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"Can I go outside?," Eric Irving yells to his mother, 31-year-old linguistics senior Ericka Jackson, while he finishes his breathing treatment. NICK DENTAMARO/THE STATE NEWS

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SOAKING IN THE SOUNDS



Jasmine Angelini-Knoll, a student in an organic farming certificate program, closes her eyes while listening to poetry being recited on Friday during the Festival of Listening hosted by the Residential College in the Arts and Humanities' Center for Poetry in Snyder-Phillips Hall. All of the poetry at the event was in a language other than English to focus on the way the words sounded together instead of the meaning of the poem.

Multilingual poetry reading focuses on sound, language, not comprehension

The Residential College in the Arts and Humanities — and within it, the Center for Poetry — opened fall 2007.

April is National Poetry Month, and RCAH is hosting the Poetry in the Spring series. All events will take place at 7:30 p.m. in the RCAH Theatre in Snyder-Phillips Hall.

April 7: Jeanine Hathaway

April 14: Elsiebeth Cameron

April 21: Stephen Haven

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By Kayla Habermehl
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Jasmine Angelini-Knoll closed her eyes, letting words she didn't always understand flow into her ears. Turkish, French and Spanish poems — the audience might not have understood the meaning of the words, but comprehension wasn't the intention.

"It helped me sometimes to close my eyes so I could really focus on the voice and the sounds and not get distracted," she said.

Angelini-Knoll, a student in the organic farming certificate program at MSU, was one of about 40 people who

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Stephen L. Esquith, dean of the Residential College in the Arts and Humanities, recites the poem "Solomon" by Charles Baudelaire in French during the Festival of Listening on Friday in Snyder-Phillips Hall. The festival featured readings in a variety of languages including Hebrew, Arabic, Burmese and Bamanakan.

For an audio slideshow from the Festival of Listening, visit stateneews.com/multimedia.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

MSU gets chance to bounce team led by former coach

By Joey Nowak
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There was an eerily familiar feel to it all.

The name that blared over the Breslin Center public address system was as familiar as the woman who paced the sidelines with meditative determination and focus. But this time, there was no green blouse under the dark suit and the team backing her was wearing an unfamiliar color — blue.

She's back.

Two years after leaving MSU for bluer pastures at Duke, coach Joanne P. McCallie returned to East Lansing this weekend and will face her former team in the second round of the NCAA Tournament at 7:16 p.m. tonight at Breslin Center.

First speaking to reporters Saturday, McCallie was tight-lipped

No. 9 MSU vs. No. 1 Duke

When 7:16 p.m. tonight
Where Breslin Center
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For more coverage of the MSU women's basketball team's second-round game tonight, see page A6

For a photo gallery of Joanne P. McCallie's tenure at MSU, log onto stateneews.com

about her MSU reunion, as her former recruits have been all week. But an 83-47 slaughter of No. 16 seed Austin Peay on Sunday coupled with MSU's 60-59 comeback victory against No. 8 seed Middle Tennessee State set the stage for the highly anticipated showdown.

"That was a great seven-year



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Duke head coach Joanne P. McCallie talks with two of her players before the start of the NCAA first-round matchup between No. 1 Duke and No. 16 Austin Peay on Sunday at Breslin Center. Duke will face off against the Spartans, her former team, on Tuesday at Breslin Center.

run, recruiting Michigan kids to had and building the attendance MSU and having the success we we did," McCallie said. "Seven

years is a long time and a long commitment and one that I'm proud of and I learned from. I think it sends the message to follow your dreams. Michigan State was a big part of my dream and that's an important piece."

All MSU players except this year's freshman — Porsche Poole, Courtney Schifauer and Taylor Alton — were recruited by McCallie to come to MSU, McCallie said it would be "inappropriate" to be in contact with any current MSU players, but said she has kept in touch with former Spartans she coached and led to a 2005 National Championship final.

"Coach P did a lot of good things for MSU, and playing for her was good for me,"

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GUATEMALA

Kidnapping leads MSU to reassess safety abroad

By Jacob Carpenter and Kayla Habermehl
THE STATE NEWS

Guatemala native Oscar Arreola calls his homeland "the most multicultural and multilayered country you would find in the whole Central America."

Yet Arreola, an MSU doctoral student who lived in Guatemala until he was 17, said his home country suffers from "a combination of underlying social problems, gangs and drug trafficking."

Eleven MSU students saw this contrast during a spring break trip to central Guatemala two weeks ago, when they were briefly kidnapped and robbed by several armed men alongside a rural road. The students were not harmed on the trip, which was not affiliated with MSU.

The kidnapping and robbery brings to light issues of safety while traveling to Latin America, an area that has made headlines recently because of rampant, violent crime.

These safety measures not taken by Encountour, a New York-based travel group that arranged the students' trip to Guatemala, might have contributed to the incident, some of the 11 students said.

"We were the perfect target — in a big bus that said 'tourismo' on it, luggage on top," said Meredith Grisesmer, a premarriage sophomore who was one of the 11 students. The convoy also was traveling without a police escort.

Encountour co-president Andrew Steinberg could not be reached for comment Monday.

Gary Wilyerd, associate dean of Osteopathic Medicine, was in Guatemala with 12 MSU students on a two-week medical study abroad program earlier this month.

The group, which treated about 4,500 local patients, stayed in Antigua and was escorted by Guatemalan police to work sites for safety and to protect their expensive medical supplies, Wilyerd said.

"I hope things can improve so this cannot happen, but this is a third-world country and I guess we always have to be aware of that," Wilyerd said.

Wilyerd said he isn't sure what effect the incident in Guatemala might have on his program, which has been running for eight years.

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