

MSU women lose 54-51 at Wisconsin, fall one game behind Big Ten-leading Buckeyes

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Junior center Alyssa DeHaan attempts a layup over Wisconsin defenders Sunday at Kohl Center in Madison, Wis.

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Social work graduate student Megan Karinen reads a book to Lansing's Bingham Elementary School students during their after-school program on Thursday. Karinen supervises the program at the school, which gives MSU students an opportunity to volunteer in the local community.

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MSU recognized for achievements in community service

By Jacob Carpenter
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When the final bell rings and students pile into Lansing's Bingham Elementary School halls, Starmehia Jones could leave like most students after three hours working with a classroom of first graders. Instead, she stays behind two more hours as a volunteer for Bingham's

after-school program, helping students with homework and supervising activities — all on her own time and dime. "The kids, they're just so nice," said Jones, a psychology senior who has worked at Bingham for three years. "I've been with some of these kids since kinder-

ten and I've watched them improve and I actually do feel like I make a difference." Jones' and other MSU students' passion for volunteering is emblematic of how the university won the 2008 Presidential Award for Gen-

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Resignation leaves 2nd ASMSU post up for grabs

By Chris Vannini
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ASMSU is seeking a second interim chairperson after another high-ranking official resigned Thursday — the second to step down within one week. Garrett Faulk, Student Assembly internal vice chairperson and a criminal justice sophomore, said his ASMSU workload was too much to handle. "It was just a lot of different reasons, mostly my academics," Faulk said. "I realize working this job, we're supposed to be working about 16 hours (per week), but all of the chairs, we're putting in closer to 30 or 40."

ASMSU is MSU's undergraduate student government. Faulk said he is busy because he also works a part-time job in Fraser, Mich., and is the fundraising chair for the North American Indigenous Student Organization, or NAISO.

ASMSU's Student Assembly Chairperson Christopher Kulesza resigned Tuesday. Brad McDonald, Academic Assembly internal vice chair, replaced Kulesza on an interim basis. Faulk officially will step down Friday and said he hopes to make a smooth transition for his replacement, who has not yet been named.

"I want to wrap up things that I'm working on right now," he said. "I want to give the new internal vice chair a good ground to start on."

Student Assembly Chairperson Michael Webber said losing Faulk is unfortunate, but he understood the decision.

"I think he was trying to get his priorities straight in terms of keeping up with the demands for this job as well as doing NAISO," he said. "I think there was a point where (he) just figured out that he couldn't keep up with all of them so he had to make a decision and I respect the decision that he made."

Faulk said he hopes a member of the assembly will take his place within the next week, rather than ASMSU having to hire outside the organization.

"When it comes to chairmen, if one falls and you don't replace it very quick, the whole tripod

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The 40th annual Spartan Stampede drew bull riding action to campus this weekend, page 3A.



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Spartans stage comeback in front of '79 champs

MSU keeps 1-game Big Ten lead with win over Wisconsin

By Cash Kruth
THE STATE NEWS

With 12:31 remaining and his team trailing Wisconsin 41-29, MSU head coach Tom Izzo called a 30-second timeout with a very simple message for his team — play defense. The sixth-ranked Spartans did as their coach asked, outscoring the Badgers 32-9 the rest of the way to win 61-50 on Sunday at Breslin Center. "He told us we needed to D-up," sophomore guard Kalin Lucas said of Izzo's message during the timeout. "We needed to get some stops on the defensive end, and it all started with senior guard Travis Walton."

Walton, who began the game guarding Wisconsin's Joe Krabbenhoft (two points), switched to guard Trevon Hughes at halftime and held him to just two free throws in what Izzo described as an "unbelievable" effort.

Lucas led MSU (21-5 overall, 11-3 Big Ten) on the offensive end with a game-high 17 points. Senior center Goran Suton scored 14 of his 16 points in the second half and had 10 rebounds, while freshman forward Delvon Roe added six points and eight

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rebounds. Hughes and forward Marcus Landry had 12 and 11 points, respectively, to lead Wisconsin, which fell to 17-10 overall and 8-7 in conference play.

Coming out of the timeout midway through the second half, the Spartans turned up their defensive pressure, forcing the Badgers into an eight-minute drought without a field goal. During that span, MSU slowly crept back into the game, and a turnaround jumper by Suton tied the game at 45 with five minutes to go. "I wasn't very happy with him for 35 minutes, if you want the truth," Izzo said of Suton. "I was really disappointed with him, too. I told him to go inside and he was jacking up threes.

"I don't know why he decided to go inside, if it was me explaining



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Sophomore guards Kalin Lucas and Chris Allen celebrate after a Lucas three-pointer late in the second half on Sunday at Breslin Center. After trailing most of the game, MSU defeated Wisconsin 61-50.

Historic 1979 championship team honored with halftime ceremony

By Alex Altman
THE STATE NEWS

If MSU men's basketball head coach Tom Izzo wasn't feeling enough pressure Sunday afternoon, all he needed to do was take a look over his shoulder.

Sitting behind the Spartan bench were the watchful eyes of the 1979 MSU National Championship team, which at halftime celebrated the 30 years since winning the title. "My mentor (Jad Heubert) was here, and we looked like a dysfunctional group here so that bothered me," Izzo said during his postgame press conference. "And then we had Magic (Johnson) here right behind me with all his stardom, so yeah, that was pressure."

The last thing Izzo and his team wanted to do was rain on the championship team's parade, but for most of the game it appeared they would.

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