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UNIVERSITY

Financial aid, tuition on the rise for 2009-10

MSU tuition increases 2005-09

Tuition increases are often caused by inflation, but recent hikes also reflect economic pressures and cuts in state funding.



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* Dollar amount based on an undergraduate taking 15 credits per semester for one academic year. Costs may vary based on additional university fees, degree program and undergraduate level. Numbers are rounded to nearest dollar. The 2009-10 number is based on spring 2009 estimated costs per credit hour.

By Kayla Habermehl THE STATE NEWS

MSU students could see as much as a 10.1 percent tuition increase during the next two years, the MSU Board of Trustees decided Friday when it approved the 2009-10 university budget guidelines.

The increase comes in response to the struggling economy and an anticipated 3.1 percent — or about \$9.1 million — cut in state appropriations for MSU in the 2009-10 year.

The budget guidelines include the approval of the university's \$98.8 million general fund, up \$41 million from 2008-09.

Cutting back
The tuition hike would be 5.2 percent for 2009-10 and 4.9 percent for 2010-11 for in-state undergraduates, according to the universities budget guidelines. This would raise tuition for an in-state undergraduate taking 15 credits about \$540, or \$10,800 a year in 2009-10.

President Lou Anna K. Simon said the hike and the budget reductions will be painful.

"Michigan State University has been here for a very long time," she said. "Its goal was to be good enough for the proudest and open to the poorest and provide oppor-

tunities for folk from ordinary background with an extraordinary education and also to meet the land grant commitment."

However, if MSU receives federal stimulus money, the increase could be reduced to about 2.5 to 3 percent for in-state undergraduates.

Simon said the university expects budget pressures to continue through fiscal year 2015.

Studio art senior Spencer Corbett said the raise in tuition will hurt students.

"I feel like it's going to put us that much more in debt because most people aren't paying out-of-pocket," Corbett said.

MSU receives the least amount of state appropriations and tuition and fees per student in the Big Ten, out of the nine with available data, with \$14,585. The University of Michigan receives the most at \$22,793 per student, according to data from the Office of Planning and Budgets.

MSU also will cut about 10 percent of operating costs — or about \$90 million — during the next two years. Personnel cuts will be about 87 percent of the reduction, and will affect about 590 positions. Of the 87 percent, 45 percent of employee positions will be held open, 36 percent will be

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JAZZ LIVES ON IN EAST LANSING

Festivals essential in perpetuation of a definitively American tradition

By Marissa Cumbers
THE STATE NEWS

Whenever Carl Cafagna hits a note on the sax, clarinet or another instrument he's mastered, he is carrying on his father's passion for jazz.

"My son became what I always wanted to be," said Al Cafagna, Carl's father and a retired MSU philosophy professor. "It's a great thrill for me to have (him) at the East Lansing festival."

Carl Cafagna now works as a professional musician in Detroit and opened the East Lansing Summer Solstice Jazz Festival on Friday with one of his 12 bands, the North Star Saxophone Quartet.

Although Al Cafagna did not become a professional jazz musician, he brought jazz to East Lansing in another way. In 1996, the East Lansing Arts Commission founded the East Lansing Summer Solstice Jazz Festival under his direction.

Now in its 13th year, the festival, held at the corner of Abbot Road and Albert Avenue, is a free, two-day event that was attended by more than 5,000 people during the weekend. East Lansing Communications Coordinator Ami Van Antwerp said.

Nationally known jazz

Despite some rain Friday and humidity Saturday, many residents enjoyed performances from the nine main-stage acts and various interlude-stage performers, Van Antwerp said.

The event goes on, rain or shine, she said. Intermittent rain Friday made it clear a little water couldn't dampen the jazz.

"It is becoming something people mark their calendars for," she said. "We are on the cusp of becoming a tradition in East Lansing."

The festival, hosted through a partnership with the city of East Lansing, Wharton Center for Performing Arts and the MSU College of Music, is funded by corporate sponsorships, individual contributions, a Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs grant and an Ingham County Hotel/Motel Tax Funds for Arts and Tourism grant, Van Antwerp said.



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Esperanza Spalding performs Friday at the 2009 Summer Solstice Jazz Festival in downtown East Lansing. Though only 24 years old, Spalding has been playing gigs since the age of 15.

Increased funding and interest have created many changes for the festival since 1996 when it was held in the Erickson Hall Kiva, Al Cafagna said.

"Each year, it has gotten bigger," he said. "Finally, we have gotten a two-day fes-

tival, and with the collaboration with the Wharton Center, we have had nationally famous people and some of the best performers in the state of Michigan."

The partnership and donations allow the festival to bring in nationally known

acts including Friday's headliner, Esperanza Spalding, Wharton Center spokesman Bob Hoffman said. "We are incredibly lucky to get somebody of her caliber," he said. "She is up and

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DIVERSITY

Juneteenth unites community in freedom

By Zane McMillin and Marissa Cumbers
THE STATE NEWS

Lansing — For MSU alumus Robert Dozier, writing hip-hop songs isn't all about the rhythm or the beat — it frees his mind from oppression.

Dozier, who spends his free time writing music and singing Christian hip-hop songs under the stage name KnowDooz, took that message to the stage at the 2009 Lansing Juneteenth Celebration, a state holiday that commemorates the end of slavery in the U.S. He performed at the festival opening this weekend. The three-day event was held at St. Joseph Park, 2022 W. Kalamazoo St., in Lansing.

"I think it's a wonderful expression of liberty," he said. "It is one thing to be free in the physical realm, but people need to get free in their mind, body and soul. You need to take your mind and emotion out of slavery."

The festival, which has been held in Lansing for the past 16 years, specifically celebrates the



Diondal Brown-Whitfield blows bubbles with her grand-children, Isiah Baxter, 9, left, and Elijah Baxter, 7, right, at Saturday's Lansing Juneteenth Celebration in Lansing.

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day in 1865 a Union general announced the passage of the Emancipation Proclamation to

slaves and soldiers in Galveston, Texas. Texas was the first state to create the Juneteenth holiday in 1980. It has been an official state holiday since 2005.

"It's a festive time because it's a day of jubilation for African Americans," event co-organizer Marilyn Plummer said. "But

not just African Americans. We want to celebrate with the entire community, the entire city. We want everyone to come out and appreciate who we are, because we appreciate the other cultures (and) exactly who the other cul-

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SAFETY

MSU allows people to carry concealed firearms on campus

By Brittany Shammas
THE STATE NEWS

Although guns remain prohibited from MSU campus buildings, those with concealed weapons permits now can carry a firearm through campus, following a MSU Board of Trustees vote Friday.

MSU's rules prior to the board meeting, which completely banned guns from campus, were changed to match those of the county and state, MSU spokeswoman Kent Cassella said.

"The policy we have and the rules we have are not changing, just that one narrow portion, to better align with county and state law," he said.

The trustees voted 7-1 to make the exception, with Trustee Colleen McNamara voting against it because of a concern the state was interfering with MSU's independence. The state Legislature contradicts a prior decision made by the Board of Trustees to create an ordinance banning guns from campus, she said.

McNamara said MSU police were torn between enforcing the state law and enforcing the campus ordinance. She said the Board of Trustees does not want to fight state law over the issue and her vote was intended to be symbolic.

"I want to hold the thought. We did have an ordinance that said no guns on campus and maybe someday we will have a similar ordinance," she said.

Although some students said they were uncomfortable with the change, others, such as apparel and textile design junior Jessica Stevens, said they supported the right to self-defense.

"I don't really feel too great about guns in general, but I feel like people have a right to defend themselves, especially women, so whatever makes them feel safe is OK," she said. But a human nutrition senior Eric Gutzelo questioned whether the change would make a

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