

Junior right wing Jay Sprague looks for a pass Saturday evening during the second of two games the Spartans lost to Ohio State in Columbus, Ohio. The Buckeyes swept MSU, who lost 3-0, and then 3-1.

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## CLOSE TO ACHIEVING GLORY

MSU  
football

JACOB CARPENTER

### Football team changes image, playing attitude



For the first time this season, members of the MSU football team really complained about respect Saturday.

Junior defensive end Trevor Anderson pleaded that MSU was "not the same old Spartans team."

Senior quarterback Brian Hoyer asked when the name would die.

Senior defensive end Brandon Long said he listens to the radio and gets tired of hearing the doubt. (Ha! Athletes do listen to talk radio!)

With nine wins and two losses, these are not the "same old Spartans."

The MSU football program can take pride in the little victory of getting past its own culture of mental fallibility. Any team with a 9-2 record can't be bad.

But the best football programs don't settle on little victories. The best programs are measured by the statement wins, the victories over top 20 teams, the conference titles.

The Spartans have an opportunity to pull off that trifecta in two weeks at State College, Pa., where Penn State will still be licking its wounded paws after Saturday's upset loss at Iowa.

Hoyer said all the pressure will be on Penn State to tame the Spartans in two weeks, but that was before the Nittany Lions were subdued by Iowa. Now, the target is squarely on the Spartans' chests.

Penn State likely still will be playing for a spot in the Rose Bowl, but this will be more of a referendum of MSU than a proving ground for the Nittany Lions.

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Senior linebacker Ryan Allison rushes to tackle Purdue quarterback Justin Siller during the game Saturday at Spartan Stadium. The Spartans won 21-7.

"This is the game. If you want to get respect in the Big Ten, you beat teams like Penn State."

Trevor Anderson, junior defensive end

### Quick Hits

#### Hero of the game

**MSU front seven**  
Purdue quarterback Justin Siller was sacked four times and hurried six times by an attacking MSU front seven. Special mention goes to defensive end Brandon Long and linebackers Ryan Allison and Brandon Denson.

#### Goat of the game

**Purdue offensive line**  
Siller was under pressure all game from Long and the Purdue front five struggled to pick up blitzes, forcing Siller to improvise outside the pocket all day.

#### Turning point

**With about 15 seconds remaining in the first half**, Siller threw a short pass near the sidelines that was intercepted by freshman cornerback Johnny Adams and returned for a touchdown. MSU went up 14-0 and never let up defensively the rest of the game.

#### Quotable

"The past couple of years I've been here, despite our record, they have been faithful to us no matter what. Having faithful fans like that, that's very important and it means a lot."

—MSU senior running back Javon Ringer on thanking fans in his final home game

#### Scoring summary

**First quarter**  
9:53 — (MSU) 1-yard run by Javon Ringer. Brett Swenson PAT good.

**Second quarter**  
0:09 — (MSU) 40-yard interception return by Johnny Adams. Swenson PAT good.

**Third quarter**  
10:23 — (MSU) 1-yard run by Ringer. Swenson PAT good.

**Fourth quarter**  
0:42 — (PUR) 1-yard run by Justin Siller. Carson Wiggs PAT good.

### CRIME

## POLICE: MAN ARRESTED FOR STABBING PEDESTRIAN

By Abby Lubbers  
THE STATE NEWS

A 19-year-old Okemos man with no MSU affiliation was arrested Thursday after an attempted homicide at Club Meridian Apartments in Okemos, police said.

Frank Pulido, 20, was walking from the apartment's clubhouse to his friends' apartment when he was reportedly stabbed by David B. Fried, the suspect.

Fried ran after Pulido and assaulted him when he caught up, Pulido said.

"He said, 'What's up?' I stopped and he put out the knife," Pulido said.

Pulido was stabbed five times in the stomach and leg before the suspect ran away, Pulido said he did not recognize the assailant.

After the stabbing, Pulido walked to find friends who live in the complex and got their

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### NATION

## BUSH TO MEET WITH OBAMA, PREPARE FOR TRANSITION

By Kelly House  
THE STATE NEWS

He's known as one of the most controversial presidents in U.S. history, and with just

more than two months left until he hands power over to President-elect Barack Obama, experts say

President Bush will avoid doing anything to further fuel that reputation.

There has been some speculation that Bush might try to pass executive orders or make political appointments before leaving office, but it's unlikely he could get much support for any such measures, assistant James Madison College professor Matt Zierler said.

"Congress hasn't been doing anything they don't support,"

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### CITY COUNCIL

## Rental restriction overlay practice questioned

By Allison Bush  
THE STATE NEWS

At the East Lansing City Council's meeting Wednesday, Councilmember Nathan Triplett voiced several concerns about the city's procedure for determining its rental restriction overlay districts.

The city has 12 overlay districts in which new rental properties are prohibited. Residents can petition the city to form an overlay district in a particular area.

One of Triplett's concerns was that the overlays are granted based entirely on which neighborhoods ask for them.

"Some of the areas have serious stability issues, but other areas are very stable," he said at the meeting.

The city would like to maintain a mixture of rental and permanent housing, and the primary goal is to make sure that owner-occupied homes stay that way in the future, said Tim Dempsey, community and economic development administrator for East Lansing.

But in a community with a major university, people who cannot sell their homes start to think that renting their homes to students could be an alternative, he said.

"The challenge we have is,

how do you prevent that from happening, because there are all sorts of statistics and research that show areas that are owner-occupied typically are more stable in terms of property values, tend to have less crime and tend to have less of the other indicators of neighborhood decline," Dempsey said.

However, Fred Bauries, an East Lansing resident and landlord of three rental properties in the city, said that although he has followed the overlay districts since they were invented, he has always had second thoughts about the whole thing.

"I've always thought that if someone had a home and they wanted to rent it, they had a right to do that," he said. "I think it also has the effect, from another perspective, of making the existing rental properties more valuable than they might be."

The ordinance that allows for the overlays was first introduced and became effective in 2003, said Annette Irwin, East Lansing's operations administrator for Code Enforcement and Neighborhood Conservation.

"What Councilmember Triplett was referring to is it may be time for a little research to be done to make sure this is

still an effective means," she said. "Since he's a council person and he suggested it, I'm sure we will (look into it)."

Although the overlay districts prohibit new rentals in some areas, advertising freshman Kelly Idzikowski said that there seems to be enough houses already for rent in the city that if more districts are added, it shouldn't be a problem.

MSU's enrollment has remained fairly steady, which means there isn't really a market for more rental units, Dempsey said.

"If you add too many, you're

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### DIVERSITY

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Weather

Snow showers

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