

Does the term 'starving artist' still apply? Depends on who you ask ...

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Master of Fine Arts candidate Matthew Boonstra mixes plaster with his hands at the sculpture annex of Kresge Art Museum on Monday.

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## Addressing the state of tuition

Gov. Jennifer Granholm and MSU President Lou Anna K. Simon take to the podium for their annual addresses



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Two speeches today could outline the future cost of an MSU degree in the face of rising tuition costs and uncertain economic times. MSU President Lou Anna K. Simon will issue her State of the University address at 3 p.m. at Wharton Center's Pasant Theatre, followed by Gov. Jennifer Granholm's State of the State speech at 7 p.m. at the state Capitol in Lansing. Both are expected to speak about solutions to higher education funding in the state that ranks last in the nation in tuition funding for the past five years.

Granholm is expected to unveil her plan for enticing the state's public colleges and universities to freeze tuition, a proposal that MSU officials and state legislators have met with hesitation until more specifics are outlined. If MSU takes part in the proposal, it could halt the 2.5 to 10 percent annual tuition increases the university has imposed in recent years. Granholm will offer state funding incentives to schools that comply with the tuition freeze, Granholm's spokeswoman Liz Boyd said.

Simon has yet to comment publicly on Granholm's plan, but she's expected to discuss current economic hardships facing the university during her speech. "The president will talk about the mandate, the expectation and the necessity of MSU's leadership role, adding value during perilous times and beyond," university spokesman Terry Denbow said.

MSU Trustee Melanie Foster said

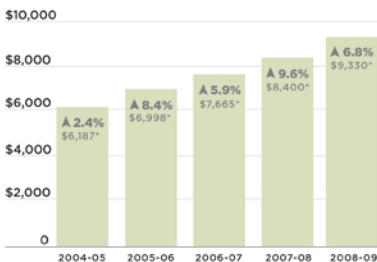
she expects Simon to address the governor's plan and state appropriations for higher education.

"(Simon) is very concerned about the governor's mandate toward tuition restraint," she said. "Part of what she may touch on is the dilemma with state funding and how we lag at soth — dead last — for increases in higher education state funding over the last decade." The extra state funding for colleges and universities would likely come from the \$819 billion federal economic stimulus package under consideration by Congress. While \$6 billion of the proposed stimulus package is designated for higher education, it is unclear how much Michigan would receive and what strings would be attached to those funds. If the federal stimulus package is approved, some state legislators said they would support funding a tuition freeze.

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## MSU tuition increases 2004-08

Under Gov. Jennifer Granholm's proposal, public universities would freeze tuition at current rates in exchange for increased state funding.



\* Dollar amount based on an undergraduate taking 15 credits for one academic year. Costs may vary based on additional university fees, degree programs and undergraduate levels.

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SOURCE: UNIVERSITY RELATIONS

## EAST LANSING

### Council considers district to protect greek housing

By Jeff Kanan  
THE STATE NEWS

A more protected future awaits several MSU fraternity and sorority buildings if the East Lansing City Council approves plans to create a Fraternity-Sorority Historic District tonight.

A decision is expected from the council after it hears the final report regarding the proposed historic district at tonight's meeting, which is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. in Courtroom 2 of 54-B District Court, 101 Linden St. The properties included in the district would be protected by stricter regulations regarding sale, modification and deterioration, community development

#### Other business on Council's agenda

The East Lansing City Council will discuss an ordinance aimed at making renting easier when property owners have a house on the market.

The council will hold a public hearing regarding the allowance of a six-year personal property tax exemption for IBM and will be introduced to a modified site plan for Gaslight Village, located north of Abbot and Lake Lansing roads.

Gaslight Village will include 40 townhouse dwellings and 20 apartments. Construction for the 20 apartments has been completed, and several rental licenses have been given out.

SOURCE: CITY OF EAST LANSING

analyst Ron Springer said.

The initial reason for the district's creation was to protect the historic look of a handful of greek units, but the list expanded over time, Springer said.

"Originally, the goal was to protect them under the umbrella

of an ordinance," Springer said. "The unit can still be modified or demolished, but it has to meet specific criteria."

Thirteen fraternities are included in the proposed district, but city staff has recommended just six of the 13 be included in

the final plan.

A public hearing was held last week to discuss which units should be kept or removed from the district.

Three of the 13 units are no more than 50 years old, which the council tentatively has determined to be too new to be included in the district.

Greg Thon, president of Farm-House Fraternity, 151 Bogue St., said his fraternity, which is 50 years old, might not be included within the district.

Thon said there are drawbacks and benefits to being excluded. The fraternity needs a new roof, which he said the fraternity could not install if it was included in the historic district. But if FarmHouse were included,

the house would have greater protection from state or changes to its look.

"It's a double-edged sword," Thon said. "We've had a lot of great people in our fraternity, and we'd like to stick around for awhile ... but there would be some restrictions on what we can and can't do, and some of those restrictions could be a hindrance."

Three more of the units have had significant restoration work within the past 50 years, which the council potentially has deemed as not meeting the qualifications for the district. One other fratern-

## DETROIT

### KILPATRICK EXPECTED TO LEAVE JAIL, EXIT STATE

From staff and wire reports

Ex-Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick is expected to become a free man Tuesday after serving 99 days in jail.

Kilpatrick is expected to leave the city immediately, but experts doubt the move will be permanent.

Wayne County jail officials

Kilpatrick expected the 38-year-old to leave the downtown Detroit facility shortly after midnight. He must meet with state probation officers and is to leave Michigan for a job interview on Wednesday.

A Wayne County Circuit judge ruled last week that Kilpatrick's destination not be made public, but defense attorney James Thomas and a prosecutor mentioned Texas in open court. Assistant James Madison College professor Michael Crow said although Kilpatrick will probably lay low for a while, he would not be surprised if he eventually became active in the Detroit community again, though not necessarily in elected office.

"He's an ambitious guy, and he's very young," he said. "Detroit's his home, I can't imagine he'd want to go somewhere else."

Kilpatrick must return to Detroit by Monday Feb. 9. He would need court approval to transfer his probation jurisdiction outside Michigan.

Food management sophomore Mike Dallas, a Detroit native, said Detroit would be better off if Kilpatrick went elsewhere and started fresh.

"I don't think a lot of people want him back," Dallas said. "The city already didn't have a good reputation ... and he made it look even worse than what it was before."

Finance sophomore Lorenzo Herron, also a Detroit native, said although the people of Detroit were tired of Kilpatrick's antics, he believes Kilpatrick was a good mayor.

"The developments that went on in the city were unheralded," he said. "The incumbent mayor ... who couldn't run city council, let alone a city, is just a joke."

Kilpatrick will be on five years' probation after a plea to two criminal charges.

Kilpatrick pleaded guilty to felony charges involving a sex

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## POLICE CRACK DOWN

A warrant sweep by the East Lansing Police Department yielded 47 arrests, page 3A.



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Snow Showers

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