

## Improved effort nets MSU hockey team a tie and win in weekend series with Ferris State

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Freshman forward Daulton Leveille and Ferris State right wing Corey Couturier fight over the puck during Saturday's game at Ewigleben Ice Arena in Big Rapids. The Spartans defeated the Bulldogs 1-0 Saturday after tying and losing a shootout against Ferris State on Friday.

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## CAMPUS

## DEATH OF ILL MSU STUDENT UNSUSPICIOUS, E.L. POLICE SAY

By Kyle Feldscher  
THE STATE NEWS

An MSU student died late Friday in an incident that did not appear suspicious, East Lansing police Capt. Kim Johnson said Sunday.

The student had been ill "for quite some time" and the death does not appear to be the result of foul play, Johnson said in an e-mail to THE STATE NEWS.

Police will release the name of the student today, he said.

An autopsy has been arranged with the Ingham County Medical Examiner's Office, but police could not confirm Sunday when the autopsy would be performed.

Johnson said official results from the autopsy will not be available for four to six weeks.

Johnson said more information will be released this afternoon, when the East Lansing Police Department plans to issue a press release regarding the death.

The detectives assigned to the case were not available Sunday but would be available today, he said.

Police would not confirm what the student's illness was.

The department is continuing its investigation into the death this week, Johnson said.

A phone message left for MSU spokesman Terry Denbow was not returned Sunday night.

For updates about this story, go to [statensnews.com](http://statensnews.com) today.

## RESALE 'RECESSION-PROOF'



Darlene Rowison, owner of Thrifty Treasures, 3191 Birch Row Drive, sorts merchandise during downtime in her store. Even though the store has its regular business hours, some of Rowison's regulars come into the store when they see her car out front. Rowison runs a one-woman show, purchasing all of the treasures she sells.

## By the numbers

A recent survey by the National Association of Resale & Thrift Shops found that:

**74.2 percent** of resale and thrift stores surveyed reported increased sales

**89.9 percent** of stores said they observed an increase in new customers

**48 percent** of resale and thrift stores surveyed reported increased volume of donations

SOURCE: THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF RESALE & THRIFT SHOPS

## Resale, thrift stores increasing in popularity as MSU students feel effects of economic recession

By Kate Jacobson  
THE STATE NEWS

For shoppers during a recession, it's out with the new and in with the old. Resale and thrift stores across the country are pulling in more customers and claiming high profits despite the economic slowdown. According to a recent survey conducted by the National Association of Resale & Thrift Stores, or NARTS, 74.2 percent of resale stores nationwide reported increased sales late last year.

"Whenever there is a slow time in the economy, people need to find a way to save money and this is usually the place they turn to," said Adele R. Meyer, the group's executive director. "It's one of the only true recession-proof industries. Not only can people save money by buying from here, it's also a way to sell back or give back the old clothes

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## LOANS

## US SENATE'S STIMULUS BILL WOULD CUT STUDENT LOANS

By Allison Bush  
THE STATE NEWS

Students will get a significantly smaller cut of the proposed economic stimulus package than originally planned if the U.S. Senate's revised version of the package is passed.

After the U.S. House of Representatives approved an \$819 billion package on Jan. 28, the Senate is expected to vote on its \$827 billion version early this week.

One difference between the House and Senate versions is the House bill would provide \$2,000 more annually to students who receive Stafford loans, while the Senate bill would not.

State Rep. Mark Meadows, D-East Lansing, said he supports increasing the annual loans

provided to students. "The reality is that a better educated work force is going to provide us with more stability in the economy," Meadows said.

"We should do everything we can to get people into ... some post-high school education, and this would go a long way toward doing that."

Although U.S. Rep. Mike Rogers, R-Brighton, voted against the House bill, he has supported efforts to make sure families have access to college education funds, said Sylvia Warner, Rogers' press secretary.

Warner said Rogers voted against the stimulus package because he thought there were too many funds devoted to measures that would not stimulate the economy.

Senate objections to the increase in funding for student loans are probably fueled by the fear that the increase would be permanent, MSU assistant political science professor Matt Grossmann said.

The purpose of the stimulus package is to put the money

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## WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

## MSU closing in on Big Ten lead after 52-46 victory

By Joseph Terry  
THE STATE NEWS

The MSU women's basketball team's 52-46 win over No. 14 Ohio State was the battle it was built up to be.

A match between the top two teams in the Big Ten, the Spartans led the entire game, but never by more than six on their way to a win that moves them within a half-game of first place in the Big Ten.

"We certainly have a lot more games left," MSU head coach Suzie Merchant said. "I think one thing they showed me tonight, especially under adversity, is that they had a whole lot of desire and will to play at a higher level and demand that from each other."

MSU started off the game hot, jumping out to an 8-3 lead by driving in the lane and getting open layups against a normally stout Ohio State defense.

Buckeyes forward Jantel Lavender carried her team back, scoring nine of Ohio State's first 11 points and bringing the Buckeyes to within one point, 12-11.

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To see a photo gallery from the game, visit [statensnews.com/multimedia](http://statensnews.com/multimedia).

MSU then shifted its focus to feeding the post. Redshirt freshman forward Lykendira Johnson racked up 10 of her 14 points and junior center Alyssa DeHaan scored eight of her team-high 16 in the first half.

"(DeHaan) was really ready to play and we sure needed her today," Merchant said. "We have to have people showing up and making a difference at both ends of the floor and I thought we had that. We have to give Al a lot of credit. She is playing with some pain and you could hardly notice it out there today compared to the last two games."

Johnson finished the half with a wide open layup as the Spartans beat Ohio State's full-court press and headed into the locker room up 29-25.

The Spartans came out of the break and ignited the 10,403 fans in attendance as DeHaan stepped



Freshman forward Courtney Schiffauer, junior forward Alyssa Jefferson and freshman guard Porsché Poole celebrate during the second half of Sunday's 52-46 victory over Ohio State.

and hit a three to again put the home team up by five, 32-27. Ohio State kept fighting and tied the score up when Buckeyes

guard Ashlee Treblock found her way into the paint and scored a layup to even the game at 32. DeHaan would hit another

big three with 12 minutes to play to again stretch the lead

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