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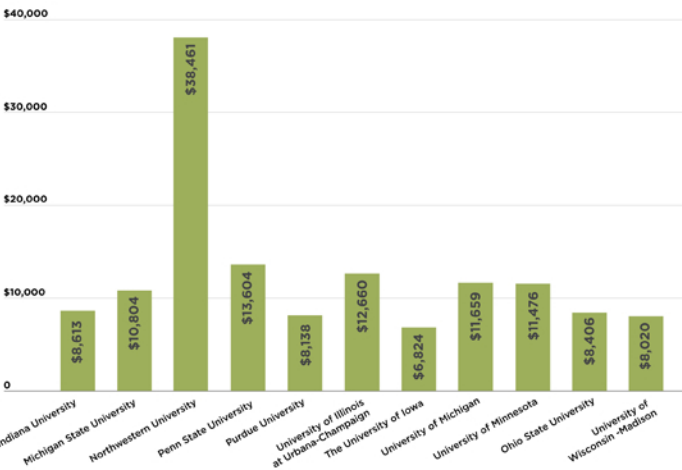
## MSU alumna finds calling by returning to her college roots

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# MSU Ranks 3rd in Big Ten tuition increase

## Big Ten Tuition

Ten of the 11 universities in the Big Ten raised tuition for the 2009-10 year. The only exception was Ohio State University. The highest tuition in the Big Ten is Northwestern University — the only private institution in the conference.



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It's a competition no one wants to win: Which Big Ten university has the highest tuition? And which one had the biggest tuition increase for the 2009-10 year? MSU has the sixth highest tuition in the Big Ten and the third largest tuition increase for 2009-10. A resident MSU freshman will pay about \$10,800 in tuition for 2009-10, an increase of about 5.2 percent, according to information from MSU.

At the high end of the spectrum is Northwestern University, costing undergraduates about \$38,000 in tuition. Northwestern is the only private institution in the Big Ten. The lowest tuition increase of the Big Ten is the University of Iowa, where an in-state freshman will pay

"Our tuition rate is viewed as competitive in the Big Ten. But the Big Ten overall is very competitive in terms of academic institutions."

Lou Anna K. Simon, MSU president

about \$6,800 for 2009-10.

### A welcomed freeze

Despite the differences in the universities, all but one raised tuition for the 2009-10 year.

The exception was Ohio State University, which held its tuition at the 2006-07 levels. Tuition for an in-state freshman at Ohio

State will be about \$8,400.

The 2009-10 year is the third in a row Ohio State has been able to freeze tuition and the first time tuition has remained the same for more than two years since 1955, Ohio State spokesman Jim Lynch said.

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## INVESTIGATION

# Centuries-old human bone discovered in Bloomfield Twp.

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THE STATE NEWS

Human remains might belong in graveyards, but skeletons are showing up in suburban backyards, proving pieces of history might lie just beneath the grass.

A human jawbone was unearthed last week at a Bloomfield Township residence by construction workers, and the Bloomfield Township Police Department later determined the bone required no criminal investigation.

No additional human remains were found and the bone was transported to MSU's Department of Anthropology to be examined by associate professor of anthropology Todd Fenton.

Fenton determined the bone belonged to a male about 20 years old who has been dead for anywhere between 200 and 1,000 years.

"It's always an unknown, anytime you find any kind of human remains, especially in a neighborhood, you start to wonder who, what, where, why and what's going on," Capt. Steve Cook of the Bloomfield Township Police Department said.

Fenton said examining remains such as the jawbone is not uncommon for the lab.

"I would say that based on our caseload, we're a very busy laboratory so it's not uncommon for us to ... have human remains brought to us for identification," he said. "It's kind of a weekly thing we do."

Upon receiving a specimen, Fenton follows a series of steps to determine information such as circumstances of death and identification information.

"When the evidence is brought to us, the first question is, 'Is it bone?'" he said. "The second thing we ask is, 'Is it human?'"

Often times, animal bones are mistaken for human bones because of the similarities in some animal species, Fenton said.

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## NATION

# 'Cash for clunkers' looks to receive \$2B to refuel

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Beater owners might have more time to trade in their old cars for some cash if a bill to increase funding for the "cash for clunkers" program passes in the U.S. Senate this week.

Passed in the U.S. House on Friday, the bill could add \$2 billion in funding from the stimulus package to the program, a boost Michigan lawmakers said is money well spent.

"In the scheme of the billions that they're spending, this seems to be one of the stimulus packages that is truly worthwhile," Rep. Steven Lindberg, D-Marquette, said. "It seems to me, that's a win-win."

The Drive America Forward Act, more commonly known as cash for clunkers, gives owners of trade-in vehicles eligibility for a \$4,500 voucher payable to the dealer for a fuel-efficient vehicle, if the trade-in car meets specific requirements.

The proposed \$2 billion would ensure the program continued until funds were drained. The original \$1 billion allocated to the program, which officially began July 27, is close to depletion.

Pat Joslin, sales manager at Sundance Chevrolet in Grand Ledge, said he is confident the new funds will be supported in the Senate.

"I don't think they would end the program that has such good publicity and that has such good benefits for the environment and the consumer," Joslin said.

A program giving money to the people in the country who are in need is important, said Andrew Degroot, a 2009 MSU astrophysics graduate.

"It's going to the everyday working people who need new cars," he said. "Just because the economy's bad doesn't mean cars break and you don't need new cars."

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## LOOKING INTO THE Stars



**Bill Diedrich, of East Lansing,** checks out the moon through a telescope Friday evening at the MSU Observatory. Diedrich was one of a few dozen people who attended the observatory's open house to look through MSU's large telescope as well as a number of smaller ones. KATIE BAUSCH | THE STATE NEWS

**Ⓚ** To hear a slide show about the MSU Observatory's open house, visit [statenews.com/multimedia](http://statenews.com/multimedia).