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A night out for a good cause
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Mikko Serrano, Andrew Dizon, Jonathan Seril and Johnpaul Managa were charged with possession of CDS marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia and being under the influence of CDS marijuana while in Bohn Hall. John Ramos was charged with distribution of CDS marijuana, possession of CDS marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia and being under the influence of CDS marijuana while in Bohn Hall.

Brittany Graham was charged with possession of CDS marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia and criminal mischief while in Fenwick Hall.

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A student reported the theft of his wallet and its contents left unsecured in the Recreation Center.

Jonathan Reinhart was charged with criminal mischief while in the Recreation Center.

A student reported being threatened by a known suspect while in Blanton Hall. The victim refused to file criminal charges.
State University to deliver substantial textbook savings to students. “

According to a press release, through the pilot program, Follett learned that Rent-A-Text saved students nearly $2 million. When the students of the pilot programs were surveyed, 90 percent of them were more than satisfied with the program.

Ammerman stated in a press release, “We are eager to launch Rent-A-Text, because we are committed to providing students with affordable textbook choices.”

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Students will be able to rent the book for a semester, and it must be returned on time. If the book is not returned, students will be charged retail price for the book plus an additional fee which is 7.5 percent.

“If professors have two books to choose from, they have the ability to check and see if the book can be rented. Professors that feel for their students and understand that books are expensive may choose the rentable book,” said Ammerman.

There is a national list of books that can and cannot be rented. Books have to fulfill specific criteria to make it onto the national lists. This includes the amount of customers using the book, what type of book it is and the book’s expected life span.

Some reasons that texts may not be part of the rental list is because the book may come in a package with other items that are not available separately, the materials may not be durable enough to use more than once or if the editions have come to an end.

“I think it’s a great program. There’s a lot of buzz about it,” said Ammerman.

Another perk from Rent-A-Text is that it allows students to get a feel for the book and learn from it throughout the semester. If they feel it will be helpful in the future, they can purchase it.

Also, students will be able to highlight and take notes on the page as well. The process will be virtually the same as buying books. Students can order what books they need ahead of time online and go into the bookstore to pick them up. They can also get the book in person at the bookstore.

In order to rent books, students must be 18 years of age and have a credit card. The credit card is needed on file in the event that the book is not returned or is returned late.

Currently, in celebration of Rent-A-Text, Follett will be running a contest to win $10,000. The money can be used towards room and board. They are also running a raffle for $100 gift certificates for campus bookstores.

Students can register to rent books either on the internet or in person at the university bookstore. Ammerman advises to register online, because it will be faster than in-store registration.

Ammerman believes that lines at the store will be slow, but it should not create a problem.

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The University Bookstore displays many signs for the new program, Rent-A-Text, that will be launched in the Fall 2010 semester.
MSU Puppy Raisers Gain Charterment with Hopes to Help the Visually Impaired

Katjae Bakki | Staff Writer

The Student Government Association chartered MSU Puppy Raisers as a Class IV organization.

With the support of MSU’s administration and a national organization called The Seeing Eye, MSU Puppy Raisers intend on educating the campus.

They want to teach the community about service dogs, and ultimately, raise puppies on campus in order to aid those who are visually impaired.

This program has been launched successfully at Rutgers University, Rowan University and The University of Delaware.

After discovering the organization at Rutgers University’s Special Friends Day, president of the MSU organization, Lauren Piper, immediately became interested.

She explained, “The whole purpose of this program is helping the visually impaired.”

If all goes as planned, eventually MSU Puppy Raisers will raise puppies, starting at ages seven to eight-weeks-old, on campus with specific guidelines and training steps.

The puppies will stay within the organization for 12 to 14 months, or as Piper described as “that puppy stage until they mellow out and you give them back to the company.”

The puppies must, then, go through a physical and psychological exam through The Seeing Eye.

The organization plans on taking steps in regards to where the puppies would be trained after working closely with the university administration and through affiliation with The Seeing Eye due to existing rules and regulations.

Knowing that their organization requires extensive planning in regards to who will look after the puppies for periods of time has not deterred the MSU Puppy Raisers at all.

The Seeing Eye has local chapters within counties, which Piper foresees would be more than willing to lend a hand if necessary.

“We also made a bunch of friends from Rutgers who are more than willing to help us, so it’s not like we’re starting off from nowhere,” said Piper.

Since the organization has recently received recognition, Vice President Raymond McKenna has some ideas planned for helping the organization educate the campus before even bringing puppies onto the campus.

He said, “We wanted to do a puppy movie night with any movie that is associated with puppies.”

Looking further into the semester, McKenna said, “We want to have a somewhat big event like a puppy play date where we can have puppies, playing games and such. We can have them around — including professionals to educate.”

Hopes to Help the Visually Impaired

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Ideally, MSU Puppy Raisers would like to start off with between three to five puppies to train.

“If this does happen and does, by some means, pass through the university, I feel like smaller is better for the people who signed for us. I had people coming up to me at work like, ‘I heard about the puppy club, how do I join?’” said Piper.

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A few of the starting members, Heather Mejia, Katelynn Benson and Haliegh Adams. Homer and Piper will help the visually impaired function in their everyday lives.
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Yearly Sewer Disruption

The Montclarion introduces Chris Goscinski: SGA President for the 2010-2011 Academic Year

Chris Goscinski, the SGA’s president elect, has a lot of plans for his upcoming year.

Elected as SGA President for the 2010-2011 academic year, Chris Goscinski is ready to start off the new year the right way.

Goscinski decided to run for the position of president to increase the outreach and influence of the SGA to students that do not normally en-

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The SGA and Lottery Committee will receive the resolution and will conduct an election to vote on the resolution."

Goscinski is encouraged that the council will accept the resolution as presented."

The council will also plan for an election to be held after the first of the year."

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Students who are interested in participating in the organization can contact either the SGA or the council to be listed on the resolution.

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the audience cutting a student’s foot. “We think people know we are here,” Senator One said. “I don’t think it will be a big shock to every- one.”

The fraternity is trying to clear their name as the organization that was once portrayed in news organiza- tions as the “Animal House” of MSU. “There’s a lot of misinformation going on just trying to get rid of the stigma that goes along with the name of Senate,” Senator One said. This past year, each member par- ticipated in 100 hours of community service, have donated toys to a boys orphanage in Tovotom and have par- ticipated in dozens of other charity events.

Senator Two explained how they also had two professors speak to the fraternity. “Our goal is to find members who understand the mission and who look like they will become successful one day in school,” he said. “If we meet someone on campus who seems complicated, since it’s difficult and in life,” Senator Two said. “It was a four-hour discussion that was held in a secret location.”

There was also another occasion where a professor talked about his- tory and ancient civilization. “Most professors are unaware of the situation, they don’t know about Senate,” Senator Two said. “They usually ask why are you doing this as a student, and we tell them its just for simple conversation.”

Also, Senator Two’s named in their honor. “I always think, Senate has been named in their honor. Also, Sen- ator Two continued to say. “Our developing vision is to bring back a number of traditions from Senates history,” Senator Two said. “I can’t believe that they would waste a lot of money in the upcoming years, and they have arranged for an outside company, Capstone, to maintain it. The classrooms and fa- cilities are not maintained as well as they should be.”

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