov. 21 at Indiana State University.

According to coach Walt Drenth, the team consistently improved with each meet leading up to the contest, finishing second at the Spartan Invitational in September and fourth at the regional meet in November.

"The primary goal for Nationals was to go in and race how we did all year, and they did a good job," Drenth said.

Last year's team barely missed the cut for the national tournament, and that gave the men something to work for this season.

"We were pretty close last year," said Justin Zanotti, a criminal justice senior. "We got to Regionals and ran pretty good, but we didn't know if we could make it or not. Then we got there and it was like, 'Oh, we could have if we'd run better earlier.' This year, we kind of expected to go, so we started off running better."

How a team runs early in the season has bearing on ranking and national qualification, Drenth said. To improve their performance and better prepare for the season, the team trained harder during the summer, earning them an at-large bid. The bid was awarded to 13 teams and is based on placement during the season, especially at the regional meet, where they finished fourth.

"Eighteen teams automatically make Nationals - there are nine regions and the top two from each go," Drenth said. "From the field of people behind them, they determine who to take and your placing in the regional determines when they look at you. If we'd placed fifth, then we wouldn't have made it."

Using this experience as a springboard, the team looks only to go up from here. Three members of the team earned spots on the Great Lakes All-Region Team: Zanotti, junior Stephan Shay and Matt Bartlebaugh, a history and political science senior.

"I definitely think it's a bright future," Bartlebaugh said. "Coach Drenth has this program headed in the right direction. Realistically, they should and can shoot for the top 10 next year, a trophy the next. That's the plan, ideally."

Kaitlyn Hinman

Schedule

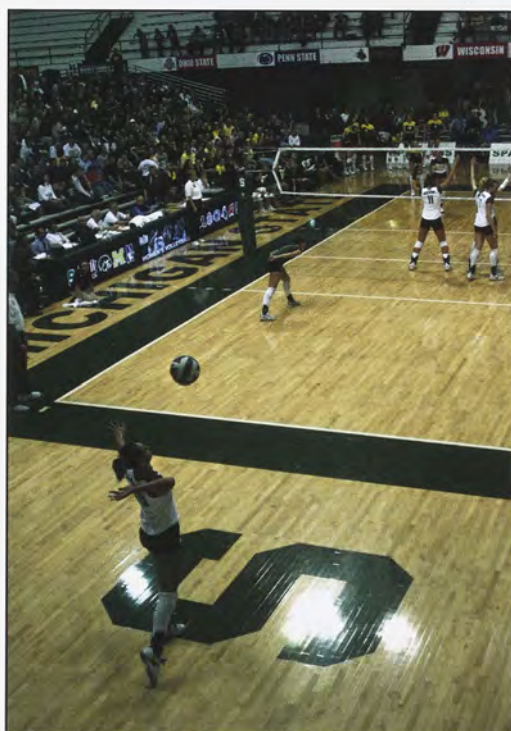
Event	Location	Result
Jeff Drenth Memorial	Mount Pleasant, Mich.	No Team Scoring
Roy Griak Invitational	St. Paul, Minn.	10th (out of 34)
Pre-NCAA Meet	Terre Haute, Ind.	12th (out of 36)
NCAA Regional Championships	Bowling Green, Ohio	4th of 31
NCAA Championships	Terre Haute, Ind.	17th (out of 31)

Volleyball team shows determination and optimism in an improved season

Miken Trogdon congratulates her team after regaining possession in the second game. The green and white won the game 30-18. The match victory over the Wolverines gave the Spartans their first win in the State Pride Flag series since 2001.



Nick Dentamaro

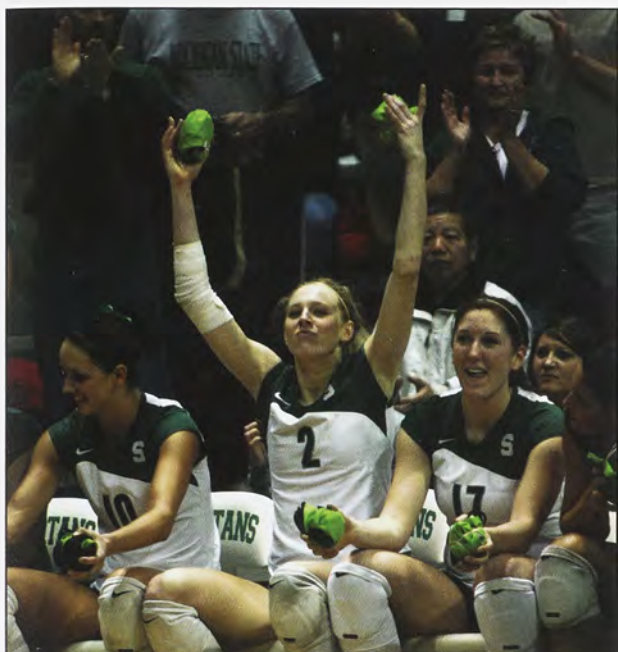


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Ashley Schatzle serves to Michigan players in the second game. Schatzle led the 3-0 match sweep with 22 kills. The Spartans concluded their last home game of the season with a victory.

Volleyball

Name	Number
Jessica Hohl	2
Melany Rarey	3
Katie Vander Meer	4
Heather McDaniel	6
Allison Ianni	7
Emily Fahrer	8
Whitney Tremain	9
Ashley Schatzle	10
Katie Johnson	11
Lisa Naymick	12
Mischelle Nelson	14
Sarah Harris	15
Miken Trogdon	16
Vanessa King	17
Nicole Colaluca	18



Nick Dentamaro

SERVE *it up*

Jessica Hohl raises her arms for some applause. The team threw T-shirts into the crowd after they were introduced. Hohl contributed four blocks to the team's victory that night.

In its second year with head coach Cathy George at the helm, the volleyball team showed significant improvement, finishing the season with a record of 19-12 overall (10-10 Big Ten) and earning an at-large bid to the NCAA Tournament.

Team co-captain and junior Katie Johnson attributed the team's improvement to a collective commitment to progress. "I think that the main factor that allowed us to improve so drastically was our work ethic and heart," Johnson said. "A lot of us stayed up in East Lansing during the summer and worked our butts off to get better."

The team's hard summer work paid off. Johnson, junior Ashley Schatzle and freshman Vanessa King each earned All-Big Ten honors on behalf of the team for the first time since 2004. The Spartans finished sixth in the Big Ten, the highest finish since 2003.

The team was also able to clinch a bid to the NCAA Tournament for the first time since 2003. After a hard-fought match against the University of Utah, the Spartans were

eliminated in the first round by game scores of 30-25, 27-30, 20-30, 30-28 and 15-11. Now, the goal is to advance to the later rounds, George said.

"We now have the knowledge of what it takes to get to the NCAA Tournament and, once we're there, we are figuring out what you have to do to push yourself toward the ultimate goal of the national title," George said.

Losing only two seniors, the team is well equipped to build upon their success and become a dominant force in conference play. According to George, the major challenges have been addressed and it's time to pay attention to detail.

"It's the little points that make big differences, and we're fine tuning... we're much more aware of what it is we need to do," George said.

If the past season is any indication, the team will have no problem making the necessary adjustments.

Kelly House

Schedule

Opponent	Score	Opponent	Score	Opponent	Score
Purdue	L 3-2	Iowa	W 3-0	Indiana	W 3-0
Indiana	W 3-1	Ohio State	L 3-0	Purdue	W 3-1
Wisconsin	L 3-0	Penn State	L 3-0	Penn State	L 3-0
Minnesota	L 2-3	Northwestern	W 3-0	Ohio State	L 3-0
Illinois	W 3-0	Illinois	W 3-0	Michigan	W 3-0
Northwestern	L 3-2	Minnesota	L 3-0	Iowa	W 3-0
Michigan	W 3-0	Wisconsin	L 3-1		

Schedule

Meet	Score
Penn State	L 3-1
Northwestern	L 3-2 (OT)
Michigan	L 2-1
Iowa	L 2-1 (2 OT)
Indiana	W 1-0
Ohio State	L 5-4 (2 OT)
Indiana, Big Ten Tourney	W 3-1
Penn State, big Ten Tourney	L 2-1 (OT)

BEATING THE HOOSIERS

The challenging season for the women's field hockey team was foreshadowed by their first win of the year. Against Temple University, the field hockey team was trailing 1-0 with 18 seconds to go. On a penalty corner shot, the Spartans were able to tie the game and send the match into overtime. The women pulled through and won the game in double overtime, 2-1. The strength and determination of the team was needed to deal with both close wins and disappointing losses throughout the season.

In a transition year for the Spartans, the team was faced with a new coaching staff and many rookie players. Former assistant coach Rolf van de Kerkhof assumed the head-coaching role for the season. During the season, the Spartans had big wins against Yale, Central Michigan and Big Ten rival Indiana, but the team was unable to reach its yearly goal of becoming Big Ten champions. The team lost several close games to Big Ten foes, including a double overtime loss to the University of Iowa in October.

"We had some great individual talent, but we just couldn't connect it all together on the field, which is why I believe we lost as many games as we did," said Ashley Pernicano, a retailing senior. "We picked our game up immensely toward the end of our season and I'm

Senior forward Ashley Pernicano advances the ball past Indiana defender Brittney Hacken during a 1-0 Spartan victory against the Hoosiers. Pernicano, a retailing senior, led the team with 11 goals on the season.



proud of all that we accomplished and learned from our experiences this season."

In the first round of the Big Ten tournament in November, the team was up against second-ranked Indiana, and the Spartans came out with an upset against the Hoosiers in the first round, winning 3-1.

"This game also will be remembered as the best game of the season the Spartans played," Van de Kerkhof said. "Everything worked, everybody played as one and we did a great job executing our game plan from start to finish."

The season came to an end with a close 2-1 overtime loss to Penn State University in the second round of the tournament.

Pernicano and Floor Rijpma, a hospitality business freshman, were named to the West Region Second Team, and they also were awarded spots on the All-Big Ten second team.

Lakeeya Blue



Jacob Vink

Hospitality business sophomore Gwen Riley weaves through defenders during a game at the field hockey complex. Riley finished the season with 10 points and five goals. The Spartans upset second-ranked Indiana in the first round of the Big Ten tournament.

The field hockey team joins in celebration after a 1-0 win over the Indiana Hoosiers, giving them their first victory of the season. The Spartans finished the season with an overall record of 8-12.



Jacob Vink

Field Hockey

Name	Number
Elissa Unger	1
Geraldine Raynor	2
Gwen Riley	3
Ashley Smeltzer	5
Becky Manning	6
Allison Neuenschwander	7
Ashley Pernicano	8
Kathryn Elenz-Martin	9
Molly Ryser	10
Joelle van Ierland	11
Amy Schneider	12
Meghan Magee	13
Floor Rijpma	14
Michelle Ciliberti	15
Megan Nimke	16
Anne-Sophie Van Rijswijk	17
Charlotte van der laag	18
Becky Bolen	20
Kristin Dunn	21
Stephanie Yuhasz	22
Sarah Jones	24
Melissa Katz	33

Women's cross country team shows improvement throughout the season

AN UPHILL *struggle*

Schedule

Event	Location	
Jeff Drenth Memorial	Mount Pleasant, Mich.	No Team Scoring
Spartan Invitational	East Lansing, Mich.	1st
Roy Griak Invitational	St. Paul, Minn.	5th (out of 31)
Pre-NCAA Meet	Terre Haute, Ind.	6th (out of 36)
NCAA Regional Championships	Bowling Green, Ohio	1st (out of 30)
NCAA Championships	Terre Haute, Ind.	12th (out of 31)

The women's cross country team moved forward throughout the season, beating teams they had previously lost to, and placed fourth in the Big Ten, winning the Regional Championship meet in Ohio. The team went on to place 12th at the NCAA Championship meet at Indiana State University in November.

"Being able to qualify for the NCAA championship is great, and placing higher than last year is a great indication of progress for our team," head coach Walt Drenth said.

The consistent health of team members contributed to staying on top of their game, allowing the women to practice hard and run well at invitational meets. This endurance led to the final standings and All-American honors for two athletes.

The U.S. Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches Association selected English senior Michelle Rafferty and kinesiology sophomore Alissa McKaig for the Division I Women's All-America Cross Country Team. Rafferty finished as one of the top runners in the nation, placing 33rd, and McKaig finished at the top for the Spartans at the NCAA Championship meet, finishing 10th overall.

"Our athletes placing, and some being All-American, shows how well our season went," Drenth said.

The women headed into indoor track to keep focused, and they continued to run on the outdoor track team. Having no off-season period allowed the women to learn to compete better and train at a higher level.

"Everyone on the team performs to their best ability, contributing to final scores," Drenth said. "We are trying to set up a program where the team members rely on each other, which will better the team."

Stephanie Defever





Brian Laskowski

Kinesiology sophomore Alissa McKaig warms up with teammates at the Spartan Invitational. The Spartans swept the invitational with 19 points. McKaig finished the season with All-American honors.

Women's Tennis

Name	Class
Emily Adama	JR
Laurel Bennett	FR
Nancy Boyd	JR
Nicole Bush	SO
Ashley Casavant	FR
Leah Elenbaas	FR
Jackie Gross	FR
Diane Hamilton	FR
Jennifer Hamilton	SO
Kelly Higgins	SO
Elizabeth Huber	FR
Brittany Jensen	FR
Katie Kelly	JR
Liz Levosinski	FR
Emily MacLeod	FR
Laura Malnor	SO
Becky McCormack	FR
Sarah McCormack	SR
Alissa McKaig	SO
Michelle Mercer	SO
Jenna Nusholtz	FR
Sarah Price	SO
Michelle Rafferty	SR
Lisa Senakiewich	JR
Sarah Stornant	SR
Thereseann Zimmerman	FR

Cross country coach Walt Drenth and Associate Head Coach Rita Arndt-Molis debrief the team after the main collegiate event at the Spartan Invitational. The Spartans did well this year under the direction of these coaches. Women's cross country continued with a successful year, finishing first in the region.



Brian Laskowski

Schedule

Meet	Score
Penn State	(OT) L 3-2
Indiana	L 1-0
Purdue	L 1-0
Northwestern	W 2-1
Wisconsin	L 3-0
Illinois	L 3-0
Iowa	W 1-0
Ohio State	L 2-0
Minnesota	W 2-0
Michigan	W 1-0



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Senior forward Jenee Witherspoon outruns a Michigan defender during a game at Old College Field. Plenty of hustle helped the Spartans to shut down their intrastate rivals, who did not produce a single goal.



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The women's soccer team celebrates after the game's lone goal against the University of Michigan. The victory capped off the final game for seniors, who helped the team finish the season with a 8-9-1 record.

Junior midfielder Maureen Pawlak heads the ball away from an attacking Michigan player. In a game of few shots, the Spartans had the one that mattered and gave the team a shut-out victory over the Wolverines.



Jacob Vink

WEATHERED DOWN

Whether the spectators were in short sleeves or bundled up in blankets, the girls were giving their best effort.

The home game against Iowa was a great representation of what playing as a team is all about. Throughout the game, the Spartans displayed great passing skills, while putting pressure on their opponent. With less than five minutes to go in the game, Maureen Pawlak, a kinesiology and education junior, put the ball straight past Iowa's goalie, winning the game 1-0.

"It was exciting to get one for our team. We all played well and continued fighting throughout the game," Pawlak said.

The team finished the season 8-9-1 overall, 4-6 in the Big Ten. The team said goodbye to three seniors: Linsey Laskowski, general management; Lauren Gallinger, interdisciplinary humanities; and co-captain Jenee Witherspoon, zoology.

"Knowing my time was coming to an end made it easier to give it my all. I will miss playing soccer for Michigan State but I'm happy that I was given the opportunity," Gallinger said.

Anticipation is high for next year's season, as freshmen scored 14 of the team's 19 goals this year.

"It is an experience I will always remember and I am looking forward to the rest of my career at MSU," said Lauren Hill, an elementary education freshman.

Gallinger said, "I like the things that don't change from year to year. Our coaching staff is amazing. I have more respect for them than they probably realize. Our values don't change either: family, school, soccer and social. Every year the ranking is the same."

Hanna Roszczenko

Women's Scoreboards

Name	Number	Name	Number	Name	Number
Lindsey Wrege	0	Lauren Hill	9	Breana Ballard	21
Demi Bruck	00	Megan Brown	10	Jenee Witherspoon	22
Taryn Lee	1	Lauren Carter	12	Kristi Timar	23
Callie McCarthy	2	Heather Riley	13	Maureen Pawlak	24
Lauren Sinacola	3	Linsey Laskowski	14	Lauren Gallinger	25
Marshett Clarke	4	Kelsey Tait	15	Ashley Crandall	27
Katie Boyd	5	Kelly Hannon	17	Nicole Galas	29
Erin Doan	6	Kelley Amormino	18	Danielle Petri	31
Katie Rehor	7	Michelle Telebar	19		
Jennifer Ulmer	8	Lauren Astry	20		

Wrestling team beats U-M, sends two individuals to national competition

PINNED *down*

Red-shirted freshman Franklin Gomez wraps up a Missouri Tiger in a pin attempt. Gomez earned a 31-8 record in the 125-pound weight class. He claimed the team's most outstanding freshman honor last year.



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Schedule

Opponent/Event	Score	Place
Illinois	22-13	L
Michigan	21-17	W
Ohio State	19-14	L
Purdue	21-14	W
Minnesota	35-4	L
Iowa	33-9	L
Indiana	23-15	L
Penn State	27-12	L
Big Ten Championships	23 pts.	11th
Big Ten Championships	30.5 pts.	11th
NCAA Championships	6 pts.	37th
NCAA Championships	19.5 pts.	29th

This year, the football team lost its rivalry game against the University of Michigan. The hockey and men's basketball teams fell to them once or twice as well.

Wrestling decided to change things up. The Spartans defeated the Wolverines in a home dual meet on Jan. 28, and this victory was considered the team highlight for the season.

"It came down to the last match, which went into overtime, and we had a huge crowd," said head coach Tom Minkel. "Anytime you beat the Wolverines, it's a highlight."

Two team members shared in this excitement, but had their own individual achievements later in the season. Brothers and seniors Nick and Andy Simmons went to the NCAA tournament the weekend of March 17.

Both had extremely successful college wrestling careers: All-American honors, four Big Ten titles between them and high NCAA finishes. After finishing first and fourth respectively in the Big Ten Tournament, they both advanced to Nationals. The tournament did not go as well as each had hoped, though.

"Andy won his first match, but tore his hamstring in the second and had to default out of the tournament," Minkel said.

Joe Williams, a junior, added that Andy Simmons dealt with injuries all season. Nick Simmons, on the other hand, continued on to Nationals with hopes of taking the championship. Instead, he placed third.

"With Nick, it was frustrating because he beat (his opponent) five times in semi-finals, but lost that once," Williams said. "But we're all proud of him – he placed in the NCAA four times, which most guys don't do."

At the season's conclusion, the team looked toward next season and building on the youth of the current team, as only three starters graduated.

"Next year, they should have a few All-Americans and (All-American) qualifiers," Williams said. "A lot of guys lacked experience, but a year wrestling in the NCAA helps you grow."

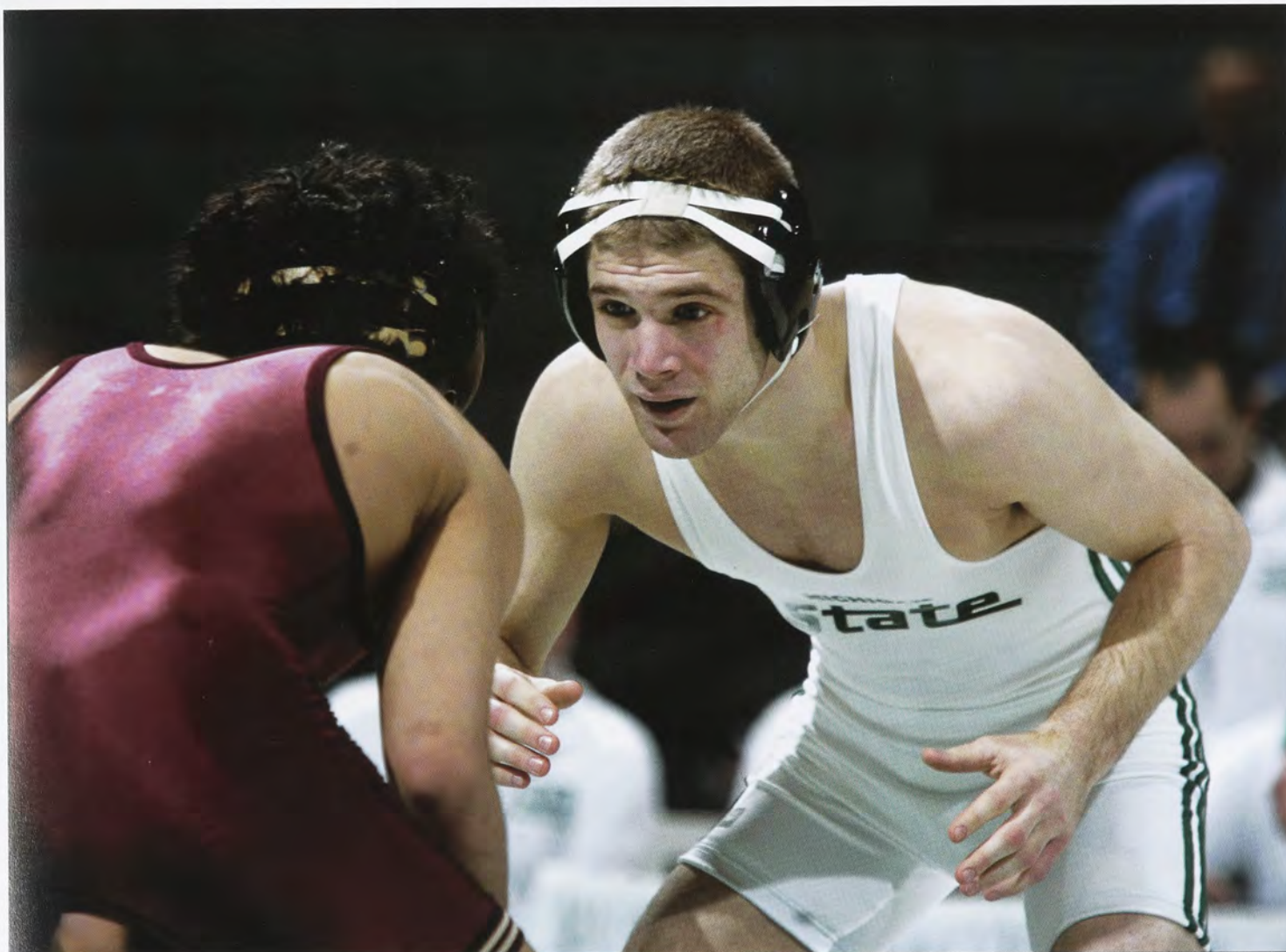
Kaitlyn Hinman



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Senior Nick Simmons celebrates after earning a pin fall victory over an opponent. Simmons claimed a 138-20 career record as a Spartan, including a 41-2 mark as a senior that earned him fourth place at the NCAA National tournament for the second consecutive year. He claimed the 125-pound Big Ten title in the last two years and the 133-pound title this year.

Senior Andy Simmons prepares to take down an opponent. In the 141-pound weight class, Simmons went 14-6 to complete his 115-29 career record as a Spartan. He won a Big Ten title last year and battled injuries much of this year.



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YOUNG AND RESTLESS

A young team, the men's basketball squad exceeded the low expectations placed upon them prior to the season's start.

With victories early in the season over other NCAA tournament-bound teams like Texas and Brigham Young, the Spartans quickly proved they were not about to take the season off.

The team had a chance to leave their "footprint" in school history, as coach Tom Izzo called it, with a stunning 64-55 win over No. 1 University of Wisconsin on Feb. 20, the first time the Spartans ever defeated a No. 1-ranked team at home. The win, which gave the Spartans a tremendous boost in NCAA tournament selection, was completed by the Izzone student section rushing the court to celebrate the victory at the final buzzer. The Spartans secured their bid in the NCAA tournament by beating Michigan, Iowa, Wisconsin and Indiana in consecutive games at the Breslin Center.

This was a benchmark year for Izzo and his players, signaling the program's 10th straight NCAA tournament appearance. This milestone, set at the season's start, gave the Spartans the longest tournament streak among the Big Ten schools, as well as the fifth longest in the nation.

The NCAA tournament opened with the Spartans defeating Marquette University 61-49 on March 15. The game pitted Izzo against his former assistant coach and good friend, Tom Crean.

The ninth-seeded Spartans went head-to-head with the first-seeded University of North Carolina Tar Heels. The outcome, however, was an 81-67 Spartan loss.

In a self-proclaimed rebuilding year after losing Paul Davis, Maurice Ager and Shannon Brown to the NBA, the team comprised a 23-12 overall (8-8 Big Ten) record. The Spartans had one of the toughest schedules of Big Ten teams.

Junior guard Drew Neitzel, who averaged a team best of 18.1 points per game, ranked fourth in the Big Ten in scoring. Neitzel was the team's go-to guy throughout the season and was also voted MVP by the media and the team while earning First Team Big Ten honors.

Next year, the starting five will all return and also welcome red-shirted freshman Tom Herzog, along with a recruiting class ranked in the top 10 in the nation.

Schedule

Iowa	L 62-60
Indiana	L 73-51
Northwestern	W 66-45
Illinois	W 63-57
Penn State	W 91-64
Minnesota	W 70-46
Ohio State	L 66-64
Illinois	L 57-50
Ohio State	L 63-54
Purdue	L 62-38
Michigan	W 59-44
Iowa	W 81-49
Wisconsin	W 64-55
Indiana	W 66-58
Michigan	L 67-56
Wisconsin	L 52-50
Northwestern	W 62-57
Big Ten Tournament	
Wisconsin	L 70-57
NCAA Tournament	
Marquette	W 61-49
North Carolina	L 81-67

Marissa Nelson

The men's basketball team forms a huddle before the start of a game against Vermont. The team finished the season with a record of 23-12 and made it to the second round of the NCAA tournament. It was their 10th consecutive tournament appearance. The Spartans defeated Vermont 66-46.



Jacob Vink



Jacob Vink



Jacob Vink

Sophomore guard Travis Walton dribbles the ball between his legs during a game against Vermont. Walton appeared in every game and finished the season with 224 points. Walton and junior guard Drew Neitzel led the team in minutes played, averaging 32.7 and 35.7 minutes, respectively, of each 40-minute game.

Junior guard Drew Neitzel shoots a three-pointer over Vermont's Kyle Cieplicki, a red-shirted junior guard. Neitzel hit 7-of-8 three-point shots throughout the game to lead the Spartans to victory with 26 points, 8 rebounds and 4 assists in 32 minutes.

Men's Basketball

Name	Number	Name	Number	Name	Number
Idong Ibok	00	Drew Neitzel	11	Drew Naymick	34
Brandon Darnton	1	Goran Sutton	14	Tom Herzog	40
Raymar Morgan	2	DeMarcus Ducre	15	Marquise Gray	41
Travis Walton	5	Isaiah Dahlman	22	Jacob Hannon	43
Bryan Tibaldi	10	Maurice Joseph	23		





Krystal Birgy

Izzone members cheer at the men's basketball game against rival University of Michigan. The nearly 2,300 members later celebrated in a 59-44 victory led by Drew Neitzel at the Breslin Center. Many fans painted their bodies, wore hats and wigs or created signs to help cheer on their Spartans.

Gymnastics team is buoyed by individual talents

Psychology sophomore Katlyn Roggensack gracefully poses after a flip during her floor routine. Roggensack won student athlete of the month in September. At Regionals, she helped the Spartans to impressive scores in the balance beam, floor and uneven bars team events.

Gymnastics

Name	Class
Rhiannon Banada-Scott	Junior
Megan Bergland	Freshman
Kristen Coleman	Senior
Nicole Curler	Freshman
Dani Fanning	Sophomore
Chayla Hill	Senior
Melanie Hunt	Freshman
Victoria Ikounina	Senior
Bethany Little	Junior
Emily Lopatofsky	Freshman
Megan McNally	Junior
Kelly Moffitt	Freshman
Rochelle Robinson	Freshman
Katlyn Roggensack	Sophomore
Julie Sauchuk	Freshman



Bryna Shields

The women's gymnastics team waits eagerly to hear the final results of their competition against North Carolina State. The final scores were very close, but the Spartans beat NCS with a final score of 195.500-195.325. The Spartans went on to place fourth at the NCAA championships.



Bryna Shields



Bryna Shields

POWERFUL *performances*

Communication junior Rhiannon Banda-Scott begins her routine on the balance beam. She helped the team to a 48.775 score in the team vault event at Regionals.

On both an individual and team level, the gymnastics team had an outstanding year. The team was ranked 19th and won the State of Michigan Classic.

"We beat all the other universities in Michigan and (it) was just an amazing and memorable meet for us all," said Rhiannon Banda-Scott, a communications junior. "We had some amazing stand-out performances from individuals and from the team as a whole throughout the year."

The team lost a close match to the University of Michigan squad. Team members also garnered a second-place finish in a dual meet against The Ohio State University and the University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC).

Kinesiology senior Kristen Coleman and freshmen Rochelle Robinson and Nicole Curler received special acknowledgement during the season. All three women were named to the All-Big Ten First-Team. Coleman was voted Big Ten Gymnast of the Year and, not only did Robinson become

the only Spartan to receive a perfect 10, but she also advanced to the NCAA National Meet. Curler was recognized for her performance on the balance beam, with a No. 17 national ranking in the event. The team members noted everyone played an integral part in the team's success – from those who did not compete to those who took on up to three events each meet.

The team felt their one difficulty throughout the season was the Big Ten meet, as they said they did not compete at their highest level, and they finished in seventh place. In the end, they came back strong at the regional meet in Alabama with a fourth place finish.

"We ended our season competing the way we are all capable of and we sent our seniors off on a great note," Banda-Scott said.

Lakeeya Blue

Scoreboard

Opponent/Event	Score	Win/Loss
Green and White	115.625	W
Arizona	194.975-194.925	L
Pittsburg, Maryland and West Virginia	192.150	2nd
Ohio State and UIC	194.425	2nd
State of Michigan Classic	196.350	1st
New Hampshire, Brown, and West Virginia	194.000	1st
Illinois	193.925	L
West Virginia	194.875-194.275	L
Michigan	196.475-196.150	L
Florida	197.675-195.375	L
West Michigan	196.300-194.250	W
North Carolina State	195.500-195.325	W
Big Ten Championship	192.650	7th
NCAA Central Regionals	194.800	4th

Tennis ends season better than expected

Stephanie Kebler prepares for a serve from her opponent. Kebler participated in both the doubles and singles competitions. At three singles, Kebler lost 0-6, 6-4, 6-2 to Wisconsin's Elizabeth Carpenter in three sets.

Women's Tennis

Name	Class
Sarah Andrews	Senior
Christine Bader	Junior
Marianne Eelens	Sophomore
Stephanie Kebler	Sophomore
Christine Milliken	Freshman
Ana Milosavljevic	Sophomore
Pascale Schnitzer	Senior



Jeff Proulx



Jeff Proulx

Sarah Andrews, Stephanie Kebler and Marianne Eelens watch the women's tennis team compete against Wisconsin. The Spartans won the match with a final score of 4-3. Andrews, Kebler and Eelens all won their singles matches against Wisconsin.

A NEW BEGINNING



Sarah Andrews swipes at the ball in a one doubles match against Wisconsin. The women's tennis team brought the Spartans to a 4-3 victory over Wisconsin. Andrews and her partner Stephanie Kebler lost 8-3 to Caitlin Burke and Elizabeth Carpenter of Wisconsin.

Scoreboard

Meet	Score	Place
Purdue	7-0	L
Illinois	5-2	W
Ohio State	5-2	L
Indiana	5-2	L
Minnesota	5-2	L
Iowa	6-1	L
Penn State	5-2	L
Michigan	6-1	L
Wisconsin	4-3	W
Northwestern	7-0	L
Big Ten Championship	4-2	L

On April 26, the women's tennis team was knocked out of the Big Ten tournament in the first round by Penn State. Normally, an early loss by a sports team is sad news to Spartans but, in this case, the girls didn't seem to mind.

"Even though we lost (in the) first round, it was the first time all season that every court had a chance. We had a good team vibe," said Christine Bader, a general management junior.

The elimination also marked the end of their season, leaving them with a 12-12 record (2-8 Big Ten). Over the course of the season, a few matches stuck out as team highlights, especially the close match against Wisconsin on April 21.

"We were tied three all, and it came down to singles," said Coach Erica Perkins. "(Senior) Pascale Schnitzer pulled out the win. Anytime you have a three-set win (like hers), it's a good day."

Perkins was impressed by the final record as this was her first year as head coach, which meant adjustments for the players. According to Bader, Perkins pushed the team harder this year to improve.

"With another coach, you have a new perspective – they see things in your game that no one else has," Bader said.

Bader was excited for the addition of five new freshmen to next year's team and further improvement through Perkins, which aims to take the team even farther.

"We've been trying to build my game for my senior year. I've learned a lot about myself and my tennis game," Bader said.

Kaitlyn Hinman

SWIMMERS

break records



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Julianne Kahn elongates her body as she leaps from the diving block at the start of a race. During the season, Kahn competed in sprint freestyle events.

Women's Swimming & Diving

Name	Year	Name	Year	Name	Year
Kendall Barry	SO	Allison Haring	SO	Megan Reponen	SR
Sarah Biasello	FR	Alison Johnson	SO	Dani Sawyer	SR
Lindsay Bockstiegel	SR	Julianne Kahn	SO	Allison Sayers	SR
Eve Brusie	SR	Kayla Kalmbach	FR	Emma Schaeffer	FR
Laura DeFord	FR	Heather Kiluk	SO	Amy Schmidt	SR
Elizabeth DeJonge	SO	Jennifer Korn	FR	Amber Schroeder	SR
Katie Edwards	SR	Sasha Lewerenz	FR	Kara Wackerle	FR
Marlys Fuqua	SO	Kelsey Lincoln	FR	Erinn Wertz	FR
Nicole Golen	FR	Mara Loniewski	FR	Danielle Williams	JR
Marisa Gordon	FR	Andrea Mason	FR	Carly Zenk	SR
Cassie Hamilton	FR	Alycia Mokedanz	SO		

Men's Swimming & Diving

Name	Year
Matt Akerley	SR
David Garry	FR
Tony Grace	JR
Chris Hendrix	FR
Sho Koba	FR
Jonathan LaRocque	FR
David Lessard	SR
Jonathan Lessard	SO
Matthew Massman	FR
Matt McNichols	JR
Krzysztof Olszewski	SO
Marcus Poteete	SO
Mark Rogers	SO
Garrett Ruhland	FR
Daniel Schemmel	SO
Adam Schmitt	JR
Joseph Schmitt	FR
Brad Smith	FR
Gabe Strickler	FR
Matt Torres	JR
Jason Vadney	RS JR
Michael VanBeek	SO
Ivan Zalessov	FR



courtesy of Sports Information

Matt Akerley's dive is in excellent form as he competes in a diving meet. At the NCAA Zone C Diving Regional, Akerley finished in 38th place for the Spartans.

Hours upon hours in pools, complete with shriveled fingers and chlorine-drenched clothing may sound rough, but the time and energy wasn't wasted by Spartan swimmers this year as they set school records across the boards.

Both the men and women's teams finished their regular seasons in February at the Big Ten Championships. The men's team finished 10th and the women placed 11th.

The women finished with a 3-5-1 record and had four racers join the All-Time Top 10. The record-breakers were Sasha Lewerenz, Emma Schaeffer, Marlys Fuqua and Mara Loniewski.

"The greatest reward I get from swimming is a chance to represent Michigan State University. This year's team was aggressive and determined, and always put forth a great effort," said Fuqua, who swam in the 500, 1,000 and 1,650 freestyle events.

Fuqua is now eighth in the 1,000 freestyle of all time. She said this wasn't her most significant moment, but a more team-related experience.

"My proudest moment for our team would have to be our ability to rebound year after year and keep coming back with a Spartan fury," said Fuqua, a general management sophomore.

The diving team also hit some milestones with three men and four women who qualified for the NCAA Regional event. One first place finisher, senior Katie Edwards, was also honored as the Big Ten Diver of the Week.

"I went to the U.S. Diving Open last year," said Edwards, an advertising major. "The best part of diving was goofing around with my teammates and growing up with the other seniors on my team."

Edwards, who reflects positively on her athletic career, also acknowledged obstacles.

"You really have to be dedicated to stay on a varsity sport in college," Edwards said. "Our pool is one of the oldest and outdated facilities in the Big Ten, so it is frustrating to go to other schools and see what amazing pools they get to practice in everyday as opposed to our high school style pool."

For the men's team, Adam Schmitt had 19 top three finishes this year, including 13 first places in six events. His 10th place finish at the Big Ten Championships put him at sixth on the university's Top 10 in the 50-meter freestyle.

Courtney Robinson

Teams place high in national tournaments

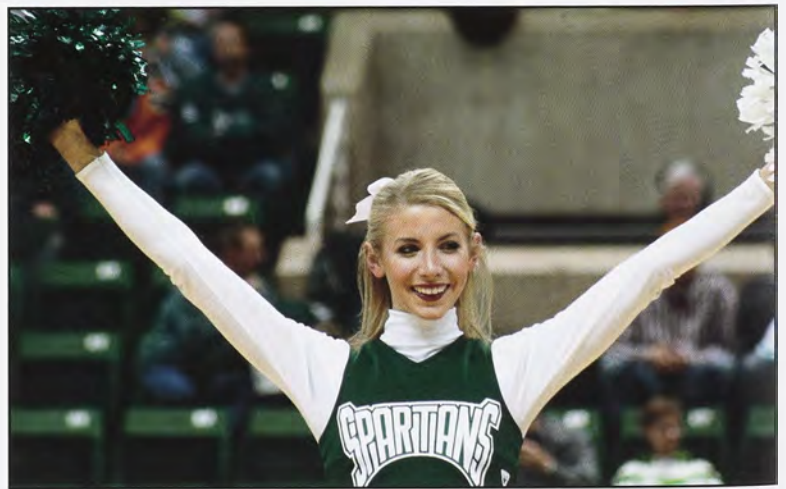
DANCING AND CHEERING TO THE TOP



Jacob Vink

The dance team performs during the second half of a men's basketball game. The team performed in the second half of each game during any breaks from play. The dancers also placed in the top 10 at Nationals.

Susan Brennan motivates the crowd during a home basketball game. The squad had an outstanding year, as they met their goal of placing in the National tournament.



Mike Dunker



Mike Dunker

Caitlin Dougherty stands with her teammates in preparation for the next time the dabce tean will take the floor during a break in the action. The group was made up of fifteen women.

One of the major challenges the dance team took on this past year was choreographing their own routine for Nationals. This meant more of a time commitment from all of the women. In the end, it was worth the effort. The dance team placed in the top 10 at Nationals.

With all of the enthusiasm to represent other groups within the university, one of the best times was performing for the football team. Their most memorable performances were those with the drum line.

"Come rain or shine, we were out there at every game performing for a roaring crowd of students. It was incredible!" said captain Micha Hickey, a nutritional sciences senior.

The team believed they could not work properly if it was not for all of the effort each girl put into the routines. They came together with a wonderful dynamic and lots of memories to go with it.

The cheerleading team had an incredible year also, as they placed in the UCA Nationals.

"We were rebuilding our program this year, so meeting our goal of getting to Nationals and placing 16th was great," said Caitlin Fehlinger, a pre-dentistry and human nutrition sophomore.

With the memorable basketball game against Wisconsin, Fehlinger remembered being on the floor cheering.

"The whole Izzone was on the floor after we beat the number one team. It was fun to cheer for that," she said.

The team had faced a lot of hard times, including injuries and graduating seniors, as they continued to rebuild their program. A lot of the men had shoulder surgeries, torn rotator cuffs and even their coach, Alisha Marquette, had back surgery. One of the biggest losses to the team this year were captains Meghan Casey and Martin Wright.

Lakeeya Blue

Men's tennis struggles, wants to improve next year

Scoreboard

Meet	Score	Win/Loss
Indiana State	6-1	W
Minnesota	4-3	L
Purdue	4-3	L
Illinois	7-0	L
Michigan	5-2	L
Indiana	5-2	L
Ohio State	7-0	L
Iowa	5-2	W
Penn State	4-3	W
Wisconsin	7-0	L
Northwestern	4-2	L
Big Ten Championship	4-1	L



Jacob Vink

Junior Nick Rinks returns a shot during a match against Penn State. Rinks competed at the NCAA Singles National Championships held at the University of Georgia. Going into the tournament, Rinks was ranked 62nd in the country by the Intercollegiate Tennis Association

LOOKING *to rebuild*

The season was a tough one for the men's tennis team. Coming off of a 7-19 season the year before, the team hoped to improve its record this year and secure a bid for the NCAA tournament. But, with a conference schedule that included top-ranked Michigan, Ohio State and Illinois, as well as non-conference opponents like fifth-ranked Notre Dame, the odds were against them.

The Spartans got off to a good start, winning six of their first eight meets. Unfortunately, they hit a slump just as conference play was beginning. The team fought through a six-meet losing streak before they got back on track with a win against Western Illinois.

The team's first conference win came on April 7, against an Iowa team that was also looking for its first Big Ten victory. The Spartans were victorious against the Hawkeyes, winning the match 6-2, with four victories in singles play and two in doubles.

Following the win against Iowa, the team hosted Penn State for their final home game of the season. After falling behind 3-1, the men rallied back to pull off a 4-3 upset over the heavily favored 37th-ranked Nittany Lions to close out the home schedule.

Despite their late successes, the season proved to be a tough one for the men's tennis team. They finished with a 11-15 record (2-8 Big Ten), before the Big Ten Championships. Though this was a slight improvement upon the prior year's record, it wasn't enough to earn the team a tournament bid.

With all but one player, senior Michael Flowers, returning, the team will look to continue its progress toward that elusive tournament bid in the spring. An experienced lineup, led by nationally ranked junior Nick Rinks, should make for another season of improvement.

Kelly House

Sophomore Alex Forger strikes the ball during a 4-3 victory over Penn State's Adam Slagter. In the two singles showdown, Forger defeated Slagter 6-4, 3-6, 6-3. Forger finished the season with an 11-11 record, with a 10-9 record at two singles.

Men's Tennis

Name	Class
John Allare	Sophomore
Alex Allon	Freshman
Michael Flowers	Senior
Alex Forger	Sophomore
Brenden Kinkopf	Freshman
Joseph McWilliams	Senior
Adam Monich	Junior
Jason Norville	Freshman
Scott Rasmussen	Sophomore
Nick Rinks	Junior
Tyler Sauerbrey	Freshman
Britton Steele	Sophomore



Jacob Vink

DEFYING THE ODDS

Quicker. Faster. More athletic. That's how women's basketball senior Victoria Lucas-Perry would describe the women's basketball team.

"We were coached this year to be stronger players," Lucas-Perry said.

Through one of the toughest schedules in the country, the team proved their worthiness to follow in the big footsteps left by the previous team. In fact, some would say the feet of this year's squad were too big for last year's shoes. The team registered 24 wins – tied for the second best record in school history – and became the first team to beat every Big Ten opponent during the regular season.

"(The coaching staff recruited) some good, quality players and good, quality people who were willing to compete to be the best," Lucas-Perry said.

Despite holes in the roster following the loss of stars Lindsay Bowen and Liz Shimek, the women prevailed under a new, effective game plan that focused on toughness. With the help of three new freshman additions, including Big Ten Freshman of the Year Allyssa DeHaan, the team finished third in the Big Ten, with a 13-3 conference record.

According to Lucas-Perry, teamwork played a major factor in the team's adaptation to the new mindset.

"We're all sisters, you know?" Lucas-Perry said. "We had a few problems this year, with injuries and other things, but we're all sisters and we work together."

For the fifth straight year, the Spartans extended their season by earning a berth to the NCAA Tournament. With the first two rounds being hosted by East Lansing for the first time, the team enjoyed the advantage of their home court.

The fifth-seeded team was victorious in the first round, defeating the University of Delaware 69-58. However, they fell in the second round to fourth-seeded Rutgers 70-57, putting an end to one of the most productive seasons in school history.

On April 20, Joanne P. McCallie announced that her seventh season as the Spartans head coach was her last, as she accepted a job with Duke University. She coached the green and white to 149 victories during her tenure with the program.

Kelly House

Junior guard Courtney Davidson watches from behind the arch as the ball drop to the floor. Despite her 5'4" stature, Davidson was known for her long distance abilities and her presence in the paint. Playing nine minutes of the Spartans' final game against Rutgers, Davidson hit a crucial three-point shot and secured an offensive rebound.

Schedule

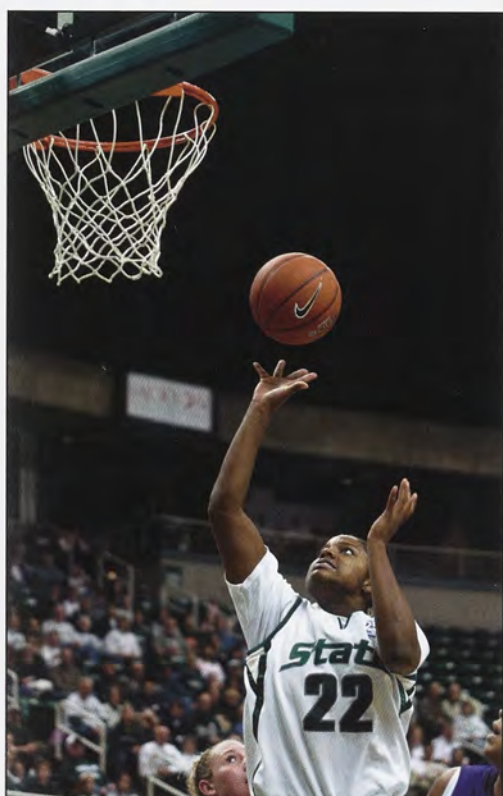
Opponent	Score
Indiana	W, 74-49
Wisconsin	W 56-46
Indiana	(OT) W 64-56
Purdue	L 70-60
Iowa	W 83-63
Michigan	W 66-48
Iowa	W 67-57
Penn State	L 69-58
Penn State	W 76-49
Illinois	W 80-70
Northwestern	W 55-48
Purdue	W 54-52
Northwestern	W 68-63
Ohio State	W 62-59
Illinois	L 56-46
Minnesota	W 57-50
Minnesota	W 77-68
Purdue	L 64-61



JEFF PROUX



Jeff Proulx



Jeff Proulx

Sophomore forward Aisha Jefferson shoots over two Wildcat opponents in a close game. The women's basketball team finished the season with a 24-9 record, including this 68-63 victory over Northwestern University.

Women's Basketball

Name	Number
Lauren Aitch	5
Myisha Bannister	45
Courtney Davidson	13
Allyssa DeHaan	41
Takeya Fortner	23
Katrina Grantham	44
Laura Hall	54
Rene Haynes	24
Aisha Jefferson	22
Mia Johnson	21
Victoria Lucas-Perry	31
Mandy Piechowski	2
Alisa Wulff	33

The women's basketball team scrambles for control of the ball during a game against Northwestern University. The competition was fierce in the five-point Spartan victory. Cheers from the crowd and directions from coach Joanne P. McCallie added to the intense atmosphere.

Hockey team ends season with championship win

CAPTURING *victory*

After 21 years of vying for an NCAA tournament win, the hockey team brought home the gold. On April 7, the squad took on Boston College in St. Louis, Mo. as part of the Frozen Four.

Pitted as the underdogs, the Spartans kept the game tied 1-1 for the duration of the showdown. In the final 18.9 seconds of the third period, sophomore forward Justin Abdelkader scored, moving the team one step closer to the national championship. The fans became uproarious – especially the Spartan fans in the Frozen Four section of 19,432 people.

However, that was not the last time Boston College's net would see a puck. With only 1.2 seconds remaining in the game, junior forward Chris Mueller scored an open-net goal when BC pushed for a goal with a sixth attacker. It was at this point that the Spartans hockey team jumped onto the ice, took off their equipment and celebrated their victory. With the win, head coach Rick Comley became the third NCAA hockey coach to lead two different teams to a national championship.

"It was one of the best moments of our lives," said Chris Mueller, a human resource management junior. "We are a family and brothers and we just didn't want to let each

other or our fans down."

The team finished with an overall 26-13-3 record (15-10-3 Big Ten). With the success of the team throughout the season, it was clear to many why the Spartans deserved to win the national championship.

"We didn't have a single player get any national or league awards, yet we were the team to win it all," Mueller said. "I think that played a huge role in it because we were a team and played like one both on and off the ice."

The fans and team were able to celebrate their victory with a parade held on April 10, with a rally following at Munn Ice Arena. President Lou Anna K. Simon and Athletic Director Ron Mason presented the National Championship trophy to Comley and the team. During those moments, many of the teammates did not want to let go of the trophy, as they all were able to get their hands on it.

Advertising junior Brett Molaski witnessed the celebration even after the rally. An unidentified player walked into Molaski's class with the trophy and placed it on the table in the front of the class. The class cheered for the team member, who was very proud of the team's achievement.

"It was hilarious," Molaski said. "Things like that don't normally happen in the middle of class. It was nice to see how excited the team was about their win. It was one of the biggest things to happen in MSU sports this year."

Kristy McCown



Jeff Proulx

Senior defender Tyler Howells struggles for control of the puck in the game against the University of Alaska Fairbanks. As junior forward Chris Mueller is knocked to the ice, Alaska's solid offense provided a defensive challenge for the Spartans. The Spartans won the game 4-3 with one goal and two assists provided by Howells.

Juniors Daniel Vukovic and Chris Mueller follow the puck into the boards as sophomore goaltender Jeff Lerg maintains his crease. Vukovic gained control of the puck and moved it back up the ice under the Spartans' control. Vukovic had four shots on goal in the 4-3 victory over the University of Alaska Fairbanks.



Jeff Proulx



The Spartans celebrate after Tyler Howells' goal put them ahead 4-2 with 6:41 remaining in the game. The senior defender's goal was the game-winner as Alaska would score with 1:33 remaining in the game. The two-game series against the University of Alaska Fairbanks resulted in two wins for the Spartans.

Jeff Proulx

Hockey

Name	Number	Name	Number	Name	Number
Jeff Lerg	1	Jeff Dunne	15	Steve Mnich	30
Chris Snavely	3	Tyler Howells	16	Bobby Jarosz	35
Ethan Graham	4	Jay Sprague	17	Tim Crowder	40
Justin Johnston	5	Chris Mueller	19	Michael Ratchuk	44
Brandon Gentile	6	Chris Lawrence	20		
Brandon Warner	8	Nick Sucharski	22		
Justin Abdelkader	9	Matt Schepke	24		
Tim Kennedy	10	Jim McKenzie	25		
Bryna Lerg	11	Kurt Kivisto	26		
Ryan Turek	13	Daniel Sturges	27		
Zak McClellan	14	Daniel Vukovic	28		

Senior goaltender Jeff Lerg looks around Boston College's Brett Motherwell as senior defender Tyler Howells covers the front of the crease. Lerg made 29 saves in the 3-1 championship victory over Boston College. He was named NCAA Midwest Regional MVP, a member of the Frozen Four All-Tournament Team and was set to be honored as the USA Hockey College Player of the Year in June

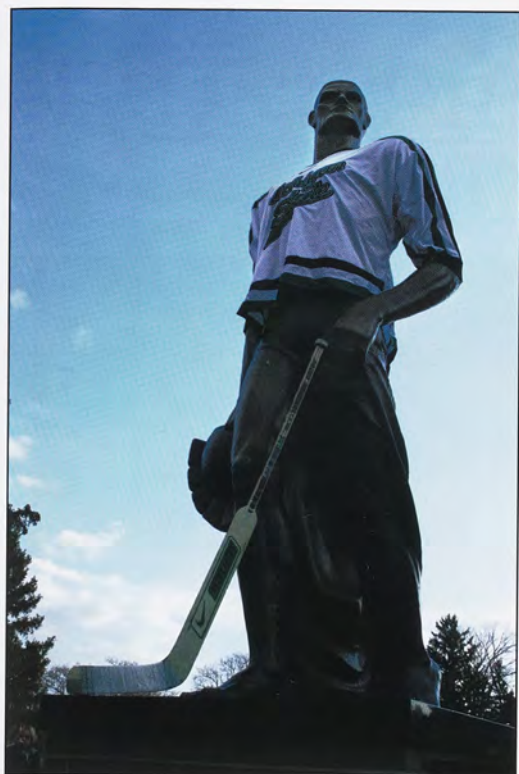


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Schedule

Opponent	Score	Opponent	Score
Western Michigan	W 4-1	Lake Superior State	W 4-0
Western Michigan	L 3-2	Nebraska-Omaha	W 5-1
Michigan	W 7-4	Nebraska-Omaha	T 3-3 (OT)
Michigan	L 6-2	Ferris State	W 2-1 (OT)
Ferris State	T 2-2	Michigan	T 3-3 (OT)
Ferris State	W 6-0	Ferris State	L 2-1
Notre Dame	L 4-1	Western Michigan	L 4-3
Notre Dame	W 2-0	Western Michigan	L 2-0
Michigan	L 2-1	Bowling Green	W 5-3
Ohio State	W 4-1	Bowling Green	L 2-1
Ohio State	L 4-1	Nebraska-Omaha	W 4-2
Northern Michigan	W 3-2	Nebraska-Omaha	W 4-1
Northern Michigan	W 3-2	Michigan	L 5-2
Michigan	W 4-1	Lake Superior State	W 7-6 (OT)
Miami OH	L 2-5	NCAA Tournament	
Miami OH	W 4-1	Boston University	W 5-1
Alaska-Fairbanks	W 3-2	Notre Dame	W 2-1
Alaska-Fairbanks	W 4-3	Maine	W 4-2
Lake Superior State	W 3-2 (OT)	Boston College	W 3-1





Brian Laskowski

NCAA

National Champions 2007

The Sparty statue stands adorned in Spartan hockey gear with a goalkeeper's stick propped against it. Students decorated the statue in celebration of the Spartans' national championship over Boston College in St. Louis on April 7. This was the Spartans third national championship season and their first in 21 years.



Brian Laskowski

Senior captain Chris Lawrence holds the NCAA National Championship trophy at a ceremony at Munn Ice Arena. The Spartans gathered and spoke at the ice arena in celebration of their championship. Lawrence had one goal and six assists in 40 regular season games while being voted in as captain by his teammates.

Track and field team excels, optimistic about future

Kinesiology freshman Brittany Howard lunges forward in the long jump competition at the Spartan Track Invitational. Howard finished fifth in the competition with a jump of 5.29 meters. The Spartans placed two jumpers in the top five for this event.



Brian Laskowski

RUNNERS QUALIFY AT HOME



Brian Laskowski

Junior Nicole Bush and teammate Sarah Price, a sophomore, jump in to the watery landing during the 3,000-meter steeplechase. Bush took 1st place and Price was right behind in a close 2nd. The meet was held at the Ralph Young Track.

Only once did the Track and Field team run on their course, but it was enough to land the team five NCAA Regional qualifying times at the Spartan Invitational. Teams from Illinois, Michigan and Ohio supplied around 800 athletes at the event.

Qualifiers included junior Nicole Bush in the 3,000-meter steeplechase, dashing to first place over sophomore Sarah Price, another qualifier. Senior Melinda Buckmaster qualified in the javelin throw and Alissa McKaig qualified in the 5,000-meter run, in addition to the lone male qualifier, Mark Langlois, who won second in the pole vault.

Track athletes on both teams recognized the team as more than an athletic squad, but more of an encouraging family, despite being a rebuilding year with a new director, Walt Drenth.

"Being on a team like this is not just a hobby. It's more like a job. It takes up hours a day and almost every weekend once you are in season. You must be on top of your arch enemies before you can be on top of your athletic career," said John Childress, a senior captain in criminal justice. "We are in a rebuilding phase right now. New coaches and a new way to do things, but we are on the path up."

Childress, 22, is a sprinter and record-holder in the 60-meter hurdles, agreed with sophomore long sprinter Jake Hamilton that the team had a great record, finishing the season tenth at the Big Ten Championships.

"Most people consider track and field to be a dumb

sport," said Hamilton, a civil engineering major. "They say 'why the heck do you like running around in circles?' It's all about competing, making yourself better and building great relationships."

The women excelled as well, said Anna Coster, a hurdler, who was optimistic about the future.

"We have struggled in the past but we have made some difficult and major changes this year and I can feel it turning around," said Coster, a graduate advertising student. "We have a group of strong leaders, passionate coaches and dedicated athletes. The people here right now will be the core of MSU track and field and it will grow and develop around them."

The women's team ended their season sixth at the Big Ten Championships.

Spartans going the furthest at the NCAA Championships included sophomore Jonathon Allen, who finished 11th in the second flight of the triple jump, and junior Nicole Bush, who finished sixth in the 3,000-meter steeplechase, earning All-America honors.

Bush also set a school record and personal best of 9:58.20 for a third-place semifinal heat at the NCAA Championships. The previous record was 10:01.04, set by Bush at last year's finals at the Nationals.

Courtney Robinson

STEPPING UP *to the plate*

The women's softball team doesn't mind a challenge. They entered the season with one of the toughest schedules in the league, facing powerhouse teams like Tennessee, UCLA and Northwestern, among other nationally-ranked teams.

"Our schedule is as intense as it's ever been," said head coach Jacquie Joseph before the season. With all but one team member returning, the women hoped their experience would help them prevail over the difficult schedule.

Following a disappointing streak of losses at the Palm Springs Classic tournament, the team bounced back on another trip to Florida for the Plant City tournament. They defeated Saint Josephs (4-3), Harvard (8-2) and Lehigh (2-1 and 2-0) to go undefeated in the tournament.

The month of April was rocky for the team. They lost seven of their first nine games in April and had four others cancelled due to inclement weather. But, by the second half of the month, the ladies had regained their focus.

In their first home games in nearly three weeks, the team

produced back-to-back victories over Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne, 12-0 and 8-0. The wins were the team's first home victories of the season.

Three junior players were named to the All-Big Ten team. Outfielder Traci Nicosia earned First Team honors, while Second Team honors were given to outfielder Nikki Nicosia and third baseman Caitlin Mahoney. Nicosia was also named to the NFCA All-Great Lakes Region Second Team. Sophomore catcher Kara Weigle also stood out throughout the season, earning the honor of Big Ten Player of the Week multiple times.

By season's end, the team's tough schedule was reflected in their record. They were eliminated in the first round of the Big Ten Championship Tournament, falling 4-0 to Northwestern. The team ended the season with a 33-26 overall record, after going 7-10 in a highly competitive Big Ten conference.

Kelly House

Softball

Name	Class
Gina Mondo	Sophomore
Bianca Mejia	Freshman
Megan Hair	Sophomore
Abby Lincoln	Junior
Lesley Noel	Junior
Meghan Darhower	Senior
Traci Nicosia	Junior
Jessica LeFevre	Junior
Nicole Mercado	Senior
Jackie Noble	Senior
Kelly Confer	Freshman
Erin Harvey	Senior
Nikki Nicosia	Junior
Nayna Feenstra	Senior
Rachel Turney	Senior
Dana Rosenblatt	Senior
Caitlin Mahoney	Junior
Kara Weigle	Sophomore



Kara Kamenski

Lesley Noel steps forward as she pitches against Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne in a doubleheader. Noel, a junior, pitched a solid game against IPFW. The Spartans won both games of the doubleheader in convincing fashion with 12-0 and 8-0 scores.



Kara Kamenec

Dayna Feenstra watches a pitch come across the plate during the first game in a doubleheader against Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne. As a senior, Feenstra played first base for the Spartans. She went on to score two runs for the Spartans in a 12-0 win against IPFW.

Scoreboard

Opponent	Score
Indiana	L 4-5
Purdue	L 7-3
Northwestern	L 11-1
Northwestern	L 8-3
Illinois	L 9-6
Illinois	L 9-6
Iowa	L 6-2
Iowa	L 7-2
Indiana	W 10-0
Indiana	W 7-3
Purdue	L 4-3
Purdue	L 8-6
Wisconsin	W 8-5
Wisconsin	W 2-0
Michigan	W 7-0
Michigan	L 9-1
Big Ten Tournament vs. Northwestern	L 4-0

Scoreboard

Invitational	Place
Lady Northern Invitational	1st
Wolverine Invitational	T4th
The Landfall Tradition	2nd
Northrop Grumman	10th
Regional Challenge	
Northrop Grumman	11th
Regional Challenge	
Central District Invitational	2nd
Central District Invitational	2nd
Lady Gator	3rd
Lady Gator	3rd
Liz Murphey Invitational	2nd
Liz Murphey Invitational	10th
Liz Murphey Invitational	12th
Indiana Invitational	1st
Indiana Invitational	2nd
Lady Buckeye Invitational	2nd
Lady Buckeye Invitational	2nd
Big Ten Championships	1st
Big Ten Championships	1st
NCAA Central Regional	8th
NCAA Central Regional	7th
NCAA Championships	20th
NCAA Championships	T16th
NCAA Championships	T16th
NCAA Championships	16th



Jacob Vink

Junior Jordyn Wells lines up a putt at Forest Akers West golf course. She finished tied for 11th at the Lady Northern Invitational with a three-round score of 225. Her best round of the season was a 73, helping her toward a 79 average for the season.

Senior Mandi McConnell chips the ball onto the green at the Lady Northern Invitational. She tied for fifth place at the Invitational with teammate Sara Brown after a three-round score of 223. McConnell earned a season average of about 77, with her best round at 68.



Jacob Vink

Nationally acclaimed players, an award-winning coach, great camaraderie – these are all elements that have made the women's golf team a success this year.

Only midway through their season, the team had experienced great victories.

After a second place finish to Ohio State in the Lady Buckeyes Invitational, the ladies fought back to reclaim the top spot and win the Big Ten Championships, hosted by Michigan State at Forrest Akers.

"There's nothing more special than winning at home," said head coach Stacy Slobodnik-Stoll. "Not only for (former head coach) Mary Fossum, but for the whole community and for the whole athletic department. You only get to host the Big Ten Championships once every 10 years. It's just a once in a lifetime opportunity to win it at home and for one of your seniors to be the medalist."

The medaling senior that Slobodnik-Stoll referenced was fifth-year psychology senior Rachel Meikle, whose performance at the Big Ten Championships earned her a place on Golfweek.com's Player of the Week record.

"A lot of dreams came true Sunday," Meikle said. "It all happened all at once. To be an All-Big Ten member (second team), winning a tournament, winning the Big Tens as a team... it's pretty unbelievable."

SWINGING SUCCESS

Women's Golf

Name	Class
Natalie Brehm	Freshman
Sara Brown	Junior
Ashley Dewling	RS Freshman
Jen Domagalski	RS Freshman
Laura Kueny	Freshman
Mandi McConnell	Senior
Rachel Meikle	Senior
Holly Niederkohr	Sophomore
Sarah Nirenberg	Freshman
Kristen Polanski	Junior
Heather Rose	Senior
Jordyn Wells	Junior

Also a Player of the Week recipient was junior Sara Brown, for her performance at the Landfall Tradition Tournament.

This season 12 women contributed to the achievements of the golf team, with four individuals who were recognized by the Big Ten Conference, including Brown, Meikle, Mandi McConelle and Kristen Polanski.

Because of their winning record, the Spartans received an automatic bid to the NCAA Central Regionals in Ann Arbor. The top eight teams that finish at Regionals advance to the NCAA Championship in Daytona Beach, Fla. The Spartans finished eighth.

Seniors Mandi McConnell, Rachel Meikle and Heather Rose all finished in the top 50 at the NCAA Women's Golf Championships. Playing on the LPGA International Legends Course, the three were the first trio in school history to all finish in the top 50. McConnell tied for 30th, Meikle tied for 40th and Rose tied for 50th.

The team finished 16th, which tied for second-best in school history with the 1984 team's finish. The Spartans' only higher finish was a tie for 12th in 2001.

Lisa Shaw

SWING *and a miss*

In the final series of their season, four games at Champaign against the University of Illinois, the baseball team was faced with the task of moving into sixth place for a birth in the Big Ten Tournament. With a 13-14 conference record (23-24 overall), the Spartans had to overcome fifth place Ohio State or Illinois, both tied at 14-12 in conference standings.

"There were pretty high emotions," said second basemen Steve Gerstenberger, a human resources junior. "It kind of brought us down a bit when we lost the last game. The seniors had really high emotions."

On May 20, the Spartans' hopes were let down, as they allowed Illinois to rally from a 7-0 deficit to an 8-7 Fighting Illini victory. The final series was split 2-2, which left the Spartans with a 15-16 Big Ten record and Illinois with a 16-14 conference record. Ohio State went 1-3 in their series against Penn State (20-10) to finish 15-15 in the Big Ten, claiming the sixth and final spot for the Big Ten Tournament and ending the Spartans' postseason dreams with a 25-26 overall record.

"The season was really up and down. We peaked early, lost 11 straight conference games and brought it back together," Gerstenberger said.

Gerstenberger closed the season on a 12-game hitting streak. He finished the season with a team-high .368 batting average (10th highest in the Big Ten) and 77 hits, which tied for eighth most in single-season Spartan history. Pitcher Craig Brooks finished with the fifth best ERA in the Big Ten at 3.65 and struck out 24 batters looking, third most in the conference.

On April 3, the Spartans played an exhibition game at Oldsmobile Park against the Lansing Lugnuts, the Class A affiliate for MLB's Toronto Blue Jays. Rallying in the final innings, the Spartans dropped a 4-3 decision to the developing professionals.

"That was a phenomenal experience," Gerstenberger said. "Just to get to play a minor league team and have Coach (Tom) Izzo and different alumni and all of MSU come out."

Chris Jackett



Jeff Proulx

Lansing Lugnuts outfielder Chris Emanuele watches a pitch come across the plate during an exhibition game held at Oldsmobile Park. Catching for the Spartans was Sean Walker, who also doubled as a first baseman. The Spartans put up a valiant effort in the 4-3 loss.

Scoreboard

Opponent	Score	Opponent
Indiana	L 2-1	Michigan
Indiana	W 6-2	Michigan
Indiana	W 12-6	Michigan
Indiana	W 6-1	Ohio State
Purdue	W 3-2	Ohio State
Purdue	L 1-0	Ohio State
Purdue	W 3-0	Ohio State
Penn State	L 3-1	Northwestern
Penn State	W 4-1	Northwestern
Penn State	L 6-5	Northwestern
Penn State	L 10-4	Northwestern
Minnesota	L 3-2	Illinois
Minnesota	L 9-2	Illinois
Minnesota	L 5-4	Illinois
Minnesota	L 12-2	Illinois



Jeff Proulx

Quinn Ewert stares down the plate during a warm spring night at Oldsmobile Park. Ewert took the mound for Tony Clausen in the seventh inning when Lansing scored their final run. The Spartans made a two-run comeback in the ninth inning, but fell one run short of tying the game.

Spartan players take a break in the dugout during the exhibition game against the Lansing Lugnuts. Held at Oldsmobile Park in Lansing, the game resulted in a 4-3 win for the Lugnuts. The Spartans made a two-run comeback in the ninth inning, but fell one run short of the Lugnuts.

Score

L 11-8
L 8-0
L 10-4
L 8-4
W 5-1
W 6-4
W 7-5
W 11-6
W 7-4
W 6-4
W 4-3
L 6-5
W 7-3
W 16-4
L 8-7



Jeff Proulx

Ranked women's rowing team improves.

ROWING TO VICTORY



Courtesy of Sports Information

Four members of the crew team row as the coxswain verbally steers them down river. The coxswain's job is to direct the rowers how hard to row on each side in order to steer the boat and keep it moving as fast as possible.

Women's Crew

Name	Class
Danica Bevan	Freshman
Roz Bialczak	Senior
Katie Bitz	Junior
Joanna Brown	Junior
Kate Burdick	Junior
Nicolette Clifford	Senior
Rebekah Coleman	Senior
Anne Cowan	Junior
Bridget Curry	Senior
Nancy Diehl	Sophomore
Allison Duffy	Junior
Katie Duncan	Sophomore
Lauren Gamble	Sophomore
Rachel Garabedian	Freshman
Daragh Gibson	Senior
Sarah Kreft	Junior
Erica Meissner	Senior
Michelle Mussett	Sophomore
Ashley Peach	Sophomore
Jenna Peters	Senior
Sonya Plude	Sophomore
Amanda Ruhno	Sophomore
Sarah Schmidt	Sophomore
Erika Shaw	Freshman
Jenny Stanton	Junior
Paula Thoms	Senior
Emily Topping	Junior
Catie Tyzo	Junior
Julie Ward	Junior
Ashley Wenneman	Sophomore
Tanara Yantovsky	Junior



Courtesy of Sports Information

Eight members of the crew team row away as the coxswain directs them as to what speed to move and angle to face. The rowing team finished their Regional race with 301 points, just five behind the University of Michigan.

The women's rowing team, under the direction of head coach Matt Weise, earned their 10th straight bid to the NCAA Championships. Eight members of last season's three NCAA Championship boats, including five of the varsity, returned for the spring season.

To prepare for the upcoming season, the teams traveled down to Cocoa Beach, Fla. for their winter training trip. The trip included 35 girls, most of who had never been a part of this experience before. The trip allowed the teams to work technically and get in a lot of miles, which made a big difference, as the team was young and somewhat inexperienced.

The training proved helpful and after only three days on the water, the top novice boat and second eight came out successful in their exhibition at Clemson University. On March 24, the Spartans traveled to Ann Arbor to compete in the season opener against the University of Michigan, Notre Dame and Clemson. With mixed results in the opener, the varsity team, ranked No. 20, looked to improve against No. 7 Virginia and Duke on April 7. Unfortunately, the rowing team spilt the day, winning in each of the five against Duke, but falling to Virginia.

Though the team had a pattern of splitting even in the races, the Spartans headed to Wisconsin for the Big Ten Championships on April 28 with optimism. The second varsity eight and varsity four received the No. 2 seed. The team finished eighth overall (sixth in the Central Region) at the Aramark South/Central Sprints in Oak Ridge, Tenn.

Marissa Nelson

Men's golf team has a solid season performance

Jack Newman watches his put roll to the hole. Newman, a freshman, took top honors at the Fossum-Spartan Invitational. He tied for first place with a 10 under par 206 total for the two-day event.



Brian Laskowski

As a team and individually, the men's golf team had a strong year. They won the Purdue Tournament, The Boilermaker Invitational and the Fossum/Spartan Invitational. Winning the Fossum/Spartan Invitational was especially important for the team, because it was their own tournament and they had not captured the title since 1992.

"The best tournament so far was the Fossum/Spartan Invitational," said Brandon Cigna, a finance junior. "We completely dominated the field and set multiple scoring records as a team as well as individually."

The team won by 14 shots with interdisciplinary studies senior Matt Harmon and freshman Jack Newman tied for first at 10 under par. Overall, the team was 23 under par. These numbers were all previously unmatched, as the team set

almost every record for the invitational. In addition, the two men both received Big Ten Golfer of the Week awards after their performances.

The Spartans also tied for first with Minnesota at the Big Ten Championships. It is the third Big Ten title in the program's 56 years. With this, the team automatically received the Big Ten bid into the NCAA Regional Championships for the first time since 1993, only to finish 23rd with a three-day score of 857 (283-287-287). Stanford finished first at 828 (275-278-275).

"As a team, we are able to succeed because we all have a drive and will to be the best.† Golf is a very competitive game and tends to be different from day to day," Cigna said.

Lakeeya Blue



Brian Laskowski

Finance sophomore Jordan Ensrud tees up and drives his ball down one of the 36 holes at the Forest Akers golf course. The Spartans took first in the 13-team field. This was the first time they've won this invitational in 15 years.

KEEP *swinging*



Brian Laskowski

Men's Golf

Name	Class
Ryan Brehm	Junior
Brandon Cigna	Junior
Steve Cuzzort	Sophomore
Jordan Ensrud	Sophomore
Nathan Gunthorpe	Junior
Matt Harmon	Senior
Randy Hutchison	Sophomore
Jack Newman	Freshman
Mitch Pierce	Senior
Grant Tungate	RS Sophomore

Finance sophomore Jordan Ensrud chips his ball onto the green at the Fossum-Spartan Invitational. Ensrud finished 4 over par at 220 for the 36-hole match held over two days at the Forest Akers golf course.

Scoreboard

Meet	Place	Meet	Place
Inverness Intercollegiate	11th	Fossum/Spartan Invitational	1st
Gopher Invitational	4th	Big Ten Championships	2nd
Shoal Creek Invitational	5th	Big Ten Championships	1st
Shoal Creek invitational	6th	Big Ten Championships	T1
Wendon Memorial	4th	The Maxwell	T4th
Big Ten/Pac 10 Challenge	6th	The Maxwell	5th
Arizonal Dual Match	W	NCAA Regionals	T18th
Schenkel E-Z Go Invitational	14th	NCAA Regionals	T11
Boilermaker Invitational	2nd	NCAA Regionals	8th
Boilermaker Invitational	1st	NCAA Championship	T9th
Kepler Invitational	2nd	NCAA Championship	15th
Kepler Invitational	2nd	NCAA Championship	23rd
Fossum/Spartan Invitational	1st		



Spring Campus *Life*



Brian Laskowski



Amanda Dubey delivered an interpretive series of moans in her skit "The Woman who Loved to Make Vaginas Happy." She amazingly recreated such moans as the "Diva" moan, the "Irish Catholic" moan and the "College Student" moan.

Brian Laskowski

VAGINATALK



Brian Laskowski

The cast of the Vagina Monologues assembles at the show's end for a bow. The night featured many performances with this year's theme focusing on women abused in war. Some of the groups focused on included the "comfort women" of Asia in World War II and the raping of women in the Bosnian conflict in the late 1990s.

On Feb. 15, everyone was talking about one of the most distinguished parts of the female anatomy: the vagina. The Fairchild Theatre was sold out for the annual showing of the Vagina Monologues.

"I really enjoyed it," said Andrea Stadnicar, a nursing senior. "I wasn't sure what to expect because I've never been to a showing of the Vagina Monologues, but it went through some really powerful subjects and made you look at them a whole new way."

Amy Geiser, an elementary education junior who performed the piece "When I was 12, my mother slapped me," said the show was a very empowering event. With 10 years of theatre experience, it was Geiser's first year participating in the Vagina Monologues.

Vagina is "such a dirty word," said Geiser. "To name something is to give it power. (The play) is about sexual violence and poor body image."

The show featured 32 women acting out 19 stories about other women who had experienced or dealt with sexual violence, abuse, misconceptions, stereotypes or taboos about their body. Some of the more popular sets were entitled "My Angry Vagina," "Because He Liked to Look at It," "The Woman Who Liked to Make Vaginas Happy" and even "The Little Coochie Snorcher That Could."

"The Woman Who Liked to Make Vaginas Happy" did a whole bunch of different orgasms," said Geiser. "There was such a connection. I heard pieces - that I've never liked before - redone and thought they were brilliant."

The show, which was sponsored by ASMSU and the Women's Council, benefited the university's Safe Place group, which "provides shelter support, advocacy and community education for those

victimized or interested in learning about relationship violence," according to the show's program.

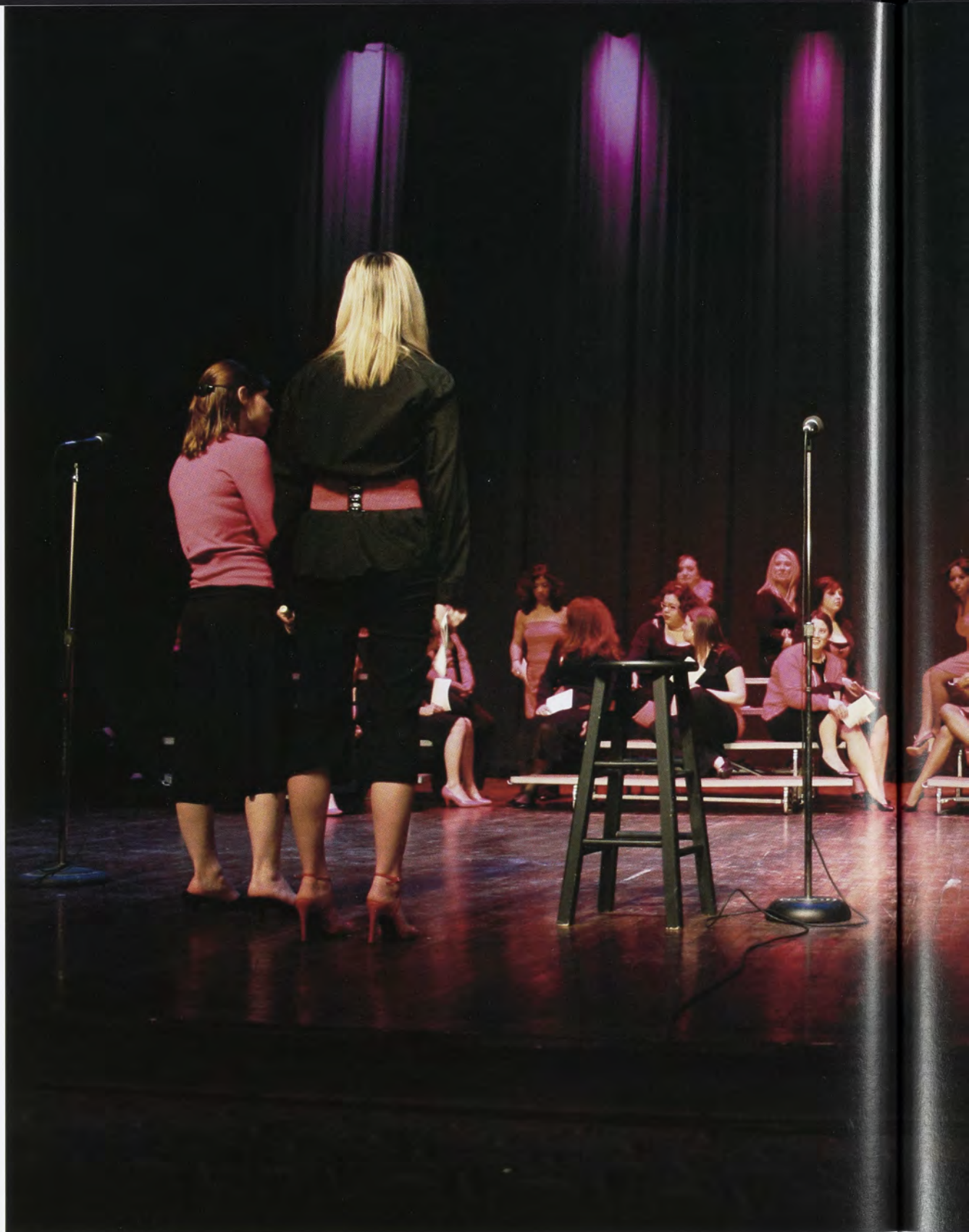
"It raises awareness about a topic that people aren't always willing to talk about in public," Stadnicar said. "The whole show is to promote V-Day, which is a movement to end violence against women and girls. The Vagina Monologues help to take some of the ideas, feelings and insecurities that a lot of women have about their bodies and their sexuality and put it right out in the open."

Although the show sold out for its Thursday showing, booking problems caused the Friday show to be canceled and many eager viewers to be turned away. Geiser said next spring's set will featured three shows in two nights and will return to its original venue, the Wharton Center's Pasant Theatre.

Chris Jackett

"There was such a connection. I hear pieces - that I've never liked before - redone and thought they were brilliant."

*Amy Geiser
elementary education junior*



The Vagina Monologues cast gets last minute preparation from the directors before doors opened on their Thursday night performance. The show was a great success, easily selling out for its one-night showing. The Friday night showing was canceled as a result of double booking.



Brian Laskowski



A day in the life of Chrissy Rodemeyer

It was a Tuesday night and Chrissy Rodemeyer sat at a desk in the library with several of her friends, chatting and working on homework. Usually, the political theory and constitutional democracy senior admitted, the chatting takes precedence over the work. At first glance, this looked like the typical group study session, until one ventured closer and saw the large sign adorning the group's table, reading "StateWalk."

Rodemeyer and her companions were members of Alpha Phi Omega, a non-Greek coed service fraternity. On several weeknights, Rodemeyer or another member of the fraternity volunteered to walk anyone from the library to an on-campus location. StateWalk was originally established when Alpha Phi Omega members recognized the high incidence of alleged sexual assaults on campus, but was briefly turned over to the Residence Halls Association before being returned to Alpha Phi Omega several years ago. The program ran Monday through Thursday, from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m.

Since then, the fraternity has worked to raise awareness of the program and gain frequent users, according to Ryan Carpenter, a veterinary medicine and microbiology senior.

"It's a great program," Carpenter said. "But it just doesn't get utilized like it should."

This night was definitely a slow night. Only one patron was walked home during the shift, and Rodemeyer was not one of the escorts on the walk. Sometimes, she said, slow nights can be boring, but homework, people-watching and chatting with the other volunteers helps to pass the time. On average, the StateWalkers receive two requests for walks home during each two-hour shift, Rodemeyer said, although this number is higher on some nights than others.

If the library is particularly empty, the service will sometimes get shut down, Rodemeyer said.

"Thursday late shift from 9 (p.m.) to 1 (a.m.), honestly sometimes we just close it because there's literally no one in here," Rodemeyer said. "Everyone's getting ready for the weekend."

Although StateWalk will only escort patrons to on-campus locations, Rodemeyer has had to travel significant distances to take a person home.

"But you're walking and you're talking; it never really seems like that far of a walk," she said.

During their walks, StateWalk volunteers tried to make their companions feel at ease by offering casual conversation, while being careful not to pressure the patron into personal information.

"We never ask for their name. But yeah, we chat it up, we're friendly, we're fun," Rodemeyer said. "People always end up saying they're going to tell their friends about us."

The most rewarding part about volunteering for StateWalk is the knowledge she had made someone feel safer, Rodemeyer said.

"People are always completely thankful, and it feels good to see that you're making someone feel more comfortable and ensuring their safety," she added.

Kelly House

Photo: Jeff Proulx

Martin Luther King Jr. honored, attorney's speech concludes events

A crowd of all ages and races gathers in Akers Hall to celebrate the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. The dinner included students, faculty and members of the community. The event followed a march from the Union to Beaumont Tower.

Provost Kim Wilcox speaks to community members who attended the Martin Luther King Jr. dinner. The dinner included an all-you-can-eat buffet in Akers Hall. Along with the provost, President Lou Anna K. Simon attended the dinner and gave a speech as well.



Bryna Shields



Bryna Shields

CELEBRATING DR. KING

After attending segregated schools during his youth, the man born Michael Luther King, Jr. was arrested and had his home attacked with bombs as he became a leading proponent of the Civil Rights Movement throughout the 1960s.

The university was closed on Jan. 15 in remembrance and honor of the youngest man to win the Nobel Peace Prize. King would have celebrated his 78th birthday this year, had he not been assassinated on April 4, 1968 on a balcony in Memphis, Tenn. King was leading a protest to sympathize with that city's garbage workers.

Most noted for his "I have a dream" speech that has come to symbolize an entire movement, King was commemorated at the 3rd Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Student Leadership Conference, which included workshops on community service, social movements, hate crimes and diversity.

The festivities, coordinated entirely by students, included a show called "Jazz: Spirituals, Prayer and Protest Concert," a community dinner with former Lansing mayor David Hollister; a student talent competition and concluded with a keynote speech from Attorney Gregory Reed.

Reed, who spoke of the importance of continuing King's "dream," is known for representing professional athletes, primarily boxers.

"Accept life is difficult and move on with it," Reed said, adding King was consistent, caring and committed. "Is King's dream alive and is it necessary?" he pressed against the audience. After a brief moment of silence, he answered in a booming message: "It is unfinished business, the business that he started off."

On June 1963, King gave the first "I have a dream" speech at Cobo

Center in Detroit, Reed said. "The dream has been taken out of context. The most important part is not 'the dream,' it is the time."

Reed stressed the urgency of continued opposition to discrimination and support of diversity. He spoke openly about the passage of Proposal 2, which bans affirmative action in Michigan.

Senior Marcella Richardson helped coordinate the conference. Richardson was very satisfied with the turnout of the event in its third year.

Ironically, the day's cold temperatures and icy weather worked in the event's favor. As other events were cancelled due to inclement weather, more spectators found their way over to the MLK celebration.

"Due to the weather, many people came out to honor Dr. King and keep his legacy alive," said Richardson, a public administration and public policy major.

King coordinated marches for labor rights, desegregation and the right to vote for all. Much of his work was enacted into law with the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

In his conclusion, Reed said that the Movement was and is not about skin color.

"It was never a race game," Reed said. "It was never between black and white, but between good and evil," adding that many Caucasians supported the movement.

"Rather than black and white, I can see... one world," Reed said.

Courtney Robinson



Bryna Shields

Programs from the annual Martin Luther King Jr. dinner in Akers Hall lay spread across a table. In celebration of Dr. King's accomplishments, the dinner featured speakers including Lou Anna K. Simon, former Lansing mayor David Hollister and attorney Gregory Reed.

"Due to the weather, many people came out to honor Dr. King and keep his legacy alive."

*Marcella Richardson
Public Administration & Public Policy major*

LATINOHEAT

In a night filled with bright costumes, traditional Latin music, poetry readings and dancing, the Latin Xplosion talent show lit up the Auditorium with laughter, excitement, emotion and rhythm.

"Trayendo el Calor Latino," or "Bringing the Latino Heat," was the theme of a night that included 13 acts and the music of DJ Mojito.

Dance teams at the event included the Impulse Dance Team and Greek teams like University of Michigan's Lambda Theta Phi Fraternity, Inc. and Delta Tau Lambda Sorority, Inc.

"My opinion of this year's show was that it was amazing," said Spanish and psychology senior Aubrey Devine, who coordinated the event. "We had a great turnout, talented performers, a great committee and we worked with great people in general."

The 13 voluntary performers were selected after auditioning in front of a committee. The event was funded by ASMSU and Culturas de las Razas Unidas (CRU).

Other acts this year included rappers Sacramento Knox, lassoers and dancers from Los Gallows de Oro, Los Cambollanos and Las Nenas Finas. Solo acts included vocalist Lizette Garcia and Jennifer A. Tindle, who delivered a moving piece called "Green and White" and touched on a variety of topics, including racism, affirmative action, economics and sexism.

"The show is just to showcase Latino culture and talent," Devine said. "People should know that CRU is a multicultural organization that focuses on issues in the Chicano/Latino community and promotes multiculturalism."

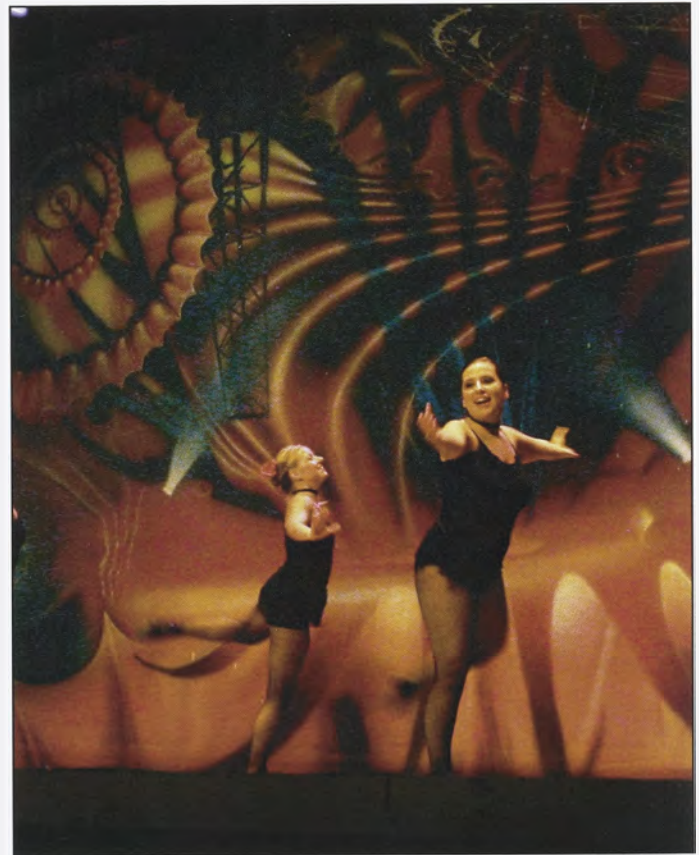
The talent show is held every spring, with average attendance being 700 attendees. Devine said this year the attendance jumped to 1,100 people. Traditionally, the performances have included films, rapping, folklore dancing and singing.

Originally meant to showcase the Latino community, the event included other forms of entertainment and music,

including hip-hop, pop music and modern dance moves.

CRU, a multicultural organization, worked to promote Latino and Chicano unity on campus and celebrate diversity on campus.

Courtney Robinson



Caitlin Anderson

"We had a great turnout, talented performers, a great committee and we worked with great people in general."

*Aubrey Devine
Event Coordinator*

The Impulse dancers smile as they demonstrate different dances at the Latin Xplosion. They performed a tango and a salsa dance, as well as a few other choreographed pieces. Impulse is a student-run organization for talented dancers on campus and allows them to enjoy dancing together.



Caitlin Anderson



Caitlin Anderson

The dancers of the Los Gallos de Oro dance group perform a traditional Mexican dance. It was their first time performing at the Latin Xplosion. They were a professional dance group from Grand Rapids.

A sombrero-clad demonstration of rope work technique during the Latin Xplosion takes place. Part of the folklore dance group, Los Gallos de Oro, many traditional Mexican dances were performed.

SET THE RECORD STRAIGHT

"Muslims have the right to defend life, property and dignity."

*Dawud Walid
American Muslim & USA
Military Veteran*

The Muslim Student Association met in the College of Law during Islam Awareness Week. They enjoyed a dinner and listened to Hajji's describe their journeys.

Khasim Jafri, a physiology freshman, prepares for his speech before the meal. Jafri gave a speech on his recent Hajj experience.



Brian Laskowski



Brian Laskowski

Islam Awareness week kicked off Jan. 22 with a short documentary film about a Christian man from West Virginia living in a Muslim household in Dearborn, Mich. The next day's events featured a presentation about women in Islam, particularly the Muslim dress, a veil or Islamic headscarf. Later event focused on different instances of science in religion, particularly in the Quran.

An especially impacting event was the Jan. 25 lecture series regarding religiously inspired terrorism, presented by the Muslim Student Association. The event centered on the Islamic faith, a religion misperceived by some outsiders as being oppressive, violent and stringent.

Dawud Walid, an American Muslim and United States Military Veteran, concluded the week's proceedings with a speech on the misconception between terrorism and Islam.

Walid served as the head of the Council on American Islamic Relations (CAIR) and used his position to speak

out regarding his faith and some of its misconceptions.

"In the media, it's made synonymous with extremism," said Walid, a Detroit native. "There is no term called 'holy war' in religious texts. Walid said 'jihad' means 'exertion or struggle'."

The Quran, the Muslim holy text, strictly forbids terrorism, vigilantism, killing of civilians, suicide, nuclear weaponry and torture, Walid said. He said the Quran says the killing of any animals, plants or people is not allowed, although "Muslims have the right to defend life, property and dignity."

Walid also addressed the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks, Muslim extremism, Iran, Iraq and the war on terror.

"There are a few leaders among the Muslim world [that are extreme]," Walid said. "But [many] Muslim leaders have denounced terrorism until we were blue in the face. Not one of seven million American Muslims has been convicted of committing acts of terrorism."

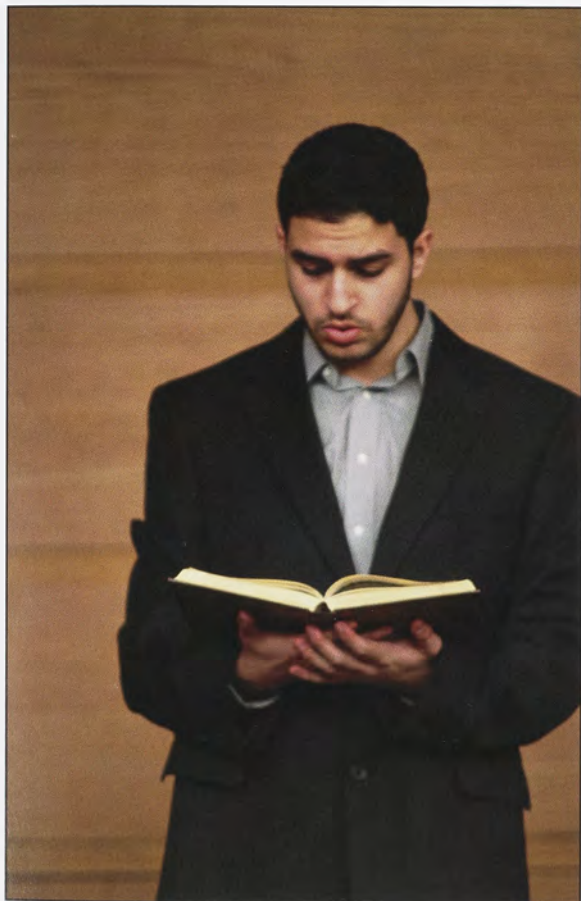
Islam is based on the teachings of Muhammad and is the second largest religion in the world, with an estimated 1.4 billion followers. Muslims adhere to the belief that God sent Muhammad as his final prophet to spread the word of the Koran. There are five core pillars of Islam, including the belief in God and Muhammad as his prophet, praying five times daily, fasting during the month of Ramadan, obligatory donations to the needy and a pilgrimage to Mecca.

In regards to whether the Muslim community should publicly denounce terrorism, Walid said, "Why should we apologize for something we have not done?" He added that, during the lynching of African Americans in the 1950s and '60s in the South, Caucasians would not think of apologizing.

Asma Hasan, a Muslim student, said she disapproves of the way Muslims are portrayed in the American media, especially since the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan began.

"Most of the time when you watch the news, it's all war and terrorism," said Hasan, a physiology sophomore. "This is a way to clear up everyone's misconception."

Courtney Robinson



Brian Laskowski

Muslim Student Association President Tammam Alwan recites verses from the Quran at a celebration of the completion of Hajj season. Many people spoke about their travels during the pilgrimage period. The Hajj is a pilgrimage commemorating the journeys of the prophet Muhammad.

HIP-HOPFORACAUSE



Brian Laskowski

Vakill takes a break from his routine to thank people for coming out and supporting the cause of the Save Darfur Tour. Each artist stopped during their set to inform the audience on the atrocities going on in the Darfur region. More than 200,000 people have lost their lives and about two million have become refugees.

Greyskul artist JFK reaches out to the hopping crowd during their performance at the Save Darfur Tour. The event was held in the Union Ballroom, and brought out many students all night to see a long ticket of underground hip-hop artists.





Brian Laskowski

The Union is a great place to get coffee, study and meet with friends, but it's also great for different student organized events, like a hip-hop concert to help save Darfur's citizens. STAND means Students Taking Action Now: Darfur, but, in this event's case, "Students" was substituted for "Spartans." STAND is a national student coalition and the university chapter represents one group, among thousands more students across the country.

STAND wanted to help make a difference and inform students on the genocide that the Sudanese government is committing against harmless civilians.

To help students relate to this cause, a hip-hop concert was put on by ASMSU and STAND. Playboy and Scion sponsored the event nationally. It was held in the Union Ballroom and saw a fairly large turn out of students. A youth group even attended the proceedings.

This was anything but a typical show, with chairs for audience members to relax in. Instead, the event encouraged audience members to dance and truly get into the performances.

Casone and DJ Figure were the two performers featured at the concert.

"We are just doing the Midwest (events), and there are other performers for other regions of the country," Casone said.

Each is a self-taught artist from Evansville, Ind., and both were eager to perform their own music. DJ Figure was the man in the back with the beats while Casone had the lyrics and voice.

Amanda Lanphear, a pre-law freshman, was one of the many hip-hop fans watching Casone and DJ Figure.

"I like hip-hop, I saw the flyer and thought it would be fun to do," Lanphear said.

Darfur is a real problem that has been going on for two years and six months too long. It's good to see that performers and students have taken interest in this global cause.

"I thought the show was very worthwhile. I met some cool people, had a good time and got to donate money to a cause I really believe in," Lanphear said.

Finding a cause that is worth it is the first step in how students can help the community, nation or world.

Marissa Nelson

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*Amanda Lanphear
Pre-law freshman*

BIENNIAL CELEBRATION

The red velvet curtain dramatically framed the stage of the auditorium on March 16, prepared to showcase a variety of traditional and modern Asian performances at the biennial Cultural Vogue event - one of the Midwest's largest cultural programs. Students from Wayne State, Kettering and Oakland universities, as well as the University of Michigan, joined Spartan students to excitedly take their seats, ready to experience a night of music, fun and an appreciation for the Asian-American culture hosted by the Asian Pacific American Student Organization (APASO).

The theme of the event was "Transcendence" and, for \$8, attendees could purchase a powder blue shirt with the word printed in white letters across the front. Proceeds from the shirts and other donations were collected for future Cultural Vogue programs. The shirts were worn by all the ushers and volunteers that were working the event. One such volunteer, Adam Grajewski, a pre-med sophomore, decided to help out during the event and perform as well.

"I was part of one of the organizations that was performing. I wanted to lend a helping hand," said Grajewski.

Karen Huang, a human biology senior and member of the executive board of APASO, also performed at the event. Huang and her fellow APASO members were involved in a skit that addressed many Asian-American stereotypes in a comical manner. Huang felt it was important to have Cultural Vogue because it was in preparation for May - Asian

Pacific American Heritage Month.

"It's a great way to kick off heritage month," said Huang.

For Lem Goopio, a food management senior, the Cultural Vogue event was his final one as student. He had been involved in the 2003 and 2005 shows, and for this year's event was a co-emcee and a member of the planning committee.

"I decided to be a part of this production because I'm part of something that's worth being a part of here at MSU," said Goopio. "This is a production that not only puts APA's (Asian Pacific Americans) on the map, but MSU as well. I've been to my fair share of Big Ten schools and I can honestly say that there is nothing as big as Cultural Vogue."

For an event that started in the early '90s in McDonel Kiva, Cultural Vogue has morphed into a huge production that draws in crowds from all ethnicities and cultures. It is particularly special for the Asian American community on campus because it is a celebration of their culture.

"This is an important event because it gives a chance for the whole Asian American community to come together and unite," said Goopio. "Plus, it gives us a chance to showcase our talents and culture to the MSU community."

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Food Management Senior*



Brian Laskowski

Cultural Vogue was a show of diversity as Asian nationalities of all kinds participated. The Indian students did a brilliant dance routine. In addition to performing at Cultural Vogue, the group danced at several other shows in the region.



Brian Laskowski



Brian Laskowski

Cultural Vogue had modern style performances alongside traditional folk arts and dances. Along with these performances, there was a lot of tongue-in-cheek humor, much to the pleasure of most in attendance.

Pi Alpha Phi shows off their moves in a stomp display at the Cultural Vogue event. The group participated in several of the individual performances. Members played in a band, sang and danced in many other skits.

TRAGEDY AT VIRGINIA TECH

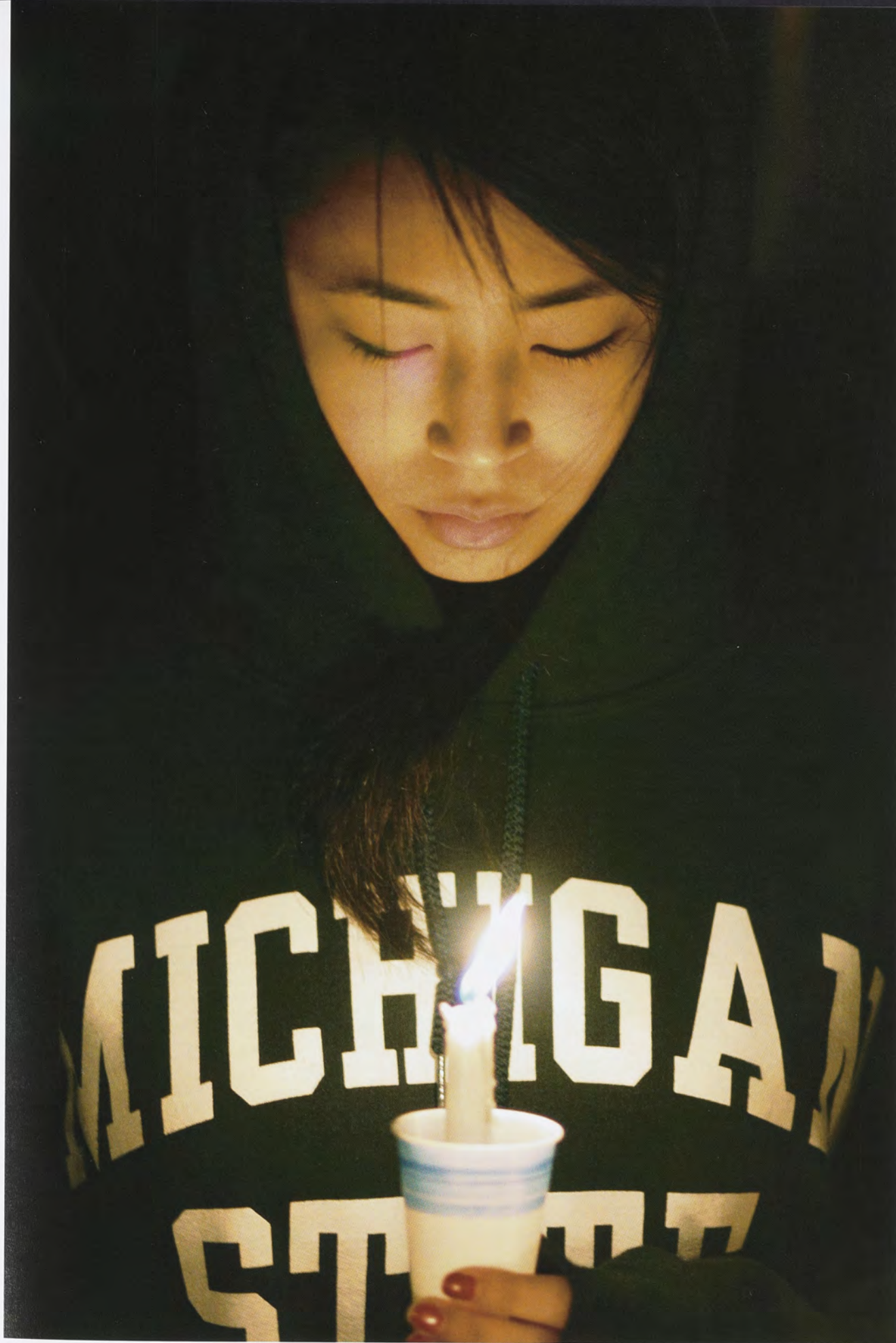
At about 7:15 a.m. on the morning of April 16, shots rang out at Virginia Tech's West Ambler Johnston Hall. Two hours later, on the other side of campus in Norris Hall, the same trigger finger went off again. The town of Blacksburg, Va. was sent into a spiral of despair as 33 people, including the shooter, Cho Seung-Hui, laid lifeless in the largest campus shooting in the nation's history.

As one of the most tragic events of the school year, Spartans united to mourn and pray for the friends and families of the Virginia Tech victims. There were candlelight vigils held at the Rock on Farm Lane on April 18 and April 20. The Wednesday vigil was sponsored by Phi Sigma Pi and featured the Capital Green acapella group singing a few songs. University President Lou Anna K. Simon spoke at the Friday vigil, sponsored by ASMSU.

Students and patrons bore orange ribbons pinned to their shirts in honor and remembrance of those lost earlier in the week.

The event also resulted in the university taking a harder look at its safety precautions for such instances as a shooting on campus. As stronger plans have been looked at, Spartans are ensured that their safety is a top priority.

Chris Jackett



Jeff Proulx

Stella Lee stands in silence to show respect for the victims at Virginia Tech. Lee stood amid a group of hundreds that surrounded the Rock on Farm Lane. Every student had a candle as some students prayed and some students stood in silence, showing their respect for those who lost their lives at Virginia Tech.



A day in the life of Dave Mergener

The day started at 6:30 a.m., when most college students were still asleep, and would last about 10 hours. This schedule went five days a week, or more if there was a need for overtime. Dave Mergener, a power plant mechanic III at T.B. Simon Power Plant on Service Road, had worked through this rigorous schedule for nearly 21 years.

Each morning started off with work orders from his boss. On each order, there was a description of what was broken, where it was and why it needed to be fixed. Mergener carried about three or four of these work orders at a time in his blue button-down shirt pocket. He typically dressed in brown pants and work boots covered in dust, with his safety glasses always affixed to his eyes.

"Anything that runs, we work on. Anything that breaks, we fix."

That was Mergener's motto as he pulled out the work orders to see what was left to do for the day. The maintenance crew was only able to get through a few work orders a day, depending on the size of the jobs. Because of that, there were quite a few overtime hours given out.

There were 13 people on maintenance, but they usually worked in pairs. Mergener explained they are trained to work alone, but work got done faster in groups. The only maintenance workers not allowed out on their own were the people labeled "mechanic one," as these workers were trainees, attempting to work up to a level three position like Mergener had.

The first thing on the list, on this day, was to replace a dum valve on the ash system. Mergener described it as a gate between two tanks that dumps ash periodically. The new valve would be placed in the waterline to fix the steam ash conveyance system. Doing that one job would take about half of the day. The ash system may not sound important, Mergener said, but it was an integral part of what kept the school running.

"We have operators here 24/7 making sure everything is working," Mergener said. "They make sure the coals go in and the ash goes out. It supplies the whole campus with heat, electricity, water and cooling."

Not only does Mergener work at the power plant, but, sometimes, the mechanics were also needed on campus, specifically at a reservoir. Because the one million-gallon reservoir connected to the power plant, the maintenance team travels there to replace pumps and valves when needed.

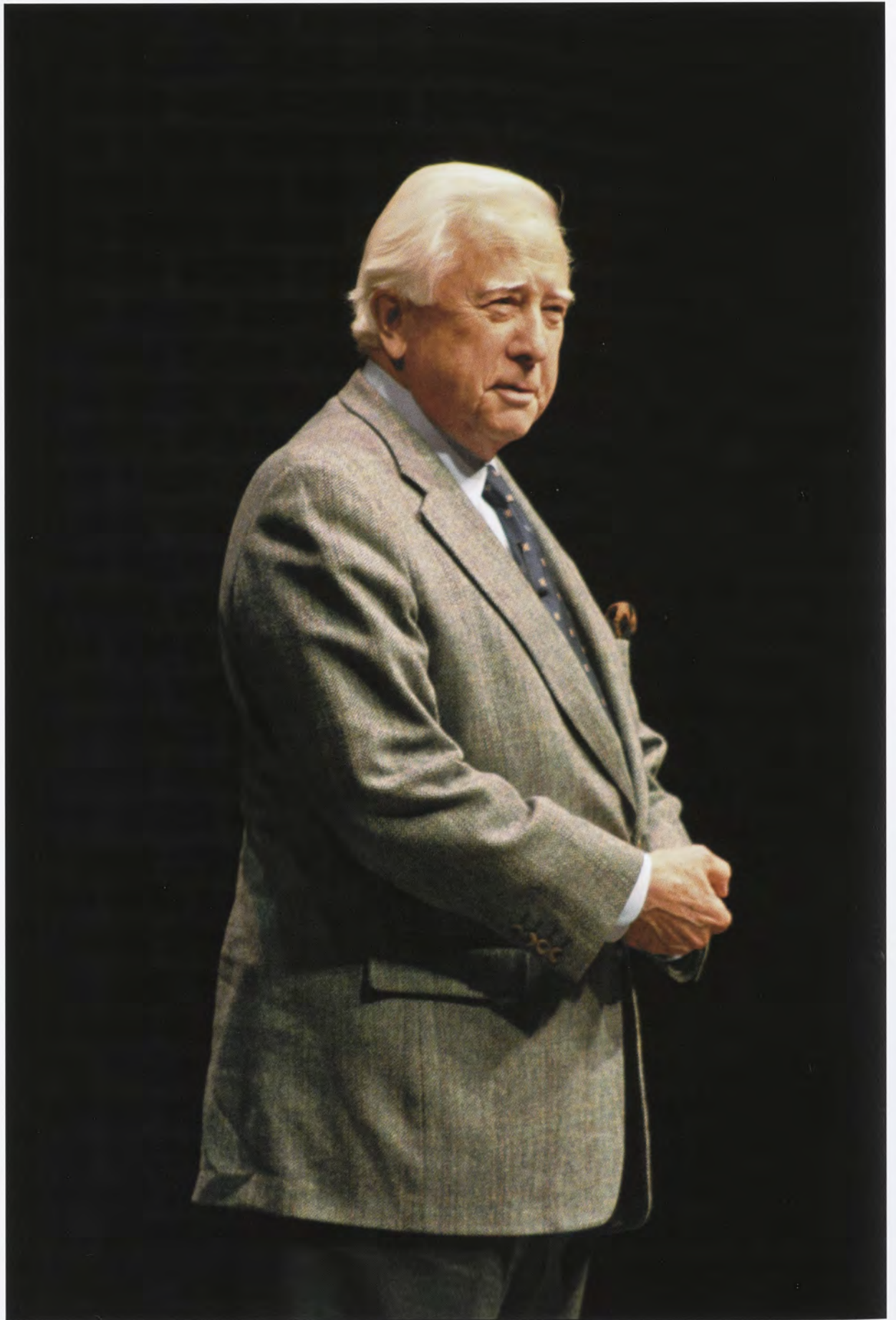
"Today is an easy day – we won't have to go out there," Mergener said. "But since the reservoir does supply the water for campus, we have to go out there sometimes."

Lakeeya Blue

Photo: Jeff Proulx

Iranian author concludes year-long series

David McCullough, a nationally renowned historian, speaks to students and faculty at the Wharton Center about how knowledge of our history can help us understand our current world. McCullough's achievements have ranged from winning two Pulitzer Prizes to narrating several movies, including "Seabiscuit." He was the speaker for the first of the four lectures in the series throughout the year.



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GLOBALLECTURESLOCALLY

From celebrities and politics to human rights and war, Azar Nafisi touched on a variety of topics that had audience members nodding, laughing and lowering their heads in thought.

Nafisi, the final speaker in the World View Lecture Series, left the audience questioning what it means to consider, even generalize, the Islamic faith and Muslim nations.

Nafisi, originally of Tehran, was expelled from her professorship at the University of Tehran for refusing to wear a veil, prior to moving to the United States in 1997. She had previously left Iran during the 1979 Islamic Revolution and received her education in the U.S. and Europe.

"Every culture in the world has something to be ashamed of," Nafisi said. "No state in any portion of the world should tell its people how to worship."

Nafisi said her grandmother, a devout Muslim, never removed her veil, even when it was mandated by the government. Nafisi's mother, however, rarely veiled herself. She said this does not impact their faith, nor does it make them traitors.

"Weapons of mass destruction in my country is lipstick and a little bit of hair," Nafisi said.

Nafisi concluded the series on March 27, when she was brought in to discuss literature, as the author of "Reading Lolita in Tehran," which is a memoir about sharing Western novels with her students privately.

"The fact is the best thing about books is about the connections they make," Nafisi said. "A great novel is one in which every character is given a voice and allowed to speak."

Peruvian journalist Mario Vargas Llosa, another featured lecturer, discussed his presidential candidacy and living in an authoritarian state.

"It was a society in which (the) professor in the university couldn't trust who were the real students and who were the police," Vargas Llosa said.

Vargas Llosa said he writes from a historical perspective, while adding creativity to his work.

"I don't do the research to collect facts, but to connect myself with the world I am trying to invent," Vargas Llosa said.

Monica Hernandez, a international relations student, was a fan of Vargas Llosa's when she began reading his works.

"[I like] the way he portrays social relations, the essence with which he writes" makes it such a good narrative, said Hernandez.

Other featured lecturers were Richard Monette, the artistic director for Canada's Stratford Festival and David McCullough, author of "1776," a Pulitzer Prize-winning book.

Courtney Robinson

*"Weapons of mass destruction
in my country is lipstick and a
little bit of hair."*

*Azar Nafisi
Former Professor at the
University of Tehran*

Richard Monette spoke on Oct. 30 as the second of four World View Lecture Series speakers throughout the year. Monette came to the Pasant Theatre to speak about his work with the Stratford Festival of Canada and talk about his career working with arts and theatre.



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Forum offers students opportunity to earn money with research

RESEARCHINGFORREWARDS



Brian Laskowski

"It was great to see so many of my undergraduate colleagues accomplishing such great achievements in all fields of research."

Waleed Brinjikji
UURAF grand prize winner

Undergraduate researchers gathered in the Union Ballroom for the first display of their work to the student body and faculty. This overview of the poster presenters was just half of the show, as oral presentations were being given in another room as well.

Forum offers students opportunity to earn money with research

The April 13 University Undergraduate Research and Arts Forum (UURAF) provided an opportunity for undergraduate researchers to present their work in the form of a poster or oral presentation. Undergraduates from all colleges within the university, which were engaged in original work, were encouraged to participate.

Receiving UURAF grand prize awards were Waleed Brinjikji and Ramy Goueli, in the poster presentation category, and Katherine Morabito for the oral report category.

"I was completely shocked. We designed our poster two days before the event after our first copy was wiped off of Ramy's hard-drive," said Brinjikji, a quantitative biology and physiology senior. "I participated in the event a couple years ago. I heard about it through my research advisor. The atmosphere was pretty laid back and relaxed. I think everybody had fun."

Brinjikji and Goueli's winning piece, titled, "The Role of Src-Homology-3 in the Activation Mechanism of MLK 3," was submitted as part of the Science, Math and Engineering division. Morabito's winning presentation, titled, "Individual Differences in Memory in Relation to Emotional Stimuli," represented

the Social Sciences, Humanities and Communication Arts and Sciences schools.

Along with grand prize honors, 12 awards were handed out to honor the top oral presentations and 16 awards were given to poster presentations. Posters were displayed in the Union Ballroom and were 30" x 40" in dimension. Oral presentations were scheduled for 10 minutes in length.

"I thought the event was very educational, fun and exciting," Brinjikji said. "It was great to see so many of my undergraduate colleagues accomplishing such great achievements in all fields of research."

Projects were judged by faculty within their respective colleges. As research and scholarships varied by discipline, judging criteria varied in each respective category. In general, judges examined the following areas for each presentation: adequacy of students' preparation of project, how clearly the problem was defined and addressed, consistency of conclusion based on presented results and overall professionalism.

To recognize top scholarly achievements, monetary prizes were awarded. A first place award of \$100 and up to two merit awards of \$50 each were given in each poster and oral presentation category.

Steven Ovares



Brian Laskowski

Jessica Priestly talks with Rachel Komosinski about her project in the Forum. Priestly worked in conjunction with Wei Ni and Stephanie Watts on the project about particular induce artery contractions. Researchers at the Forum stood with their projects to answer any questions attendees had.



A day in the life of Daragh Gibson

While many students spent a week gallivanting on beaches or sitting on couches recovering from midterms, Daragh Gibson was painting school fences, touring organic farms and staying in hostels in Costa Rica.

Gibson, a Spanish and physiology senior and member of the varsity rowing team, was a student site leader for the Alternative Spring Break Program (ASB). Along with another student, Gibson led the volunteer activities of a group of 17 ASB volunteers as they traveled through Costa Rica.

"As site leaders, we are able to learn valuable leadership skills and find out what we are really made of as people," Gibson said.

During the eight-day trip, Gibson visited five locations: Puerto Viejo, Tortuguero, Santa Rosa, Cartagena and San José. At each location, Gibson experienced a different part of Costa Rican culture while working to enrich the community. Gibson described the experience as "life-altering."

"You really feel like you are making a difference there, but, also, you are able to share a part of yourself with the people there and learn so much from them," Gibson said.

While there was ample time for exploration and immersion into the culture during the trip, Gibson spent much of her time participating in philanthropic activities within the communities.

In Tortuguero, the ASB volunteers spent their days repainting a fence around the community kindergarten and making bookmarks that were sold to raise money for the local children's school supplies.

In Santa Rosa and Cartagena, they stayed with local families and spent a day working on an organic farm. Gibson said her experience on the farm gave her a new respect for the Costa Ricans' way of life, which she described as "la Pura Vida," which translates to "the pure life."

"It encompasses every aspect of the Costa Rican lifestyle and the people," Gibson said. "They are living the pure life amidst the beautiful nature surrounding them."

Although this is not Gibson's first trip to Costa Rica, because she studied abroad there and went backpacking through the country two summers ago, she said this trip had inspired her to make community service a lifelong commitment. Gibson hoped to start an ASB program at the University of South Florida, where she planned to attend graduate school.

"I want to be able to bring as many people as possible down to this amazing country and allow them to experience the gratifying volunteer work and life changing experience that comes with the trip," Gibson said. "Volunteer service is a way of life, and now that I have started, I will most definitely never be able to stop."

Kelly House
Photo: Jason Chiou

Town celebrates centennial anniversary

EAST LANSING TURNS 100



Courtesy of the City of East Lansing

Community members gather to commemorate East Lansing's 100th anniversary with a photograph. The city center at M.A.C. and Albert Avenues was used as a backdrop.

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*Ami Van Antwerp
East Lansing Centennial Commission*

East Lansing turned 100 years old in 2007, a long journey through years of name changes, college expansions and a swarming of people to the city. The area around the Red Cedar River, which now winds its way through the university, wasn't settled until between 8,000 and 12,000 B.C. by the Chippewa, under Chief Okemos.

The Chippewa dominated the area until the original "modern" resident, Robert Burcham arrived in 1849. Originally a junction, East Lansing grew and later became divided at Lansing Plank Road, now Grand River Avenue, which separated East Lansing from then Michigan Agricultural College, formed in 1855 as a land grant school from the state.

As the college expanded, the name of the surrounding area became "Collegeville," until 1907, when it was renamed East Lansing, a town now home to the sixth largest university in the United States.

With a yearlong string of events, East Lansing celebrated its anniversary and 100 years of history, and hosted events like barbecues, art shows and the highlighted birthday party on June 23. The city began to capture its centennial celebration in January with a photo.

"We kicked off the centennial with

a human 100 photo on Jan. 17. About 700 people participated and that was exciting," said Ami Van Antwerp, a staff member on the East Lansing Centennial Commission.

The June 23 birthday party was a record-breaking event; as the world's largest cupcake tower was constructed in a day complete with fun, live music and sugary treats. The cupcake tower was designed to break the record in the Guinness World Record Book, said Van Antwerp.

She said the Melting Moments Centennial Flavor Challenge Extravaganza was one of the most exciting events.

"There were about 100 submissions, a committee chose eight and over 600 people completed an online vote to choose the official flavor," Van Antwerp said. "That's been very successful in the community."

Senior Ideene Dehdashti, whose recipe included vanilla ice cream with peanuts, chocolate-covered pretzels and a Carmel swirl, submitted the winning centennial flavor. The flavor was featured all year at Melting Moments.

Other events included a VIP Tasting Party, Home Tour and "A Step Thru Time" at the Centennial Gallery.

Courtney Robinson



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Charlene Smith, Dr. Clarence Underwood and Robert Ball exchange conversation and jokes at the East Lansing 100th anniversary VIP tasting dinner. The dishes present were cooked using the recipes from community members. Before leaving, guests were given a packet of the recipes used to create the evening's cuisine.

Thomas Johnson and his fellow alumni sing the fight song one last time before leaving as graduates of the university. The Michigan State wind ensemble provided musical entertainment and program music for the graduation and convocation. The friends and family of the new graduates were encouraged to join in the fun of singing the fight song and the alma mater.



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ASPARTANFAREWELL

Jaime Escalante, one of the speakers at this year's commencement, was a math teacher whose time spent inspiring and motivating students at Garfield High School in East Los Angeles was portrayed in the movie, "Stand and Deliver."

Commencement speakers were determined by members of ASMSU, said Jordan Vandeputte, a marketing senior and co-chair of Senior Class Council Commencement Committee. At the start of the school year, deciding which individuals will speak at graduation begins "when ASMSU puts together a slate of nominees to be reviewed by administrators. Anyone, including faculty, can promote a nominee for consideration to be the commencement speaker," said Vandeputte.

During his speech, Escalante referred to a math word problem - a mantra of sorts to help students become motivated and determined to succeed in life - which he wrote on his chalkboard every day for his students to see. He changed the word problem when he spoke at graduation, to better fit the audience he was speaking to. He said, "Determination plus discipline plus hard work equals MSU."

Applause followed, as the graduating seniors collectively realized that the previous quote was quite similar to their time spent at the university.

With 4,851 seniors who were eligible to participate in the spring graduation, many attended the undergraduate convocation that was held at the Breslin Center on May 4. President Lou Anna K. Simon guided the program along as she introduced speakers, Escalante and Kate Pew Wolters, an alumnae and chairperson of the Steelcase Foundation, and presented to each of them an honorary doctorate degree of humanities.

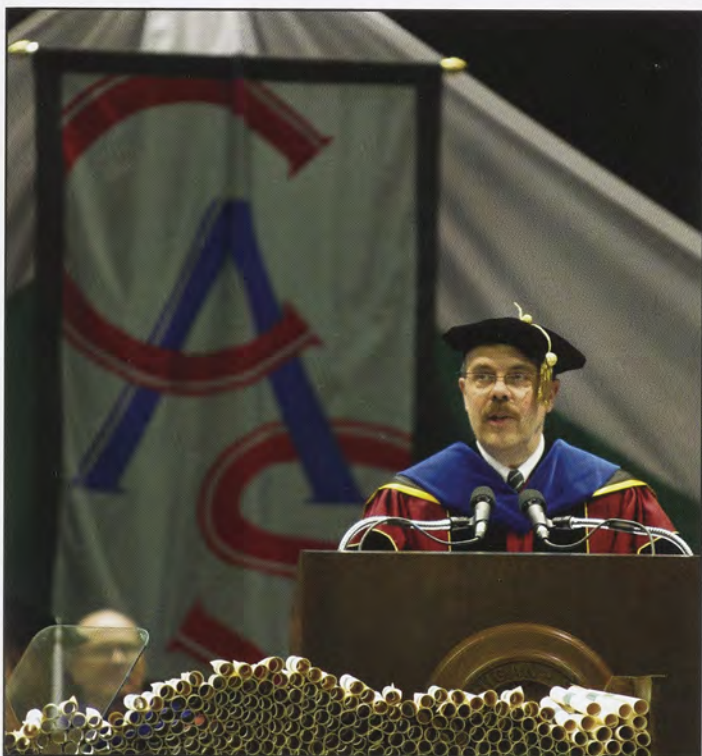
One senior in particular, a political science and geography major, Aaron King, graduated with a 3.9 and had constantly pushed himself to excel during his four year career at the university. Also serving as the vice president of finance for the Student Alumni Foundation, a member of University Activities Board, director of the Izzone for two years, intramural sports enthusiast and a member of the Honors College, King was recognized for graduating with high honors at the College of Social Science commencement. For King, the university was always his college dream; he applied only here when it came to sending out college applications.

"I lived close and I've always wanted to go to MSU," said King. "The good thing about looking back is looking at all you've done. There are a lot of memories."

King will enter a five-year graduate program at Duke University where he will get a doctorate in political science. He hopes to one day teach at a large, research university similar to his alma mater and, if he gets the chance, he would like to come back to teach at here.

"I've been very fortunate to be successful in political science and I know many of my peers who are successful in their fields," he said. "Looking at the big picture, there is a lot of talent in this class"

Jennifer Orlando



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*"Determination plus discipline
plus hard work equals MSU."*

*Jamie Escalante
Commencement Speaker*

Charles T. Salmon speaks to the senior class of students in the College of Communication Arts and Sciences while standing in front of the diplomas to be handed to the graduates. Salmon, the dean of the College of Communication Arts and Sciences, presided over the college's graduation events for the day. Special events at the graduation included a performance by the university's Wind Symphony and several addresses to the senior class.



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New graduates clap to welcome the next guest speaker at their graduation and commencement ceremony. Guest speakers for the graduation and commencement included Jaime Escalante and Kate Pew Wolters. Both Escalante and Wolters received honorary degrees in the Humanities.



This year's Drag Show brought in a huge audience that filled the International Center. Performer Dan Animus brought up a crowd member as part of his act as well. Many of the performers interacted with the audience.

Brian Laskowski

DISPLAY OF PRIDE

For eight days in mid-April, the various LGBT groups on campus came together through the Lesbian, Bisexual, Gay and Transgender Resource Center to put on Pride Week, a celebration of this community and an opportunity to spread awareness.

The Artsy Fartsy Pride Extravaganza kicked off the extended event, held in the Mason-Abbot Courtyard and featuring artistic talent. The 2nd Annual Bathroom Crawl sought to challenge gender divides on campus, and provide information about the desire for gender-neutral bathrooms on campus. The event also intended to bring attention to the need to alter the university anti-discrimination policy to include gender identity, which was accomplished at an April meeting of the Board of Trustees.

Hospitality business sophomore Lee Johnson, Jr. received information at the Bathroom Crawl about the purpose behind the event.

"I just went up to them because I was interested," Johnson said. "It brought a lot of attention to the group as to what they were doing."

Take Back the Night, on April 17, lasted all day and included various activities to recognize the effects of sexual violence on the community. A men's forum and a candlelight vigil prefaced the march, as participants walked from Beaumont Tower to the 54-B District Court on Abbott Road. Dr. Nandi S. Crosby, an associate professor of women's studies and sociology, spoke at the pre-

march rally.

To bring attention to the silence experienced by the LGBT community in society, Pride Week included the National Day of Silence on April 18. After participants neglected to speak for the day, a discussion was held in the Union to address the effectiveness of their silence.

"Being silent for an entire day is really hard, and it truly leads a person to consider how it must feel to have to be silent about who you like, or your identity," said Amy Tighe, an English sophomore and president of BRIGHT.

One of the most vibrant events of Pride Week was the Drag Show, held at the International Center and sponsored by the University Activities Board and RING, the North Complex campus caucus. The theme was Glitz 'N Glam, and the show featured some of the most prominent drag queens and drag kings in the state. In addition, participants could revisit a high school tradition, in the context of the LGBT community, by attending the Gay Prom on April 21 in the Union Ballroom.

"Sometimes groups not affiliated with LGBT issues co-coordinate events...which draws in a crowd outside of the LGBT community," Tighe said. "Most events are not all in your face, so they tend to serve as more of an unobtrusive eye-opener for students."

Jessica Sipperley

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*Amy Tighe
President of BRIGHT
English sophomore*

Rachel Mieskowski stands next to the men's bathroom in the main library. Mieskowski, a sociology sophomore, participated in this year's bathroom crawl by passing out informational flyers to people walking by. Some participants in the bathroom crawl chose to sit in the bathroom itself and talk to people entering and exiting.



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Drag Queen Sabin hits the splits midway through the performer's first act at the Drag Show that took place at the International Center. Sabin was one of the best in the mid-Michigan area. Last year he emceed the event, while this year Hershey Chocolate emceed the event.

Bassist Jimmy Stofer of The Fray plays during a concert at the Auditorium. Stofer, a Minneapolis native, was the touring bassist for The Fray in January. The multi-platinum group formed in Denver in 2002 sold out their show at the Auditorium almost immediately after it went on sale.



Jacob Vink

January 12

The Fray

As if their double platinum album, "How to Save a Life," and their hit song of the same name, which became famous from the TV show "Grey's Anatomy," wasn't enough, The Fray stormed into the Auditorium to play for droves of students on Jan. 12.

The rain didn't stop hundreds of local students from standing in line for the concert, which sold out the first day tickets were available to the public.

The five-man band took the stage in Spartan basketball jerseys as they opened with two hits, "Over My Head (Cable Car)" and "She Is."

Mute Math, a band out of New Orleans, opened the show

in true rock style. They switched instruments throughout their performance, jumped off pianos and splashed water off the drums as they performed a dozen songs.

Erica Barg, an advertising sophomore, said she is a "moderate" fan of the Fray, but was very impressed with the concert.

"It was wonderful. I really liked how they included the audience during the last song ['How to Save a Life']," said Barg.

During the finale, about 30 light bulbs on individual cords hung scattered about the stage at different lengths.

Courtney Robinson

On a chilly Wednesday around noon, the Detroit Tigers' Winter Caravan visited the Breslin Center as one of several stops on its postseason tour. Amidst a crowd of nearly 2,000 people, the Tigers shared memories of their pennant-winning season with area residents, young and old.

"I really think the Tigers brought all different sports fans together," said Rhonda Adams, an advertising sophomore.

President Lou Anna K. Simon, Lansing Mayor Virg Bernero and men's basketball head coach Tom Izzo all made opening

appearances. Third baseman Brandon Inge and pitcher Justin Verlander were among the Tigers players present, accompanied by manager Jim Leyland.

With all the recent success, many Tigers supporters are left speculating about the next season. In many fans' opinions, the future looked bright.

"I definitely think they'll do great again," Adams said. "I'm anxious to see what (next season) can bring to the table for the Tigers."

Kelly House

January 17

Tiger's Caravan



Bryna Shields

Outfielder Craig Monroe answers questions at a press conference before going on stage in front of fans at the Breslin Center. The Detroit Tigers traveled to different cities around Michigan as part of the Detroit Tigers Winter Caravan. The Tigers were the American League Champions.

Roderson Telfort asks Stacy Bucholts and Alex Glanz-Berger about internship opportunities. Bucholts and Glanz-Berger showed Telfort his options for potential employment and pointed out key points in their promotional materials. Nearly filling the Kellogg Center, more than 100 employers vied for the potential student employees at the Diversity Career Fair.



Jeff Proulx

January 18

Diversity Career Fair

The Kellogg Center had the opportunity to host 150 companies from around the area who came out to educate students on their businesses. The event was so large that it took up most of the main level. It was open to all students, and all majors were welcome to attend the event.

Many companies at the fair offered full-time jobs, internships and some co-op opportunities for students. The event lasted for three hours, allowing students plenty of time to browse and meet with several the companies that interested them.

Companies came to campus to find employees for present and future positions, providing students an opportunity to be more than a "face in the crowd."

If someone felt unprepared

prior to attending the career fair, "cram sessions" were available, as well as online tips to prepare. Students were given a short period to introduce themselves, give a presentation on themselves and their credibilities, and then give the employer their resume.

"I graduated this past December and I didn't have a job lined up," said Roderson Telfort, a French alumnus. "I went to the Diversity Career Fair with one purpose and one purpose only: to land a couple of interviews."

Telfort benefited from the fair and landed a job at Command Transportation in Chicago. The career fairs proved helpful for most students whether they landed a job or not.

Marissa Nelson

"Survey says..." the Family Feud night was a hit as game clickers ran out and more than 230 people packed into the event initially expected to draw only 100.

Teams of four and five battled to choose the top two answers on the board and earn points. The teams with the most points were invited on stage to battle for a \$300 grand prize. Four other teams walked away with \$25 each.

Kara Miller, a no preference sophomore and Ashley Allemon, a biology/chemistry freshman, came as a team to play after they saw the event advertised on a cardboard stand-up on their lunch table.

"We watch Family Feud," Miller said. "We know a little bit about a lot of things. We watch a lot of game shows."

Miller and Allemon both said they had experience with trivia and felt confident about the match.

Paris Howard, business director for University Activities Board, which sponsored the event, said the event hadn't taken place at the university in three years.

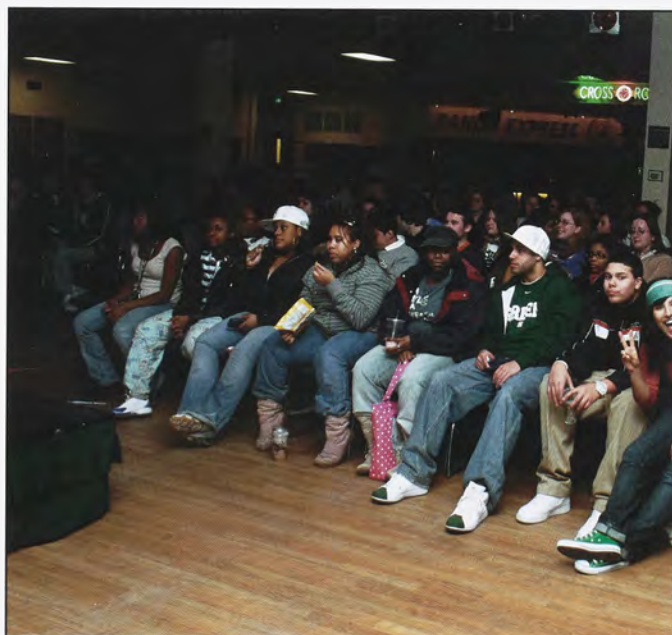
"We look to see what the students want when we choose events," Howard said. She was pleasantly surprised at the turnout on such a cold Saturday night.

"I expected 100 people tonight, and at the last count, we had 239."

Courtney Robinson

January 20

Family Feud



Brian Laskowski

Family Feud players filled the International Center. More than double the expected number of students showed up for the event. The excitement was recognizable in the air as everyone enjoyed themselves.

Wilbur and Charlotte act in the production of *Charlotte's Web*. Held at the Wharton Center, the play drew many people from the community. Based on the popular book, the play was especially well received by the children in the audience.



Jeff Proulx

January 21

Charlotte's Web

An energetic crowd nearly filled the Wharton Center's Pasant Theater on a Sunday afternoon for a show whose ending was no mystery.

A traveling theater company performed the children's classic "*Charlotte's Web*," based on the book by E. B. White. The audience, composed mostly of young children and their parents, sat transfixed through the hour-long show. The show ran nearly uninterrupted with few props and quick scene changes.

The cast was comprised entirely of adults and the costumes were very stylish, with a purple-clad sheep and a rat dressed to vaguely resemble a traveling salesman.

Some of the show's comedy was physical, but only a few of the jokes

drew a laugh or two from even the adults present.

"It was funny," said 7-year-old Taylor Rahl. She said she believed the performance was as good as the movie.

"*Charlotte's Web*" is part of the school series at Wharton Center, which is designed for children from pre-kindergarten through grade school. Thirteen shows played throughout the year as part of the series. Other shows included "If You Give a Mouse a Cookie" and "The Color of Justice."

"A lot of the shows are based on youth literature," said Debra R. Gift, director of educational programs at the Wharton Center. "It's a wonderful way for parents to introduce their children to theater."

Megan Hart

"It's not a question of if you'll go, but when you'll go."

The motto encompassed the popularity of the extensive and internationally known study abroad program available through every college on campus.

Any students looking to immerse themselves into another culture, while earning credits toward his or her degree, was offered this unique and enriching opportunity at the Study Abroad Fair.

With 240 programs, 60 countries represented and all seven continents accounted for, the 20th semi-annual Study Abroad fair took over the second floor of the Union. The

balloon-clad tables showcased a world of opportunities for the interested students passing by. Pamphlets, slide shows and pictures allowed students to get a feel of the various trips and countries that were on display.

Meghan Hock, head of the Study Abroad Fair Team, spent most of her January preparing for the big event.

"It's kind of like planning a wedding," said Hock.

With almost 2,800 students sent each year across the world, the university is the leader among public institutions in offering study abroad programs.

Jennifer Orlando

February 1

Study Abroad Fair



Brian Laskowski

Danielle Michael blows up a globe at the Study Abroad fair. The fair had all of the university's departments handing out information on their programs to potential students. There was also a passport photo booth to prepare students for their trips.

The football schedule for fall hangs from the south end of Spartan Stadium. After spring break came to an end, the new schedule for the coming season replaced last years' schedule and was hung from the side of the stadium.



Jeff Proulx

February 7 Football Signing Day

A new coach and new recruits signaled new opportunity for next year's football season. This was exemplified through football signing day. Featured recruits included two four-star athletes, wide receiver Mark Dell and defensive tackle Antonio Jeremiah. The recruiting class was ranked No. 44 in the nation.

Alyssa Rowe, a Lyman Briggs freshman, was one of the few students who came to the event.

"I'm really into football and some of my friends were coming, so I thought it may be fun," Rowe

said.

The evening's highlight came when Head Coach Mark Dantonio gave introductions of the team and spoke of the coming season.

"I would grade it, probably a C-plus, from our standpoint," Dantonio said, "But I'm realistic enough to know that you begin slow."

When Dantonio was through with what students could look forward to next season, fans were welcome to stay and watch the men's basketball team play Purdue on the video boards.

Marissa Nelson

The third floor of Spartan Stadium, with its endless wall of windows and plush furniture, overlooked a snow-covered football field on Feb. 11. Students and alumni gathered at the LaSalle Bank Club not to watch a football game, but to form relationships and make connections with each other, while enjoying a delicious meal and experiencing the stadium's ambiance. The event was hosted by the Student Alumni Foundation (SAF) and sponsored by the university's Alumni Association and Federal Credit Union.

"It's good to meet people who have moved on and are in the career you're working in," said Mike DelBene, a microbiology freshman.

With 10 beautifully dressed tables, several waiters preparing

to serve their guests and a grand table draped with white linen displaying mouthwatering desserts, every person was exposed to the elegance of the event. In the classy atmosphere, students and alumni of similar majors could be seen mingling with one another at their assigned tables, sharing experiences, stories and advice.

"I am a member of the Mid-Michigan Alumni Club and we really wanted to reach out to students," said Marcy Bishop-Kates, a 1988 communications alumna. "I felt that it's important for students to see what types of careers they can go into. Building relationships is the bottom line to almost everything."

Jennifer Orlando

February 11 Networking Dinner



Jeff Proulx

Dan and Emily Davis talk to Dr. Fankfor over a glass of wine. Held at LaSalle Bank Club in Spartan Stadium, the wine and cheese reception gave alumni a chance to get reacquainted before heading to the SAF Networking dinner. At the dinner, students were able to meet with alumni who work in various fields of study.

Chicago-native Lupe Fiasco performs at an RHA sponsored concert at Fairchild Theatre. Fiasco performed songs such as "Kick, Push," "Sunshine" and "The Cool" from his newest hit album, "Lupe Fiasco's Food and Liquor." Fiasco was highly regarded by many top-level executives and industry insiders, but unknown by the public until now.



Jason Chiu

March 18

Lupe Fiasco

When one of the most sought-after hip-hop artists in the college market came to campus in the spring, hundreds of fans took notice.

"I'm excited," said Jessica Abel, an education senior, before the show. "I look at this as an adventure."

The performance kicked off the Residence Halls Association's spring concert series, which also featured concerts from Ben Folds and Mae. About 500 concertgoers crowded into the Fairchild Theatre in anticipation

of Lupe Fiasco's performance.

Fiasco took the stage and performed several songs from his Grammy Award-nominated album, "Food & Liquor." Audience members cheered, danced and sang along with the lyrics as Fiasco sang his hit songs.

"What I like about Lupe is that he has a social consciousness and, lyrically, he's got something to say," said Tony Pipe, an education senior.

Kelly House

"Three thousand American deaths and 300,000 Iraqi deaths." "War equals death." "Peace is patriotic."

The March Against the War in Iraq, held on the war's fourth anniversary, included signs with messages like these displayed by students shouting messages of peace throughout the march from the Rock to U.S. Rep. Mike Rogers' Lansing office, across from the Capitol Building.

"We just want people to know that students are concerned. We're not going to stand idly by while our government makes decisions we're not okay with," said Margo Cotter, an international studies junior.

Cotter, along with about 100 students, marched down Michigan Avenue to Rogers' office with a list of demands pertaining to the war, she said. They later returned to East Lansing and finished the protest with a similar protest group from Lansing.

The goal was to show student's protest of the war and also to prove students do have a voice and can be heard.

"I hope people realize that they can actually take action against the war," said Liz Obrian, a finance senior. "Marching and chanting is a good start but people have to take action."

Kaitlyn Hinman

March 20

War and Peace

Ashley Hemen holds a protest sign and shouts chants as she walks through central campus as part of the march protesting the war in Iraq. Hemen, a sophomore, came from Alma College to participate in the protest march. Participants, such as Hemen and her friends, joined with other students and community members to make the march a success.



Jeff Proulx

A display of the various films being presented welcomed movie goes to the festival. This was the East Lansing Film Festival's tenth year. Among movies shown were independent films such as "Eagle vs. Shark."



Bryna Shields

March 22-30 Film Festival

Months of planning, arranging sponsors and selecting films culminated into a festival lasting just more than a week. The East Lansing Film Festival (ELFF) was held in town from March 21-29, with three days of films shown on campus at Wells Hall. The festival solicited some films that had become popular in other festivals and art cinemas, rented major films and accepted new entries.

"I decided to choose the films that I thought would be the most popular or had a popular film running against" them to show at Wells, said Susan Woods, director of the ELFF. "What makes our film festival very interesting is we have a lot of sponsors from different departments at MSU."

More than 380 films were submitted and two committees selected 100 of them to be shown at the festival. One committee looked at films from around the

world, while the Lake Michigan Film Competition accepted entries from the only the four states bordering Lake Michigan.

Film submissions were not the only movies featured at the festival. The "48-5" contest challenged filmmakers to produce a five-minute-long film in 48 hours or less. Out of the 17 entrants, the top 10 were shown on March 25 at Wells Hall.

Telecommunications sophomore Kyle Surma won second place in the 48-5 contest and film studies senior Christopher Harrison produced the third place film.

"I'm not involved in making it or anything, [but] I think it's important to help out the lesser-known artists," said Danielle Larese, a chemical physics and mathematics senior.

Megan Hart

When students arrived at the Auditorium to see Ben Folds perform, they expected to hear many of his well-known songs. They were also amused to hear some new ones.

"I like how he improvised songs, like 'Rock Out with My Cock out,'" said Will Ackland, a general business administration and pre-law freshman. "I really liked it, but I was disappointed that he didn't play some of his bigger songs (like 'The Luckiest' and 'Rockin' The Suburbs')."

Folds made up for what was missing by playing songs like "Army," "Gracie" and "Bitches Ain't

Shit," a cover of a Dr. Dre song. During most of the show, especially that song, the audience sang along with Folds and his drummer and guitarist.

The highlight of the show varied from attendee to attendee, but for some it was when he played a specific song.

"My favorite part was probably when he played 'Kate,' just because it's one of my favorite Ben Folds songs and the memories tied to it are cool," said Katy Lawson, a dietetics freshman. "Ben Folds is just amazing."

Kaitlyn Hinman

April 3 Ben Folds



Jeff Proulx

Ben Folds rocks out on his piano in front of an excited crowd at the Auditorium. Folds' set lasted over two hours and included cover songs originally done by Dr. Dre and Death Cab for Cutie. Some technical difficulties with the piano pedals didn't hold up the show as beach balls bounced around the crowd, a harmonica took the microphone and Folds jammed on his electronic keyboard.

Michael Leahy is the president of BraveHearts, a non-profit organization dedicated to teaching people about sexual addiction issues in this country. Leahy stopped at the university in April as part of his college campus tour.



Courtesy of Mike Leahy and BraveHearts

April 4

Porn Nation

A documentary feature about the negative effects of pornography on American society drew enough students to fill the main floor of the Auditorium. Led by Michael Leahy, the founder of BraveHearts, a non-profit organization seeking to educate people about sexual addiction, the presentation included video segments and serious discussion about pornography, considered one of the most profitable industries today.

"With so much sexuality and sexual images inundating us, we aren't talking about it," Leahy said. "And that's what we're doing today."

In his 99th college campus tour, Leahy wove the story of his personal sex addiction with the information in the videos, and

he closed the program with an account of how he conquered his reliance on pornography. He also emphasized the detrimental effects of oversexed media images and pornography on the ability to form intimate relationships.

"I think the taboo name would draw people's attention," said Caroline Clift, a French sophomore.

In his tours across the country, Leahy also participated in debates about porn with famous adult film star Ron Jeremy.

"I think it's good that a lot of people are coming to see it," Clift said. "I think it's a really good thing."

Jessica Sipperley

With the sun shining and warm weather, the sixth annual Sparty's Spring Party was a popular destination for locals and students alike to enjoy. The event took place at Demonstration Field and IM West, and was free of charge. Attendees were encouraged to participate in such as activities as the Sparty's Spring Classic Three on Three Basketball Tournament, climbing the rock wall and testing their agility in the inflatable obstacle course. One such guest, Zach Slusser, a second-year Lansing Community College student, had heard about Sparty's Spring Party from his friends who attend the university and decided to check out the day's festivities.

"I enjoyed hanging out with the locals and the weather," Slusser said.

The guest of honor, Sparty, made appearances around campus at the day-long event that began at 2 p.m. At 7 p.m., bands Gran

Bel Fisher and This World Fair performed at Demonstration Field, warming up the crowd for the headliner, Phantom Planet - a band made popular from their song "California," which was the theme of the hit television show, "The OC." Katie Abood, an accounting freshman, went with a group of her friends to watch Phantom Planet perform.

"I had a good time. It was something that me and all my friends could go to," Abood said. "The band sounded really good and did a good job keeping the crowd involved."

Some of the organizations that helped sponsor the event were University Activities Board, Student Alumni Foundation, Wilson Hall Black Caucus, STA travel and IM Sports, among others.

Jennifer Orlando

April 21

Sparty's Spring Party

Students from all over campus come and patiently wait for the annual Sparty's Spring Party event. The end of the day finished with a concert. Live music was not the only event that took place during Sparty's Spring Party.



Jason Chlou

A young calf stands near its handler on the sidelines of the Little International Block and Bridle competition at the Pavilion. The competitors had only a few days to work with these animals before they paraded the animals at the competition. In addition to seeing how well the handler could maintain the animal at the competition, judges also quizzed the handlers on knowledge of their animals.



Brian Laskowski

April 22 Block and Bridle

Students of all skill levels came to the Block & Bridle Club's annual Little International competition to show livestock, including beef cattle, dairy cattle, horses, sheep and swine. After a week of working with their animals to prepare for the competition, students gathered at the Pavilion to show their progress.

Cindy Gould, an animal science sophomore, participated in the advanced beef cattle division. Though Gould is not a member of the Block & Bridle Club, she said

she decided to compete in the Little International event after reading a flyer about it. Gould said the Little International gave her a chance to participate in showmanship despite being over the age limit to participate in 4-H.

"A lot of us are aged out of 4-H, so we can't show," Gould said. "This provides people like that with an opportunity to come out and work with an animal for a week and have a good time."

Kelly House

The final show of the Resident Hall Association's (RHA) spring concert series hit the Fairchild Theatre on a stormy Monday night when many students were taking final exams. Despite the outlook, the show nearly sold out as 500 fans packed the venue to take in the indie rock band Ok Go.

"It was a lot of fun. It was one of the more energetic bands we've had," said Anthony Carlo, a mechanical engineering junior and assistant director of RHA Special Events. "They brought life to the show and got the audience involved."

With no opening band, Ok Go opened up their hour-long set with "The House Wins," and continued on to perform a number of crowd favorites such as "Television Television," "A Good Idea at the Time," "You're so Damn Hott," "Get Over It," "Invincible" and "Here it Goes Again" before closing with "Do What You Want."

The show offered plenty of flavor and crowd interaction, as lead vocalist Damian Kulash went into the audience during several songs,

and even had a short acoustic set of "A Million Ways" and "What To Do" in the aisle with bassist Tim Nordwind and guitarist Andy Ross.

Other highlight features of the show included tambourines thrown into the crowd, confetti cannons and waving air fingers reminiscent of those seen at grand openings or car dealerships. All the while, various videos played on a projector screen behind the band.

"I really enjoyed the show because the band performed well live and interacted well with the crowd, like when they threw tambourines out into the crowd" said Missy Kayko, a journalism junior.

In addition to their usual songs, Ok Go made their first trip to the university special by playing covers of The Damned's "Neat Neat Neat" and Electric Light Orchestra's "Don't Bring Me Down." The show was their second to last as part of a two-and-a-half-year series of tours, but Kulash said they hope to return to Spartan country in the near future.

Chris Jackett

April 30 Ok Go



Brian Laskowski

Ok Go plays their song "Television Television" at a finals week concert for students at the Fairchild Theatre. The band previously played a free concert this year at the Spartans vs. Wolverines football game. Bassist Tim Nordwind (left) rooted for the Spartans.

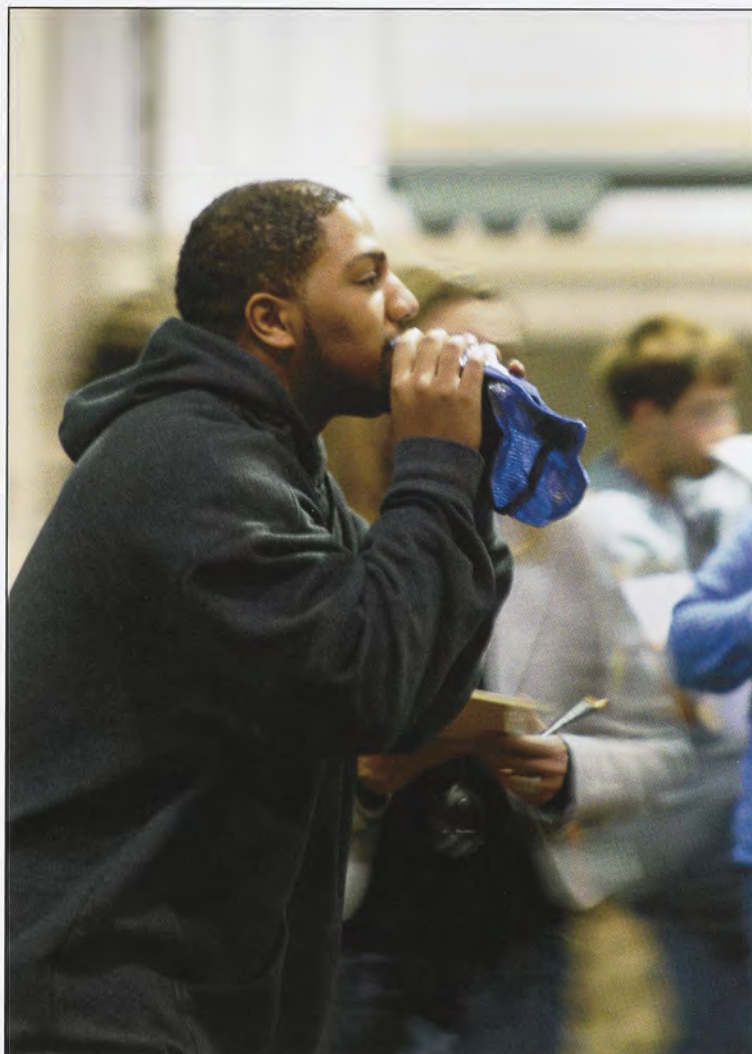


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College of Agriculture



Jeff Proulx

Jonathan Rosewood holds his cap out to catch a balloon from his partner. The contestants in the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources Olympics competed in several heats of each event. The balloon toss was one of the first events of the night.

Students from the colleges of Agriculture and Natural Resources participate in a balloon toss. At the CANR Olympics, students participated in a variety of events that incorporated many subgroups within the college. Events ranged from a balloon toss to a banana pass.

More than 150 years ago, the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources established itself as the first college within the university. With a choice of 30 undergraduate majors ranging from dietetics to fisheries and wildlife to turf grass management, the college was not short of options for students.

The college also had 18 undergraduate specializations, including the Residential Initiative on the Study of the Environment (RISE) living-learning option, in which students study in reserved sections and work on projects relating to conservation and environmental awareness.

The college hosted two major events for students and alumni. On Nov. 11, the college held Autumnfest at the Pavilion for Agriculture and Livestock Education before the football game against Minnesota.

"It's an alumni tailgate," said Amanda Segar, a horticulture sophomore and vice president of public affairs for the college's Student Senate.

High school students were able to get acquainted with the college, as many departments and student groups showcased

their research and products, including several varieties of potato chips, flavored oxygen and information on everything from horses to gardening. Students working in the booths also benefited from the networking.

It gives us a chance to "mingle with agricultural industry people," said Mary Tenbrink, an animal sciences junior.

The second major event was the 92nd annual Agriculture and Natural Resources (ANR) Week, held from March 2-10. It included an awards luncheon, workshops and a conference on various aspects of agriculture covering the college's wide range of programs.

Another program unique to the college was its joint degree arrangement in China. This set-up allowed Chinese students to obtain degrees in turf grass management from both a Chinese university and the College of Agriculture. The first joint students began their programs in 2003, and many will start to come to America next year for study and internships.

Megan Hart



Jeff Proulx



Brian Laskowski

Chad Gardner looks over a piece Robert Dan is about to perform for the class. In the music class, the students listened to many pieces from the great composers and, even on occasion, would listen to their teacher play, and then play themselves.

Robert Dan explains to his students some of the finer points of their subject. Dan was a viola performer for the music department.



Brian Laskowski

College of Arts & Letters

Offering classes to more than 30,000 students annually, the College of Arts and Letters influenced the education of undergraduates from all academic backgrounds.

As one of three core colleges, the College of Arts and Letters is home to the university's department of Writing, Rhetoric and American Cultures (WRA) and the Center for Integrative Studies in the Arts and Humanities (IAH). These two divisions offer the WRA and IAH requirements every undergraduate student must fulfill. In addition to these core classes, the college offers 27 bachelor's and master's degree programs in areas ranging from foreign language and theatre to ancient studies.

Karin Wurst, the dean of the college, said the varied curriculum of the college is one of its points of pride.

"Our strength lies in the breadth of our programs, which ensures that as many students as possible have access to the core values of a liberal education," Wurst said.

On an international level, the College of Arts and Letters boasted the

most study abroad programs of any college. This was, in part, due to the new Public Humanities Collaborative, which Wurst said would promote arts and humanities teaching, scholarship and programming on campus and beyond.

One of the college's endeavors for this year was the Residential College in Arts and Humanities. The program planned to be housed in the newly renovated Snyder-Phillips Hall complex on the northeast edge of campus next fall. It offered students a chance to create a personalized curriculum within the College of Arts and Letters, while immersing themselves in a community of students with similar interests.

"We want our college to be a place where students are able to explore their sense of self, their cultural heritage and their connection to other cultures," Wurst said.

With the unique opportunities the College of Arts and Letters had to offer, the college was well on the way to reaching that goal.

Kelly House

College of Business

Students walk through the Business College hurriedly on their way to classes. The flurry of activity shows a prosperous college of the community. The college is one of the nation's premiere business colleges.



Brian Laskowski and Jeff Proulx

With about 5,000 undergraduate students, around 1,000 graduate students and 100 faculty members, the Eli Broad College of Business is one of the biggest and most acclaimed business schools in the country. Named in 1991 after one of its most esteemed and accomplished alumni, 1954 accounting graduate and founding-chairman of SunAmerica Inc. and KB Home, Eli Broad.

"The business college does a very good job of keeping me informed of involvement and networking opportunities, as well as hosting many mock interviews should I feel the need to work on my interviewing skills," said Bryant Bullen, a marketing freshman. "I receive e-mails weekly on the latest news from the business college so I never feel like I'm left in the dark. I haven't taken many courses related to my field quite yet, but, so far, the business college has been very helpful."

One such networking opportunity, Career Expo, was organized by the School of Hospitality Business in an effort

to bring together more than 70 highly-regarded hospitality business companies and more than 700 hospitality business students. The 28th annual Career Expo was held on Nov. 7 at the Kellogg Center.

Allegra Steinberg, a hospitality business sophomore, worked at the expo as a corporate ambassador, aiding companies in the set-up of their booths.

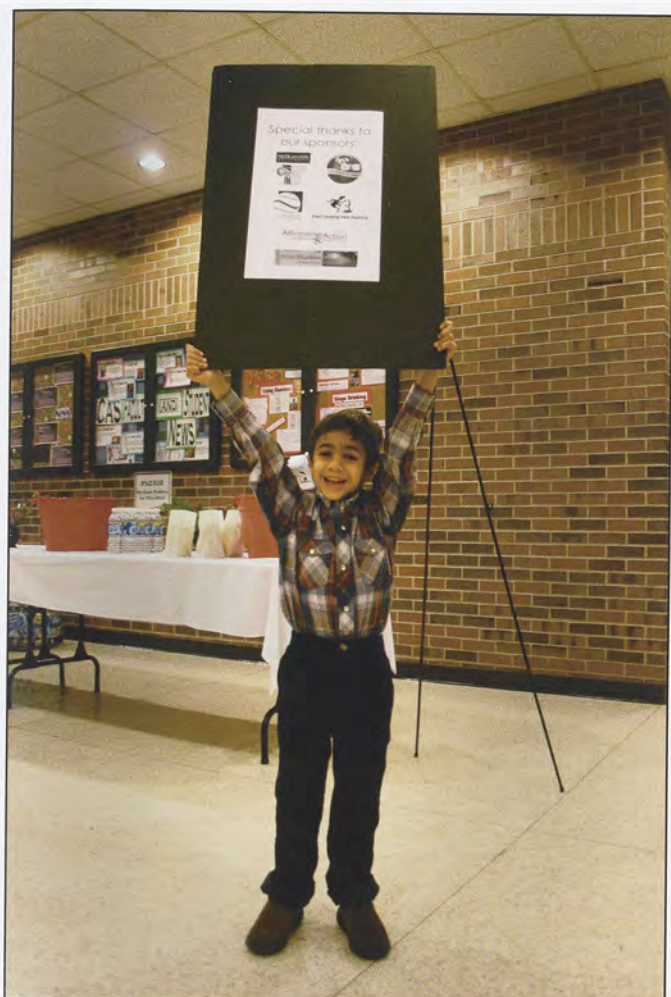
"As a corporate ambassador, they see you more than other students. It's a really good way to get a job," said Steinberg.

The Business College boasts almost 60,000 alumni worldwide, covering all 50 states, with individuals located in 88 countries. The Business College also holds the number one position in Supply Chain Management/Logistics in U.S. News and World Report, and overall is ranked 23rd in undergraduate study. In Business Week, among public schools, the Eli Broad College of Business was ranked 20th.

Jennifer Orlando

Preparing students for media-related careers

Little Khire holds up a sign advertising a movie at the Communication Arts and Sciences International Film Festival. The event helped promote international film and the arts and sciences of communication. The films through the night ranged from documentaries to feature films.



Brian Laskowski

The Communication Arts and Sciences College has been helping increase diversity and awareness within the college. The college had also taken steps to help students obtain an understanding of what to expect in the work force after graduation.

Students going into advertising, communication, communicative sciences and disorder, journalism, marketing, public relations, retailing and telecommunication were provided with countless resources to make their experiences worthwhile and career-oriented.

In November, the college, or CAS, sponsored the International Film Festival, the first of its kind. Held from Nov. 12-18, the films focused on the Middle East.

According to the CAS Web site, the film festival was created by Dean Charles Salmon "as a way to improve communication about Middle Eastern issues, while also providing students and the community with a rich selection of films from around the world."

Susan W. Woods, director of the East Lansing Film Festival, also took part in the planning of the International Film Festival.

"The reaction of the audience has been overwhelmingly positive and even emotional," Woods said. "These films are very touching and even spiritual."

According to Woods, the most popular film among audiences was "The Beauty Academy of Kabul." This documentary focused on American hairdressers traveling to Kabul with the intention of telling Afghan women how to do hair and makeup.

"I am very pleased with the turnout considering it was a first time effort," Woods said.

Other opportunities, such as a job-shadowing program, was offered to students. On March 16, more than 210 students shadowed professionals at multiple companies across the state. Some of the companies included GM Planworks, the Lansing Mayor's Office, local TV stations, Campbell-Ewald and the Detroit Red Wings.

"The new job shadowing program complements other options our college offers to prepare students for productive careers, including speed networking and a new mentoring program," Salmon said. "Students will be on hand to help local professionals, who will be sharing their expertise with the students."

Kristy McCown

College of Comm Arts

There are 14 colleges that make up the university. Formally known as Michigan Agricultural College, the name was changed to Michigan State University in 1963. Undergraduate enrollment at the university is about 35,000 students.





Nick Dentamaro

College of Social Science

Although the College of Social Science includes students earning degrees in majors from anthropology to sociology, the school is especially noted for the history of its criminal justice program. The criminal justice sector was the first in the country to grant degrees to its graduates. Federal agencies, like the FBI and Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA), pay a lot of attention to the school, according to Marietta Baba, dean of the College of Social Science.

"The DEA has an agent here teaching because they're interested in our graduates and want to make sure they're up to federal standards," Baba said.

Through internships, study abroad and study programs in different cities, there are plenty of opportunities for students. Within the college, the most popular major is psychology. However, the school is also known for its programs in economics. During the year, the college helped sponsor the Symposium on Science, Reason and Modern Democracy to provide an out-of-the-classroom learning experience, according to Director of Communications Michelle Strobel.

Several students and faculty members who made it to the Kellogg Center on Jan. 28 observed an intriguing discussion and debate over issues regarding the Supreme Court and the Constitution in the last installment of the three-day lecture series for the symposium.

"I came because I plan on going to law school after I graduate so I thought a symposium on this would be helpful," said Jessica Maschinski, a political theory and constitutional democracy junior.

For its 18th year, the symposium brought political professors from across the country

to speak on this year's topic for its lecture series.

"The symposium attempts to broaden the horizons within which political debate takes place by trying to show how debates are better understood," said Professor M. Richard Zinman, executive director of the symposium.

The Symposium originated from an idea the directors had while discussing things the university, more specifically, the College of Social Sciences, lacked and how they could fix it.

"(The symposium) does something unusual because the basic nature of the questions are broad and fundamental to society," Baba said.

In addition, the College of Social Science sponsored a tent at Homecoming for each department to display their achievements and goals. Like all colleges, however, the focus remained on academics.

"While the name is the College of Social Sciences, it encompasses social, behavioral and economic sciences," Strobel said. "We really think of ourselves as the interplay between them and it's very important that is studied."

Kaitlyn Hinman



Brian Laskowski



Brian Laskowski

Students and faculty listen intently to the symposium speakers. This year's 18th installment of the symposium was held in the Kellogg Center. Subjects ranged from political affairs to the constitutionality of Supreme Court decisions.

A speaker listens to a colleague give his take on constitutional policies in foreign affairs. The event had five speakers on different political subjects. Professors from across the country came to the university to speak and attend the symposium.



Jeff Proulx

From tiny pugs to towering huskies, about 125 dogs were shampooed, rinsed and blow-dried at the Pre-Veterinary Medical Association (PVMA) dog wash on Jan. 28. The daylong event was held in conjunction with the Michigan Humane Society (MHS) and was held in the Large Animal Garage of the Veterinary Medical Center. Proceeds were split between PVMA programs and the MHS. There was no set price for a dog wash and donations of any kind were accepted. They may have shook and barked, but all dogs went home clean.

Nick Vitale, a zoology senior and president of PVMA, was enthusiastic about this particular wash.

"We do about five (washes) a year, but this was special because PRSSA joined with us," he said.

Public Relations Student Society of America joined with PVMA because they were competing with other Michigan schools to raise money for the MHS' 11th annual Telethon.

"The dog wash was a great way for PRSSA to work with another student organization and the community to help such a good cause," said Kelly Hollingsworth, an advertising senior and PRSSA secretary. "The event was a complete success, and I think it was really rewarding experience for everyone involved."

Lauren Gavron, an animal behavior and neurobiology sophomore, said, "The dog walking program deals with the blood donor dogs who stay at MSU for one year, donate blood every month and then are adopted out."

Students are able to walk one of the donor dogs for interaction, attention and exercise. Depending on the public or students' needs, the CVM had a lot to offer in help with a sick pet and for future careers.

Melissa Jaroneski and Sarah Siewert give Bela a bath. The two lent a hand washing many breeds of dogs at the PVMA/PRSSA dog wash. Bela was a five-month-old mixed breed owned by Marge Pestka.

College of Veterinary Medicine

College celebrates 50th anniversary

An honors college student receives his stole at the Honors College Convocation. The college celebrated its 50th birthday this year.



Courtesy of the Honors College

The Honors College turned 50 this year and celebrated with traditional birthday fare. Honors students submitted ideas for a new ice cream flavor that was produced by the Dairy Store in October. The new flavor, Coffee Toffee, was a combination of two submission ideas.

"We're taking this entire year as recognition and celebration [of the 50th anniversary]," said Ronald Fisher, Honors College dean.

The runner-up flavor was Bess German Chocolate, named for the director of admissions and student affairs at the Honors College. The idea of a contest was inspired by the creation of a new flavor to celebrate the university's sesquicentennial anniversary.

The college kicked off its celebration with an Open House on Nov. 6, the day that the Academic Senate had approved the establishment of the Honors College in 1956. Honors students, alumni and friends were invited to enjoy punch and birthday cake, as well as the first public tasting of the new ice cream flavor.

"When the Honors College is willing to offer me free food, I'm willing to come," said Matt Stuart, a political theory sophomore.

Others felt the occasion merited a walk out to the Honors College headquarters in Eustace-Cole Hall. Membership in the Honors College allows students to have priority for class registration and provides access to all courses, without taking prerequisites. In addition, students have more flexibility in choosing the courses to fulfill their general requirements.

"It's the 50th anniversary; it's an important anniversary," said Jennifer Chen, a zoology sophomore. "[And] it's always good to go back to your base."

A second celebration was held Feb. 24, with a celebratory dinner and reunions of various groups within the Honors College, such as scholarship winners and Honors floor members.

The Honors College also held other programs unrelated to the anniversary. On Sunday evenings throughout the fall semester, Honors professors opened their homes for "Fireside Chats" with limited numbers of students. Each chat would include a meal and either an activity or discussion in the professor's area of expertise. In order to become part of the Honors College, students either need to score a 30 on the ACT or a 1360 on the SAT, or be invited after maintaining a 3.5 GPA during a semester.

The Honors College also partnered with other colleges to bring special programs to campus. In celebration of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, the Honors College, James Madison College and the College of Engineering held a workshop called "Creating a Just Community: Authentic Dialogue Across Differences."

"The colleges work together on a diversity committee," German said. "The Honors College is obviously a logical collaborator with any group [because its students are spread amongst the other colleges]."

The program featured a viewing of Dr. Shakti Butler's video, "Mirrors of Privilege: Making Whiteness Visible," and a reading of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s famous letter from a Birmingham jail in 1963.

"I think we [hoped] to achieve a collaborative workshop where people can reflect honestly on their racial identity," German said.

Megan Hart

Honors College

Students gather information on potential majors

Undergraduate University Division



Students walk their way through the Marathon of Majors. Held in Bessey Hall, the marathon presented information on varying majors. The marathon took place during one of the first heavy snowfalls of the year, but still generated an impressive turnout.

Peter Spadafore helps Justin Fast find information regarding James Madison College. Gabriela Tanner looked on while people came and went from the booth. Both Spadafore and Tanner work for James Madison College, and Tanner is the coordinator of diversity programming.

Jeff Proulx



Jeff Proulx

The Undergraduate University Division (UUD) helped students explore their academic options Nov. 16 at the biannual Marathon of Majors, held in Bessey Hall.

As Bonita Curry, a UUD Director explained, one of the most important aspects of Marathon of Majors is that it provides "an opportunity to see all the majors all here at one place."

The Mission of the UUD, a college for all non-preference majors, is to aid undergraduate students in the successful completion of their course work and studies. The UUD is divided into two main components: Student Academic Affairs and the Learning Resources Center.

Curry estimated that approximately 500 to 800 people showed for the event, which featured information booths from individual colleges, as well as a number of other academic support units, including the Learning Resource Center, Office of Study Abroad, Counseling Center, Writing Center, Career Services and Placement and Center for Service-Learning and Civic Engagement.

Michelle Wilson, an accounting junior, attended Marathon of Majors as a student ambassador for the College of Business. She hoped that she and her fellow ambassadors at the event could "give [students] the best idea possible of what's in the Business College and beyond."

Reinaldo Torres-Borrero, an adviser with the Business College, described it as a single place where "one can go shopping for potential majors."

The event also allowed individuals to learn specific college or major requirements, study abroad opportunities and career possibilities.

Curry also noted the event was designed to help students in "discovering their passion."

Amanda Kauffman



Jacob Vink

Two children watch as Jon Kephart and a fellow Education student help another child jump rope at a local gym. The College of Education had many outreach programs where university students were able to gain experience with children by helping out or teaching classes at nearby schools.

For the 12th consecutive year, U.S. News and World Report ranked the College of Education's elementary and secondary education programs as the best in the nation. The higher education administration, educational psychology, educational policy and administration/supervision programs were also ranked in the top 10. Other departments in the college include counseling, kinesiology and teacher education.

Before graduation, students must enter a real classroom and transition from the role of student to that of a teacher. Student teaching is required for 20 hours per semester of a senior's final year, said Jon Kephart, a kinesiology senior.

"[Assisting with teaching] is definitely beneficial to anyone who wants to work in the classroom, because it contributes to your understanding of students," said Kephart, who teaches physical education classes at Williamston Middle School.

"You do learn a lot about the diversity of different schools," said Erik Hoenes, a history senior entering the College of Education.

Learning about diversity is particularly useful because students in the college come from many different high school backgrounds.

"You learn about tracking (in the high school environment)," Hoenes said. "I didn't know there was such a thing, except for math."

Other issues covered in education classes included achievement varying with income and making a school environment welcoming so

students will be less likely to skip classes or drop out.

In Hoenes' case, the College of Education also served students who were not education majors and wanted to earn teaching certificates for either elementary or secondary education. Students in the James Madison College and the colleges of Arts and Letters, Natural Science and Social Science allowed students to branch into the College of Education.

Another unique aspect of the college is its close relationship with China. The U.S.-China Center for Research on Educational Excellence partners with Beijing Normal School to study the best methods of teaching and use of technology in both cultures. The Confucius Institute also works with China Central Radio, TV University and China's National Office for Teaching Chinese as a Foreign Language to train teachers of Chinese.

Opportunities for work outside the classroom include the Student Council for Exceptional Children, which discusses and works with gifted children; Tomorrow's Educators for the Advancement of Multicultural Students, which promotes diversity in education; the Student Literacy Corps, which tutors at-risk children; and tutoring programs in both the East Lansing and Lansing public schools.

Megan Hart

College of Education

College of Engineering

From solar cooking mechanisms in Tanzania to actuarial projects to benefit a multiple sclerosis sufferer, the College of Engineering embarked on a variety of tasks – big, small and always mechanical.

Undergraduate research has grown significantly at the college, now up to 100 students, said Satish Udpa, dean of the College of Engineering. The research pairs undergraduates with graduate students and professors in the lab.

"It was exciting to see students work side by side," Udpa said, who added that the school is pivotal in connecting the students.

The research is funded by federal agencies or industries, Udpa said.

While the college increased to 3,000 students and awarded more than 600 bachelor's degrees this year, it continued to sponsor events to recruit local high school students to become interested in engineering.

Programs like Engineering Design Day, held the Friday before fall final exams, allowed local students from kindergarten through 12th grade to participate. The college sponsored between 15 to 20 events that involved local youth.

"They're trying to do a lot for K-12 and middle school ages so they don't shy away from math and science," said Eva Reiter, a sophomore in mechanical engineering.

Reiter, 19, is one of the few female students in the program, which is another thing that she said makes the college unique.

"There are not enough girls. I had a class last semester where I was the only girl," said Reiter, a member of the Women's Society of Engineers. She said people get intimidated by the math, science and innovation.

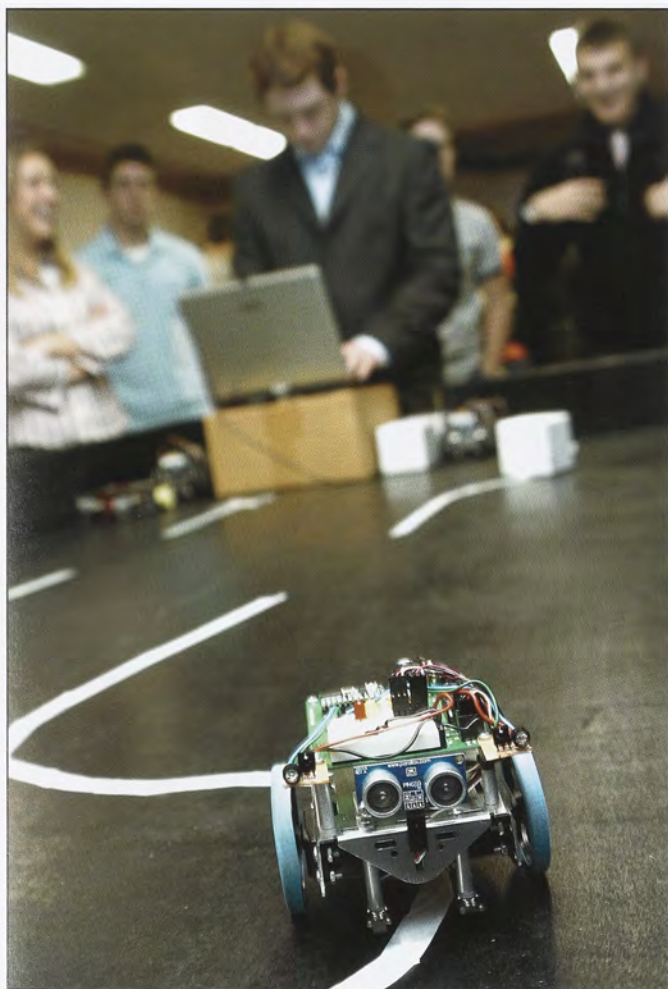
The college had made serious strides, including breaking ground on the Energy & Automotive Research Laboratories, ranking first in the Big Ten for graduate degrees awarded to African Americans and working with a Chinese company to create synergy through international research collaborations.

"We give opportunities for students to work on projects. Basically, we want our students to get ready to go," Udpa said. "We want them to do just that."

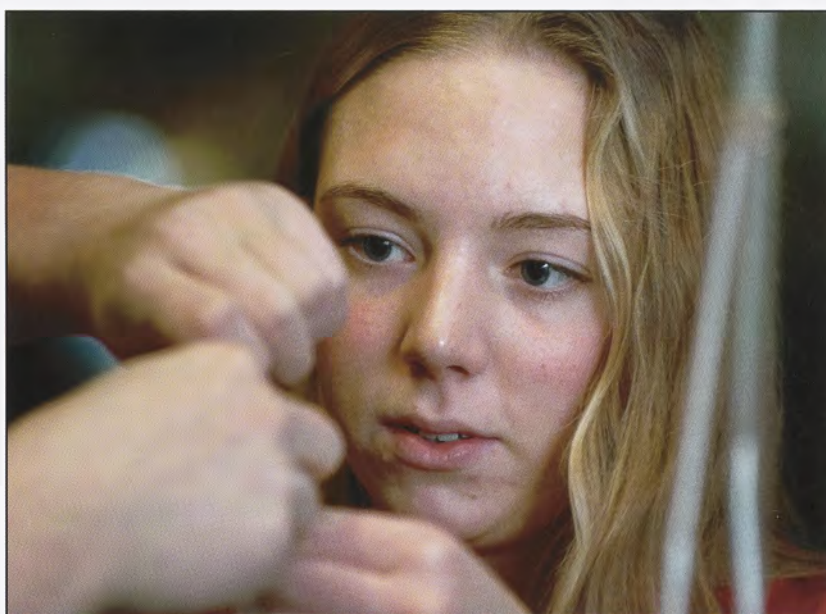
Reiter agreed about the quality of the program.

"It's a very good program, there are a lot of advisers and the faculty is very understanding because they are doing their own research," Reiter said. "It's really cool because you can look at what they do in their free time."

Courtney Robinson



courtesy of the College of Engineering



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A student controls a motorized vehicle from a laptop computer. Projects such as this helped students in the College of Engineering enhance their classroom experiences.

A student looks intently at a group of hands that aid with a project. There were a lot fewer females enrolled in the College of Engineering than males last year.

John Urbance helps a young boy look under a microscope. The College of Natural Science hosted many events geared at teaching children about various aspects of life and the environment around them.



Courtesy of the College of Natural Science

College of Natural Science

As the largest college at the university, the College of Natural Science strived to cater to its large group of diverse students, which can be challenging, according to Michael Steger.

"Unlike smaller MSU colleges, where a majority of students pass through the same location on a daily basis, CNS does not have the luxury of having common locations to help communicate with students," said Steger, communications manager for the college.

To ensure that students can interact with the college despite its size, the Center for Student Engagement was opened last fall. Located in the Natural Science Building, the center offered advising and career resources for all majors within the college.

"By combining all these activities into one location within the Natural Science Building, we are able to better communicate and advise the students," Steger said.

Yolanda Brooks, an environmental and microbiology senior, said she benefited greatly from the college's advancement opportunities.

"They've offered me a lot of different internships and opportunities to travel the world," Brooks said. "I've gone to China, Kenya and Ecuador, and I really enjoyed them all and learned a lot."

In addition to creating opportunities for its students, the College

of Natural Science is involved in many research projects to benefit the world.

"CNS is a cornerstone for research at MSU as our faculty collaborates on research projects with ties to nearly every other college on campus," Steger said.

Steger said one of the college's most prominent research projects is Professor John Miller's study of science learning habits in American children, which began in the 1980s. The children studied by Miller are now in their 30s, and he is analyzing how they have continued to learn as adults.

Once completed, Steger said this study would provide important data on how Americans learn throughout their lifetime.

In addition to this type of research, the College of Natural Science offered 35 undergraduate majors for students interested in biological, physical and mathematical sciences. The college also sponsored youth outreach opportunities, including Youth Exploring Science (YES) and the Science, Engineering and Technology Day.

Kelly House

College of Nursing

The nursing college had a slow start, beginning in 1925, when the nursing curriculum was first introduced within the School of Home Economics. The Michigan Board of Nursing officially recognized the nursing program in 1954. Now, the College of Nursing is one of the nation's top ranked nursing programs, with more than 500 undergraduate and graduate students enrolled.

Throughout the year, the College of Nursing participated in several events, including a welcome back picnic for nursing students, alumni activities, such as their annual homecoming tailgate, and open house events at various state hospitals.

Nursing, as a profession, has increased in demand as the baby boomer generation continued to age, producing a steep increase in the need for nursing services. Consequently, nursing majors faced one of the most promising job markets after graduation.

"I think the choices available to nurses today are very diverse and provide professional advantages and long careers," said Shirley Weis, a nursing alumnus.

It was estimated that, by 2015, there would be an 18,000-person shortage of nurses in Michigan. According to Jill Vondrasek, communication manager for the College of Nursing, the college was working to prepare for this shortage with "a significant increase in both the undergraduate and graduate programs."

In addition, the college joined forces with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan in a program called Partners Investing in Nursing's Future. The program aimed to increase the current nursing workforce while shifting retirement-aged nurses into less demanding fields such as home care and hospice. Many nurses welcomed this chance to leave the rigor of hospital work while still having the opportunity to continue serving their community, which, according to Vondrasek, is the most important part of nursing.

"The difference that you can make in people's lives on a daily basis is rewarding," Vondrasek said.

Kelly House



Courtesy of the College of Nursing

A nursing student practices some procedures on a mannequin figure. Such figures were used so beginner nursing students could practice their craft before going to work on living people. The College of Nursing is one of the most renowned in the state, and the strict admission criteria make their graduates highly qualified to go into the field.

Residential Colleges

Eight Living-Learning Communities at the university focus on different areas of academic study or cultural emphasis. Each program has individualized requirements, but share the premise that students are housed with peers who share similar interests, classes and degrees, thus establishing a niche community and support system for undergrads that would otherwise be randomly matched to a dorm and roommate.

James Madison College, Lyman Briggs School of Science, Honors College, Academic Scholars Program, Multi-Racial Unity Living Experience (MRULE), Residential Initiative for the Study of the Environment (RISE), Residential Option in Arts and Letters (ROIAL) and the Residential Option for Science and Engineering (ROSES) make up all eight living opportunities.

A ninth program, the Residential College in Arts and Humanities (RCAH), will join the list in fall 2008, when the newly remodeled Snyder-Phillips dormitory reopens.

Luke Capizzo, a political theory and professional writing senior, was grateful for that closeness of the James Madison program when his alarm failed to go off during finals week.

"At 8:20 (a.m.) the morning of my final exam, I heard a knock on my door in Case Hall. Disoriented because I had

been up until 5 a.m. finishing a paper, I realized my exam had started at 8 a.m.!" Capizzo said. "Panicked, I ran to the peephole only to find my professor, who had come to make sure I was okay."

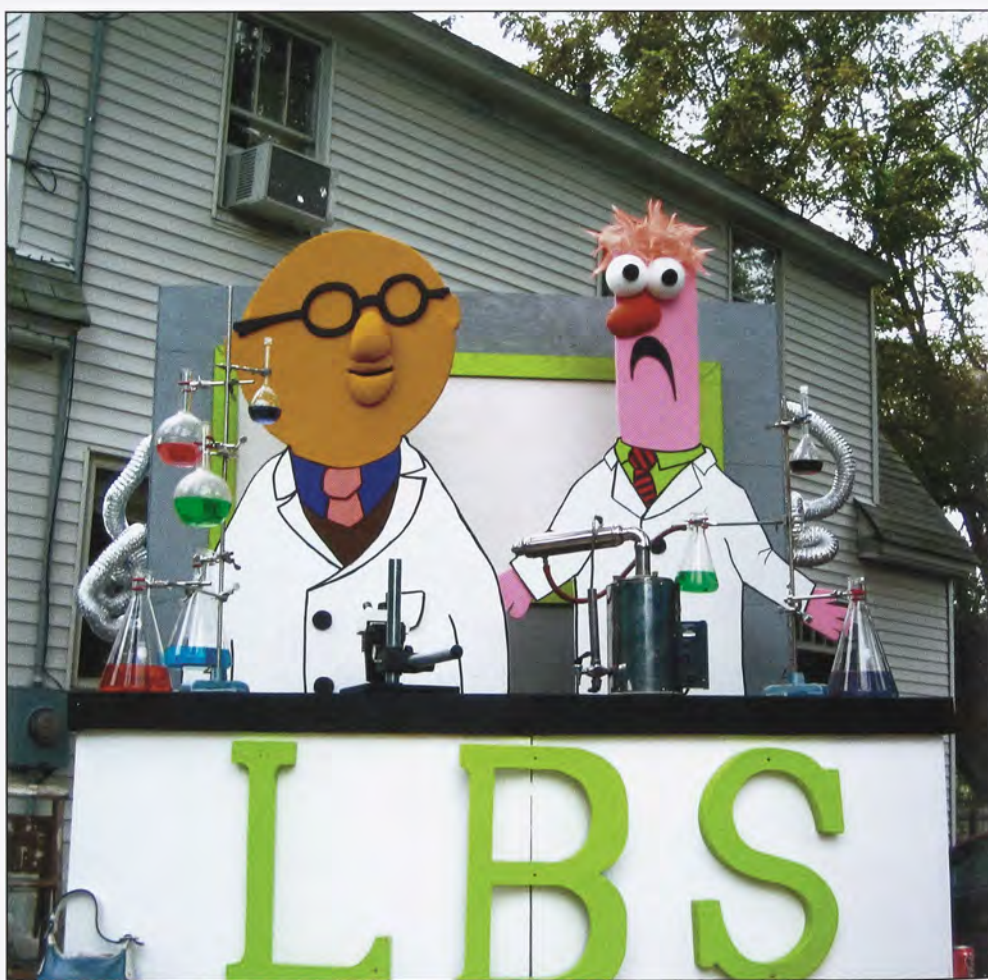
According to other Living-Learning participants such as Catherine Price, a history senior and graduate of the two-year ROIAL program, this experience is not singular to James Madison.

"I loved having a roommate that I had classes with, because we would force each other to go to class," she said. "If I had to make it to lecture at 8 a.m., there was no way I was letting her sleep through it."

Dr. Anita Skeen, English professor and director of ROIAL, said, "While students say how important our trips to Stratford and Chicago are every year, and how much they learn working with the Visiting Artists, it's the personal and enduring relationships they form with other ROIAL students. Living together, taking classes together and engaging in co-curricular activities together makes ROIAL such a significant part of the MSU experience."

Lisa Shaw

Lyman Briggs School created an innovative Homecoming float featuring Muppets Dr. Bunsen Honeydew and Beaker. The float featured dry ice bubbling out of glass vials. With Kermit the Frog as the parade's grand marshal, the float kept the Muppet theme strong.



courtesy of the College of Natural Science



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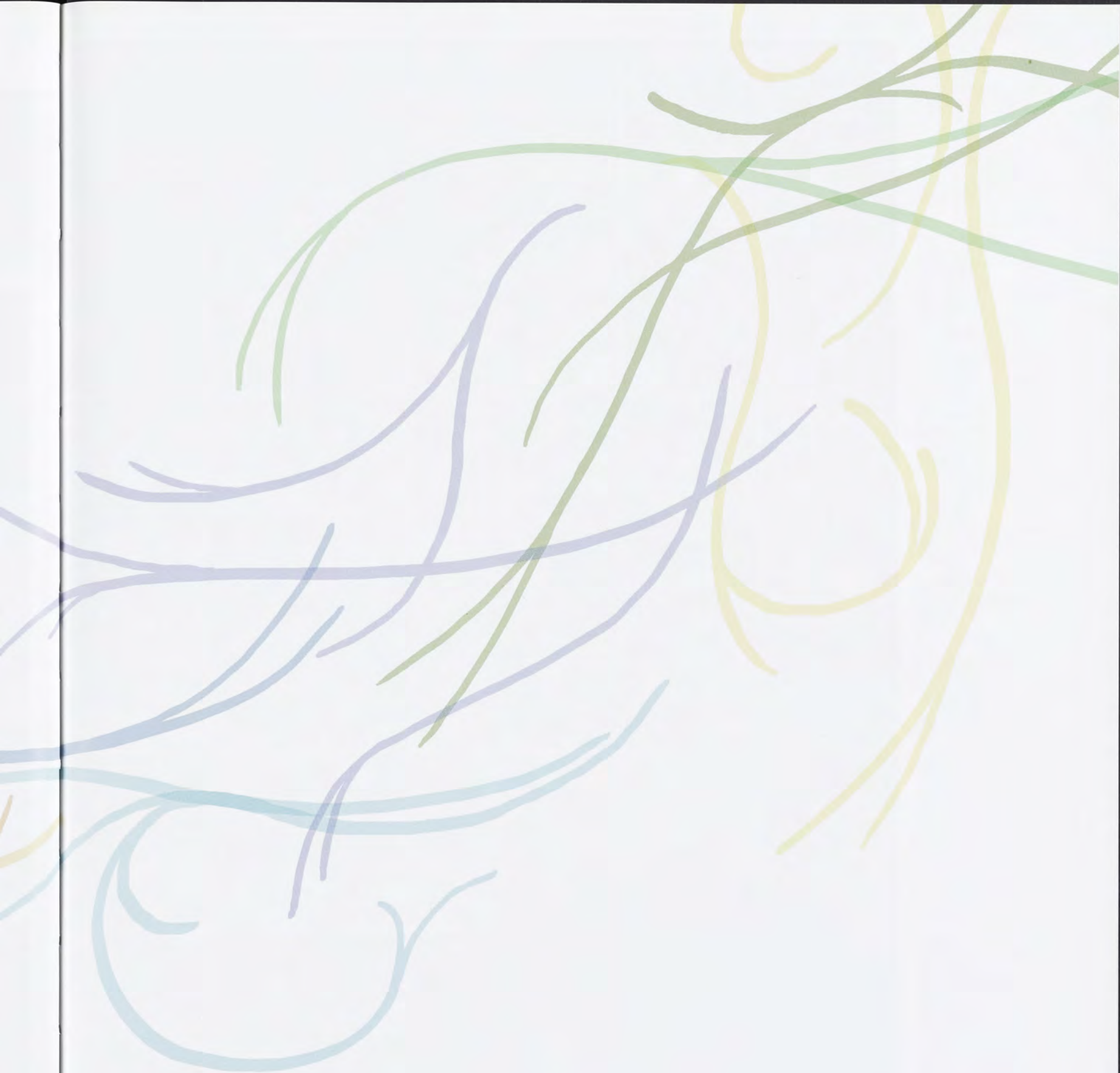
Jess Henning, a special education and learning disabilities freshman, poses after painting a Jackson Pollock-esque shirt. The ROIAL program splatter-painted T-shirts in memory of Jackson Pollock. The event was hosted by Leah Karchin, a ROIAL graduate and student teacher in Lansing.

Professor Edozie speaks to students about the new comparative cultures & politics major that is being offered by James Madison College. The college hoped that the new major would broaden horizons and attract potential students to the program.

Senior *Portraits*



Brian Laskowski



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Candice Adams
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Clinis Adams
Medical Technology
Cori Adams
Elementary Education
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Jason Albosta
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Ryan Alderson
Zoology



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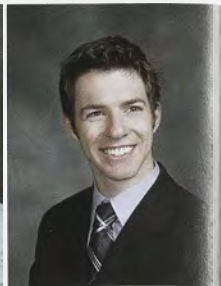
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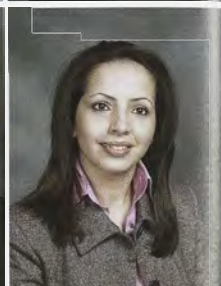
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Kinesiology & Health Promotion
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Interdisciplinary Studies
Stephanie Berry
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The community turned out to welcome back the Spartans during their homecoming parade. The parade featured groups from the ELFD to student groups such as Tower Guard. Kermit performed the activities of grand marshal for the occasion.



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Irida Mance

Mike Reiss, one of the founding writers and co-producers of "The Simpsons" television series, speaks to students on Oct. 20 at the International Center. The experience gave fans a chance to learn about the inner workings of the show and the business as a whole.

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 Agriculture Business Management
 Melinda Chau
 Advertising
 Andrew Chavanak
 Economics





Sudeep Chawla
Human Biology
Lu Chen
Telecommunication
Chien-Ting Chen
Nursing
Christina Cheng
Elementary Education
Hon Sang Cheng
Advertising
Tsz Ning Cheng
Dietetics

Kathleen Chenoweth
Supply Chain Management
Wai Cheong
Advertising
Hei Loi Chiang
Music Therapy & Psychology
Denise Chiem
Speech Pathology
Brandon Childs
Finance
Betty Ching
Advertising

Jung-Yeon Cho
Criminal Justice
Hongjin Choi
Hospitality
Inki Choi
Human Biology
Seon Mi Choi
Human Biology
Wenzheng Chong
Chemistry
Melina Christofis
Zoology

Yana Chudnaya
Civil Engineering
Ji-Il Chun
Hospitality Business
Linda Cieciek
Social Work
Janelle Clark
Biosystems Engineering
Matthew Clark
General Business Administration-Prelaw
Paul Clark
Finance

Edith Claxton-Peoples
*Political Theory and Constitutional
Democracy & Social Relations*
Lauren Clayborne
Advertising
Jared Clemetsen
Supply Chain Management
Jennifer Coalson
Music Education & Double Bass Performance
Joseph Colagiovanni
Finance
Carla Colbeck
General Management
Deborah Colby
Zoology
Danielle Cole
Special Education
Danielle Cole
Communication & Public Relations
Joi Cole
Sociology
Rebekah Coleman
Theatre
Jackie Collens
Hospitality Business

Crystal Collins
Interdisciplinary Studies
Theresa Collins
Animal Science
Elizabeth Combs
LBS-Physiology
Jeanika Conley
Criminal Justice & Psychology
Erin Connolly
Communication
Laurel Conrad
*Audiology and Speech Language
Pathology*

Education sophomore Heather Merte treads patiently as she waits for direction from Coach Scott Voltz. This year, the women's water polo team placed fourth at Nationals. Merte is one of 20 fellow Spartans that are on the team.



Jason Chiou

David Coogan
International Relations
Stacy Cook
Child Development
Sarah Cooke
Chemical Engineering
Anna Marie Cooper
Hospitality Business
Crystal Cooper
Physiology
Denedra Cooper
Mathematics



Maggie Cooper
Communicative Science and Disorders
Andrew Corsi
Accounting
Gregory Costakes
Molecular Biology and Biochemistry & Biotechnology
Carleen Costly
Finance
Ashleigh Cote
German
Ashley Couch
Zoology
R. Michael Cousins
Geography
Michelle Cox
Art Education
Jennifer Crawford
Professional Writing
Nathan Cregeur
Marketing
Byron Cribley
Earth Science
Kathleen Crohbez
Environmental Studies and Applications





Scott Crosby
Accounting
Andrew Cross
Crop and Soil Science
Antioch Cross
Human Resource Management
Jennifer Cull
Interior Design
Laura Cumby
Communication Sciences & Disorders
Donald Cummins
Business

Kenneth Curell
International Relations
Amanda Cureton
Retailing
Nikia Curry
Elementary Education
Christopher Cyrus
General Management
Amy Czerniewski
Retailing
Jessica Czupryn
Retailing

Natalie Dacho
Human Biology
Laura Daien
Advertising
Manuela Dalke
Communication
Ashley Dalman
International Relations
James Danias
Human Biology
Beth Danielewicz
Finance

Timothy Darnell
Psychology & Criminal Justice
Gina Dattolo
Mathematics
Diane Davis
Family & Community Service
George Davis
Human Resource Management
Ronald Davis
Civil Engineering
Samantha Davis
Human Biology

Stephanie Davis
Landscape Architecture
Andrew DeCoster
Criminal Justice
Christopher DeHaven
Construction Management
Ideene Dehdashti
Communication
Kathy Dehshiri
Applied Engineering Sciences
Christina Deklein
Criminal Justice

Jenna Delaney
Elementary Education
Renee DeMaet
Psychology
Stephanie DeMeester
Advertising
Leah Dennis
Supply Chain Management & Economics
Meghan Dennis
Psychology
Anastasia DeRonne
Supply Chain Management & Advertising

Andrea Dery
Accounting
Jagruiti Desai
Finance
Christina DeSmet
Apparel and Textile Design
Sarah Dettl
Accounting
Heather DeVerna
History
Jerran Devers
Accounting

Kara Dhuse
Advertising
Amadou Diallo
Food Industry Management
Eric Dickason
Packaging
Angela Dickinson
Psychology
Kayti Dicks
Hospitality Business
Andrea Didrichsons
Hospitality Business



Ashley Dies
Physical Science
Kathy Dies
Psychology
Stacy Dies
Music Therapy
Andrew Dietzel
History
Ellen Dillard
Interdisciplinary Studies
Ta-Chih Ding
Telecommunication



Nicole Dingman
Animal Science
Grace D'mello
Retail
Ashley Doerr
Special Education
Lesley Doherty
Political Science-Prelaw
Kate Dolata
Marketing
Michael Domingo
Communication



Maria Domitrovich
Social Work
Nicholas Dontje
Supply Chain Management
Charles Doren
Telecommunication
Scott Dosson
Mechanical Engineering
Caitlin Dougherty
Advertising
Joseph Dresch
American Studies



Jeffrey Drews
Accounting
Lindsay Driesbach
Communication
Caitlin Drinkard
Psychology
Lakeisha Drummer
Elementary Education
Katrina Ducis
Human Biology
Andrea Duffy
Psychology



Megan Duffy
Microbiology
Julia Duhan
Advertising & Communication
Elizabeth Dulac
Retailing
Catherine Dumouchelle
Psychology
Ashley Duncan
English
Ellen Dunkelberger
Supply Chain Management



Michael Dunker
Psychology
Jessica Dunn
Fisheries and Wildlife
Athena DuNomes
Physics
Ashley Durfield
Hospitality Business
Melina Durhal
Psychology
Joshua Durkin
Advertising





Jeff Proulx

Darrin Worpell flips through his papers at the Diversity Career Fair. Held at the Kellogg Center, the Diversity Career Fair brought over 140 employers together for students to speak with. Every year over 2,300 students attend the Diversity Career Fair.



Jeffery Durow
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Jennifer Easley
International Relations
Ann Edgecomb
Animal Science
Adam Edmunds
Biochemistry & Biotechnology
Jonathan Edwards
Geography
Monique Edwards
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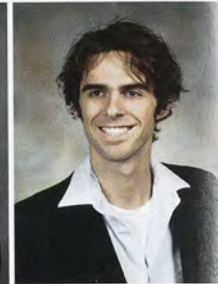
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Psychology
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Darnell Eggleston
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Ashley Eigner
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Biochemistry & Molecular Biology

Heath Elenbaas
Nursing
Heather Elias
Criminal Justice
Candice Elliott
Interdisciplinary Studies
Jamie Elliott
Kinesiology
Chadwick Ellis
Construction Management
Christopher Ellis
Elementary Education

James Ellis
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Rachel Elrom
International Relations
Matthew Enell
LBS-Microbiology
Megan Engel
Applied Engineering Sciences & Supply
Chain Management
Cassandra Enger
Packaging
Richard Enghard
Telecommunication
Emily Ernst
Communication
Megan Esmay
Environmental Biology & Zoology
Melinda Ewald
Chemistry
Danielle Fabbri
LBS-Nutritional Sciences
Kalena Facundo
Medical Technology
Ludgarde Fall
Jazz Studies



Brian Falster
Interdisciplinary Studies
Chelsea Farver
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Shaheen Farzam-Behboodi
Economics
Morounkeji Fatunde
Electrical Engineering
Molly Feighan
Hospitality Business
Kevin Fein
Telecommunication



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Maya Felix
Biochemistry and Molecular Biology
Nicolette Ferlito
General Business Administration-Prelaw
Leonardo Fernandes
Finance & Economics
Theresa Ferrar
Advertising
Scott Ferry
Finance



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Hospitality Business
Erica Fiasky
Landscape Architecture
Daniel Fiebelkorn
Accounting
Maghan Field
Animal Science
Jessica Fiema
Elementary Education
Brittany Fila
Social Work



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Robert Findlan
Chemical Engineering
Jessica Lea Fischman
Sociology
Erin Fish
International Relations
Charde Fisher
Physiology
Ashley Fitzgerald
General Business Administration-Prelaw



Jillian Fitzsimmons
Family and Community Services
Scott Foess
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Carrie Foley
Finance
Kari Foote
Psychology
Courtney Forman
Advertising
Tyler Forman
Landscape Design





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Sarah Forrester
Nursing
John Fournier
Political Theory and Constitutional Democracy
Jenna Fowle
Interior Design
Ashley Fowler
Interior Design
Amber Fox
Marketing

Bevin Francis
Special Education
Katherine Frank
Family Community
Nicole Frank
Advertising
Susan Frank
Advertising
Lauren Franke
Mechanical Engineering
Sabrina Franklin
Criminal Justice

Jodie Franzil
Accounting
Jennifer Franzoni
Art Education
Gabriela Frask
History & Geography
Matthew Freechack
Zoology
Alison Freeland
Kinesiology
Amanda Freeman
Construction Management

Heather Freeman
Nursing
Julie Freeman
Interdisciplinary Studies
Alicia Freeze
Journalism
Tiffany Friedrich
Psychology
Nathan Fry
Medical Technology
Ai Fujimori
Advertising

Ryo Fujiwara
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Brent Fuls
Physiology
Brittany Fuller
Interdisciplinary Studies
Zenia Fung
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Lasha Gadson
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Mary Gagstetter
Psychology

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Jenny Gallo
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Marcus Galloway
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Marisa Galuppi
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Corey Ganssley
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Jeffrey Garavalia
Accounting
Jessica Garcia
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Karen Garcia
Hospitality Business
Diane Gardin
Communications Studies

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Sara Gary
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Criminal Justice & Psychology
Krisheena Gaston
Merchandise Management
Melissa Gates
East Asian Languages and Culture



Ryan Gates
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Kathryn Geer
Chemical Engineering
Ilya Gekhman
Accounting
Sandra Geller
Finance
Tiffany Genter
Horticulture



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Studio Art
Katherine Gerst
Family and Community Service &
Psychology
Kevin Geyer
Environmental Biology & Zoology
Selam Ghirmai
International Relations
Jillian Gibala
Advertising
Jennifer Gibbons
Psychology & Telecommunication



Andrew Vande-Guchte, Emma Thelen, Charlotte Foran and Erin Person sit attentively and listen to their group instructor during the Kiddie Literature seminar held in the Old Horticultural Building. The group focused on writing techniques, likes and dislikes of literature, and had brainstorming sessions. Ages in the group varied from 13 to 16.



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Daragh Gibson
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Kyra Giles
Journalism
Laura Giles
Nursing
Andrew Gilgallon
Computer Science
Dorian Gill
Material Science and Engineering
Andrew Gillett
Mechanical Engineering

Lindsay Gillett
Parks Recreation and Tourism
John Glandon
Criminal Justice & Russian
Brian Glasby
Microbiology
Jennifer Glasgow
Psychology
Kathryn Glass
Marketing
Gregory Gliniecki
Applied Engineering Sciences

Julie Glodowski
Supply Chain Management
Nicholas Godlesky
Communication
Rondy Goins
Kinesiology
Nurit Golenberg
Mechanical Engineering
Kristen Golick
Elementary Education
Kathryn Gonyea
LBS-Microbiology and Molecular Genetics

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Communications Studies
Guadalupe Gonzalez
English
Kenneth Goodrich
Kinesiology
Jordan Goodwin
Telecommunications
Kevin Gordon
Chemistry
Robert Goren
International Relations

Miki Gorzenski
Advertising
Patrick Gottry
History
Kartono Gouw
Electrical Engineering
Lauren Grace
Social Relations
Brennan Graham
Packaging
Stacy Granchi
Family and Community Services

Jason Grandison
Retailing
Theresa Grandys
Zoology
Gerald Grant II
Communications Studies
Rachel Lauren Grear
Marketing & Advertising
Eliot Green
Communications
Lindsey Green
Child Development

Raymond Green
Nursing
Stephanie Green
Professional Writing
Jessica Greenia
Criminal Justice & Psychology
Scott Gregerson
Political Science
Joseph Greiner
Finance
Devon Grice
English

Nicholas Griffin
Mechanical Engineering
Vyctoria Griner
Animal Science
Douglas Grissom
Communication
Brigitte Grobbel
Animal Science
Michael Gross
Astrophysics
Jesse Grove
Mechanical Engineering



Jessica Grover
LBS-Medical Technology
Rachel Grunrer
Kinesiology
Angella Guerrero
*Social Relations & Political Theory and
Constitutional Democracy*
Katrina Guevara
Merchandising Management & Retailing
Brad Gulick
Accounting
Namrata Gupta
Nutritional Sciences
Sara Gustafson
Psychology
Paul Gutierrez
Supply Chain Management
Karen Guzdial
Marketing
Matthew Guzowski
Hospitality Business
Alina Haack
LBS-Human Biology
Sarah Haan
Dietetics



Meg Culver Haas
Interdisciplinary Studies
Stephanie Haezebrouck
History & Communication
Clayton Haffner
Computer Science
Patrick Haggerty
Finance
Angela Hahm
Hospitality Business
Dale Haiducek
Elementary Education



Tyler Hake
Agribusiness Management
Lori Hale
Psychology, History, & Sociology
Jimin Halim
Advertising & Telecommunications
Deon Hamilton
Applied Engineering Sciences
Michelle Hamilton
Biological Science
Andrew Hamme
General Management



Sara Hammond
Dietetics
Tara Hammond
Special Education
Tessa Hammond
Nutritional Science
Crystal-Janel Hampton
Criminal Justice
Mallory Hampton
Human Biology
Seung Hee Han
Mechanical Engineering



Yuna Han
Biochemistry
Anna Han Hae-Jin
LBS-Human Biology
Michael Handley
Zoology
Kevin Hankinson
English
Grahamz Hannah
Spanish & Psychology
Matthew Hannah
Communication





Kelly Hannon
Human Biology
Amanda Hanson
Mathematics
Jason Harner
Chemistry
Kristin Harrington
Kinesiology
Allison Harris
Communication
Amanda Harris
Elementary Education

Brady Harris
Interdisciplinary Studies
Dawn Harris
Elementary Education
Magaen Harris
Psychology
Katherine Hartner
Psychology
Heather Harville
Diagnostic Molecular Science
Monica Harwood
Zoology

Ashley Hawkins
Communication
Jacob Hawkins
Marketing
John A. Hayner
Finance
La'Tasha Haynes
Merchandising Management
Matthew Hays
Mechanical Engineering
Caitlin Hegarty
Advertising & Public Relations

Jaime Heissler
LBS-Microbiology
Amy Heist
Accounting
Dominic Held
Physical Science
Catherine Helms
English Literature
Cyndi Henn
Packaging
Jennifer Heringhausen
Dietetics



Brian Laskowski

Passions were high when students gathered to protest the fourth year of the Second Iraq War. The group marched from the Rock to Mike Rogers office in Lansing to show they disapproved of his support for the war to continue in Iraq.

Andrew Herman
Electrical Engineering
Karley Hermans
LBS-Microbiology and Molecular Genetics
Eric Hernandez
Psychology
Caroline Hewitt
Psychology
Erin Heyboer
Sociology
Laura Hicks
Human Resources

Dana High
Zoology
Renee Hilber
Human Biology
Allen Hile
Accounting
Katherine Hill
LBS-Health Studies
Tasha Hill
Psychology
Nicolle Hilla
English Literature

Maria Hiller
Spanish & Interdisciplinary Studies
Andrew Hilleshiem
Chemical Engineering & Russian
Maureen Hinterman
Journsim
Mckinley Hixon
Psychology
Amanda Hnot
Nutritional Sciences
Duc Ho
Packaging

Seacel Ho
Finance
Trang Hoang
Human Biology
Andrew Hoard
Mathematics
April Hoard
Horticulture
Sarah Hoard
Mathematics
Alreale Hobbs
Interdisciplinary Studies

Kathleen Hoedeman
Education
Maureen Hoehn
Nursing
Erik Hoenes
History
Jessica Hofmann
Communications Studies
Steven Holben
Finance
Jennifer Holcomb
International Studies

Kelly Hollingsworth
Advertising
Tiffany Holloway
Finance
Michelle Holmes
Telecommunication
Brock Holtsclaw
Education
Seung-pyo Hong
Retailing
Christopher Hood
Public Administration & Public Policy

Garth Hooper
Food Industry Management
Kelli Hopwood
Hospitality Business
Dominique Hopkins
Chemistry
Danny Horen
Marketing
Michael Horgan
Telecommunication
Melissa Horste
International Relations & Journalism





Brittney Hoszkiw
Communication
Crystal Houston
Anthropology
Aisha Howard
Journalism
Jeffrey Howard
Packaging
Lisa Howland
Communication
Christina Hoyt
History

Laura Huddas
Supply Chain Management
Kristen Hudson
Elementary Education
Nicole Hudson
Chemistry
Natalie Hughes
Accounting
Sarah Hughes
Elementary Education
Ashley Hughs
Advertising & Public Relations

Tsz Ling Hui
Dietetics
Alison Hull
Interdisciplinary Humanities
Dawn Huney
Spanish & Secondary Education
Melissa Huntley
Nursing
Nida Husain
Human Biology
Samantha Huss
Zoology & Aquarium Science

Crystal Huston
Animal Science
Lindsey Hutchison
International Relations & Political Theory
and Constitutional Democracy
Dao Huynh
Biomedical Lab Diagnostics
Mi Ju Hwang
Hospitality Business
Peter Hwang
Finance & Economics
Katherine Hyso
Biological Science
Justin Iavarone
Finance
Hunter Ignatoski
Kinesiology
Chung Im
Economics
Felicia Inchavste
Spanish
Megan Ingersoll
Advertising
Christopher Ingham
Applied Engineering Sciences

Kenji Isomura
Applied Engineering Sciences
Christopher Jackett
Journalism
Cassandra Jackson
Packaging
Chantal Jackson
Psychology
Crystal Jackson
Humanities-Prelaw
Roberta Jacobs
Studio Art

Catherine Jacquemin
Hospitality Business
Rebecca Jaeger
Biological Science
Shaun Jahn
Economics
Francesca Maria Jakacki
Packaging
Farah Jaleel
Psychology & Interdisciplinary Studies
Christina James
Interdisciplinary Studies

Alex Cavanaugh, a GBA – pre-law junior, holds a machete while at the Eco-Finca in Santa Maria, Costa Rica. The Eco-Finca practiced all organic means of production while sustaining the local community. Cavanaugh was among many other students who were part of Alternative Spring Break to lend their hands out to people in need.



Jason Chiou

Carlos Jaramillo
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Agnes Jarocki
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Cymbre Jaskot
Accounting
Claudia Jean-Pierre
Social Work
Gregory Jenkins
Hospitality Business
Keum-Joon Jeon
Advertising



Vicki Jester
Food Industry Management
Sunghoon Jo
Retailing
Eunjee Joe
Marketing
Cipto Joegiono
Mechanical Engineering
Kira Johns
Computer Science
Chris Johnson
Communication



Daniel Johnson
Construction Management
Deborah Johnson
Mathematics & Secondary Education
Devin Johnson
Human Resources
Ellen Johnson
Kinesiology
Jasmine Johnson
Theater
Kaylen Johnson
Psychology





Lauren Johnson
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Maria Johnson
Agri Business Management
Mary Elise Johnson
Marketing
Mercedes Johnson
Interdisciplinary Studies
Michael Johnson
Communication
Sherita Johnson
Psychology

Jennifer Johnston
Political Theory and
Constitutional Democracy
Joseph Jonaitis
Physiology
Allison Jones
Human Biology
Jacqueline Jones
English
Mazel Jones
Hospitality Business
Ashlee Judd
Business Management
Charlie Jooh Yung Jun
Retailing
Heejin Jung
Finance
Jihyun Jung
Advertising
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Elementary Education
Sann Juwong
Nutritional Sciences
Anne Kaczor
Advertising

Joanna Kagey
Family Community Services
Rachel Kahan
International Relations
Allison Kahrhoff
Journalism
Angela Kalnasy
Elementary Education
Stephanie Kamykowski
Political Science
Byung-Mo Kang
Electrical Engineering

Hun Kang
Telecommunications
Na-Yeong Kang
Telecommunications
Ellen Karagoulis
Elementary Education
John Karanja
Family Community Services
Albertus Kariko
Applied Engineering Sciences
Lindsey Karle
Spanish & Education

Nicci Kashani
Interior Design & Japanese
Kristina Kasiyan
Telecommunications
Diane Kast
Elementary Education
Bonnie Katalenich
International Relations
Susan Katsma
Civil Engineering
Shawn Katterman
Psychology

Mauricio Kaufmann
Economics
Timothy Kaufmann
Political Science - Prelaw
Nicole Kay
Environment, Economics & Policies
Peter Kechele
Biological Sciences
Theodore Kelbel
Human Biology
Shana Keller
Mathematics

Tiffany Kelly
Marketing, Spanish, & International
Business Relations
Laura Kennedy
Communication
Camille Kenner
Special Education
Asha Kenyatta
Marketing
Tracy Kerchhof
Biosystems Engineering
James Keyton III
Mathematics
Lara Khoury
Family Community Services
Sharon Khousakoun
Advertising
Katherine Kiel
Psychology & Health Promotion
Matthew Kilts
Supply Chain Management
Amanda Kilyanek
Advertising
Ah-Young Kim
Advertising

Doo-Hwan Kim
Mechanical Engineering
Jane Kim
Hospitality Business
Jin Ju Kim
Finance
Jiyeun Kim
Advertising & Telecommunication
Maree Kim
Hospitality Business
Uok Kim
Biochemistry Molecular Biology
Yaee Ji Kim
Marketing
Yohan Kim
Accounting
Yongmi Kim
Retailing
YooJin Kim
Criminal Justice
Aaron King
Political Science & Geography
Karly King
English

Ryan King
Finance
Robert Kirkpatrick
Animal Science
Jacob Kirshman
Mechanical Engineering
Holly Klaft
Journalism
Chad Kleinow
Mechanical Engineering
Justin Kleiver
Criminal Justice

Rebecca Klesmith
Human Biology
Jenna Kline
Animal Science
Chad Klochko
Computer Science
Hillary Kloeckner
General Management
Christopher Kloss
Biochemistry & Molecular Biology
Claire Knittel
Political Theory and
Constitutional Democracy
Elizabeth Koblinski
Art History and Visual Culture
Shinichiro Kojima
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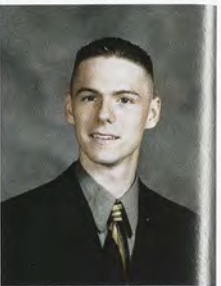
Brian Laskowski

Marissa Lankes practices tagging on one of the bridge passageways beneath the part of campus most people generally don't see. These areas help young artists practice on a medium that is generally much harder to access. Many artists use it; in fact, it is unlikely to see any one piece remain uncovered for more than a week.



- Winnie Kong
Supply Chain Management
- Sung-Keun Koo
Hospitality Business
- Peter Kopinski
Mechanical Engineering
- Rachael Koscielny
Retailing
- Kari Kotzian
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- Brent Kovacs
Crop and Soil Sciences & Turfgrass Management
- Julie Kowik
Communications
- Matthew Koziara
Marketing
- Keriann Kozub
French & Supply Chain Management
- Ryan Kraft
Advertising
- Sarah Kramer
Elementary Education
- Stephanie Kramer
Nursing
- Cyndi Kraus
Spanish
- David Krause
Kinesiology
- Lisa Krauseneck
Kinesiology
- Andrew Kreling
Computer Science
- Caitlin Kress
Elementary Education
- Katherine Krieger
Human Biology

Alena Krone
Advertising
Jaime Kropack
Supply Chain Management
Kara Kuchapsky
Dietetics
Mary Kuchar
Elementary Education
Sarah Kuchenreuther
Hospitality Business
Adam Kuhlman
Physiology



Kevin Kujawa
Finance
Gina Kulhawik
Special Education / Learning Disabilities
Samir Kulkarni
LBS-Physiology
Christopher Kuneman
Supply Chain Management
Meg Kunk
Family and Community Services
Amanda Kurec
Human Resources



Cory Kuriluk
Criminal Justice
Allison Kurtz
Communication
Lindsey Kushner
Human Biology & Spanish
Madeline Kwiecien
Packaging
Taejin Kwon
Telecommunication
Ashley LaCasse
Elementary Education



Scott Lachman
Marketing
Audrey LaFave
Communication
Steven Lagana
Physics
Helen Lai
Packaging
Stephanie Lake
Nutritional Science
Christopher Lamar
Music Education



Kathryn Lamoreaux
Retail Management
Michael Landuyt
Horticulture Landscape Design Build
Amber Lane
History
Ryan Lane
Nutritional Science
Tiffany Lane
Philosophy
Leia Langhoff
Chemistry

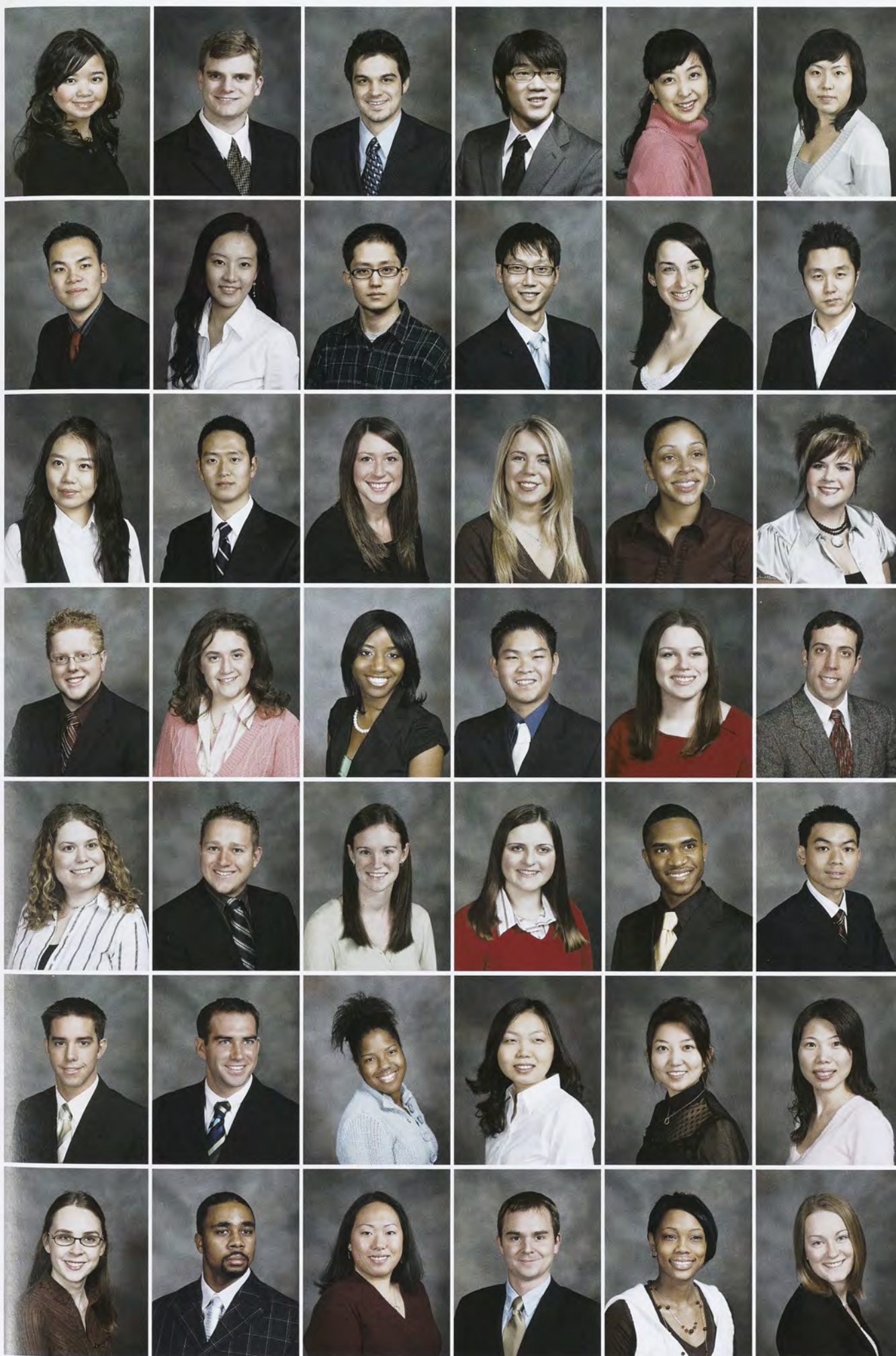


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Steven Lantzy
Kinesiology
Jonathan LaPorte
Agribusiness
Jasmine Lapsley
Social Work
Derek Larkin
Accounting
Brandon Larvadain
Packaging



Joslyn Lary
Hospitality Business
Molly Laubrick
Dietetics
Justin Lawrence
Zoology
Charlotte Lawson
Dietetics
Susan Layden
Biochemistry
Christie Lazette
Psychology





Han Le
Clinical Laboratory Science
Michael Leahy
Political Science & Economics
Scott Leduc
Civil Engineering
Alexander Lee
Marketing
Hyun Jung Lee
Marketing
Hyun-Jin Lee
Telecommunication

Jae-Woong Lee
Hospitality Business
Ji Yeon Lee
Packaging
Jong Ham Lee
Economics
Jungha Lee
Telecommunication
Rachel Lee
Psychology & Communication
Seungjin Lee
Marketing

Soojin Lee
Advertising
Wonhee Lee
Accounting
Jenna Lemke
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Tasha Leno
Psychology & Criminal Justice
Tiffany Lentz
Telecommunication

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Marietta Leon
Elementary Education
Bianca Leonard
Interdisciplinary Studies & Psychology
Calvin Leong
Telecommunications
Rachel Lepoudre
Telecommunication
William Levine
History & French

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Brad Lewis
Mechanical Engineering
Emily Lewis
Spanish Education
Melissa Lewis
Supply Chain Management
Rahsaan Lewis
Communication
Derek Li
Finance

Eric Liebich
Supply Chain Management
Charlie Lieder
Physiology
Angela Lightfoot
Interdisciplinary Studies
Ji-Hye Lim
Political Science
Younghwa Lim
International Relations
Sue Lin
Finance

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Special Education
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Mechanical Engineering
Whitney Lockhart
Merchandise Management
Sara Longanbach
Materials Science and Engineering

Veronica Loper

Advertising

Joshua Lord

Communication

Dave Lorentz

Finance

Kevin Lorenz

Psychology & Engineering

Elizabeth Lostracco

International Relations

Kristine Lott

Interdisciplinary Studies

Lauren Love

Journalism

Brittney Lovelace

Marketing

Chris Lowe

Mechanical Engineering

Amber Loyson

LBS-Human Biology & Spanish

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Accounting

Melissa Luberti

Political Science

Andrea Ludwig

Animal Science

Katherine Ludwig

Dietetics

David Lueders

Mathematics

Rebecca Lukas

Interdisciplinary Studies

Jennifer Lupa

Elementary Education

Tahra Luther

Zoology



A sign at Espresso Royal lights up the night. The café was a popular location for students to meet to study or get a quick drink. Businesses along Grand River Avenue such as Espresso Royal saw an increase in business toward the end of each semester, as students gathered for study groups and final projects.



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Family Community Services
Michael Macal
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Andrea MacGregor
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Stuart Machisak
Accounting
Susan Maes
History of Art
Jawhara Magan
Family Community Services

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Eloise Mahaffey
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Jennifer Maile
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Jacilyn Malburg
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Ryanne Maldonado
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Ramin Mammadov
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Lindsay Manuszak
Asian Studies & Zoology
Jason Manzano
Physiology & Spanish
Katie Marchal
Crop and Soil Sciences
Annah Maris
Zoology

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Petar Markovski
LBS-Astrophysics
Keith Marlow
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Christopher Marshall
Social Relations
Maliki Martin
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Sarah Martin
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Robert Martinez
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Anthony Martinico
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Sarah Marzec
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Nicole Mason
Zoology
Joseph Masinkick
International Studies
Nor Hasnah Mat Saad
Economics

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Jerrid Matthews
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Kevin Matthews
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Stefanie Matthews
Mathematics & Actuarial Science
Ryan Mattioli
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Shereen Matto
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Interdisciplinary Studies In Social Science
Joshua Maynard
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Aaron Mazor
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Katherine McAlpine
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Nicole McCandless
Apparel And Textile Design

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Kinesiology
Amanda McClure
Elementary Education
Sherise McCombs
Criminal Justice
Justin McCormack
Political Theory
Kristen McCormack
Nutritional Science
Megan McCoy
Psychology



Katy McCracken
Animal Science
Marcy McCracken
Elementary Education
Sarah McCracken
History & Psychology
Brittiany McCree
English
Rebekah McCreery
Kinesiology & Education
Heidi McCroskey
Journalism



Megan McCullough
Dietetics
TeAundra McCullough
Human Resources
Joseph McDaniel
Family and Child Services
Brienne McDaniels
Political Science
Aris McDonald
Sociology & Health Promotion
Nicole McDonald
Accounting



Anna McDougal
Nursing
Sara McDowall
Supply Chain Management
Whitney McDowell
History & Museum Studies
Rory McGoff
Construction Management
Erin McGrath
Marketing
Clayton McKenzie
Mathematics



Meghan McKenzie
Psychology
Catherine McKinney
English
Tabby McLain
LBS-Zoology
Chelsea McMellen
English & Environmental Studies and Applications
Andrea McMunigal
Hospitality Business
Cyrus McNeal
Journalism



Brandon McQuerry
Packaging
Travis Mead
Landscape Architecture
Brent McDaugh
Finance
Nathan Meding
Humanities & Prelaw
Paul Mellema
Finance
Adam Meller
Advertising



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Physiology
Lisa Meloche
Kinesiology
Kristin Meltsner
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Meredith Mengel
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Colleen Menter
Elementary Education
Mariella Mercer
Accounting





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Megan Messana
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Devon Messecar
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Brian Metzger
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Holly Meyer
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Samantha Meyers
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Luke Michels
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Crystal Micko
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Cary Middlebush
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Jacquelyn Mieksztyn
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Melissa Miles
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Criminal Justice
Anthony Miller
Human Biology
Ashley Miller
Urban Planning
Caitlin Miller
Hospitality Business



Nick Dentamaro

An Abbot Hall resident sinks a shot during a game of beer pong. Beer pong and other drinking games were often played socially on campus. Collegehumor.com ranked the university it's top party school on a list of 50. The University of Michigan was ranked 10th and Central Michigan University was 33rd.

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Katrina Miller
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Eric Minar
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Erin Minnema
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Evan Mirbach
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Katrina Mirjah
Child Development
Tiffani Mitchell
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Elizabeth Mocer
Packaging



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Adrienne Monahan
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Dawn Montecillo
Nutritional Sciences & Dietetics
Jessica Montpellier
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Jennifer Moore
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Matthew Moraca
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Jessica Morales
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Darjan Moralic
Accounting
Patrick Moran
Packaging
Earl Morgan
Civil Engineering



Jonathan Morgan
Food Industry Management
Rachel Morgan
Nursing
Sunshine Morgan
Retailing & Interior Design
Yotaro Mori
Accounting
Ashley Morris
Accounting
Emily Morris
Social Relations



Jennifer Morris
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Natasha Morris
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Sonya Morrison
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Brandle Morrow
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Rebecca Moss
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Naif Ali Mubarak
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Paulette Mulherin
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Roeisha Mullen
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Cainan Munsell
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Erin Murphy
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Johnathan Murphy
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Constitutional Democracy
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Rebecca Murray
Accounting
John Myers
Finance & Psychology
Kristin Myers
Art History and Visual Culture
Brittany Naber
History & Economics
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Kinesiology
Lauren Nalu
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Kimberly Nankee
Mechanical Engineering

Rachelle Nardi
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Stacey Nellis
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Caroline Nelsen
Social Work
Christian Nelson
Special Education
Deanna Nelson
Agribusiness Management

Jaclyn Nelson
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Stacie Nelson
Agriscience
Wanda Nelson
Human Resources & Psychology
Mary Neumann
Marketing & Communication
Jacky Ng
Advertising
Simon Ng
Computer Science

Larry Nguyen
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Ngoc Nguyen
Biochemistry and Molecular Biology
Curtis Nichol
Electrical Engineering
Mary Nichols
Social Work
Parker Nilaja
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Quasi Nkansa
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Sara Nopareporn
Accounting
April Noren
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Morgan Notestine
Fisheries and Wildlife
Kayla Novak
Zoology

Human biology senior Nashwa Khogali-Watson sits while painting a fence for an underprivileged kindergarten in Tortuguero, Costa Rica during Alternative Spring Break. Participants sacrificed their spring break for the sake of others that needed it. Helping an underprivileged kindergarten was just one of the many acts of service that many of the ASB participants volunteered.



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Brian Nussdorfer
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Andrese Oatis
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Rebecca O'Brien
Japanese

Jaclyn O'Brien
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Grace O'Bryan
Zoology
Karen O'Connor
English & Psychology
Lisa O'Connor
Human Resources
Shannon O'Donnell
Nursing
Kevin Ogden
Physiology

Basak Oguz
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Colleen O'Hearn
Kinesiology
Asana Okumoto
International Relations
Sarah Olechowski
Music Therapy
Amy Olesnavich
Marketing
Kristen Olex
Microbiology





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Miranda Ontko
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Paul Oparka
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Amanda Pearson
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Natalie Pelino
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Magdalena Pena
Theatre
Laura Pennington
Finance
Christine Perko
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Lindsey Perrien
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Kristen Perry
Communicative Sciences and Disorders
Marc Perry
Packaging
Brett Peterson
International Relations
Erik Peterson
Civil Engineering
Tamara Peterson
Education



Thomas Peterson
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Chelsea Petroelje
Psychology
Tracy Petzke
Animal Science
Yen Pham
Biochemistry
Anne-Marie Phan
Social Work
Ha Phan
Physiology



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Bethany Phillips
Telecommunications
Courtney Phillips
Hospitality Business
Kimberly Phillips
Accounting
Lauren Phillips
Journalism
Lisa Phillips
Elementary Education



Rachel Phillips
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Erin Phipps
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Scott Pickens
Packaging
Bethany Pickett
Mechanical Engineering
Megan Pickler
Agribusiness Management



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Kristin Pigott
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Melissa Pilkey
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Justin Pilot
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Alex Pineau
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Veronica Pinkins
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James Pita
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Megan Piwowar
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Steven Plato
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Sarah Plouffe
Nursing

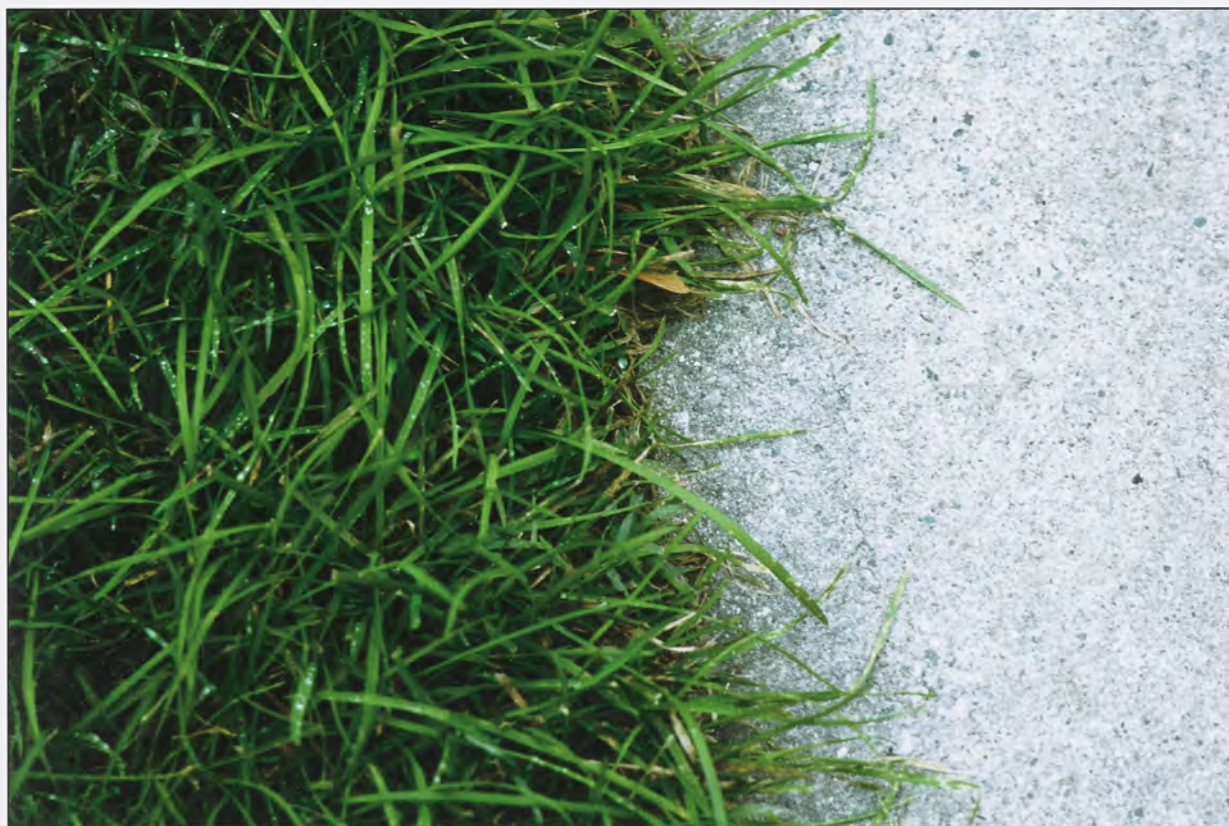




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Kara Kamenec

The blend of mechanical and natural shapes is prevalent throughout campus. The natural elements of the campus, such as this patch of grass, contrast nicely with the streets and right angles of the downtown area. The university is also the largest land grant college in Michigan.

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Caitlin Quinlan-Davison
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Carlas Quinney
Family Community Services
Dominick Quinney
Family Community Services &
Black Studies
Lori Radar
Family Community Services
Katherin Raelzer
Elementary Education
Jamilliah Rahmaad
Interdisciplinary Studies
Katrina Rainer
Elementary Education
Kevin Rambus
Zoology
Jonathan Ranger
Packaging



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Anne Rapaport
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Faddeelah Rasheed
Telecommunication
Mitra Rashidy
Economics
Linda Raterink
Veterinary Technology



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Agriscience
Shannon Raum
Telecommunications
Jennifer Raushi
Horticulture
Jermel Ray
Retailing
Shawn Rayon
Accounting
Nicholas Rebel
Nursing



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Supply Chain Management
Sasa Redzic
Human Biology
Latoya Reece
Social Work
Jessica Reed
Special Education Learning Disabilities
Marcus Reed
Retailing
Shivon Reed
Elementary Education



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Criminal Justice
Ford Reinink
Kinesiology
Katherine Remias
General Business Administration
William Renfrew
History
Kari Rensi
Elementary Education
Matthew Richard
Accounting



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Lucie Richards
Communication & General Management
Robert Richards Jr.
Telecommunications
Alisha Richardson
Telecommunications
Cynthia Richardson
Advertising
Laura Ann Richardson
Psychology





Marcella Richardson
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Dia Ridley
Communications
Richard Riegner
Marketing
Zelfin Rimmer
Interdisciplinary Studies
Lauren Rindskopf
Communicative Science and Disorders
Kelli Ritsema
Finance

Kelly Rivett
Fisheries & Wildlife
Audrina Roberts
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John Roberts
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Christopher Robinson
Criminal Justice
Clark Robinson
English
Quinton Robinson
Urban and Regional Planning

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Cortez Robinson-Starks
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Melissa Roller
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Shannon Rolley
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Lindsey Rollins
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Ashleigh Romans
History & Criminal Justice

Valerie Romeo
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Kali Root
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Oscar Roque
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Laurel Rose
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Dana Roseblum
Dietetics

Michelle Rosen
Fisheries and Wildlife
Stephanie Rosma
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Kyra Ross-Smith
Interdisciplinary Studies
Steven Roszak
Interdisciplinary Studies
Sarah Rothstein
Psychology
Markita Round
Communication

A group of people walk past Taco Bell on Grand River Ave. Apart from Taco Bell, many shops on Grand River were bustling with people. The sidewalks of Grand River were busy with people moving from shop to shop even during the colder winter months.



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Steffanie Rousseau
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Melissa Rubalcava
Social Relations
Leah Ruddy
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Eric Rueff
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Matthew Rungan
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Jonathan Rush
Agriculture Business Management



Candice Russ
Communication
Deanna Russ
Marketing
Kyle Russo
Packaging
Dominique Rutland
Marketing
Jessica Ryan
Marketing
Margaret Ryan
Psychology



Stacy Rye
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Woongsuk Sa
General Management
Stephanie Sabatini
Human Resource Management
Adeline Sadeli
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Kathleen Sadlier
Marketing
Tahera Sakarwala
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Christine Schafka
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Megan Scheible
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Brian Schiellerd
Agribusiness Management
Paul Schmalenberg
Electrical Engineering
William Schmidt II
General Management
Martin Schmuckel
Criminal Justice

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Raechel Scholz
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James Schram
Marketing
Bailey Schroeder
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Elementary Education
Sarah Schultz
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Molly Schulz
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Sara Seitz
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Nicole Selby
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Justin Semelbauer
Crop and Soil Sciences
Hyoyoung Seo
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NaRe Seo
Packaging
Traci Serenson
Accounting



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Criminal Justice
Brandon Sethi
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Jay Shah
Marketing
Nilay Shah
Electrical Engineering



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Rahul Sharma
Physiology
Todd Sharra
Civil Engineering
Lisa Shaw
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Meghan Shea-Keenan
Biosystems Engineering
Liban Sheikhdan
Civil Engineering



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Physiology
Ji Hee Shin
Packaging
Sumita Siakhasone
Finance
Amanda Silic
Zoology
Nicholas Simmonds
General Management
Ryan Simmons
Communication



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Chemistry
Jaclene Simpson
Medical Technology
Kathryn Single
Nursing
Calli Sites
Nursing
Renee Skeete
Interdisciplinary Studies
Barabara Skelley
Telecommunications



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Psychology
John Skoutelas
Marketing
Joseph Skuza
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Kari Slater
Packaging & Marketing
Timothy Slattery
Human Biology
Kristy Slominski
Religious Studies



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Kevin Smith
International Relations
Mark Smith
Landscape Architecture
Scott Smith
Marketing
Shuntay Smith
Kinesiology





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Tamika Smith
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Tracy Smith
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Karen Smreker
Marine Biology
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Alyse Solomon
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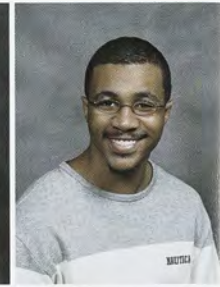
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Ray McLellan reads his music as he plays the Beaumont Tower Carillon. Weekly visitors could come by and watch McLellan play the Carillon. McLellan has been the university's Carillonneur since 1997, and is only the fourth to hold the position since 1929.

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Aaron Stallings
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Haran Stanley
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Joye Staple
Dietetics
Jeffrey Stearns
Psychology
Megan Steele
Parks, Recreation and Tourism
Rachael Steenbergh
Psychology



Jessica Steffen
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Nicole Stein
English
Pamela Steinborn
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Andrew Steinman
Biological Science
Yolanda Stephens
Social Relations
Rita Stephenson
History



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Kraig Stevenson
Statistics and Probability
Wayne Steward
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Jennifer Stewart
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Kaitlin Stewart
Human Biology
Raquel Stewart
Elementary Education



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Mitra Sticklen
Environmental Policy & Anthropology
Tanish Stiger
Sociology
Milena Stoeva
Urban Planning
Melissa Stolaruk
English
Charles Storeng
Accounting



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Elena Strom
Special Education
Rebecca Struck
Veterinary Technology
Chris Stuart
Human Biology
Abdulah Sufi
Supply Chain Management
Waylone Sullen
Food Sciences



Gillian Sumner
Medical Technology
Meagin Sumrall
Psychology
Eun Hye Sung
Accounting
Chelsey Susin
Advertising
Chad Susott
LBS-Physiology
Sandip Suvedi
Mechanical Engineering





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Sharilynn Sweet
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Ashley Symons
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Tiffany Talamonti
Elementary Education
Victoria Talaski
Agriscience
Lisa Talbot
History, Philosophy and Sociology of Science
Irianto Tan
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Ying Tan
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Pak-Chuen Tang
Apparel and Textile Design
Sio Kuan Tang
Finance
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Krissa Thom
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Carolyn Thoma
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Ashley Thomas
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Dilip Thomas
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Elizabeth Thomas
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Jason Thomson
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 Monika Tjota
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 & Biotechnology
 Christopher Tobey
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 Jessica Todd
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 Nataline Tom
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 Megan Tomkovich
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 Danielle Tompkins
 Criminal Justice
 Jennifer Torrey
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 Lindsey Toth
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 Souleymane Toure
 Finance
 Quentin Townsend
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 Judy Tran
 Human Biology
 Kha Tran
 Human Biology
 Sylvia Tran
 Human Biology
 Tammy Tran
 LBS-Physiology



Two ducks fight over
 a piece of bread
 outside of Wells Hall.
 Students fed the
 ducks on campus
 frequently through-
 out winter. The
 ducks were usually
 not shy and would
 approach people
 with food.



Nick Dentamaro



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Sandra Troxell
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Morgan Truscott
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Yuan-Pin Tsai
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Louis Tse
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Tiffany Turcotte
Psychology
Rachel Turkiela
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Neringa Tuyilingire
International Relations
Shaunta Tyus
Statistics
Mario Ugalde
Packaging

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Noah Valdez
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Eric Van Dam
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Kristina Van Ginhoven
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Zoe Sugar Van-Dlyone
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Emily Vangessel
Kinesiology

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Veronica Vasquez
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Francisco Velazquez
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Kristina Veltman
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Bill Stovall holds up a birdhouse to a crowd of eager people who have come to build a birdhouse for themselves. The birdhouse was meant to target yellow shafted flickers to nest in it but it can also attract starlings who will muscle out flickers. Stovall worked at the Kellogg Bird Sanctuary with his wife Pat, and together they make a quirky, fun team in bird education.



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Jeff Proulx and Bryna Shields cut the pie that they made for the yearbook's Thanksgiving dinner. The Thanksgiving dinner was the second of the monthly events the RCL put on to promote togetherness as a staff. The staff hoped this tradition would stick for future staff members.



Brian Laskowski

red cedar log

The Red Cedar Log has been the yearbook here at State since 1887. Originally it was called The Harrow and then the Wolverine. In 1976, the switch was made to RCL due to a certain mascot down the road having a tighter hold on the title. In 1996, the book's publication was halted due to lack of student interest. The Associated Students of Michigan State University reinstated the RCL in 1998 and later provided, through student vote, a three dollar tax per student per semester. This allowed the distribution to reach 21,000 copies and a status as the largest yearbook in the nation. This year, 2006, racks were placed in the academic buildings on campus allowing a weekly distribution system.

The yearbook staff is made up of students. The photographers, journalists, designers, business staff, and editors are all people you may pass everyday on campus, or sit next to in class. The positions are rehired every year and open to anyone who comes out to interview. Most of us are people who worked on either the newspaper or yearbook in high school and are thrilled to be getting paid for our work now that we're in college!

Our hope is that the book provides you with a tangible location for your memories of your time here on campus. With the growing popularity of e-mail, Facebook and other internet websites, hardcopies of photographs and writings are diminishing. This yearbook will last past the days when these digital files are no longer accessible. Please enjoy the book today and especially twenty years from now.

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Sophomore Jeff Proulx, junior Kristy McCown, junior Anthony Riva and sophomore Jacob Vink listen as freshman Kara Kamenec talks. The group, along with the rest of the yearbook staff, roasted marshmallows, ate donuts, drank cider and took a hay ride through Uncle John's Cider Mill despite the snow storm that was going on around them.



Erika Greenia - Design Managing Editor

Jess and Lauren: You guys were an inspirational team. Thank you for being understanding and patient when I needed it the most.

Chris and Nick: Thank you for your dedication to the yearbook. You are both incredibly talented in your crafts and it was awesome to see it all come together on pages.

Emily, David, and Jenny: My designers. Thank you for EVERYTHING. I know it was frustrating at times, but this book is all you. Really, be proud. It would have been impossible without each of you. And Jenny, I'm pretty sure those lions were talking.

The 05/06 Staff was a memorable one. You all created this amazing book. Tell all of your friends and be proud. Thanks so much!



Nick Dentamaro

The yearbook staff gathers around a fire to keep warm. Despite the usually timid October weather, the first social outing of the year was hit by a snowstorm. Not hurting their spirits, this caused the staff to get closer - physically, to keep warm, and socially, as they were all able to learn each other's personalities outside the office and staff meetings.

Lauren Nalu - Business Manager

Working on the yearbook has given me the opportunity to work on a team of incredibly diverse people whose dedication to the book resulted in one amazing final product. My thanks go out to:

Jess- Your passion for the yearbook was the driving force that made our staff and consequently our book so creative and unique. The time you put in creating this amazing book was far beyond any job requirement that you had, and the staff greatly appreciates your dedication to us. Thank you for your inspiration, creativity, and unparalleled passion.

Erika, Nick, and Chris- Your creativity inspires me to appreciate art and journalism for the incredibly hard work that it really is. You have taught me so much about photography, design, and journalism and I am sincerely thankful for having the opportunity to work beside you this year. You are all so talented and your work made this book totally "jawesome".

Pat, Ben, and Rich- Wow, what can I say except THANK YOU in big bold letters for carrying 70 pound boxes of books around campus for me for 16 weeks. You may not realize it but you guys were part of the most successful yearbook distribution plan yet. Thank you for helping me with the ridiculous task that I asked of you. You really did have a huge impact on the awareness and availability of the yearbook.

Brandon- Thanks for being our eyes and ears at ASMSU and for pulling for the yearbook no matter what. We appreciate the advice you gave us and for allowing us to be flexible with our book. Without the help of you and ASMSU, we wouldn't have this opportunity.

The University- Specifically thank you to Bob Hoffman at the Wharton Center for all your help with tickets, Dr. Eileen Wilson in the President's Office for permission to distribute on campus, Bob Bryan at the Surplus Store for helping get our books where they needed to be, and everyone at Sports Information who helped us with pictures and media passes.

Chris Jackett - Content Managing Editor

The year was a constant hustle and bustle as we covered an amazing number of events for the book. Since some of our staff decided to disappear for long periods of time without turning in their assignments, it was extremely helpful to have a great core to my staff. From my copy editors, Jess and Steve, to some of my writers such as Courtney, Jen, Kelly, Kaitlyn and Stephanie, to some of the photographers like Jeff, Jason and Brian, this year would have been impossible if all of you weren't on the ball with picking up assignments. For that, I'd like to thank each of you and the rest of the contributing staff, editors and designers for making my last year at the university a memorable one.

Nick Dentamaro - Photography Managing Editor

We made this. This is our book, the University's book. You should take pride knowing that you contributed to history by working at the Red Cedar Log this year. I just want to thank all of the staff for the work you did, especially my photographers. The staff photographers deserve their own thank you for being on call pretty-much 24 hours a day. You were more than colleagues, you are friends and thanks for your hard work, time and patience with me.



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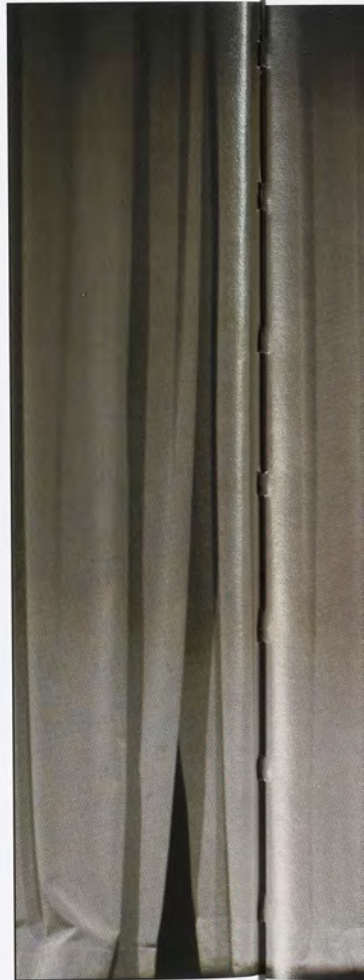
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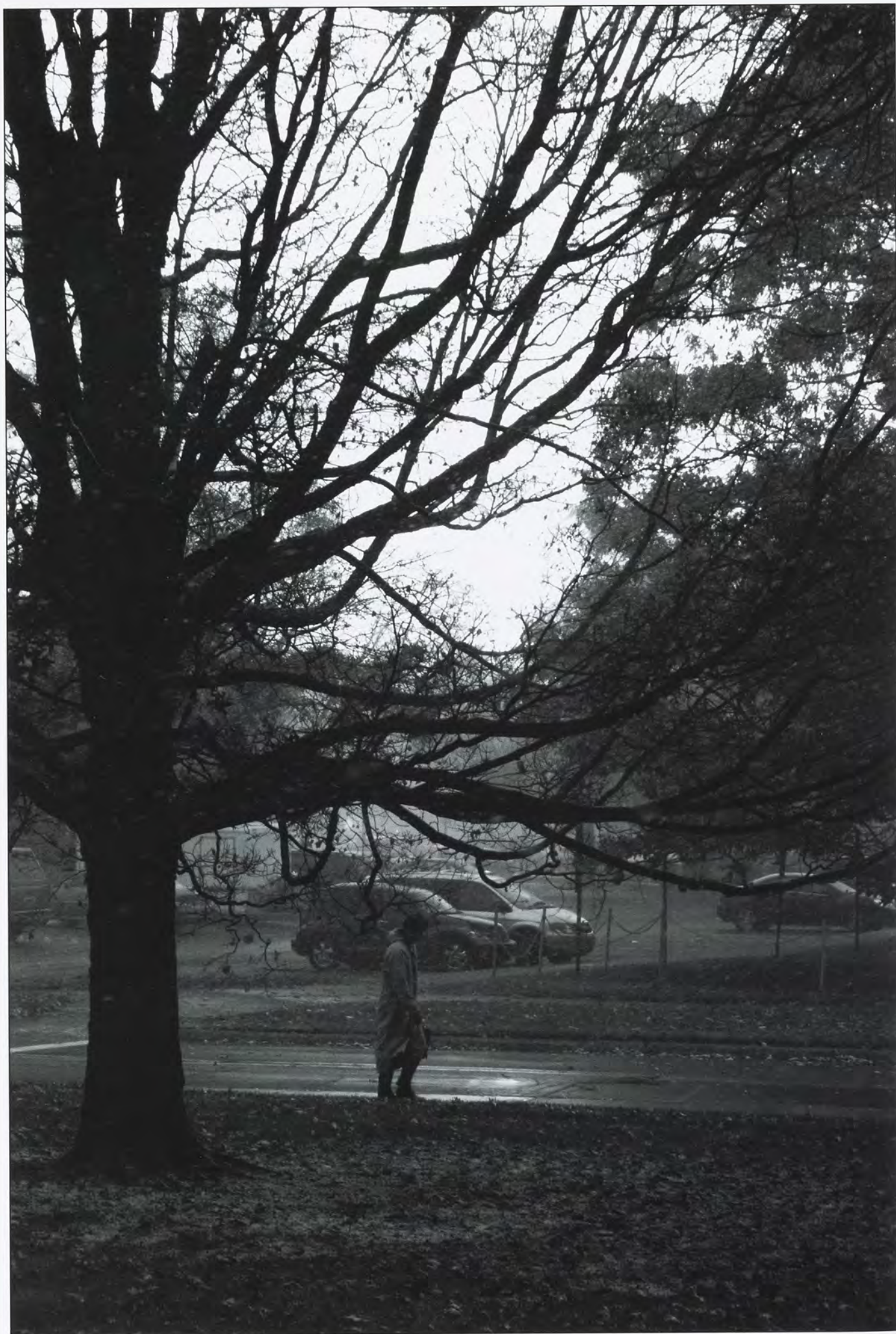
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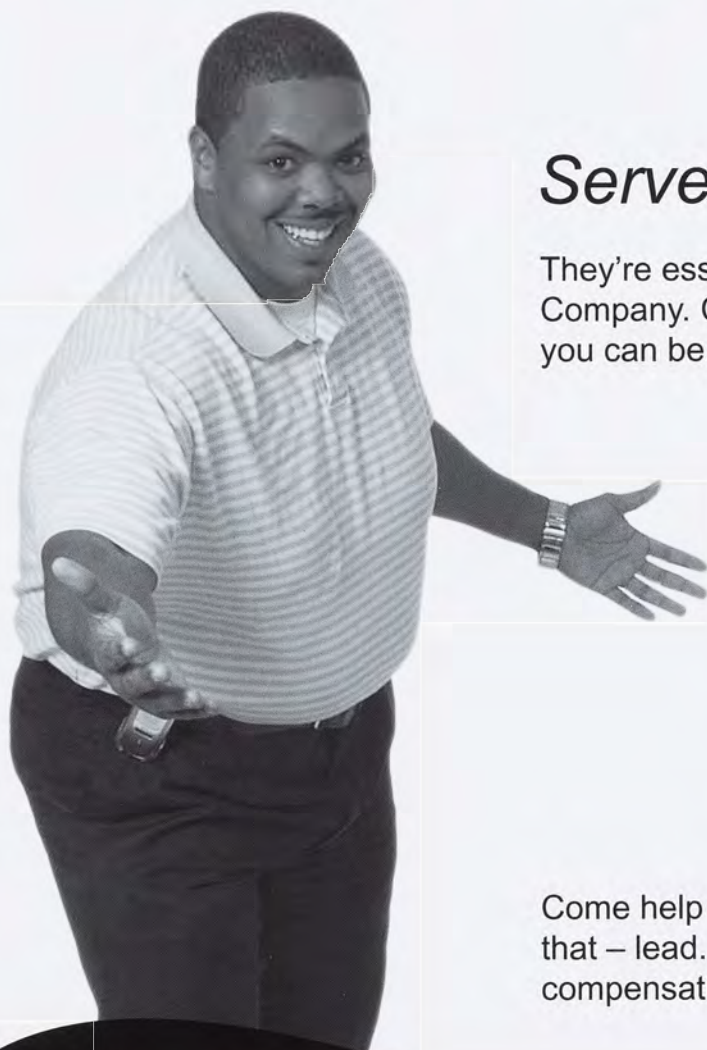
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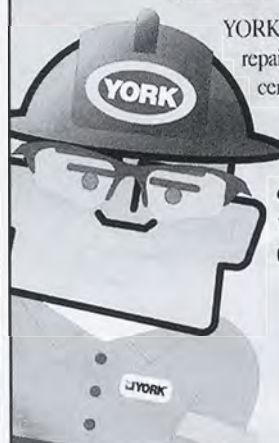
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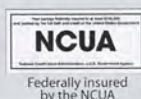
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my friends, Patricia and Leena



my sister, Erika

My entire life I have been a Spartan—a green bleeding child of two alumni. To cap off four years here as a student by being put in charge of capturing this academic year in the form of a yearbook is truly an honor. I came into the year hoping to keep some of the traditions from past year's books while at the same time moving forward in quality.

We began the process by switching to Friesens Publishing. Kevin Prosser, our sales representative, was there from day one and kept us up to date and informed on all the various options we had for our book and how things were proceeding. On both of my visits to the plant way out in Altona, Manitoba (look it up on a map) I was lucky enough to have Carey Kehler show me around. We, the staff, truly appreciated all the time he spent with us. I met Joan Muehling on one of these visits without knowing just how integral she would be this past year. Every question had a quick response and she simply made the whole process that much easier. As did all of the various voices on the other end of the technical support line!

A lot of various people within ASMSU were great assets to the production of the book, especially Brandon Hicks, Debra Gleason, and Mark Vande Wiele. Mark was constantly bombarded with random questions from me and he would always answer or do his best to find one—and he was also a great person to chat with every morning! Deb helped Lauren keep all the books in order and the RCL out of any financial trouble! Whenever I needed something done or someone to talk to within the university, Brandon was my man. He lead us to various resources and helped explain all the various ASMSU codes and regulations. Plus, he was great at passing out books!

The Editorial Staff of the 2006-2007 Red Cedar Log was the driving force and inspiration for what you now hold. The "Summer of Brainstorming" involved many meetings and numerous thoughts and plans—some great...some not so great. When August hit and the 21,000 copies of the 2006 book arrived in East Lansing we all got down and dirty with truckloads of boxes. From Party at the Aud, distributing racks around campus, and the Homecoming parade, we became intimate with last year's book.

Our big task was to determine a theme, a guide to focus the creative energy of the design, photography, and journalism. After several summer meetings and a retreat along with our ASMSU friends, we decided on the word 'progressions.' It is not listed anywhere in the book except for right here. It is intended to be a subtle underlying piece to pull the whole publication together and it is thanks to the editorial staff as a whole that it came through as well as it did.

Each of them brought a separate piece to the larger group. Nick—our photography man. His staff loved him and we did too. Random blues clubs in Winnipeg will never be the same after his visit... Chris—the organization behind the organization. He kept us all informed of all the little details that could easily be lost. And the RCL intramural teams are now without a captain... Erika—the rule bearing design leader. Her staff was without a home, but she kept them on task and laughing. The book wouldn't have looked the same without her... Lauren—the business mind. She was the ying to my yang and the go-to-woman on staff. The to-do-lists once completed within the day will now sit untouched...

We tried something different this year with a new position. In each department we had a crew of staff that was pretty much on call and we certainly made use of them! These staff photographers, journalists, and designers were knowledgeable in their respective fields and yielded the bulk of what is contained in this publication. They helped bridge the gap between editor and intern and always came to our monthly events. I truly appreciated everything they did from responded to our frantic last minute assignments to simply being the glue.

The interns were the foundation. As a student publication, we hope to be a place where people can come to learn. As the Editor-in-Chief I had a unique role by being able to watch people progress from when they first walked in the office for their interview to the end-of-the-year banquet. Everyone grew both professionally in their talents, and socially as a group. I hope most of you return to staff and help the Red Cedar Log improve in the coming years.

Those in my personal life know what a yearbook nerd I am and have supported me through all five years of it. From late nights in the Echo office at Grand Blanc High School to constant talk about yearbook, they've almost lived it themselves.

My friends and roommates here at school have dealt with my crazy schedules and lack of free time with understanding. I love that they are willing to sit down and go page by page with me throughout the whole book. It must be excruciating for them, but it's my baby and I'm proud of it. Not to mention all the great times we've had together—movie nights, baked goods galore, and those always crazy nights out.

The "Rock Girls," my friends back home, have always been there for me. They are the highlight to my year and it doesn't matter how much time has passed since our last visit—it always seems like we saw each other yesterday. While they don't attend MSU, they've each learned to love a piece of it through me.

Brian, my fiancé, would be a prime example of someone who has lived my yearbook life alongside me. For the past seven years he's dealt with all my craziness and stress. Whenever I needed a smile it was only a phone call away—he keeps me sane.

My family has had to deal with more than I can express here and I am forever grateful to them. Mom and Dad gave me the basis for who I am today. They taught me by example and through many discussions how to live and be a good person in this crazy world. Without them I never would have joined yearbook and embarked on this wonderful journey. Roy, my brother, is always there to bring me back to my younger self—a definite necessity in moments of stress. Erika, my sister and successor, will be great at the role she has taken on. While we're very different people, I have confidence that she will be able to take what exists here at the RCL and only make it better. She's always been my right-hand man and I hope she knows I will always be there for her.

Good luck to the entire staff next year. I'll be rooting for you from that crazy school down the road!

thank you all! —Jessica

Lou Anna K. Simon



Brian Laskowski

To the Class of 2007:

Congratulations on your graduation from Michigan State University! What a wonderful accomplishment.

You met the challenges of balancing classroom and extracurricular activities with career enhancing and research opportunities. You leave here having received a solid foundation that will allow you to use your education to serve the world.

Throughout your years at MSU, we have seen many changes. In 2005 we celebrated the 150th anniversary of this great university and also bid farewell to long-time president, Peter McPherson. We also saw the construction of the new Sparty statue and renovations began on Spartan stadium. In 2006, Dr. Kim Wilcox was named Provost and in 2007, MSU signed an agreement between MSU College of Human Medicine (CHM) and Spectrum Health in Grand Rapids to expand the CHM. Through our Boldness by Design initiative, we are advancing the 21st-century application of core land-grant values – quality, inclusion, and connectivity – as the key to global prosperity which will guide us in our journey from a land-grant to a world-grant university.

You can be proud that you received one of the best undergraduate educations in the world. During your time here, we have been recognized for our study abroad programs, research, and technology. Every year MSU has increased the quality of our entering freshman class and had record high GPA's, ACT and SAT test scores.

As your years as an MSU student come to an end, I hope you take with you fond memories of being a part of Team MSU. This Red Cedar Log yearbook may contain the memories of your educational experience at MSU and the surrounding community of East Lansing, but you are carrying with you all the hope and tools necessary for a bright future.

I wish you well in every endeavor and certain success. Know that your graduation is another chapter in the rich land-grant history of MSU. I challenge you to be a great citizen leader and write the next chapters and verses that impact the world.

Sincerely,

Lou Anna K. Simon, Ph.D.
President



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