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Marissa Whetter, 3, waits patiently to get her nails painted during a play date at Sweet Little Party Palace, 1154-B N. Washington Ave., in Lansing.

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The fallout for MSU financial aid



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Financial aid officer Cindy Osborne gives prospective student Jake Adams and mother Mary Beth Adams, of Portage, directions to the Office of Financial Aid during an inside MSU tour on Monday. Mary Beth said financial aid availability is a big factor in determining what school Jake will attend in the fall.

By Kayla Habermehl
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Like many aspects of life, the amount of financial aid available to MSU students is a process of give and take. How much money goes to help students pay for college? And how much goes to fund the classes themselves?

This seemingly natural balance has been thrown off by the tense economic climate currently enveloping Michigan and the rest of the country.

For an audio interview with MSU's Dave Byelich about the state of financial aid at MSU, visit stateneews.com.

POLICY

U-M announces smoking ban at 3 campuses

By Brittany Shammis
THE STATE NEWS

Although MSU campus buildings went smoke free in fall 2008, University of Michigan officials took smoking bans a step further in their decision to push smoking off campus grounds.

U-M announced on Monday its Ann Arbor, Dearborn and Flint campuses will go completely smoke free effective July 1, 2011. The ban is aimed at changing the culture of smoking on campus, said Robert Winfield, U-M's chief health officer.

"We want a healthier campus

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—a campus for students where it's harder to start smoking," Winfield said. "We want to create a climate of health and well-being, which encourages people to stop smoking."

MSU Trustee Dianne Byrum said although a campuswide ban has not been discussed since she joined MSU's Board of Trustees in January, it could be a possibility in the university's future.

"You take a look at what's going

on nationally and the debate that's going on about smoking, and universities are following suite," she said.

U-M's new policy follows a trend in the U.S. toward smoke-free campuses. The university will join about 304 colleges and universities nationwide that already have implemented smoking bans.

The list of smoke-free campuses now includes Grand Rap-

ids Community College, Hope College and Lansing Community College.

Kinesiology graduate student Carla Fiorenzo said she would be happy to see a similar ban at MSU.

"Smoking sucks and I don't want to smell it when I walk out of a building," she said. "No one listens to the stay 25 feet away from the building signs."

But to anthropology sophomore John White, a ban on smoking represents a restriction on a student's choice to smoke.

"To make it a completely smoke-free campus means essen-

tially that they are pushing their ideas and ideals onto their students," White said.

To introduce such a policy at MSU would take both time and community input, Byrum said.

"I don't envision it as something that would happen overnight at MSU," she said.

At MSU, 81 percent of students do not smoke and those who do are primarily social smokers who are not addicted, said Rebecca Allen, an alcohol, tobacco and other drugs

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OBITUARY

Innovator of MSU's clinical sociology program dies

By Kyle Feldscher
THE STATE NEWS

Known as a man dedicated to developing MSU medical students

into strong people — as well as doctors — longtime MSU professor David Kallen died Monday at his home in Grand Ledge.

He was 79.

Kallen worked at MSU as a sociology professor in MSU's Department of Pediatrics and Human Development for more than 30 years. He passed away after fighting an eight-year battle with a rare form of thyroid cancer.

Sandy Kallen said her husband of 16 years was passionate about his work and MSU's reputation for being on the cutting edge of clinical sociology, a field Kallen was instrumental in bringing to the university.

"He worked with the same group of people, shared the same office with the same people," Sandy Kallen said. "He liked his life at MSU very much. He was very pleased with what he did and was proud of his work."

Ben Kallen, David Kallen's son, said his father managed to keep dinner conversations interesting throughout his childhood, often bringing his work home with him. He kept the family surrounded by academia.

"I think in some ways, he was the definition of an intellectual," Ben Kallen said.

Donald Kaufman, a pediatrician at MSU and one of David Kallen's close friends, said Kallen had a dry sense of humor that often manifested itself in amusing ways. Kallen once wrote the first report of the Department of Pediatrics and Human Development in the style of the book of Genesis.

Kaufman also recalled Kallen's run-ins with parking enforcement during the early days of the department.

"We used to get all kinds of tickets and give them to David," Kaufman said. "He would bundle them up in a big stack, wrap a rubber band around them and send them back to public safety. He'd just send them back and never pay them off. That was just

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