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Kickin' it in Ann Arbor: Soccer team keeps trophy at home

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Junior cornerback Ross Weaver attempts to tackle Ohio State quarterback Terrelle Pryor in the first quarter of Saturday's game at Spartan Stadium. Pryor went on to score Ohio State's first touchdown. The Spartans were defeated by the Buckeyes 45-7.

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UNIVERSITY

Endowment drops, MSU officials say not to worry

By Justin Harris
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MSU is starting to feel the effects of the current economic crisis as the university's \$1.4 billion investment portfolio, the majority of which is endowments, declined by about 10 percent for the quarter that ended Sept. 30.

MSU's endowment is made up of donations and investments that accumulate interest over time.

Glen Klein, MSU's director of investments and financial management, said the decline is directly related to the overall decline in the financial market. Although MSU's portfolio has seen a drop, Klein said there's no reason to worry yet.

"We have sufficient liquidity to ride out this market downturn, so we don't expect to realize those losses," he said. "The way that we build our investment portfolio is with these types of situations in mind so that over the next year or two, if the market continued to go down, we have plans and liquidity to deal with that."

Fred Poston, MSU's vice president for finance and operations, said the university has set up an investment portfolio with short-term, mid-term and long-term investments. The long-term investments include equities such as stocks, which are more severely affected when the market experiences a downward trend.

He said the money in the short and mid-term funds isn't as affected by the economy and thus can help the university ride out difficult times.

"We've designed so that we can endure a three-year period without anything too terribly noticeable happening," he said.

Poston said some maintenance on campus would be delayed because of the economy but no major plans will be stalled.

"Of course what's going to happen is we won't be able to fix as many things and some of our maintenance will back up a little bit as we go through this period," he said. "But we have enough money to cover that."

MSU President Lou Anna K. Simon said in times of economic prosperity it's important to remember that the market will have declines in the future.

"You put together reserve and contingency funds and we've done that," she said. "You have to keep them for this kind of storm. We've tried to plan in a way that we minimized vulnerability to shorter-term issues. Now

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FALL FROM GRACE

MSU V. OSU

CASH KRUTH

Don't count Spartans out of season yet

In a matter of hours Saturday, the national and local perception of the MSU football team drastically changed. The No. 20 Spartans fell to No. 12 Ohio State

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Dantonio: Hoyer to play in game against U-M if healthy enough

By Jacob Carpenter
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MSU head coach Mark Dantonio made it clear Saturday that, if healthy, senior quarterback Brian Hoyer will start next week after missing most of the second half of MSU's 45-7 home drubbing against Ohio State. Hoyer sat for much of the final 30 minutes after leaving with head and hand injuries suffered late in the second quarter. Redshirt freshman Kirk Cousins was thrust into Hoyer's role and performed well, going 18-of-25 for 161 yards, one touchdown and one interception.

"Brian Hoyer is our quarterback. There is no quarterback controversy here," Dantonio said after the loss.

Hoyer was knocked out of the game after taking a hit from Ohio State linebacker James Laurinaitis in the second quarter.

Laurinaitis, a senior whose father was a professional

wrestler nicknamed the "Animal," proved the apple doesn't fall far from the tree by laying a beastly hit on Hoyer during a rollout pass. The blow left Hoyer dizzy and caused bruising and swelling on his left, nonthrowing hand.

Hoyer was sacked to end the drive and he returned for one play — an interception — before the end of the first half. Cousins played the entire third quarter, starting 10-of-10 and leading MSU's only scoring drive.

"I wanted to go back in, but you're not going to win an argument when the doctors are saying, 'No, you can't let him go back in,'" Hoyer said.

The senior starter returned for one series early in the fourth quarter — a three-and-out — after passing mental tests and being able to

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Quick hits

Hero of the game: Terrelle Pryor and Chris "Beanie" Wells — The Big Ten's top two offensive playmakers proved they were just that as they used their superior athletic ability to run circles around the MSU defense.

Goat of the game: MSU defense — They didn't contain Pryor, they didn't stop Wells and when they were in position to make plays, they simply didn't.

Quotable: "I thought we did a good job in warm-ups today," MSU defensive coordinator Pat Narduzzi on what he thought the Spartans did well on Saturday.

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CRIME

E.L. police say recent rental break-ins are related

By Abby Lubbers
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A string of break-ins has left police searching and East Lansing renters worrying.

During the past four months, thieves have stolen TVs, video game systems, computers and purses from rental properties all around the city, East Lansing police Sgt. Scott Wriggelsworth said.

The thieves do not force their entry, and most of the robberies happen between midnight and 7 a.m. In many cases, the residents are sleeping at home when the items are stolen, Wriggelsworth said.

"It's just like the stuff vanished in the middle of the night," he said.

Police suspect the same people are involved in all these cases.

Amanda Esch, a communication junior, had her apartment at Cedar Greens, located on Michigan Avenue, broken into during the first month of the semester. A flat-screen TV, iPod, two cell phones and money were stolen.

Esch said one of her roommates locked their patio and front doors before going to sleep. When the four girls woke up, their items were missing.

"My roommate got up at 7:30 (a.m.), then came and woke me up at about 8, and told me the things were gone," Esch said.

The thieves jumped on the balcony and forced open the patio door, then left with the electronics through the apartment's front door, Esch said.

Esch and her roommates reported the incident to DTN Management, the company that manages Cedar Greens.

"Our hope would be to catch these guys in the act."

Scott Wriggelsworth, East Lansing police sergeant

The property managers put a bar across the girls' window and sent a letter to residents, Esch said.

Apartments also have been robbed at The Landings at Chandler Crossings, located on Chandler Road; Cedar Village, on Waters Edge; Abbott Pointe, off Abbot Road near Saginaw Street; and Hull Apartments, near Hagadorn and Haslett roads.

Police could not specify how many incidents occurred at each complex because the cases are still under investigation.

The thieves check for unlocked first- and second-story patio doors and windows, and enter the open residences. Police believe multi-

ple people are working together to carry out the robberies.

"A lot of these are something that one person couldn't have done by themselves," Wriggelsworth said.

DTN Management, which also manages properties such as Cedar Village and Abbott Pointe, is aware of the thefts and has been cooperating with the investigations, Wriggelsworth said.

Residents at Abbott Pointe received a letter alerting them to the break-ins and reminding residents to lock all doors and windows, property manager Bryan Malby said.

DTN also patrols its properties

on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights, and has security cameras around Cedar Village, said Colin Cronin, area director for DTN student properties.

There are a number of issues in apartment complexes every year as students move off campus for the first time, and Cedar Greens and Cedar Village have not had an unusual number of incidents this semester, he said.

"There seems to be kind of a learning curve," Cronin said. "In the dorms, everyone is trying to make friends, but out in the town, there are people trying to take advantage of that. There's usually a transitional period."

The Landings at Chandler Crossings also has been a target of multiple robberies, and extra security measures have been put

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Students vie for a place in the university's Spartan Idol competition, modeled after 'American Idol,' page 3A.



Weather

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