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Granholt set to host final state address

By Marissa Cumbers
THE STATE NEWS

As Gov. Jennifer Granholm prepares to give her last State of the State address tonight, legislators and members of the MSU community said the governor faces a tough final term.

Granholm will give her eighth and final State of the State address tonight at 7 p.m. at the State Capitol in Lansing outlining her plans for her final term as governor.

Last year, under her administration, the Michigan Promise Scholarship and 61 percent of additional financial aid funding were slashed. Michigan also boasts the nation's highest unemployment rate at 14.3 percent.

"With an ailing economy and dwindling revenue streams, higher education might see more cuts in Granholm's last year," said State Rep. Mark Meadows, D-East Lansing.

"How much it will impact higher education I just can't say at this point because I haven't seen the numbers out of the school aid fund," he said. "They talk about a 3 percent cut to the school aid fund, and if that is the case you are likely to see a 3 percent cut to (the) higher education budget, as well."

The Michigan Promise scholarship was slated to provide about 8,200 MSU up to \$4,000 each.

With the Michigan Promise scholarship gone, it is too late for Granholm to redeem herself, advertising sophomore Megan Berry said.

"I'm just ready for her to be out," she said. "I'm happy she tried to fight for (the) Michigan Promise Scholarship at least. But obviously it's gone. That was my main concern."

Michigan faces a projected \$7 billion deficit for fiscal year 2011 and Granholm announced a reform plan to counter the deficit Friday, which included a new cost-effective health care plan for state employees, elimination of lifetime health care for state legislators and incentives for 39,000 public school and 7,000 state employees to retire.

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Misery in Madison

Spartans' struggles at Kohl Center continue as Lucas sprains ankle

By Joey Nowak
THE STATE NEWS

Madison, Wis. — Leave it to pesky Wisconsin, the daunting Kohl Center and the ever-stymieing Bo Ryan to put an end to the greatest

Big Ten start in MSU men's basketball history.

The Badgers, a perennial thorn in the Spartans' side, had all the momentum in a marquee showdown Tuesday night in Madison, Wis. They rode a seemingly unstoppable shooting performance and held the red-handled knife in the Spartans' hearts all the way to a 67-49 victory.

"For the most part," MSU head coach Tom Izzo said, "that was an old-fashioned whooping."

It was the annual rebalancing of a rivalry that has been a road hex for the Spartans for nearly a decade. No. 5 MSU (19-4 overall, 9-1 Big Ten) still has not won in Madison since 2001, while the Badgers are now 133-10 (.930) at home since Wisconsin head coach Bo Ryan took over.

To make matters inexcusably worse, junior guard Kalin Lucas, the Spartans' co-captain and leading scorer, went down with a sprained right ankle at about the 10:40 mark of the second half. He did not return and Izzo said his status was uncertain.

"It's not good, that's for sure and we'll just probably have to evaluate it when we get home," Izzo said. "I have no idea."

Junior guard Durrell Summers was the only Spartan to score in double figures (11 points) while senior forward Raymar Morgan had eight points and 10 rebounds.

Perhaps it's the rims or a creak in the floor, but it appeared all the mojo — every bounce of the ball



Wisconsin forward Tim Jarmusz guards senior forward Raymar Morgan during the first half of Tuesday's game at Kohl Center in Madison, Wis. The Spartans were defeated by the Badgers 67-49.

and each roll around the rim — seemed to favor the charged-up No. 16 Badgers (17-5, 7-3) as they held MSU to a season-low 49 points.

"I would say, defensively, tracking down loose balls, we played pretty well," Ryan said. "In order to beat a team like that, you have to play well."

But more important to the here and now, the Spartans have been knocked back to mortality without their leader and their lead in the conference has dwindled by a game.

The teams' contrasting styles were evident from the get-go. Wisconsin was intent on draining the shot clock to single digits before finding a perimeter shot to their liking, while the Spar-

tans focused on getting the ball into the paint quickly.

In the first eight minutes, five of Wisconsin's seven baskets were 3-pointers, one was a deep two-pointer and the last was a fade-away jumper. The raucous home crowd liked it just fine, as the Badgers stroked to a 13-4 lead.

With both teams' point guards and leading scorers — Lucas and Wisconsin senior Trevon Hughes, each averaging 16 points per game — on the bench with foul trouble early, MSU's deficit grew to as much as 18.

"When we made a little comeback we had a couple critical (turnovers)," Izzo said. "When we cut it to nine, two of

the next three (possessions) were turnovers."

The Spartans did more than save face early in the second half, cutting the Badgers' lead to single digits by the 14-minute mark. But with Lucas in the locker room, the Wisconsin wave rolled.

With Lucas' status uncertain, MSU might be without their leader for the toughest stretch of the season — for ESPN's College Gameday against the Fighting Illini in Champaign, Ill., on Saturday and Purdue at home on Tuesday.

"I told a lot of people we're not going to go undefeated and we have to find out how to bounce back," Izzo said, "because the road doesn't get any easier."

MSU SCHEDULE

Academic Council discusses possible calendar changes

Changes could include spring break date change and a two-week January sub-term

By Brittany Shammus
THE STATE NEWS

Moving fall semester graduation to the end of finals week, shifting spring break to coincide with Ingham County Public Schools and creating a January sub-term are three potential academic calendar changes being discussed within MSU's academic governance system.

Additional conversation about each of the three topics is needed, Senior Associate Provost June Youatt said at Tuesday's Executive Committee of Academic Council, or ECAC, meeting.

At the meeting, ECAC members sent the recommendations to three committees for review.

The three recommendations came out of a committee formed to examine the current arrangement of the academic year, Youatt said in an e-mail.

The proposed changes come after years without review of the calendar, MSU Provost Kim Wilcox said after the meeting.

"We hadn't looked at (the calendar) in a long time — I couldn't tell you how many years, decades — and lots of things have changed over time," Wilcox said. "It was an exercise to review the entire calendar."

Under the proposed changes, Youatt said seniors graduating in the fall could take final exams before commencement.

Currently, fall graduation takes place the weekend before final exams.

Students and faculty with family members in the Ingham County Public Schools could spend spring break together, thanks to the potential spring break shift.

Spring break for Ingham County Public Schools currently is scheduled to begin April 2 this year.

"There have been suggestions for as long as I've been here that MSU sync its break with schools in Ingham County."

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SCIENCE

FRIB gets \$10M in Obama's proposal

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THE STATE NEWS

The Facility for Rare Isotope Beams, or FRIB, is on schedule after President Barack Obama requested \$10 million for the project Monday as part of his 2011 budget proposal, MSU officials said.

The funds, which now are subject to congressional approval, will cover engineering and design costs. The request marks a \$2 million decrease from this year's allotment of \$12 million, although

FRIB Director Konrad Gelbke said the drop was expected.

Gelbke said the U.S. Department of Energy, or DOE, originally requested \$9 million in funding for the 2010 budget, but Congress approved an additional \$3 million.

"The \$10 million is back to the plan as it was discussed," Gelbke said. "It doesn't come as a complete surprise. We're very pleased."

The DOE announced in December 2008 that MSU had

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POLITICS

GOVERNATORIAL CANDIDATES REPORT CAMPAIGN FINANCES

By Marissa Cumbers
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Campaign finance reports from Michigan's 2010 gubernatorial candidates submitted Monday to the Secretary of State indicate fundraising isn't as difficult as expected, experts said.

Three candidates have raised more than \$1 million. However, one of these candidates, Democrat Lt. Gov. John Cherry, who had raised \$1.36 million total, dropped out of the race in early January citing fundraising concerns. Before his exit, Cherry was considered

the Democratic front-runner.

Ann Arbor businessman and Republican candidate Rick Snyder is the top fundraiser with \$3.3 million total. Michigan Attorney General Mike Cox is considered the Republican front-runner and reported raising \$1.83 million.

"We are very pleased with the amount of support Rick is getting," Snyder's spokesman Jake Suski said. "We have over 1,000 donors so far."

Suski said Snyder contributed \$2.6 million of his own money to his campaign. Snyder's campaign plans to air their first advertisement during the Super Bowl on Sunday,

Suski said.

Raising more than \$1 million at this stage of the campaign is a significant amount given Michigan's economic climate, said Steve Mitchell, president of East Lansing-based Mitchell Research and Communications Inc.

"The numbers are less than you saw eight years ago when the economy was better," Mitchell said. "Those who raised pretty good amounts of money did a good amount of fundraising and showed it could be done in this climate."

Oakland County Sheriff Mike

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Michigan's 2010 gubernatorial fundraising

Republicans

Rick Snyder \$3.3 million*

Mike Cox \$1.83 million

Mike Bouchard \$888,149

Pete Hoekstra \$475,806

Tom George \$199,791

Democrats

Alma Wheeler Smith \$36,245

*INCLUDES \$2.6 MILLION OF SNYDER'S OWN MONEY

SOURCE: MICHIGAN SECRETARY OF STATE