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Apparel and textile design junior Nicholas Verburg sews a sample piece to display different seam finishes in his Designing for the Mass Market lab in the Urban Planning and Landscape Architecture Building. The seam Verburg is sewing is typically used in jeans.

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DEATH

VISITING SCHOLAR KILLED IN VEHICLE-PEDESTRIAN ACCIDENT WHILE CROSSING MOUNT HOPE ROAD

By Kyle Feldscher and Jacob Carpenter
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A 44-year-old man who was attending MSU as a visiting scholar was killed Sunday night, the same day he arrived from his home in China.

Tao Li was crossing Mount Hope Road, walking north along Harrison Avenue, when he was struck by a westbound vehicle at about 9:25 p.m. Sunday night, East Lansing police Capt. Tom Johnstone said. Li was taken to Sparrow Hospital in Lansing where he was pronounced dead a short time later.

Johnstone said police don't expect the driver of the vehicle

to be charged in the accident, but the case is being handled by the Ingham County Prosecutor's Office. He said the driver of the vehicle did not appear intoxicated, and it appeared Li walked out in front of the vehicle.

"I don't believe (charges will be filed), but certainly we will make sure that we do a thorough investigation," Johnstone said. "An accident of this nature always gets forwarded to the prosecutor's office."

Johnstone said Li and two other pedestrians intended to walk from a Spartan Village apartment to his residence in Cherry Lane Apartments. The group incorrectly walked south on Harrison Avenue after leaving

Spartan Village, then realized they needed to turn around after crossing Mount Hope Road.

The two other pedestrians crossed Mount Hope Road safely before Li, Johnstone said.

Li was visiting East Lansing as a participant in MSU's Visiting International Professionals Program, or VIPP, and had arrived from China earlier Sunday.

"All of us at VIPP are deeply saddened by the loss of Tao," said Michael Miller, director of VIPP, in a statement. "This is a horrible tragedy and our condolences go out to his family and friends."

The program allows foreign professionals to internationalize their work by meeting with faculty members at MSU who work

in the same field. The accident occurred before Li met with program coordinators to determine which field he would enter.

An official within the program said Li had expressed an interest in international politics during his application process.

The Mount Hope Road and Harrison Avenue intersection has a traffic light, but does not have crosswalks for pedestrians. The intersection is lit by two small streetlights.

Johnstone said it was possible a lack of lighting in the area contributed to the accident.

"I'm sure it was (a factor)," he said. "In the evening time, it gets

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MUSIC PROGRAM IN DISCORD

James Forger, the dean of the College of Music, addresses students, alumni, professors and community members at a meeting to discuss a proposed moratorium on the music therapy program Monday night at the Music Practice Building. Another meeting is scheduled for tonight at 6 p.m. in the Music Practice Building with the provost to further discuss the future of the program.

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Members of music therapy program rally against moratorium

"It would be a huge loss to the community. Students from all over the world come here to study music therapy."

Eve Andrus, music therapy graduate student

By Kayla Habermehl
THE STATE NEWS

A discordant note has interrupted the harmony within MSU's College of Music in recent weeks. On Feb. 6, the College of Music submitted a moratorium — a freeze on admissions — that could eventually lead to the disbanding of the college's music therapy program, said James Forger, dean of the College of Music.

The program was the first of its kind when it began in 1944. MSU's music therapy works with special needs individuals and children in the community to express themselves through music, said Virginia Anderson, a graduate student in the program who is currently working on her thesis.

"We're advocating for those who don't have a voice," Anderson

said. "We provide opportunities for community mental health to come to campus and do therapy and celebrate the ability that they have instead of focusing on the disability that they have."

The freeze on admissions would take effect in summer.

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COUNCIL

E.L. ORDINANCE SPELLS OUT PROSECUTABLE ACTS IN RIOTS

By Jeff Kanan
THE STATE NEWS

An ordinance that would specify types of conduct that could result in prosecution during a riot will be introduced to East Lansing City Council tonight.

Council members will be asked to set public hearing dates for March 3 and March 17 regarding an ordinance that clarifies riot conduct. Tonight's meeting is set for 7:30 p.m. in 54-B District court, 101 Linden St.

Assistant city attorney Tom Yeardon said students prosecuted following last April's Cedar Fest riot expressed concern about the wording of current law, and city officials are seeking to clarify what they should do when ordered by police to leave the streets during a riot.

"It's important to understand that this doesn't change the law, it just advises them what specific conduct they'll be prosecuted for," Yeardon said.

Conduct that will result in prosecution includes staying in the street when police determine that an event is an unlawful assembly, or re-entering the street shortly after leaving, Yeardon said.

"Even if you're not doing anything wrong, you're shielding police from others," Yeardon said.

Although this marks the first time the city has clarified riot

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STIMULUS

List provides details about potential E.L. road projects

By Jeff Kanan and Kate Jacobson
THE STATE NEWS

Harrison Avenue is one of several area roads that could get a new look if East Lansing receives more of the more than \$35 million worth of projects it has applied for as part of the economic stimulus package.

The city is among more than

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130 communities that have submitted to the Michigan Municipal League a list of potential projects that could be completed with stimulus funding. Presi-

dent Barack Obama is expected to sign the stimulus package into law today.

The stretch of Harrison Avenue from Mount Hope Road to Kalamazoo Street is slated for a \$1.75 million renovation and would start within months if approved.

"Just based on the road's condition, we feel it needs to be redone," said Todd Sneathen,

director of public works for East Lansing. "We plan basically five years ahead of time and are ready to go with it."

The working list of projects compiled by the Michigan Municipal League, or MML, totals more than \$3 billion, and continues to grow as communities submit proposals. The amount already is more than the state can provide, but the list is in the process

of being reviewed, said Liz Boyd, spokeswoman for Gov. Jennifer Granholm. The governor's office will issue a statement later this week outlining which projects are selected, Boyd said.

Michigan is expected to receive \$4.6 billion from the stimulus package, but only \$1.2

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