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CRIME

## Former MSU employee sentenced for July incident

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A former university employee was sentenced Wednesday for a charge of disturbing the peace, which was amended from counts of prostitution, accosting and soliciting.

Samuel Eagan, 30, who until recently was employed by MSU as an interior designer, was ordered to pay \$548 in fines to the court or spend 20 days in jail during the sentencing in East Lansing's 54-B District Court.

University police arrested Eagan July 17 and charged him with prostitution, accosting and soliciting. The charge was amended to disturbing the peace under a plea agreement made July 29 with District Court Judge David Jordan.

Court records show the arresting officer also was the victim of the crime.

MSU police Sgt. Florene McGlothlin-Taylor said she was unable to comment on the details of the case Wednesday afternoon, citing that neither the investigator nor incident report were available at the time.

Taylor declined to release the incident report, saying MSU policies forbid releasing incident reports to individuals not involved in the crime.

During Wednesday's court proceedings, Eagan's attorney, John English, spoke of Eagan's clean record, saying he had no earlier criminal convictions and nothing similar to the July 17 incident. English said Eagan felt remorseful about the incident.

There was nothing "untoward" in Eagan's encounter with the police officer, which occurred in a bathroom in the MSU Union, besides the knocking on a stall, English said.

Jordan responded by saying the reason nothing else happened was because the

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CAMPUS

## HEALTH SERVICES MIGHT UNDERGO RELOCATION FROM OLIN BY 2010

By Meredith Skrzypczak  
THE STATE NEWS

If university officials follow through with considerations to move MSU's health services from Olin Health Center to campus' south end, students might face a long-distance relationship developing with their doctor.

Olin Health Center Director Glynda Moorer said officials are considering moving the university's health services to the MSU Clinical Center on Service Road.

"We have been asked by (MSU Provost Kim Wilcox) to explore the possibility and the potential benefits to students if the student health services is relocated to the Clinical Center," Moorer said.

The Clinical Center currently houses clinics, classrooms

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Jason Cody, university spokesman

and various medical departments, including a radiology department.

Moorer, along with leaders at Olin and the MSU Health Team, among others, still are discussing the possible move and what it would mean for students.

Updates on the move could surface as soon as this month, including a final decision by Wilcox, Moorer said.

The idea for the move was introduced about a month ago, mainly to address budget reductions by eliminating some duplicate services such

as pharmacies and physical therapy departments, she said.

"That might be better for the university and, therefore, for the students because it would be a cost savings," Moorer said.

Officials still are discussing the fate of the Olin building, budgets and other information, university spokesman Jason Cody said.

"No decisions have been made," Cody said. "This is all still under discussion ... especially in hard economic times, universities

continue to look at ways to save costs on providing services."

No-preference freshman Olivia Vanelander has been considering a trip to Olin but is worried that if services are moved the distance will prevent her from easily accessing health services.

"It would be inconvenient," she said. "I live by Brody, so stuff is far away anyway. I was thinking about going to the doctor, (but) I would probably just ask my mom to get me medication or something."

Moorer said university officials are considering the possible move and its distance from Olin's current location in their discussions.

"We know that it's not cen-

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# International Experience

MSU's international students arrive to whole new world in East Lansing



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Biochemistry freshman Jiajun "Brian" Zhou makes small talk with physics junior Aaron Noga in his Chemistry 151 class Wednesday. Zhou noted that while he has tried to make friends since he moved to the U.S. two weeks ago, most students he has talked to seem only to stay within their own small group of friends.

"There's just a lot of other mountains that they have to climb that are just a little bit higher than the mountains you climb."

Peter Briggs, director of MSU's Office for International Students and Scholars

By Ian Johnson  
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He's soft spoken, studious and usually finds his seat in the front row of his giant freshman lectures. Unless you really made the effort, there's a good chance you'd never even learn Jiajun Zhou's name. Finding a good friend at MSU has proved challenging for the first-year international student from China.

"When I miss my family, when I'm trying to talk to someone, maybe they don't understand that kind of thing," Zhou said of making friends. "Sometimes I think I do need some time to find (a good friend)." Zhou, a biochemistry freshman from Zhubai, China, is one several thousand international students at MSU coping with the cultural differences of America while earning a degree away from their home country.

In 2008, MSU had about 4,500 students from countries throughout the world enrolled in classes, accounting for almost 6 percent of the total student population. That year, MSU ranked 15th in the country for its number of foreign students and consistently has ranked in the

top 25 for the past five years, according to the Institute of International Education.

Despite international students' prevalence on campus, few American students ever take the time to get to know their fellow Spartans, said Peter Briggs, the director for MSU's Office for International Students and Scholars, or OISS.

Two years ago, American and foreign students at MSU took a survey about how well they interact on campus. The results showed Americans were very willing to welcome the international community, but when asked if they've made friends with any students from another country, both sides had similar results.

"Very few did," Briggs said.

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ADMISSIONS

## Reduced freshman enrollment not caused by economy

By Meredith Skrzypczak  
THE STATE NEWS

MSU students still are hitting the books despite hard economic times and this fall's enrollment numbers appear minimally affected, university officials said.

"I don't think any of (the changes) reflect economic trends," said James Cotter, director of the Office of Admissions.

Last fall, the freshman class was larger than 7,300 students, and this year it is slightly smaller, somewhere in the range of 7,200 to 7,300 students, he said.

Cotter said the decrease in enrollment partially was caused by stricter enrollment standards meant to keep MSU's student body from growing too large.

"The university intended to bring in slightly fewer freshmen," Cotter said. "Continuing to bring in large new freshman classes would then push the overall size of the university beyond 46,500 to 46,800."

Minimal effects on enrollment are not surprising despite the bleak economy, economics professor Charles Ballard said.

Although some high school graduates might have to put off college plans because of the economy, many are set on pursuing higher education, Ballard said.

"An awful lot of our students, they were going to go to college, period," he said.

"It would take something much more dramatic than what's happened (to prevent them from going)."

Douglas Roberts, a higher education expert and director of the MSU Institute for Public Policy and Social Research, said MSU's reputation might help maintain enrollment numbers.

"MSU has such a reputation that people are still willing to come," Roberts said. "I believe that in the system as a

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For audio of Jiajun Zhou's reaction to MSU, visit [stateneews.com/multimedia](http://stateneews.com/multimedia).



Walking distance from Wells Hall to Olin Health Center is approximately 16 minutes.

Walking distance from Wells Hall to MSU Clinical Center is approximately 25 minutes.

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