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Partly cloudy

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ASMSU questions cafeteria cleanliness

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When ASMSU College of Business Representative Kyle Clifton came to an ASMSU General Assembly meeting last month, he brought a soiled spoon.

The spoon was caked with dried red sauce, something Clifton had not noticed when he picked it up entering the Shaw Hall cafeteria one day. It had been nestled in with other spoons that had been through the dishwasher, but the sauce remained stuck, he said.

Passing the spoon around the table, he told the assembly he wanted to address other unsanitary practices he has noticed in MSU dining facilities, including employees not wearing clean gloves or checking the temperatures of meats.

During the Jan. 26 meeting, ASMSU — MSU's undergraduate student government — passed a bill introduced by Clifton focusing on such issues, voting to discuss the group's concerns with Culinary Services directors later this semester.

Associate Director of Residential Dining Bruce Haskell said he receives comments from students on occasion and did not question the validity of the claims ASMSU noted, but said it is hard to address past concerns that go unreported.

"We will take whatever steps necessary to fix it," he said. "Are we going to fix it each and every time without fail? Probably not. The reality is some things (still) are going to happen."

Proper protocol

All food services employees at MSU are required to undergo a training program before employment, and Haskell said regardless of when students are hired, they must go through both group and site-specific instruction. Still, the high turnover of student employees sometimes makes it difficult to maintain the same work quality, he said.

Environmental economics and policy sophomore Ellen Hendrickson works in the caf-



Fisheries and wildlife junior Steven Ripley sorts through the dishes produced by the dinner-time rush in the cafeteria at Shaw Hall. Recently, an ASMSU representative drafted a bill to eliminate unsanitary practices in the cafeterias. The bill was passed at ASMSU's Jan. 26 meeting.

eteria in Shaw Hall delivering food from the kitchen to the serving lines. Before beginning work, she watched several informational videos but received only a quick run-through of her individual duties.

"I didn't know what I was doing," she said. "It was all really on the spot." Haskell said some of the concerns ASMSU has with the cafeterias can be traced back to unintentionally rushed training.

But Haskell said the cafeterias are inspected regularly by the university sanitation services, as well as the Ingham County Health Department, to prevent infractions from occurring.

MSU Sanitarian Betty Wernette-Babian said campus cafeterias are inspected once every six months, unless additional

sanitation problems arise that require further examination.

In 2011, MSU cafeterias were cited with a total of 132 violations from the Ingham County Health Department, ranging from accumulation of debris in coolers to

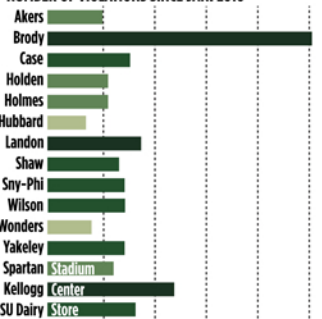
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food stored at improper temperatures. Brody Complex Cafeteria had the most violations at 41, and Akers Hall cafeteria had the fewest at 3.

Whether a cafeteria requires an additional inspection depends on the circumstances, including if the facilities

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NUMBER OF VIOLATIONS SINCE JAN. 2010



SOURCE: INGHAM COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT, KAYLE SOPEL 1/N

To watch a video about cafeteria health practices and read a breakdown of violations, go to statenews.com.

LEGISLATION

D'ANNUNZIO'S LAW COMBATS VIOLENT CRIME

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A bill aimed to extend the Michigan statute of limitations for violent crimes in response to a more than decade-old murder case in East Lansing passed the Michigan Senate on Tuesday and now will move to the House for consideration.

The bill, which would extend the statute of limitations from 10 to 20 years for certain violent crimes such as manslaughter, was formed in response to a case involving the death of 24-year-old Brandon D'Annunzio, who died Oct. 11, 2000, after sustaining a punch outside Buffalo Wild Wings, 220 M.A.C. Ave., in downtown East Lansing.

While attending a bachelor party at the bar then named BW-3, D'Annunzio got into a confrontation outside with two strangers walking across the street. A punch to the face and he fell backward, hitting his head on the concrete. His skull cracked, his brain swelled and a blood clot formed. He died in a Sparrow Hospital bed 11 days later.

The suspect evaded police for more than a decade. Then in 2010, the police got new tips on the suspect after The State News ran a story on the 10th anniversary of D'Annunzio's death.

But the decade long statute of limitations period had run out. Now, the bill — named Brandon D'Annunzio's law — would extend the statute of limitations for kidnapping, attempted murder and manslaughter from 10 to 20 years. Open murder investigations have no statute of limitation under state law.

"(After) 11 years of trying to find the people that killed Brandon, it's amazing that something has come out of it," Brandon's mother Shawn D'Annunzio said. "It's not going to bring Brandon back, but it sure will make me feel good."

Such limitations are in place for most crimes to protect the legit-

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FUNDING

MSU enjoys 22 percent increase in endowment

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Early signs indicate MSU has been growing financially, ranking high in endowment level growth among Big Ten universities.

MSU's fiscal year 2010-11 endowment funds increased 22 percent to more than \$1.4 billion, compared to more than \$1.1 billion in fiscal year 2009-10, and signs indicate university donations also are on the rise.

In percentage ranks No. 5 in terms of percentage increase in the Big Ten, according to the initial results of a national survey conducted by the National Association of College and University Business Officers, or NACUBO.

In terms of total endowment dollars, MSU ranks No. 10 in the Big Ten and No. 54 in the country. Fiscal year 2010 ended June 30, and fiscal year

2011 ended June 30, 2011.

These dollars allow university officials to support faculty, staff and students for research, student scholarships, study abroad initiatives, equipment for teaching, and other uses, MSU Chief Financial Officer Mark Haas said in an email.

"Given their permanence, endowments assure excellence by making certain that quality teaching, research and outreach can be conducted forever," he said in the email.

Monetary donations given to MSU by alumni and other independent sources also appear positive, said Bob Groves, vice president for University Advancement.

Although he declined to say how much money has been raised during the current fiscal year 2011-12, he said early indications appear to signal a turnaround in giving. Donations to MSU decreased from \$137.5 mil-

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BASKETBALL

Spartans look to maintain momentum

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First place in the Big Ten men's basketball race could be up for grabs on Saturday when No. 12 MSU heads to the No. 3 Ohio State for a 6 p.m. tip.

But first, both teams need to get by their midweek games, including MSU's (8-5 overall, 7-3 Big Ten) matchup against Penn State (0-14, 2-9) tonight (6:30 p.m., Big Ten Network).

Head coach Tom Izzo said tonight's game is one of concern, as it's sandwiched between the rivalry win against No. 22 Michigan and Saturday's tilt with Ohio State, on top of the fact Penn State isn't a cupcake.

Penn State hired new head coach Patrick Chambers in the offseason and underwent a system overhaul.

"It's going to be hard for the coaches because it's a completely different system now," Izzo said. "It's going to



Senior forward Draymond Green claps during a break in play Sunday afternoon at Breslin Center, during MSU's 64-54 victory against Michigan.

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be hard for players. They'll look at the 2-9 record and not realize they've played some pretty good ball."

But following Monday's practice, the players seemed to acknowledge the Nittany Lions are better than they appear. Much of the talk outside

Breslin Center is on Saturday's matchup, but the players know not to give any individual game more priority than another.

"Personally, I don't have any game circled because anything is liable to happen, so I just go out and play as hard as I can," sophomore guard Keith Appling

said. "If we look past (Penn State), they're liable to sneak up and beat us."

In the midst of the Big Ten race in 2009, MSU dropped two games at home against cellar-dwellers Northwestern and

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