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MSU sophomore back Joelle van Ierland holds her hand to her head after Iowa defeated MSU in the continuation of the NCAA quarterfinals Monday at Ralph Young Field. The game against Iowa was continued because of snow during Sunday's game.

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Cold close to season

Field hockey team falls to Iowa, 1-0, in continuation of game postponed because of snowfall

"I knew that it would be a 1-0 game ... Once again we were inches away from advancing to the Final Four."

Rolf van de Kerkhof, MSU head coach

By Joseph Terry
THE STATE NEWS

It was an eerie start to the game and an even weirder way for the season to end. The NCAA quarterfinal game between the MSU field hockey team and Iowa, postponed for weather reasons and finished Monday, started right where the game left off Sunday. No national anthem. No player introductions. They just started playing.

Chunks of ice and snow surrounding the field with the game beginning with 27:45 left, leaving less than a half for one team to turn the 0-0 tie in its favor. MSU looked like it was going to take the game early, getting a

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MSU sophomore back Joelle van Ierland follows Iowa midfielder Katie Naughton during Monday's continuation of an NCAA quarterfinal. The Spartans lost to the Hawkeyes, 1-0.

UNIVERSITY

SIMON'S PAY IN MIDDLE OF BIG TEN COMPENSATION

By Justin Harris
THE STATE NEWS

Even after a raise of \$124,750, MSU President Lou Anna K. Simon remains in the lower half of Big Ten university president salaries, according to a survey released Monday by the Chronicle of Higher Education.

Simon's 2007-08 salary of \$572,000 represents the seventh-highest salary among the 11 Big Ten institutions. The president's salary is decided upon by MSU's eight-member Board of Trustees.

"The salaries for the president were low for a long time," Trustee chairman Joel Ferguson said. "The raise was to catch up. If you're way behind somebody, you got to run faster."

Simon's pay raise reflects a nationwide trend of increasing college presidential salaries. In 2007-08, public university compensation increased 7.6

Top presidential compensation of Big Ten in 2007-08

Northwestern University
Henry S. Bienen: \$1,742,560*

Ohio State University E.
Gordon Gee: \$1,346,225

University of Michigan Mary
Sue Coleman: \$760,196

University of Minnesota
Robert H. Bruininks:
\$733,421

Penn State University
Graham B. Spanier: \$611,367

Iowa State University
Sally Mason: \$583,000

MSU

Lou Anna K. Simon:
\$572,000

*Number represents the 2006-07 fiscal year. Northwestern University also is the only private institution in the conference.

SOURCE: CHRONICLE OF HIGHER EDUCATION

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ABROAD

MSU ranks among best in international exchange

By Pat Evans
THE STATE NEWS

MSU is beginning to look like a dynasty for international activity.

Study abroad participation and international student enrollment rank in the top 10 nationally among public universities this year, carrying on a standard MSU tour, according to Open Doors 2008.

Open Doors, an annual report on international education, reported that MSU led the nation in study abroad with 2,801 students in the 2006-07 school year.

"We're excited about the announcement," said Cindy Chalou, director of the Office of Study Abroad. "It's two-pronged, excellent for both programs."

Chalou said study abroad enrollment is at more than 3,100 students this year.

"We hope students use the program to complement their studies here," Chalou said. "For students to learn and accept cross-cultural difference will be favorable to their careers."

Out of the university's more than 250 programs in 60 coun-

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SPORTS BRIEF

SOCCER GETS BYE, NO. 4 SEED IN NCAA

If it were basketball, the MSU men's soccer team would be a No. 1 seed going into the NCAA Tournament.

But because only 48 teams are selected for the tournament, the Spartans earned a No. 4 seed, which guarantees MSU home field advantage until the semifinals.

The Spartans (13-5-1) will face the winner of the Illinois-Chicago vs. Dayton game at 1 p.m. today at DeMartin Stadium at Old College Field.

In his last season as head coach, Joe Baum is thrilled with his team's success as of late and its high ranking in the tournament.

"Our hope was just to make the tournament and now (we are) a No. 4 seed and get a bye and be at home," Baum said. "It's like a dream come true."

ALEX DIFILIPPO

CEREMONY

University officials visit MSU's Dubai campus

By Justin Harris
THE STATE NEWS

As a group of five students sang "MSU Shadows," MSU President Lou Anna K. Simon could have sworn she was in East Lansing.

Instead, she was in the Middle East, at MSU's home away from home in Dubai.

Simon and MSU Trustees Don Nugent, Scott Romney and Melanie Foster spent part of last week at MSU Dubai for the campus' official inauguration and ribbon-cutting ceremony.

"In the context of Dubai and the Mideast culture as we best understand it, these formal events are important milestones to reflect the ongoing commitment of

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Melanie Foster, MSU trustee

both our Dubai partners as well as the university," Simon said. "The ribbon cutting in a sense was important as that symbol."

Opened in August, MSU Dubai — comprised of one instructional facility — is the university's only campus in the Middle East and the only research institution in Dubai, which is one of the fastest-growing cities in the world. In its first semester, MSU Dubai offers 25 undergraduate courses to the initial class of about 50 students.

Along with the ribbon-cutting ceremony, Simon used her time to talk with business leaders in Dubai about the

future of MSU's campus. One of those leaders was Mohammed Abdullah Al Gergawi, Dubai's minister of state for Cabinet affairs and the second person in command in Dubai. Al Gergawi also is the executive chairman of Dubai Holding, a holding company whose subsidiaries have helped develop MSU Dubai.

"(Al Gergawi) met with us privately to review a bigger vision for Dubai and the role Michigan State could play in that," Simon said.

of Spartans.

"The students looked and acted very similar to their peers in East Lansing," Foster said. "They were very excited, very enthused. One thing that's important to realize is that they're really pioneers. They had a leap of faith signing up with a university that essentially didn't exist. They're very proud to be a part of MSU."

Although Simon said many of the students she met were excited to be Spartans, there were some concerns expressed to her. Even though Dubai is an expanding metropolis, its infrastructure — namely Internet connectivity — is lagging. Because of that, Dubai students don't experience the same high-speed connection as their East Lansing counterparts.

"It's mainly an issue of capacity and affordability,"

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WEATHER

Snowfall creates some problems for people traveling on local roads and highways, page 3A.

EAST LANSING

The City Council will meet tonight to decide on the rezoning of several properties, page 3A.



Weather

Mostly sunny
High 32° | Low 23°

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