

## Izzo reflects on the career of Morris Peterson, whose No. 42 will be retired Saturday

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## DRAFTING A PLAN

The inauguration of President-elect Barack Obama is seven days away, and MSU students — along with millions of others from across the nation — are planning trips to Washington, D.C., to witness the event. Below is a list of items students should keep in mind if they're heading to the nation's capital.



### Getting there

**Article 1** Plane tickets to Washington, D.C., from Detroit are about \$400. Traveling by car or train are cheaper options, with train tickets still available for about \$100 less.

**Article 2** If traveling by train, pre-purchase tickets to avoid unnecessary lines.

**Article 3** Due to bridge closures on Inauguration Day, get into the city by Monday to avoid roadblocks in your route.

### What to pack

**Article 1** Temperatures during the inaugural week are expected to be in the 40s. It's no East Lansing, but dress warm.

**Article 2** Be prepared to spend a long time standing. Pack comfortable shoes.

**Article 3** You're witnessing history. Bring a camera with plenty of backup batteries to capture the event.

### Getting around

**Article 1** Many of the roads downtown will be closed, so don't plan on driving around easily. Try to find a place to park early in the day, and be prepared to pay.

**Article 2** Walking or biking will probably be the best and easiest method of transportation.

**Article 3** If using the Metro, plan for long lines and large crowds. It costs \$10 to purchase an all-day ticket for Inauguration Day at [Wmata.com](http://Wmata.com).

### Inauguration Day

**Article 1** With all the people attending, remember to arrive at the National Mall early to get a good spot. Camping out is prohibited, so don't come the night before.

**Article 2** There is a long list of prohibited items available at [Inaugural.senate.gov/](http://Inaugural.senate.gov/), including thermoses, signs and backpacks. Leave these items behind.

### Securing accommodations

**Article 1** Hotel rooms are still available, but be prepared to consider hotels 20 to 30 miles from downtown.

**Article 2** Call and confirm your hotel reservation if you already have one.

**Article 3** Don't forget to check if family or friends near the Capitol are willing to let you stay with them. There are also listings of places to rent on [Craigslist.org](http://Craigslist.org), although that isn't necessarily the cheapest option — there is a house 25 miles from Washington, D.C., that is asking \$7,000 for the inaugural week.

### Having fun

**Article 1** If you don't have tickets to any of the exclusive balls, don't worry. There are still plenty of free public events going on, such as an opening celebration on Sunday and a youth concert on Monday.

**Article 2** Bars will be open until 5 a.m. during inaugural week. If you're legal, be ready for late nights.

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Listen to three students who have planned their trip at [statenews.com/multimedia](http://statenews.com/multimedia)

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## INVESTIGATION

## FAMILY STILL AWAITS WORD ON MISSING MSU STUDENT

By Kyle Feldscher  
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As the search for missing MSU horticulture student Krista Lueth enters a third month, friends and family are awaiting closure to a painful process.

Roy Lueth, Krista Lueth's father, said Monday he's hoping the \$5,000 in reward money he has offered for information will help lead to her discovery, whether she is found alive or dead. Although police continue investigating the case as a missing persons case, Roy Lueth said he has given up hope of finding his daughter alive.

"We're trying to find out where her body is," Roy Lueth said. "It's not a fact that she's

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## ECONOMY

## In down job market, more MSU grads look for work with nonprofits

By Kayla Habermehl  
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Service organizations such as Teach For America and the Peace Corps are seeing increased interest among MSU students as the job market declines.

Teach For America, a nonprofit that sends college graduates to teach in schools that need assistance, is seeing a record number of applicants for the 2008-09 class. To date at MSU, the organization has received 149 applications, up from 96 at the same time last year. That amounts to a 55 percent increase, said Emily Kraft, Teach For America director of recruitment for the Great

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## BLINDING LIGHT An MSU entomology professor's study finds that shiny surfaces confuse bugs, page 3A

## TAKING KICKS Two men's soccer seniors are trying out for the pros this week, page 6A



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Snow

High 23° | Low -4°

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## INAUGURATION

## Students trek to inauguration

By Allison Bush  
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The moment international relations sophomore Brad Parker learned President-elect Barack Obama won, he knew he and his friends would be in Washington, D.C., for the inauguration Jan. 20.

"The four of us who are going just said, 'We've got to go, there's no way we can miss this,'" Parker said.

Students who haven't been planning for as long as Parker still have time to witness the inauguration. Hotel rooms are still available near the city, said Rebecca Pawlowski, director of communications for Destination D.C., a nonprofit Washington, D.C., tourism organization.

"As of Jan. 5, there were 600 rooms in the city that were still available," she said. "And if you look at hotels up to 200 miles away, there were about 12,000

rooms available."

If students have friends or family in the area to stay with, that's the way to go, Pawlowski said.

"For the price of a couple MSU sweatshirts, we get a place to stay for the three nights we're there," Parker said.

Networking is very important to remember when planning an inauguration trip, said politi-

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## HOUSING

## CITY COUNCIL TO DISCUSS REZONING OF E.L. LAND

By Jeff Kanan  
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Better design flexibility and parking options are two of several proposed changes to the Delta Triangle, an area of land along Louis Street that potentially could be rezoned for the creation of more multiple-student and multiple-fam-

ily homes.

An ordinance that deals with the rezoning and redevelopment of 3.8 acres of land along Louis Street, Michigan Avenue, Delta Street and Elm Place, is up for discussion at tonight's City Council work session, set for 7 p.m. in

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