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Senior guard Travis Walton stands holding the NCAA Midwest Regional Championship trophy at Breslin Center on Sunday. GABRIELLE MOORE / THE STATE NEWS

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MSU head coach Tom Izzo holds up the net after the Spartans beat the Louisville Cardinals 64-52, earning them the NCAA Midwest Regional Championship and a spot in the Final Four.

Izzo keeps Final Four streak alive with 64-52 win over Louisville

By Cash Kruth
THE STATE NEWS

Indianapolis — At the conclusion of a practice in late February, Tom Izzo instructed his MSU men's basketball team to walk up the arena steps from the Breslin Center floor and meet him on the concourse. Once the Spartans were there, the MSU head coach told his team to look outside, where the February sun had not yet faded at the 5 o'clock hour.

"He wants us to play a month from now, deep in March when not a lot of other teams are playing. When it will be sunnier out," senior center Goran

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Freshman forward Delvon Roe celebrates with sophomore guard Isaiah Dahlin after the Spartans beat the Louisville Cardinals 64-52, earning them the NCAA Midwest Regional Championship and a spot in the Final Four.

Men's Basketball

ALEX ALTMAN

Walton pushes MSU to Final Four in Detroit



Indianapolis

— As the final seconds ticked off the clock, senior guard Travis Walton collapsed into a ball in front of the MSU bench.

As his teammates stormed the

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CRIME

MSU police arrest man after sexual assaults

By Kyle Feldscher
THE STATE NEWS

A 28-year-old Lansing man was arrested Friday for two sexual assaults that occurred on and near campus Thursday night and early Friday morning, MSU police Sgt. Florene McGlothlin-Taylor said.

The first sexual assault was reported by an 18-year-old female student who said she was grabbed inappropriately by a man walking past her at 11:45 p.m. Thursday in the open area between West Circle Drive and the Union. The woman did not report any injuries to police, McGlothlin-Taylor said in an MSU police press release.

The second assault was reported by a 19-year-old student early Friday near North Harrison and Kensington roads. Police were unavailable to confirm the exact location of the Friday morning assault. The man was arrested shortly after while walking along Michigan Avenue near the scene. Police determined the man matched the description given by the suspect in the sexual assault that was committed on campus just hours earlier.

The man, who has no connec-

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AUTO INDUSTRY

GM CEO TO STEP DOWN AT OBAMA'S REQUEST

Detroit — General Motors Corp. Chairman and CEO Rick Wagoner will step down immediately at the request of the White House, administration officials said Sunday. The news comes as President Barack Obama prepares to unveil additional restructuring efforts designed to save the domestic auto industry.

The officials asked not to be identified because details of the restructuring plan have not yet been made public. Today, Obama is to announce plans to restructure GM and Chrysler LLC in exchange for additional government loans. The companies have been living on \$17.4 billion in government aid and have requested \$21.6 billion more.

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WOMEN'S CLOSE LOSS

The women's basketball team loses in nail-biter against Iowa State on Saturday, 1B

ELECTION

ASMSU pushes student vote in campus elections

By Chris Yannini

THE STATE NEWS

ASMSU hopes to see a trend from November's record youth voter turnout continue this week as students vote for ASMSU assembly representatives. ASMSU is MSU's undergraduate student government.

Students can vote by visiting www.studentelections.msu.edu, or by following the link at www.asmsu.msu.edu.

Polls were scheduled to open at 8 a.m. today and are planned to close at 12:01 a.m. April 5.

Student Assembly Chairperson Michael Webber said online voting is easier for stu-

dents, which he hopes will get more students to vote.

"It's the only way we get a chance to reach out to the whole population of MSU, and that's efficient and easy," he said. "It makes people want to vote because it's convenient, and it's convenient for us (because) it allows us to tabulate the results a lot quicker."

Webber said the results should be determined by April 8.

Any undergraduate student who paid the ASMSU tax is eligible to vote, including seniors who graduate in May, Webber said. Students can vote only for representatives for the college that corre-

sponds to their major, he said. Students also are encouraged to vote on a Residence Halls Association tax referendum, an Impact (89-IM) tax referendum and an ASMSU constitutional change.

Last year, about 18 percent of eligible students voted, but ASMSU usually hopes for at least 10 percent, Webber said.

"Ideally, we'd get everyone to vote, but realistically, we're shooting to 10-15 percent of campus to vote," he said.

James Madison College representative Mitchell Rivard said it is important that students vote because ASMSU is the voice of the students.

Rivard, a freshman, was not elected to be a representative. He was appointed in September last year, said students need to vote because ASMSU takes students' issues to administration.

"It is a constant challenge. We need to strive and get students more involved (in issues)," he said.

"Many people don't know what ASMSU is or what we do."

Webber, who was a College of Social Science representative last year, said students need to vote because ASMSU takes students' issues to administration.

"By students voting for representatives, those representatives are the body that inter-

acts with the administration and makes each college's individual interest heard across campus," he said. Representation in Student Assembly is determined by college population, similar to the U.S. House of Representatives, and each college gets two representatives in Academic Assembly, similar to the U.S. Senate.

Get involved

To vote in ASMSU's election, go to www.asmsu.msu.edu and follow the link, or go to www.studentelections.msu.edu.

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Partly cloudy
High 47° | Low 32°
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