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LIFELONG LEARNING

Lifelong education enrollment status allows students to pursue an education at any time, in any place

By Karen Confer
THE STATE NEWS

Growing up in Zimbabwe, Farai Machina dreamed of working for the United Nations. When she was 18, her family moved to the U.S., where she went from life in an impoverished African country to an American college lifestyle at Penn State University. After graduating with a bachelor's degree in food science, she went to work for the world's largest chocolate confectionery, Barry Callebaut, but held onto her dream of bettering her country and the world at the U.N.

"I'm a very compassionate person, and for me, working for the U.N. meant I could help more people because it's a more global than local organization," she said. "I'm hoping at some point I'll be able to help (Zimbabwe's) food industry ... to be able to build it up and be able to protect my country in terms of food safety. I just feel obligated to be able to help."

Knowing that working for the U.N. is highly competitive, Machina returned to school, but she was nervous to jump into a master's program after being out of the classroom for two years.

Instead, she enrolled as a lifelong education student, an academic offering that allowed her to begin taking classes without pursuing any type of degree.

The lifelong education enrollment status is designed to accommodate students such as Machina who want to learn for any reason but do not want to pursue a degree.

Although the status comprises a small



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Graduate lifelong education student Lori Fuller helps steady an ice auger during her limnology class Feb. 2 at the Inland Lakes Research and Education Area on College Road. Fuller said being a lifelong education student has given her opportunities she otherwise might not have had.

percentage of the university's population, Associate Registrar Tracy Gulick said it is an important part of MSU's academic landscape.

"Lifelong is designed for anyone to take any of the courses," Gulick said. "You could have a student here because they're attending another university and want to transfer. You could have a student here who ... just wants the

knowledge. You may have a student that wants to take a nursing course because they're a nurse now and never had that knowledge. It's a wide variety of what they take. It's dependent on their needs."

A different target

The lifelong education enrollment status began in 1975 to accommodate adults who wanted to update

professional skills. The status was targeted at those who played full time, those at home with children or any student outside the typical college demographic. This semester, there are 863 students enrolled in lifelong education, making up almost 2 percent of the university population. Some of these stu-

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REAL ESTATE

E.L. LOOKS TO ACQUIRE AVONDALE PROPERTY

By Zack Colman
THE STATE NEWS

After a four-year struggle with a property owner, the East Lansing City Council moved one step closer to finalizing the Avondale Square project Tuesday when it issued a resolution of necessity to acquire an essential 20-foot alley.

The city has fought an ongoing battle to obtain an alley that runs behind 607 Virginia Ave. City officials claim the alley is essential to creating a two-way street for services such as trash collection and the convenience of future Avondale Square residents.

The alley would connect northbound Snyder Road to eastbound Virginia Avenue and serve as the main artery for the 30-home development. The project would create 30 new, single-family homes, starting at about \$150,000.

"For four years, a number of us have tried to come to an agreement with this particular property owner," East Lansing Mayor Vic Loomis said at Tuesday's city council meeting. "There's 40-some official attempts on behalf of the city of East Lansing to work with this property owner and come to some agreement. And it's been to no avail. Every other single property owner has met with the city, has negotiated, has come to some agreement."

Gary Baird, owner of the property in question, declined comment Tuesday.

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To hear a lifelong education student discuss their experience, visit stateneews.com/multimedia.

CAMPUS

Levin discusses Iraq, economy with students

By Marissa Cumbers
THE STATE NEWS

U.S. foreign policy and the economy were hot topics Tuesday night when U.S. Sen. Carl Levin, D-Mich., addressed more than 75 MSU students in Case Hall.

As the guest speaker at the MSU Democrats meeting, Levin emphasized his support of President Barack Obama's recent strategy changes in Iraq and Afghanistan. Levin is the chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee.

"President Obama was right to shift the focus from Iraq to Afghanistan," he said. "Afghanistan is where the problem began on 9/11. It is important that we do whatever we can so that will not happen again."

Levin said it is important not just to combat the Taliban but also to train Afghan people to take responsibility for their own security.

"It's not just (U.S.) military going in with the Afghan army," he said. "It's also leaving in place a government structure, which will help provide services as well as security to the Afghan people."

James Madison College freshman Ryan Cagney said he was interested in Levin's support of the Afghanistan shift.

"I like that the focus has gone to Afghanistan instead of Iraq," he said. "I'm still forming my own opinions right now, and this is informational."

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Levin praised the effectiveness of the stimulus package passed a year ago for job creation and said the U.S. Senate will be more focused on jobs in upcoming weeks.

"We still have to focus more on getting jobs," he said.

Political science junior Sherreen Hamed said people need to be aware of the specific benefits of the stimulus package.

"I feel not enough people are aware of how important it was and what it brought to Michigan," she said. "I don't think people realize where that spending went and how much worse the economy would have been had (it) not passed."

Following Levin's address about Afghanistan and the economy, attendees had the opportunity to ask questions.

Political theory and constitutional democracy professor John Hutar said it is important for college students to question elected

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BASKETBALL

Spartans beat Hoosiers in 'workmanlike win'

By Joey Nowak
THE STATE NEWS

It was a convincing win that could have been even more so. The MSU men's basketball team

outrid Indiana in nearly every facet Tuesday night — depth, field-goal shooting, points in the paint and bench production — and handed the Hoosiers all the way to a 72-58 triumph at Assembly Hall in Bloomington, Ind.

"It was a workmanlike win," MSU men's basketball head coach Tom Izzo told the Spartan Sports Network after the game.

"I don't think it was anything flashy. ... We took another step. It's not a monster step, but we took one."

During a discouraging three-game losing streak, the Spartans grew accustomed to seeing their opponents' best shooting efforts.

On Tuesday, the Hoosiers (9-16 overall, 3-10 Big Ten) fell victim to MSU's best shooting performance of the year to make it four straight wins against Indiana.

The No. 11 Spartans (21-6, 11-3) received scoring contributions from 10 players while holding the Hoosiers to 29 percent shooting in the first half. In the end, MSU shot 59 percent — 14 percent better than its average against Big Ten opponents.

Coming into the game as the worst free-throw shooting team



STEPHANIE HABERMAN/INDIANA DAILY STUDENT

Sophomore guard Kevin Lucius attempts to block Indiana guard Devan Dumes during Tuesday's 72-58 victory at Assembly Hall in Bloomington, Ind.

in the conference, Indiana's performance at the foul line (25-for-28) kept them afloat.

"We had a lot of guys scoring and four in (double figures), and we only had eight turnovers," Izzo said.

"We did a lot of good things except for rebounding the ball. But when you shoot 59 percent, it's hard to do that."

After going 1-for-20 in the past

two games, sophomore forward Draymond Green was a perfect 5-for-5 from the field to lead the Spartans with 14 points.

Despite allowing the Hoosiers to jump out to a 2-0 lead — their first advantage since their Feb. 4 loss to Purdue — MSU controlled the pace of the first half.

By most accounts, the Spartans were dominant in the first

half, but their lead could have been even more drastic. The Spartans finished the first 20 minutes just 5-for-10 from the free-throw line while the Hoosiers didn't convert a field goal in the final 10:16 of the first half.

"It was one of those games where we're just happy to get a

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