

Women's tennis loses heartbreaker to Purdue on Senior Day

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SEAN COOK/THE STATE NEWS
Senior Ana Milosavljevic serves to Purdue's Remi Martin during doubles play Sunday at the MSU Indoor Tennis Facility.

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Imploring for employment



MSU graduates will face fierce competition in stalling job market

By Meredith Skrzypczak
THE STATE NEWS

Graduating seniors might be heading into the "perfect storm" this May as they enter the job market. That's what Philip Gardner, director of the Collegiate Employment Research Institute at MSU, said he fears for the spring 2009 graduating class.

The economy is hurting everyone, Gardner said, especially seniors who will find that once they graduate this May their expectations might need to change. "You're never going to get your perfect job," Gardner said. "You should realize that the first one out of the gate. Usually it takes a couple of jobs."

According to the National Association of Colleges and Employers, or NACE, college graduate hiring has fallen 22 percent since 2008. Employers also are planning on decreasing internship hiring by almost 21 percent this year, according to NACE.

International relations senior Brittany Fox hopes to eventually land her ideal job working for a nongovernmental organization, or NGO. Fox is moving to Thailand in September — with or without a job offer.

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By the numbers

Job search struggles

▼22 percent College graduate hiring for full-time jobs since 2008

▼21 percent Internship hiring since 2008

▼2.2 percent Average salary for 2009 graduates compared to last year

▲5 percent Internship salaries compared to last year

SOURCE: NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COLLEGES AND EMPLOYERS

ELECTION

Students pass tax referendums, vote for representatives

By Chris Vannini
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MSU's Residence Halls Association and Impact (89-FM) will continue to operate after students voted to pass tax referendums for both organizations.

Both taxes must be approved by students every three years. The student elections, which were from March 30 to April 5, included the tax referendums and ASMSU college representative elections.

ASMSU is MSU's undergraduate

student government.

The RHA tax referendum passed by a 374-99-10 vote, RHA President Mark Dobson said.

Without the tax allocation, RHA would cease to exist because every project or event RHA puts on has a price tag, he said.

"The voter turnout was a little higher in years past, but the overwhelming support was in line with what we've seen in the past," Dobson said.

RHA charges \$25 per semester to every undergraduate student living in on-campus housing. RHA

received more than \$353,000 in tax allocation for spring 2009.

"For RHA, there is really only one issue to vote on this year," Dobson said. "I feel that with something like that, you get the extremes. You get people who are supportive of RHA, (and) you get people who are upset by RHA. So within those extremes, fortunately I was really excited to see overwhelmingly people were in support of the work we're doing, which was great."

The tax referendum for the Impact passed by about a four-

to-one margin to continue the \$3 charge to all MSU students, station manager Jeremy Whiting said.

"It shows that we're doing something relevant to the student body," he said. "We're trying to expand ways we deliver it. It's a lot of Web stuff and going out on location more and I think by renewing our funding, students are saying they want more programming like that."

Whiting said without the funding, the impact would go off the

air.

"The most important thing is it lets us continue what we're doing," he said. "It lets us know that what we're doing is still relevant for the students."

ASMSU's college representative elections resulted in seven representatives for the 18th session of Academic Assembly and to representatives for the 46th session of Student Assembly.

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HOUSING

UPGRADES SLATED FOR SUMMER IN OWEN HALL

By Justin Harris
THE STATE NEWS

Students who planned on living in Owen Graduate Hall during the summer will have to pack their bags and move out as the residence hall undergoes a \$10 million face-lift, expected to be completed by Aug. 1.

Owen Graduate Hall, predominantly occupied by graduate and international students, will shut down from May to August as renovations are made to the hall's lobby and dining areas. Students living in Owen Graduate Hall who planned to stay during the summer will be moved to McDonnell Hall during the duration of the renovations.

Vennie Gore, assistant vice president for housing and food services, said renovations will be focused on study areas as well as making the dining area more appealing to international students.

"West Circle buildings were built in the 1930s and our new-

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TOURNAMENT

MSU golfer misses Masters cut by 3 shots

By Joey Nowak
THE STATE NEWS

A historic week for MSU golfer Jack Newman ended Friday after he fell three strokes short of making the cut at the Masters in Augusta, Ga.

Newman, a junior on the MSU men's golf team, shot a four-over-par 76 in his second round, leaving him four over par through two rounds. The cut was one over par.

Newman was the first MSU golfer to compete in the famed tournament held at Augusta National Golf Club. He earned an invite by winning the 2008 U.S. Amateur Public Links tournament in July.

Paired with former Masters winner Fred Couples and nine-time PGA Tour winner Rocco Mediate for the first two rounds, Newman was one of five amateurs competing in the field of

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PRIDE WEEK

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