From the library to the classroom, MSU’s comic book culture continues to grow

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equestered beneath four floors of traditionally-bound books in the Main Library, more than 200,000 comic books are safely nestled in protective plastic, waiting for eager eyes searching for a graphic novel fix. “Special Collections” signs act as guides through the cluster of shelves in the library’s basement. Once inside the Special Collections reading room, both the curious and the scholar...

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Have a great spring break, Spartans!
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MSU and East Lansing communities have several ties to the comic book world.

FROM PAGE ONE

Every day, a chance to be young, to be in control of their young, to be in control of their own destiny. And this control is achieved through the use of their own ideas and creative minds. It is through these minds that characters are shaped, narratives are created, and stories are told. This control is something that is lacking in the real world. It is something that is often taken for granted.

It is for this reason that comics are such a powerful medium. They allow us to see the world through the eyes of others, to understand their perspectives and their experiences. They allow us to explore the complexities of human nature, to see the beauty in the mundane, and to find hope in the darkest of times.

But comics are not just for entertainment. They are also a powerful tool for education. They can be used to teach history, science, and literature. They can be used to inspire and to motivate. They can be used to change the world.

In this issue of the student newspaper, we will be exploring the world of comics. We will be looking at the history of this medium, at the people who have used it, and at the impact that it has had on society. We will be looking at the future of comics, at the new and innovative ways that it is being used, and at the role that it will play in the years to come.

We hope that you will enjoy this issue of the student newspaper. We hope that it will inspire you to think about the world in new ways, to see the beauty in the mundane, and to find hope in the darkest of times.

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We welcome your feedback and your suggestions. Please feel free to contact us at studentnewspaper@msu.edu.

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Sexual assault prevention is everyone’s responsibility

Sexual assault on campuses around the country is and has been out of control for far too long. Such assaults need to be made at a greater community level, and even though blame is often placed on the victim, there is nothing, neither is blaming the victim, that is ever the answer. Everyone is responsible.

Amplifying the numerous cases of sexual assault at MSU, students at UC Berkeley this week filed a federal complaint about the alleged “deliberate indifference” practiced by the university’s approach towards sexual assault on its campuses. The case is what is called an “alleged ‘deliberate indifference’ practiced by the university.” The blame leveled at the university seems misplaced on punitive measures.

Just so you know

Student Services Building deserves to be renovated

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For a set of buildings separated by only a few feet of pavement, the contrast only is striking. Adorned with faded pale green tiling and old chipped windows, the Student Services Building looks entirely out of place in comparison to the picturesque buildings of north campus and much of the modern design of the art museum. Everything about the building appears worn out, outlived and dull.

Although the aesthetic appeal of the Student Services Building says nothing about the quality of the people who work there, the lack of importance given such an important building reflects a necessity on the university’s image. It is, for example, too me that blot marks the landscape for the people who work there.

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STAYcation
Although most college students would not devote four man years to their game and gather around to divide into groups depending on who wants to play each other's game.
Some members will modify their game and gather around to watch the weather. Psychology junior Gabri Miller said, “It keeps you mentally active.”

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By Robert Bondy
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MSU hockey will look to regroup after a tough season and make a push for the postseason this year.

“Anytime you can play out here at Munn, it’s a lot of fun. There’s great support.”
—Michael Ferrantino

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“We will also use the opportunity to play an exhibition game to give some guys who haven’t had much opportunity to play a little more opportunity.”
—Michael Ferrantino, forward.

TOURNAMENT WINNER

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Picking the Big Ten’s best

PLAYER OF THE YEAR

TERRAN PETTeway, NEBRASKA

Matt’s pick

Torey Pettey should be setting up for a big future, so who is he doing for Nebraska. The national program is 7-8 in that department.

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